



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Since my last email I have had the opportunity to have some really valuable meetings with so many of the great parents and caregivers who give up their time to support Forrestfield Primary School. Equally I continue to be impressed and proud of the amazing work done by our staff. I was able to share with the P&C my vision and ideas for the changes we could make at Forrestfield PS and how, with their support, we could improve the education experience and environment for all of the students here. This team of committed parents and community members have worked tirelessly to support the school. I would like to thank them for their efforts and encourage all of our parents and caregivers to be a part of this great team. Please feel free to join us for a meeting after next week's assembly in the School's kitchen where we will be discussing another great activity, and end of year fun day for students and families.

I have also had the opportunity to meet with the Forrestfield Primary School Board. The role of the School Board is to work with the school in areas of strategic direction, teaching & learning, leadership and resourcing. At our last meeting we looked at the very encouraging results of the 2018 NAPLAN testing. The school is continuing to show improvement in a number of learning areas, but the improvements in writing are outstanding. Writing was identified as an area in need of intervention during the School Review in 2015, and the staff at Forrestfield Primary School have made great inroads and results are now equal with schools across the state. These improvements would not have been possible without tireless work and a relentless whole school focus on improvement. Now, as a team, we are looking forward to working together to mirror those results across all of our student outcomes.

Thanks to the parents and students who joins Ms Fowler and Mr O'Connor is representing the school at the recent Telethon Home Auction in Forrestfield. Our students did a great job of representing our school and their commitment to helping those less fortunate is a credit to them all. Thanks to Mr O'Connor for organising the opportunity for us to be a part of such a worthwhile project and helping to positively promote the school in the wider community.

Please feel free to pop in for a coffee and a chat. I always welcome input and feedback and look forward to working with parents and caregivers to provide the best educational opportunities we can for your kids.

Steve Matthews

PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

2	School Banking 1.30pm Kindy New Parent Meeting
6	Edudance
7	SIMs Guitar TED Assembly
9	School Banking
13	Edudance
14	Parent Newsletter
15 - 16	Literature Centre Excursions
16	School Banking



ARE YOU MOVING?

To assist us in class planning it is important we have a clear indication of student numbers.

If you are moving, or know of a family moving to our area, please let the office staff know as soon as possible.



SCHOOL SECURITY

We ask parents to ring **School Security** on **1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity at school over the holidays.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who were presented Honour Certificates at last week's Student Assembly.



Honour Certificates	
Rm 1	Amir Alami, Ronald Abraham
Rm 3	Noah Major, Ashlyn Forrest
Rm 4	Kaitlin Bavadra, Jack Bai
Rm 12	Jarred White, Shannon Kirkpatrick
Rm 13	Charlotte Overton, Hayden Flint
Rm 14	Kody Boxall, Makenzie Mohr



Deputy's Diary

Dear Forrestfield families,

Gosh this term is flying by!

Our students have been excitedly learning their Edutance routines, which are sure to be a hit at the end of year concert. Mrs Paget has been teaching our students about Literature and Library skills – Do you know what a *Pourquois* story is? I didn't either until today.

Congratulations to William Kelly and Emmett Brown for being accepted into the PEAC program in 2019.

Thank you to all those who donated to the 'Wear Red for Daniel Day', we raised almost \$100 and spent the day learning about child safety and self-protection.

I look forward to seeing you all at the assembly next week!

Melissa Grantham



Deputy Principal



Telethon House Auction Day

Students from Forresterfield Primary School recently participated in fundraising activities at the Telethon House Auction Day.

The students and their parents gave up their Sunday morning to take part in a great event happening in Forresterfield as part of Perth's iconic charity, Telethon. The students collected money for Telethon and held a stall where visitors could create their own 'Get well soon' postcards for the sick children in hospital.

There were food trucks, activity stations and even a petting zoo. Organisers agreed that the crowd for this year's Auction Day event was the biggest in Telethon history.

Forresterfield Primary teacher Dylan O'Connor said, "When we were invited to take part in the event, I asked the students what they wanted to do and they chose to hold a stall where postcards with positive messages could be made for the sick kids in hospital. It has been a fantastic opportunity for the students to volunteer in their community."

When asked what the best part of the day was Casey said, 'Collecting money for Telethon and seeing the koala and the snakes was really fun.'

The students have been invited to the Perth Children's Hospital to present the postcards to the children.



Community Close Up with... Scott Boxall

Scott Boxall became a new parent to the Forrestfield Primary School community at the beginning of this year when his son Kody started in Pre Primary.

Tell us a little about yourself:

We moved to Forrestfield from High Wycombe due to a house fire. Both the High Wycombe and Forrestfield communities were a tremendous in the support that they gave our family.

How are you a part of our school community?

I am Kody's (Pre Primary) father.

Why do you love Forrestfield Primary School?

The diverse culture at the school is good as it teaches our kids not to have prejudice towards other nationalities. Our kids will grow up with each other and have more understanding of their class mates cultures.



SHARING A FOOTHILLS CHRISTMAS!

We at Forrestfield Primary again have the opportunity to share in the collection of Christmas food and gifts for those in our area who may be worse off than ourselves. We are all invited to bring in an item or two from the lists below, to help brighten up someone else's Christmas time. The Food and Gift Parcels will be put together and delivered by the team of volunteers at "Sharing A Hills Christmas" from churches in our district. Our donated items can be left at school, in the reception area, starting Week 2 Term 4 until the last week of school.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this opportunity to share the load of trying to make ends meet, so that some other families can have a nicer Christmas time.

Food Parcel Items

Christmas Puddings; Christmas Cakes
Tinned Food; Tinned Meat; Tinned Hams; Tinned Fish
Tinned Vegetables (corn, peas, etc); Tinned Fruit
Custard; Cream (long life); Milk (long life)
Tea; Teabags; Coffee
Cool Drinks; Cider (non al.); Cordial
Lollies; Potato Chips; Pretzels; Nuts
Bon Bons; Fruit Mince Pies; Stuffing
Shortbreads; Biscuits; Tinned Biscuits
Wrapping Paper; Curling Ribbon

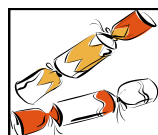


Gift Items for

Adults: Talcum Powder, Biscuits, Chocolates, Soap, Tea Towels, Notepaper, etc

Teenagers: Toiletries, Makeup, Books, Games, CD's, etc

Children: Toys for
ious age groups,



Books, Games, etc



VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

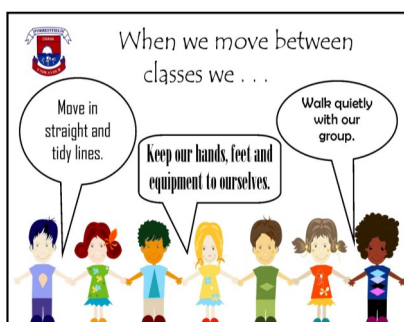
Our focus virtue is currently

HONESTY

and our focus behaviour is

"When we move between classes we..."

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.



Take shorter showers

About 22% of total household water is used in the shower alone, so cutting shower times is one of the easiest ways to save. Aim for a four minute shower.

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