



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Welcome back to Term 4 everyone.

This week is **Multicultural Week** and we have been learning about the many cultures which make up our school community. Monday was **Aboriginal Day** and we thank members of the Abraham family for sharing their culture. Nick and Aurora Abraham shared aspects of Noongar culture with all classes. Charmaine Abraham taught everyone how to make damper and Anthony Abraham conducted a smoking ceremony and then taught us all about it. Jo Randell and members of the Madjilil Moorna choir also joined us and led the song "Wanjoo" which is Noongar for welcome.



Yesterday was **New Zealand Day** and Mr Hulton and his daughter Nayoka taught children about traditional Maori culture. All children sat in a Waka (a traditional canoe), learnt about chiefs and greetings and traditional food.

Mrs Waneeta Rehu Ta'avale and her friend Debbie Wallace taught children how to make fry bread. It was delicious!

Thursday is Indonesian Day and then on Friday we will celebrate all cultures with a **Multicultural lunch**. We hope everyone will contribute to our whole school lunch on Friday.

We have included the **Term 4 planner** with this week's newsletter . The updated planner can also be accessed via our Forrestfield Primary School app.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

19-23	Multicultural Week
27	Year 6 Students Orientation Day at DRSC for Yr 7 2016
28	Student Assembly P&C Meeting following the Assembly

NOVEMBER

4	Parent Newsletter
11	PP TED Assembly

This term we have a **NO HAT, NO PLAY IN THE SUN** policy. A reminder to parents that all students require a school hat with your child's name clearly written inside it.



Last week, Brett Hunt, Director, Schools Review, presented the Executive Report from our recent review to staff and parents. This report is available to all members of the community via the link below;

http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/expert_review_report.do?schoolID=5174&pageID=AD19

We are looking forward to planning for and implementing the recommendations over the next two years to further improve learning for all students.

Our next **Student Assembly** will be held on Wednesday, 28th October commencing at 8.50am. All parents are invited to join us.

Diane Greenaway **PRINCIPAL**

Working closely with our buddies.

Buddy Book

Last term the students from Rooms 1 interviewed their buddies from Room 12. The purpose was to find out the type of books they like to read, the type of characters they enjoy and some of their favourite hobbies and interests. The students from Room 1 then used this information to plan, write and illustrate a book suitable for their buddy from Room 12.

Mr O'Connor explained, "The buddy book project helps my students develop their skills in planning a piece of writing, story mapping and really thinking about the author's purpose. When student are creating, they are using higher order thinking which demonstrates a good understanding of the task".

One of the great benefits of the buddy program is that the Year 2 students build positive relationships with the older students in the school. This can help them when they are in the playground at school. In addition to this benefit they also have the opportunity further develop oral language by engaging in conversations and discussions, using active listening behaviours, showing interest and contributing ideas and information.

"I was very proud of my work when I saw how excited my buddy was and how interested he was in the book I made for him. He was especially excited about the drawings!" said Shanice Robinson.



From the Deputies Desk.

It has been a flat out first two weeks at Forrestfield Primary School with some exciting activities and learning experiences for the staff and students alike.

Term four goes by in the blink of an eye and it is the time when teachers are finalising their assessment tasks for Student Reports.

It is very important that students are at school every day so that they do not miss out on these important assessments, as well as all of the preparation and planning that takes place for end of year events.

I would like to thank Parents and Caregivers for their great work in getting students to school throughout the year. There is no doubt that regular attendance contributes significantly to student performance, and that missing days of school can really impact on students not hitting key targets and goals.

Term four finishes on **Thursday December 17th**, and until then, we would like to see every student, every day.

There are some very exciting events planned for the end of the year, with Edu-dance, swimming lessons, Graduation, Concert and Prize Night and some fun days being organised, so don't miss out by not being at school.

GARDEN NEWS

Last term Ms Greenaway took the Pre Primary children in to the garden to taste the pineapple we grew in the shade-house. Ms Greenaway cut off the top, cut off the skin and then cut out the hard the core. Everyone had a little bit of pineapple to taste. It was very sweet and juicy.



We planted the pineapple top in a pot and we hope it will grow in to a new pineapple plant. Our plants are growing more pineapples so more classes will be able to sample fresh, yummy pineapple.

SHARING ABORIGINAL CULTURE



SHARING MAORI CULTURE



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Term 4 has already started. It is 10 weeks until Christmas. This is the crazy time of the year. Year 6's leave primary school and enter high school. Emotions are on high. People tend to stress this time of year. People often forget to take time out and enjoy the time you have together as a family. My oldest boy starts Kindergarten next year and my wife and I are looking at him going where has the time gone. We can get so busy, we miss the important times. Do we have too many commitments we miss the one on one times with our kids? Do we get so busy we don't notice our kids when we get home? Are our issues more important than our kids' lives? If you are like me and are guilty of one or more of these issues, here are some ideas to help:

*Grab a diary and block out time to spend as a family. Whether it is Daddy/Daughter, Mummy/Son or vice versa or however your family unit works. Spend purposefully time with your family.

*Plan family meal nights. Where all tech is turned off and talk as a family. (if you need your phone on for work, turn it on silent).

*Make drive time more purposeful. Talk about current issues that your kids have. Ask direct questions.

*Choose one night a week and it is family night. I remember when I was a child; we would order Fish and Chips and watch the footy/basketball on a Friday night. *It could be watching a movie together, even making a movie together.

*You could pull out your mattress and have a sleep out in the lounge room.

Chris Judd

LEARNING POTENTIAL APP

The Hon Christopher Pyne MP, the Minister for Education and Training, has announced the release of a free app for parents packed with tips and inspiring ways to be more involved in their child's learning. It's for all ages, from the high chair to high school, and it gives you:

- tips and hints
- relevant information tailored to your child's age
- fun and easy ways to stimulate learning

Download [Learning Potential](http://learningpotential.gov.au) for free from learningpotential.gov.au



P & C NEWS

It's lovely to see all the students and our families back at school for Term 4.

If you're new, or not so new, to Forrestfield - it's not too late in the year to join the P & C.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 28th October in the School Kitchen following the student assembly. We'd love to see you there.

TWILIGHT DISCO

Get your dancing shoes on for our Twilight Disco next Thursday, 29th October for students in Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Junior School Disco (PP-2): 4.30-6.00pm

Senior School Disco (3-6): 6.30-8pm

Entry is \$5 per student, with a hot dog, drink and glow stick included in the cost.

A note will be sent home tomorrow with full details about the Twilight Disco. Permission forms will be due back no later than next Tuesday.

Parents, please let the office or your child's teacher know if you can volunteer at one or both discos.

CANTEEN

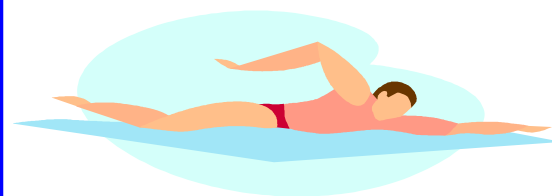
There will be no canteen this Friday due to the Multicultural Lunch.

Department of Education

Vacation Swimming Program 2015 –16

Swimming pools and beaches are a part of the Western Australian lifestyle. It is so important for your children to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills.

Enrolment can be completed online,



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