



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

We are delighted to report that Mrs Coleen Bitmead, Director, and Mr Ray Morgan, Branch Manager of the Bendigo Bank Forrestfield, presented our school with a \$20 000 cheque at the student assembly this morning for the **School Technology Initiative Grant**. We will keep you informed as to how this money is spent to improve student learning.



Mr Borbas and his choir are currently preparing for the **Massed Schools Choir** to be held at Winthrop Hall at the University of Western Australia on 3rd September. Congratulations to Year 7 student Jordan Woods, who has been selected to audition as a compere for the performance, and Year 4 student Senuji Rodrigo, who has been selected to audition for a soloist role.



Our **School Council** met last week to approve the **2013 School Report**, copies of which are now available from our office and will be uploaded to our website. We also commenced discussions as to the proposed changes to our factions, moving from four factions to three houses in 2015, and improvements to our current school uniform.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

19	P&C Meeting 2.00pm in the Library. All welcome.
24	"Onesie" Fundraiser for
26	Reports Home Kindy Only
27	Reports Home PP-Year 7 Winter Carnival

JULY

2	Room 12 TED Assembly
4	Last Day of Term 2 <u>TERM 3 Starts</u> <u>Wednesday 23rd July</u>

Mr Gannaway from Bakers Delight Forrestfield held a Pink Bun Day a few weeks ago. We thank our school community for supporting this worthy cause. \$153 was raised with all monies going to Breast Cancer Research.



Our next **P&C Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 19th June commencing at 2.00pm in the Staffroom**. We invite you to join us for the meeting.

Diane Greenaway **PRINCIPAL**

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our Honour Certificate winners at this morning's Student Assembly.

Our next Assembly will be held on 2nd July, and TED will be attending. All welcome!



Honour Certificates

Rm 2	Brendan Schiller, Sara Anderson
Rm 4	Carlisha Bennell, Haylee Clemett
Rm 9	Raven Walters, Chloe Smith
Rm 12	Milly Bitkash-Cunningham, Matthew
Rm 13	Antwon McDonald, Djiva Knight
Cooking	Katika Criddle, Kahlan Fernie-Keep, Dani Wood, James Bradshaw, Lloyd MacArthur
LOTE	Dustin Brown, D'Arcy Harris, Bianca Batty, Kingston Kara, Wiremu Harrison, Abbas Akbari, Kuini

COOKING PROGRAM

The Cooking Program continued this week with students cooking some lovely Silverbeet and Ricotta Pies.

We have included a copy in this week's newsletter for you at home.

Happy Cooking!



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FRIDAY 25 JULY
IS AN
IMPORTANT
DATE IN YOUR
CHILD'S
EDUCATION

You need to apply to enrol your child in a public school for 2015 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2015
- starting Pre-primary – 5 years old by 30 June 2015
- starting Year 7 – that will be the first year of secondary school
- starting Year 8
- changing schools.

Visit your local school to apply to enrol by 25 July.
For more information and to find public schools in your area visit education.wa.edu.au.

Department of Education

Friday 25 July is an important date in your child's education.

If your child is 4 or 5 years old by 30 June 2015, starting Year 7, starting Year 8 or changing schools, you need to apply to enrol them in a public school for 2015.

All children from Pre-primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school.

To apply to enrol your child in our school for 2015 please visit our office or go to our website www.ffps.wa.edu.au and complete an application form by Friday 25 July 2014.

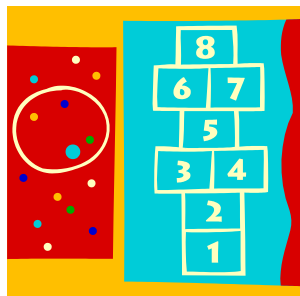


DISCO FEVER



ARE WE PLAYING GAMES?

Today the impersonal computer gaming market generates more revenue than the movie and music industries combined. Meanwhile, kids love to play games with each other, anything from chasey and backyard cricket to hangman and snakes and ladders. Our memories of growing up usually include many hours of fun playing all sorts of quiet to very noisy games with friends and family. It would be quite unusual for a child not to get involved in at least one communal game of some sort or another each day. In fact, these games are good for children both for social and personal growth. Playing social games stretches mental capacity, helps with emotional balance, increases physical aptitude, and with the right attitude will also build character. Besides all that, good games are always great fun!



Some of the things that I vividly remember from primary school days are the games we used to play. There was brandy and kingy, marbles and yoyos, hopscotch and skipping, as well as tag and keepy-off. On the oval there was hit and run cricket and kick to kick footy, where you would "wax," or share, with a friend. At home with my siblings we would make cubbies and have long games of footy or catch. We would play French cricket or beach cricket in summer and lots of board games in winter. After dinner at night our family used to have games of cards such as radio rummy, bridge, 500, euchre and cribbage. At Grandma's place we played Chinese checkers and dominoes. Sometimes we would play Scrabble for hours, and in school holidays Monopoly or Squatter would last for days.

When my own children were growing up, our favourite game inside was hidie, with kids squeezing into tiny spaces all over the house to hide. As they got older they graduated from the basic card games like old maid, go fish and the memory game, to the family's favourite called oh hell, or up and down the river. Even at work, many Friday evenings were liar dice nights to get together and finish off the week. Along the way our family has learned how to play canasta, pick up two, and may I, as well as lots of new board games. These days even at my age my wife and I have regular games nights with a few friends, where we play anything from Articulate, Balderdash, and Cranium to the price is right, charades and Yahtzee. Even here at school I have quieter lunchtime games for children, including guess who, battleships, connect four, Uno and other card games. So at your place this week, why not switch off the TV, computer, and electronic games console, and have some great family time playing an old-fashioned face to face game or two together?



Wishing you and your dear family lots of fun and games shared together every day, from your school chaplain Paul Johnston, here for you on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Chaplaincy position at Forrestfield Primary School is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Mulch your garden

Using mulch can reduce evaporation loss from the soil surface by as much as 70%. Mulch should be spread over the entire planted area to a minimum thickness of 75mm and have at least a 50mm breathing space around the stems at base of plants. Adding organic material such as compost to the soil also helps with retaining moisture. Soil wetting products break down the water resistance that soils and lawns build up and allow water to penetrate to the roots.



ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

Every Wednesday this year our School is holding Zero Waste Lunch Day !!!!!

We encourage all children to bring their lunch and recess in a re-usable container— like a lunch box or takeaway plastic food container. Please try not to use any plastic wrap like Gladwrap, plastic wrappers, plastic bags etc.

Zero waste lunch days are linked to our Sustainability Focus for 2013 and makes kids and parents aware of what we throw out and our need to recycle as much as possible.



VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently **TOLERANCE**
and our focus behaviour is
"Hard Surface Behaviour".

We ask that
parents
reinforce these
at home with
their children.

