**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**WELCOME BACK**
Welcome back to term 2 and hoping you and your family enjoyed the fantastic autum weather we experienced. Our teachers have shared with students their plans for the upcoming term, building on the strong learning foundations established in term 1. Parents are encouraged to continue to contact the school at your earliest convenience whenever a concern arises and/or if unsure about any matter around your child’s education. The best time to meet with teachers can vary so it is best to call first to make a mutually suitable appointment time for the both of you. Plans for term 2 include further work on our garden zone, focusing on Getting Along and Being Organised as part of our Program Achieve program, preparing for our soccer clinic in just 37 more days and lots more.

**WELCOME KERRYN**
Today we welcomed Kerryn Gambino to Forrest Learning Centre. Kerryn has been appointed as our school's Wellbeing Worker for the next two years. She will be supporting our teachers to ensure all our students remain engaged and happy whilst at school. Kerryn will be at our school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays. She will be involved in a variety of activities including gardening, Student Council and playtime fun. Please make yourself know to Kerryn if and when you see her.

**EARLY YEARS CENTRE UPGRADE**
Wow, what a difference a “lick” of paint makes to things. This certainly can be said about the upgrade of the Early Years Learning Centre after the painters spent the holidays painting all of the centre’s interior. Thanks to all the helpers who volunteered shifting furniture before and after the works. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Sarah and Lynn for their coordination of the special works. Our next maintenance works will be painting of the Junior Room during the July holidays.

**ANZAC SERVICE**
Next Friday April 24th a special ANZAC Day service will be held at the school beginning at 2.30pm. This ceremony will begin at/near the school’s flagpole. Part of this special service will be to commemorate an important part of Australia’s history and to celebrate what a great country we live in today. We plan to have a special guest speak to the students. We also plan to hand back the Great War Honour Board (currently in the Senior Room) to the Forrest Hall Committee. Interested persons are most welcome. Please note: there is no public holiday this year as Anzac Day falls on a Saturday.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**
Student Council successfully held its first meeting recently. Office bearers were elected with Jarrah elected as chairperson, Britt as deputy chairperson, Kai as secretary and Kayla as assistant secretary. Congratulations are extended to all four students. Our office bearers will be attending a Leadership Conference in Geelong on April 29th. No doubt they will return with lots of good ideas to share with their fellow students.

Hoping you are enjoying the post daylight saving period. AFL Footy talk is currently OFF the agenda!!!!
Welcome Back!

Only two days into term 2 but what a great start it has been.

All the students were very excited to be returning to school – warms a teacher’s heart, and from all accounts the students enjoyed a great break. Day 1 and they were busting to talk about what they did over the holidays and have enthusiastically recounted their Easter egg eating abilities, the play dates and sleepovers they had, trips to Melbourne, and beyond, many catching up with extended family and their favourite home activities – writing ideas galore!

This Week

I was reflecting on my early newsletter contributions from term 1 - all about establishing routines and ‘learning to learn’. Well – the students certainly impressed me this week. As they waited eagerly to be greeted, book bags had been unpacked, diaries were on the appropriate shelf, drink bottles filled, fruit snacks placed in the box and all chairs down – WOW! Not only that – much practise has been done over the holidays tying shoe laces – not an easy feat, gone is the line-up of children requiring assistance before going out to recess or lunch. Thanks to parents for supporting this amazing progress.

The students have also been incredibly focussed on their learning and increasingly organised. I have watched them quickly moving from one activity to the next and heard comments such as “Please be quiet I am trying to focus.” I couldn’t have asked for a better start to the week.

They are all so proud of themselves as am I.

Our Learning Program

Our daily learning program includes 2 hours of literacy - reading, writing and spelling and 1 hour of mathematics per day.

The integrated learning topic this term is ‘Jobs’. We have started with the purpose of jobs and what kind of job the students want to do when they grow up. Over the term we will look at the sorts of jobs parents and grandparents did and how they have changed over time, jobs in the local community and the sort of skills required for different types of jobs. So far ‘what they wanted to be when they grew up’ included being a; doctor, vet, scientist, forestry worker, chocolate factory worker, explorer, and spy!

Our specialist subjects continue to be on the same days

Mondays – Sport
Tuesdays – Music (and toasty Tuesday)
Wednesdays – Science and every odd week Indonesian
Thursdays – Alternating Art and Library (lunch order day and magic words spelling test)
Fridays – Forrest kids go bush and Program achieve

As the weather starts to deteriorate wet weather clothing – raincoats, overalls and gumboots will be a necessity if students are to participate.

Games

Games not only make learning great fun they teach many important skills such as turn taking and understanding rules. Our maths rotations include whole class instruction, small group and paired learning and 1:1 instruction as required. This week the Preps played snakes and ladders – great for learning how to count and count on, Year 1 and 2 played Hookey – lots of addition required, and all used my targeting maths app on my iPad – groups of four playing specific levels and area of maths appropriate to their level of understanding. None of us could believe how quickly the time passed.

Miss Mac Senior room teacher

Helping Hands

Henry for helping with packing up the sports equipment after sport.
Claudia for helping Leanne unpack her car of all the food for the BBQ night.
Special thanks to the Senior students who helped shift all the Preschool furniture in preparation for its painting.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

The first newsletter for the term has been produced by Craig, however future newsletters will be produced by Senior Room students.

We have started off this term with fine weather, so we decided the best thing to do was get out into the garden. Craig and Stanley had spent a lot of time in the garden over the holidays, sorting out the compost rotary hoeing and preparing beds for planting. We were very lucky to have Paul Troughton come to our school with a massive trailer load of compost. Craig hoed that into our gardens, along with the compost that we produced. The garden beds are now loaded with heaps of nutrients!! We planted a range of seedlings and seeds including; beetroot, onion, parsley, leek, coriander, cauliflower, broccoli, broad beans, bush peas, snow peas, beans, lettuce, kale and silver beet. We will be planting garlic as soon as we have prepared the beds.

We put new signs in the compost areas to help them become more organised. Kai and Jarrah put up some wire for the snow peas. Tim had help learning how to prune the fruit trees. They have been pruned back quite hard this year to create a strong structure for future growth.

The garden will be a big focus this term and we will use the space to grow food, become creative and learn to collaborate. We will be engaging with Simon form the Bespoke for two sessions this term, when he will be helping children to use their creativity to use the produce they have available to them to make tasty food.

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to the whole class. They are to be congratulated for their organisational skills and displaying wonderful learning habits in the classroom. Keep it Up!

SENIOR ROOM: Zeus Shomaly for his enthusiasm for learning and positive engagement in all activities.
SCIENCE ROOM NEWS

An invitation to all students in Victoria
to enter the 64th Annual Science Talent Search

The Science Teachers’ Association of Victoria Inc invites all students to enter this year’s Science Talent Search. You may enter as an individual or as part of a group of two (2). You may enter into one or more of the sections described in this handbook. Please check this handbook for the section guidelines, as entries which do not fulfill these guidelines will be disadvantaged.

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Important Dates for 2015

- Entry registration
  Closes Monday 1 June 2015.
- Experimental Research & Creative Writing
  Entries due Thursday 23 & Friday 24 July.
  Teachers to mail projects or deliver between 9am - 4.30pm to STAV House.
  5 Munro Street
  PO Box 109
  Coburg VIC 3058
- Judging Day – Video Productions & Photography
  Bring entries on Saturday 6 August to:
  Parade College,
  8 Clifton Grove, Preston
  (9.00am - 12.30pm)
  Bring entries on Saturday 6 August to:
  Methodist Ladies College
  Fitzroy Street entrance, Kew
  (9.00am - 12.30pm)
- Judging Day – Games
  Bring entries on Saturday 6 August to:
  Wesley College,
  57/57 St Kilda Road, Prahran
  (9.00am - 12.30pm)
- Exhibition & Presentation Day
  Monday 23 November
  (9.00am - 1.30pm)
  La Trobe University, Union Hall, Bundaberg
  Students to bring winning entries for Models, Inventions, Computers and Games sections.
  STS committee will arrange display of all other winning entries.

Ask your science teacher for details on how to enter.

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

30 years ago: The computer mouse was invented
Caralyn and Theresa had a wonderful Easter holiday break and hope all families enjoyed time together over Easter. If you haven’t done so already—pop in and see the freshly painted rooms, bright, colourful and welcoming!!

Please contact Caralyn or Theresa with any enquiries regarding childcare or after school care—they are only too happy to help!

For OSHC/afternoon bookings please call: Teresa 0419 536340

For MORNING Childcare bookings: Caralyn
0412 953366

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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable
**Fundraising News**

Congratulations to **Nelly Shalley**—Winner of the Easter Basket with her correct guess of the baskets weight (1211g).

Thank you to all the school community for supporting this fundraising activity at the end of last term. We managed to raise a total of **$95**.

Our next big fundraiser will be preparing and serving slices, Devonshire teas & coffees at the Forrest Soupfest—if you can, please keep Sunday 7th June free & come along & join the fun at the Soupfest, all help is needed & appreciated!! We will be needing:

- Baristas (or anyone that can make a coffee!)
- Volunteers to take monies & deliver change at the stall
- Volunteers to serve Devonshire teas
- Volunteers to marshal car parking

Prior to Sunday 7th June, we will be coordinating a bake off to pre make all the slices that will be needed for the day. The plan is to make 5 different slices, and serve a pre packed plate with a piece of each different slice at the Forrest Soupfest. If you would like to be part of the bake off (which will be held at the Forrest Hall) please let me know—the more helpers the better!

In preparation for the bake off, we are looking for a commitment from each family for a donation of baking ingredients. Next week each family will receive a note listing the ingredients we require—coordinating it this way will ensure we get all the ingredients we require instead of an overload of one ingredient. Hopefully each family is happy to support our fundraising efforts in this way, the cost should be less than $5 per family.

Thanks for your support
Sarah Lane 5236 -6172 0421 103 042 sjlane@swarh.vic.gov.au

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**Friendly reminder from the School Office:**

Please remember if you are paying any invoices via direct credit to the schools account, please include a reference name. This can be either your child’s name/surname or your name. This will ensure the correct monies are allocated to the correct accounts.

Thanks
Leanne & Sarah
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ship Ahoy!
Sail Away with COPACC and King Neptune
this World Environment Day

SAVE THE DATE - Friday 5th June 2015
Primary Schools in Colac Otway Shire are invited to join COPACC, King Neptune and the Zucchini Clan in celebrating World Environment Day. At only 34 per student, you’ll have a whole of a thrill! More information will be available early Term 2. To register your interest email Simone at simacc@colacotway.vic.gov.au

The Colac & District F/L Netball Association Net-Set-GO! is a Netball program for 5 (as of the 1st of May) to 8 year old children. Registration Day is on Wednesday the 22nd April at the Eastern Reserve, 45 Wilson Street, Colac, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. The program run’s for 10 weeks and will be held on Sunday’s at the Eastern Reserve Netball Courts starting on the 3rd May of May 2015. Registration forms are at your school office. For further information contact Val Russell on 5231 5663.

Come Aboard
the "SS ENVIRONMENT"

This year COPACC will be celebrating World Environment Day with King Neptune aboard the “SS ENVIRONMENT”.

The ocean liner is in fact a giant marionette constructed by local artist Brian Wosley, from recycled cardboard which kids young and old can explore on their way to King Neptune’s ballroom in the centre; it even has a cardboard organ, furniture and other surprises.

Let Your Imagine Float Away
with a performance by the
Zucchini Clan

Zucchini Clan are the brilliant baseline Professor EcoCentric, and the delightfully sprightly Miss Lily Green. With eye catching bespoke costumes and renowned quirky stage personas, the Clan can delinate communities with care throughout their unique performances.

Dancing classic acoustic instruments, it’s a unique & playful outdoor performance to a beautiful high energy show, they have charmed audiences of all ages wherever they have performed.

“THE TALK” - LIVE WITH NELLY THOMAS

All parents know that they need to talk to their kids about the “birds and the bees” but many are unsure how to go about it or courted dread if. The Talk is a fun, informative and light-hearted presentation that will give you some great ideas. The Talk is presented by comedian, author and health ambassador Nelly Thomas and is based on her groundbreaking sexual health and ethics DVD “The Talk” as well as her 12 years’ experience delivering sexual health shows to Victorian teenagers. Join Nelly and a panel of local health professionals to discuss this important topic.

A great way to help you get involved in your kids’ health!

Written by Nelly Thomas in association with Melbourne Sexual Health Centre and the Royal Women’s Hospital Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA), this presentation is strictly for the parents/carers of grade 5/6 and secondary school students.

WHERE: Colac Openings Arts & Cultural Centre (COPACC), Car of Ross St & Gellibrand St, Colac

WHEN: Wednesday, April 30 2015 / TIME: 6.30pm – 9pm

REGISTRATION: Essential for admission to this event / COST: Free

AUDIENCE: Parents/carers of grade 5/6 and secondary school students

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PANELISTS, FAQs & TO REGISTER:
Visit http://nellycolac.eventbrite.com.au

EVENT ENQUIRIES:
Julia Thompson, Women’s Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West, 5500 5490 or jthompson@womenhealthbsw.org.au

www.womenshealthbsw.org.au

YOU'RE INVITED...

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**Other Announcements**

**Group Parent Education Events for the Barwon South Western Region**  
**Term 2, 2015**

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| The *Bringing Up Great Kids* | A 6-week program for separated/divorced parents who have a history of ongoing conflict. The focus of this course is to enable mothers/fathers to explore ways to develop a “co-parenting and business - like relationship” with the other parent or simply to strengthen their own relationship with their children. Ideal for parents who wish to develop communication strategies that can result in child focused decision making around parenting plans and enable your children to feel secure despite the challenges that go with separation and or divorce.  
**Commencing:** Tuesday 12th May  
**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm  
**OR**  
**Commuting:** Wednesday 13th May  
**Time:** 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
**Location:** Family Relationship Centre, 24-27 Myers Street, Geelong  
**Contact:** Family Relationship Centre Ph: 5246 5600 |  |
| **Positive Parenting Program** |                              |
| For Parents of children aged 2-5 years. Groups run for four weeks, followed by up to four weekly telephone sessions  
**Commencing:** Monday 4th May  
**Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
**Location:** Arison, 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown  
**Contact:** Regional Parenting Service Ph: 5272 4817 |  |
| **Tuning into Kids** | **Bringing Up Great Kids** |  |
| Tuning into Kids is a six session parenting program to help children learn to understand and regulate their emotions which in turn leads to becoming more resilient.  
**Commencing:** Wednesday 13th May  
**Time:** 7:00pm - 9.00pm  
**Location:** Arison, 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown  
**Contact:** Regional Parenting Service Ph: 5272 4817 |  |
| **Pit Stop Parenting Tune-up for Fathers** | **Navigating the Rough Swells – Separation** |  |
| It's a life-changing course designed in Australia for every father from every nation who wants to see his family happy and healthy… here and now!  
- Why Dads Matter to Children  
- Developing a Healthy Parenting Style  
- Improving Family Communication and Closeness  
- Steering Your Children Through Stressful Stages  
- Disciplining Children Without Losing It... or Them!  
- Balancing Life, Work and Family  
**Commencing:** Thursday 23rd April  
**Time:** 7:00pm - 9.00pm  
**Location:** Geelong Football Umpires League, Karina Park  
**Contact:** Regional Parenting Service Ph: 5272 4817 | **Parenting after Separation**  
**Parenting after Separation** is a 5-week or weekend program designed to support separated parents and their children. This is not a group to teach parents how to parent, but rather how to adapt to separated parenting and manage challenges such as parenting from a distance, conflict with an ex-partner and the children's reactions and responses. The group allows plenty of time for questions and discussion.  
**Date:** Contact Lifeworks for dates & times  
**Location:** 38 Myers St, Geelong  
**Cost:** Contact Lifeworks  
**Contact:** Lifeworks Ph: 1300 543 396 |  |

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COLAC JUNIOR / ADULT MIX BADMINTON

FLAMING FEATHERS

FRIDAY NIGHTS

4pm to 5pm Beginners
5pm-7pm  Competition
Colac Show Grounds
Cost $5.00/week

Badminton Victoria Fees to be paid at start of season Juniors $28 & Adults $37.50

Enrollments first 2 Friday’s of term 2

Competition starts Term 2       Finishes end of Term 3
Sports gear to be worn not school uniforms
Racquets supplied Drinks & Snacks available for purchase

Contact:       Jo Cook  52321207/0404475798
               Karen Scholes  52336269/ 0428322724

We are trialing a Adult / Junior mix to see how it will work, as we do not have an Adult Competition only Ladies Daytime.