22 APRIL 2015

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Early Learning Centre Meeting

Last Friday evening, the Early Learning Centre Management Committee held a meeting at the Wonkey Donkey. The meeting covered many operational matters. The committee members are to be congratulated on their passion and commitment to ensuring our special facility continues to thrive. One aspect the committee asked me to promote is the excellent Child Care and Awesome After School programs we run every day at the centre. Spaces are available for both permanent and casual bookings. If you know of anyone who might be interested please advise them and provide contact details. For more information, please contact Caralyn/Teresa on 52366 540. We would love to hear from you.

Anzac Day

On Friday, we will remember those who fought for our country and celebrate what a wonderful and peaceful country we live in today. We will hold our own ceremony at Forrest Learning Centre on Friday April 24th at 2:30pm. This service will be conducted by our student leaders and Mr Ian Morgan from the Colac RSL. During the service, the laying of wreaths as a sign of respect will be undertaken. Students are invited to bring along their own personal wreaths/flower arrangements if they wish. Parents, Grandparents and community members are most welcome to join us.

Dates to Remember

Just a reminder that this term, Assembly is on Mondays, Sport is on Mondays for Juniors and Tuesdays for Seniors, Indonesian on Wednesdays fortnightly and Art/Library continues on Thursdays.

Instrumental Music Days

Timothy Sims conducts guitar lessons on Tuesdays, Jo Latham conducts piano lessons on Wednesdays and Louise Brown will commence Cello/Singing lessons on Fridays beginning May 1st. For more information contact the music teachers directly.

Sporting Schools Begins NEXT WEEK

Registration Forms for the Sporting Schools Program were sent home this week with all children. Yoga/Gymnastics will start with Teresa next Tuesdays Orienteering/Dance with Jenny on Fridays starting May 1st. All sessions will be from 3.30pm till 4.45pm and are free.

Baby News

Congratulations to Nadeesha and Chamal on the special safe arrival of a beautiful bouncing baby girl, Senudi Yenara. Both Mum and baby are doing well! Photo to follow!

I hope you enjoy the week ahead and upcoming special ANZAC ceremonies over the weekend and let’s hope the Mighty Cats can get another win!rd for 2015!
This Week

ANZAC Day

This week we have been doing several learning activities in the classroom about ANZAC day. My approach has been a sensitive one, focussing on remembrance and how soldiers were saved from the battle when they were injured.

We have discussed the poppy, and its significance. I also read the children’s book, The Red Poppy. The story is about a messenger dog that helped save soldiers by transferring messages via a leather bag on its collar. The dog helped save an Australian and German soldier who was injured near red poppies growing on the battlefield. We also watched a slide show of the story of Simpson and his donkey that included picture storybook drawings interspersed with photos of Gallipoli. No actual images of death or film footage of live battles were viewed.

It is however, difficult to avoid the topic of death, as remembrance is thinking about those who have fought in wars and those who have died. Many students wanted to talk about people they know who have died and how they felt. These thoughts may have been uppermost in their mind when they returned home from school.

We ended yesterday with a disastrous attempt to make rather impressive paper poppies. I spent last night working on an improved prototype and I am certain the next attempt will be very successful.

Congratulations

Magic Words

Well done to the following students for successfully spelling their Magic words, including tricky ones that stood in the way of finishing the colour level.


Preps: Please keep reading your Magic words every night.

Year 1 & Year 2 students: From next week you will notice that your child’s spelling words homework is in several colours.

Red – Repeated Magic words that your child continues to have difficulty spelling

Blue – Sound waves spelling words from the week’s completed unit that were tricky

Black – New Magic words

Students sometimes get stuck on a Magic words colour level for several weeks, often due to misspelling only one or two words. I am hoping that the colouring system will be a better way of keeping parents easily informed as to spelling obstacles and where extra assistance is required.

Reading Nights

When the first and last students in the class achieve 50 nights reading the whole class celebrates with popcorn on Friday afternoon. Such was the case last Friday – popcorn flew in all directions from my little popcorn maker – thanks to Bryanna for helping to keep on top of the flying kernels.

Congratulations to Matilda, Elise, William Hunt, Henry, William Standish and Cassia for reading in excess of 50 nights.

Reminders

Forrest Kids Go Bush – several students did not have their FKGB clothing (overalls, boots, rain jacket) or an alternative change of clothes. I managed to piece together overalls from absent children and spares from the kindergarten, spare gumboots and unnamed school windcheaters to make up suitable outfits so that all students could participate. This takes quite a bit of time and is very disruptive to the morning routine. We don’t have spare rain jackets and should it have rained several children would have been sent to the senior room to do school work.

Please help your child to come to school dressed for FKGB on Friday mornings with any extra school clothes required, to change into after the program, in their bag. Thanks.

Miss Mac  Junior room teacher
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

This second newsletter is produced again by Craig. We ran out of time for students to complete an entry this week.

Leading up to ANZAC Day and the ceremony on Friday, this week we have been focusing on understanding what it’s all about. Students have been comparing life between now and 100 years ago by viewing photographs. Students have learned what commemoration is all about, and have realised that it can range from silence to singing and laughing, marching to stillness, joy to sorrow, a flower to a monument. Students have gained knowledge about the Gallipoli campaign by reading, watching animated re-enactments of the first day, looking at photos and watching snippets of movies. We read poetry and responded with artworks. Later this week we will learn more about the experiences of ANZAC’s, how objects can tell stories and how we will commemorate by a ceremony. Col Parrott will come and speak with us on Thursday Morning and We will hold our ceremony at 2.30pm on Friday.

Lest we forget.

Helping Hands

William H for picking up rubbish around the bins area.
Sophie L. for finding Senior Room’s “Claw”

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to the Bryanna Crabbe. Bryanna is to be congratulated for displaying wonderful learning habits particularly ‘Olivia Organisation’. Bryanna is organised and starts learning tasks quickly, she concentrates on her work, does her best and helps others! Fantastic Effort Bryanna.

SENIOR ROOM: Kye Tung for his excellent focus whilst learning new skills concepts in reading and mathematics.
The Science Talent Search (STS) is an annual, science based competition open to all primary and secondary students in Victoria, Australia. Science Talent Search fits closely with the VELS philosophy of teaching and learning. There is a close match between many STS sections and VELS strands, domains and dimensions.

STS Handbook

If you plan to enter the competition it is essential that you read the handbook carefully. Take note of all of the general information at the front of the book and ensure you check the specific guidelines for your chosen section.

STS handbook 2015.

Theme and Topics

The STS theme for 2015 is Science of Light

There are set topics for Creative Writing and Posters/Scientific Wallcharts sections only.

For more information about the competition its rules, conditions and guidelines, topics for Creative Writing and Posters/Scientific Wallcharts, and how to enter download our handbook.

Important dates

Take note of the key dates for registration, submitting country entries and Creative Writing / Experimental Research, judging and exhibition day.

STS Bursary book 2014

Browse a copy of the most recent competition’s bursary book to see winning entries and sponsors.

BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards partnership with STS


STAV and Science Talent Search would like to congratulate our 5 Victorian finalists who were selected to be part of the final 16 Investigations projects, and the 10 Engineering projects in the 2015 BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards.

- Florence Ho (Investigation Antibiotic resistant bacterial strains)
- Christy Zheng (Investigation Effect of extracellular ion concentration on cell apoptosis and carcinogens)
- Dhruv Verma (Engineering Won 1st Place PROactive Technology for Elderly On the GO)
- Conroy Cheers (Engineering Won 2nd Place Vehicle air pollution control)
- Somya Mehra (Engineering Won 3rd Place Integrating technologies for the production of bioelectricity and bioethanol)

Congratulations also to Lawrence Pawar who won 1 of the 4 Awards in the Primary Engineering Category for his project on the ‘AutoSmart Life Saver’. Well done!

In all, 30 Victorian students were awarded in this prestigious National BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards. These include our 15 Primary Encouragement Award students, 9 Semifinalists, Our 5 Finalists and 1 Primary winner.

Watch this space, future video links of all finalists will become available soon, click here

A video of selected finalists in the 2015 BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgczSgst9CzU

Science Talent Search has a partnership with the national BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards. Students wishing to enter the BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards must register for Science Talent Search in the Experimental Research and/or Inventions Sections.

Major bursary winners for the STS Experimental Research and/or Inventions sections are automatically entered into the National BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards.

View a video of the 2014 finalists. Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7awW5j0nxQ

Visit the BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards website.
Enrolment forms for 2015 Out of School Hours Care have been sent home to all families.

Please note: we are required to collect an enrolment form each year to ensure that our records reflect accurate contact details and medical details. Please return your forms to Caralyn or the School Office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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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
PRE SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK
I hope everyone has had a nice Easter break. The children certainly seemed happy coming back last week, and with the Centre painted, and the furniture re-arranged, it was like a different place. They were very excited the first couple of days. Although the Centre looks great with all the different colours, we have had a bit of trouble getting the paint to dry properly. It hasn’t been warm enough for the paint to seal to a hard surface. We have therefore not been able to put blocks etc. back on the shelves.
A special welcome to Fox and his family who started Pre-school last week. We now have four children in the group.

HARVESTING
The children certainly show great interest in the garden, and are always on the lookout for something edible. They love finding strawberries in the veggie box and picking apples from the trees in the yard. Last week we also harvested some corn from the veggie box and the children had half a cob each. They also love to pick the red flowers from the Salvia bush, and suck out the sweet nectar.

LIVE EGGS
Live eggs will arrive at the school on Tuesday next week. Like last year, we will share them between the three classrooms. The children usually love watching the eggs and the little chicks hatch and grow. The school will keep the chicks, as the old ones got lost during the summer.

WEEKLY GOAL
Besides having a Program Plan with lots of different activities on it, this term I will also set a weekly goal for the group. The weekly goal will focus on something specific for that week. This week’s goal will be to teach the children about different shapes.

PARENT INPUT
Can all families please return the Parent Input sheet that I gave out last term? The sheet will be discussed during Parent-Teacher interviews in Term II.

PLAY AUSTRALIA
Last year we received a grant to participate in professional development training run by Play Australia in Melbourne. The course is called Outdoor Play in the Early Years and will run for two days. This means that I will be away on Friday 23/4, and Lynn will be relieving on this day.

THANKS
Lastly, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved with the painting of the Centre. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes moving furniture, removing notice boards, repairing walls etc. We are very lucky to have so many helpful people in the Forrest School Community.

Lena Collopy
Pre-School Teacher
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fundraising News**

This week each family should receive an individual note asking for a donation of ingredients. These ingredients are all part of the super big shopping list for everything needed to make slices and scones for the upcoming Forrest Soupfest.

Other items on the shopping list (should any family wish to donate more than what is on their list!) include multiples of:

- Arrowroot biscuits
- Tins of Condensed Milk
- Self Raising Flour

A baking day will be organized closer to the time. In the interim, if any parents know they will have time to volunteer on Sunday 7th June, please let us know ASAP so a roster can start to be worked on. In particular we are looking for coffee makers/baristas, marshals for the car park, people to take monies & serve and oversee the slice stall.

Thanks
Sarah Lane 5236-6172  0421 103 042

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**Staying Sane**

Positive Parenting Program

A program for parents of Children aged 2-8 yrs

Are you on the right track? Do you have a child with challenging behaviour? Do you need some help, tips or ideas?

The 4-week program looks at:
- Understanding why children misbehave
- Limit setting and consequences
- How to develop positive behaviours
- How to develop your child’s self esteem
- How to be a positive parent

**Note:** Places are strictly limited so registration is essential