



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Welcome back to school everyone and a warm Forrestfield welcome to our new families.

It has been a very smooth start to the year with all students quickly settling in to their new classrooms. A BIG thank you to parents for ensuring students arrived on the first day wearing their school uniform. They look wonderful!



Our Kindy is now in Room 16 (the old Pre Primary) with Pre Primary children in Rooms 14 and 17. (A list of our staff and classrooms can be found on page 2 of the newsletter.)

We also hope you enjoy the photos of our happy Kindy children on their first day of school on page 3.

The old Kindy building will be removed on Thursday to make way for an enlarged play area. Over the semester the following improvements will take place;

- a new storage shed
- refurbishments to toilets—starting with those in the Junior Cluster
- repainting the Junior Cluster
- enclosing the bike racks
- improvements to the boundary fencing

I am sure parents will be delighted with the updated Junior Cluster when all the work is completed.

The 'Welcome back to school barbecue' will be held on **Tuesday 16th February from 5.30pm—7.00pm** in the school garden. We have organised a sausage sizzle and entertainment and invite our families to join us for this informal get together to meet your child's teacher. All teachers will be sending home their **Classroom Information**. If you have any questions, please catch up with them at the barbecue or ring the office to make an appointment. **PLEASE NOTE:** *This is an alcohol and non smoking family event.*

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

16	Welcome to Forrestfield Barbeque 5.30pm—7.00pm
17	Student Assembly P&C Meeting (<i>following the assembly</i>)
24	Parent Newsletter

MARCH

2	Room 1 TED Assembly
7	Labour Day Holiday
8	School Development Day STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL
9	Parent Newsletter
16	Student Assembly
25 –29	Easter Holidays

APRIL

6	Room 2 TED Assembly P&C AGM
8	Anzac Ceremony Last day of term.

Would you like to become a member of our **School Council**? Our Council is comprised of school staff, parents and community members and meets at least once a term with the aim of enhancing the education for all our students. I have included a nomination form with the newsletter. **Nominations close at 3.00pm on Friday 26th February.**

The **Term 1 planner** is also included with the newsletter. Look out for changes to dates or additional activities in the **Important Dates** section (above) each fortnight.

Diane Greenaway **PRINCIPAL**

SCHOOL SECURITY

We ask parents to ring **School Security on 1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity after school hours.
Please help us look after our school.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2016

Kindy	Rm 16	Mrs Alysia Stretch
PP	Rm 17	Ms Arriane Hosking Ms Georgia Young (Tuesday/ Wednesday)
PP/1	Rm 16	Mrs Carolyn Mackay Ms Georgia Young (Friday)
Yr 1/2	Rm 13	Mrs Rita Wisson
Yr 2/3	Rm 12	Mrs Carol Paget
Yr 3/4	Rm 4	Mr Dylan O'Connor
Yr 4/5	Rm 2	Ms Leah Andrews
Yr 5/6	Rm 1	Mrs Leighanne Fowler

Our Specialist Teachers are:

Art	Mr Rob Gear
Garden/TAGs Art	Mr Rob Gear
Music	Mr Paul Borbas (Tues and Wed)
Physical Education	Mrs Vanessa Charlton (Tues)
Science	Mrs Vanessa Charlton (Wed/Thurs)

Our Support Staff are:

AIEO	Mrs Sheree Pracy (Mon—Thurs)
School Psychologist	Mrs Philippa Molloy (every second Tues)
School Nurse	Mrs Judy Stocks
School Chaplain	Mr Chris Judd

Our Educational Assistants are:

Mrs Gaynor Gough	Mrs Sheree Keys
Miss Ciaira Dunbar	Mrs Jennifer Lanzon
Mr Brett Davies	Ms Erin Candlish

The Administration Staff are:

Principal	Ms Diane Greenaway
D/Principal	Mr Stephen Matthews
Registrar	Mrs Karen Peel
School Officer	Mrs Marcia Squire
Library Officer	Mrs Marcia Squire
Gardener	Peter Batory
Cleaners	Mr Max Worung, Mrs Wati Nairube, Mrs Nicollette Bavadra.

Mrs Heather Jackson is on leave this year.

D

eputy's Diary

I would like to wish everyone a big welcome back to Forrestfield Primary School for 2016. Hopefully everyone has had a great break and they are coming in with the batteries charged and ready for a busy year of learning. Attendance is again a big area of focus for us at FPS, and it is important to remember, that if a student misses school, they are missing out on important learning. We require a minimum 90% attendance for the year, so if a student misses a day a fortnight, they will find themselves in an at risk category. If you have events coming up or perceive any issues which may impact on your student becoming at risk, please speak with the school so we can give you some direction on how to work through the problems.

There is some wonderful work going up around classrooms and teachers are keeping students very busy. I was amazed at the quality of the work in Room 4 this week. Bright, vibrant work showing the students are having a lot of fun and achieving great outcomes. Just remember to support you student at home with a couple of easy steps. Asking them about their day and their learning, listen to them read, and in the older grades, do a little bit of times tables practice. These simple tasks can have a big impact on student learning and help them to improve their outcomes.

Just a reminder that this year swimming will be in Weeks 7 & 8 of Term 1. It will be a 9 day program, leading into Easter, so a little cheaper for parents. I have been assured by the In Term swimming team that it will not impact on the students ability to progress through levels. This move take a bit of pressure off students in Term 4 which is already a busy, and costly, end of the year.

Have a great week

Steve Matthews

OUR THANKS TO BAILEYS FERTILIZERS

This week our school was fortunate to receive \$500 worth of soil improver from Baileys Fertilizers. All of Baileys products are manufactured in Kwinana and developed for Australia's unique Climate and growing conditions. The Manager, Genevieve Bailey said that she was delighted to support Forrestfield Primary School's garden. She remarked that she was looking forward to visiting the school later this term to see how we have used her company's product.

We are still looking for parents to volunteer as helpers for our garden program. If you are interested in helping during garden sessions, which are held every morning except Friday, please contact Mr Gear either before or after school.





Our First Day at Kindy!



3 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN AND PARENT GROUP

Welcome to Forrestfield Primary School 2016 school year.

We have an exciting year ahead of us to share with yourselves and your children.

This year we are inviting parents, with and without young children, to drop into Room 5 every Thursday morning between 9am and 12pm.

The children will have Pre-Kindergarten style activities to do, while Parents will be able to get to know each other and enjoy a morning tea.

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and children to begin their schooling journey together. Computers will be available for personal banking and filling out form use only.

We will have members from different Agencies i.e. Health Professionals, Banks, Polytechnic, Local Government coming in throughout the year to assist with any questions you may have always wanted to ask.

Our first guest will be Judy Stocks our School Nurse this Thursday 11th February. Feel free to come and ask Judy any questions.

Mrs Sheree Pracy
A.I.E.O.

Mrs Gaynor Gough
Special Needs EA



P & C News

The Canteen is open on Friday again!

An affordable range of tasty lunches, refreshing drinks and delicious recess snacks are available.

The new menu is inside this newsletter.

Lunch orders are due at the canteen before school each Friday.

School banking

School banking is back next week in the Canteen. A sign up day for new bankers will be coming soon! To find out more about school banking, see the information pack included with this newsletter.

P & C Meeting

The first meeting of the P & C is next Wednesday following the School Assembly in Mrs Parker's Pantry (school kitchen). We would love you to join us for morning tea as we chat about how we can help support our school. Parents, grandparents, anyone from the school community is welcome. The AGM will follow if we have the numbers.

Facebook

Keep up-to-date with the latest from the P & C and like the Forrestfield Primary P & C Facebook page.

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—Manage your irrigation control panel

It is easy to 'set and forget' your reticulation so it is important to continue to check that the system is working correctly.

As seasons change, so too does the water demand of the plants. In spring and autumn for example, you need only water once a week for 10 minutes per station and in winter, you don't need to water at all.

Also, check the back-up battery is fully charged. In a power black-out, if the battery is not charged, the settings revert to the factory settings and you may be watering outside your sprinkler days.

VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently **RESPECT** and our focus

behaviour is "**When the Siren Goes**".

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.



On the
First siren



1. Stop your game
2. Pick up your equipment
3. Go to the toilet
4. Get a drink
5. Get ready to line up at your classroom door



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that School Contributions and Text book levies are now due.

Voluntary Contributions for 2016 are \$50 per child.

P & C Contributions for 2016 are \$10 for one child and \$20 for two or more children.

Text book levy for years 1 - 6 is \$25.

Your contributions are extremely important and supplement all school programs and activities. Please help us to provide the best education possible for your child/children.

Your contributions, by part/full payment, can be paid at the office at any time by Cash, Cheque or Eftpos. Direct debit to our bank account can be made from home.

