29 April 2015

Principal’s News

Education Week Invitation

Education Week this year is planned for May 17th—23rd. At Forrest Learning Centre, we are holding an Open Morning from 9 am until 11am on Tuesday 19th. Both Craig and Kristin have fun learning activities planned, incorporating a cross section of the curricula, organized for all ages. Our theme for the day is "How slow can it go, How high can it fly". Parents, Grandparents and interested community members are most welcome to join us for all or part of the morning.

Naplan Tests

The National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) nation wide tests for Year 3 and Year 5 students will be held on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May 2015. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals about student achievement which can be used to support teaching and learning.

School Account Reminder

School Accounts will be posted out this week. Prompt payment will be greatly appreciated. Please note the Grade 3—6 school camp to Melbourne will be held later this term which can be a significant drain on family funds. An Installment payment plan is a possible option that can work for families. Please discuss with our office staff if this is an option you are considering. Leanne is in the school office on Mondays and Thursdays, Sarah on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. BPAY is another option for your convenience. Information on how to access this facility is included on the account invoice. Thanking you for your anticipated support.

Sporting Schools Program Begins

The “new” Sporting Schools program commenced with Yoga/Gymnastics on Tuesdays. Numbers were very pleasing. Our second SSP fun activity is Dance/Orienteering on Fridays for term 2. Spaces are filling quickly. Registration forms are available from the office, and is encouraged as spaces are limited for both activities. Pick up time is at/before 4.45pm at the school assembly/flagpole zone. Active Afters is available on both nights till 6pm for those interested. Please contact Caralyn/Teresa on 52363 540 for more details.

Student Leadership Conference

Today our four Year 6 students participated in a student leadership conference at Geelong. The sessions had our students involved in interactive activities, discussions and leadership games. Our student leaders will bring back ideas/activities to share and incorporate into our learning both at Student Council and in the classrooms.

Special Birthday Wish

A special belated birthday wish to Nerrida Macdonald on her milestone birthday achievement last Friday. Congratulations from family and friends.

Finally thanks to those people who joined us last Friday to remember those that have served our country. The commemorative service was very well received, as was the handing over of the Honour Board to Debbie and Sue who were representing the Forrest Community Hall Committee.
This Week

ANZAC Day

Congratulations to all the students for their participation and wonderful behaviour during our ANZAC day commemorations on Friday.

We have eggs!
The incubator and eggs have arrived and are being kept at a constant temperature of 37 degrees. They are being eagerly watched by the Junior room students and hopefully over the next few days they will begin to hatch. Thanks to Kaz for carefully transporting our precious bundles of joy.

Lots of Learning……..

This term we are continuing with our unit, 'Me, My Family, My Community'. Our focus is on the jobs people in our community do. We took a short walk on Monday, in between rain showers, to discover the buildings where people work and discuss what goes on there. These included the Forrest school, Community centre, Op shop, Church, The Guesthouse and Bespoke restaurant, The Brewery and General Store. The General Store was of particular interest because not only is it a business itself, it also sells the wares of other businesses – artists, print makers, potters, soap makers, knitters, and chefs, to name a few. While the students are somewhat aware of the jobs their own parent's do there is so much work going on in our community that they, and I, have a limited understanding of.

Jobs People in our Community do
The Prep/1/2 class invite parents and community members to come and give a short presentation to our class about their job.
What do you do? Where do you work? Why do you like your job?
Please contact Miss Mac, Junior room teacher, Forrest Primary School to arrange a time.
Our timetable is somewhat flexible.

Forrest Kids Go Bush
Thanks to all parents for making sure their child was prepared for FKGB. We have a few pairs of overalls at school and I will make sure they go home before Friday to ensure your child arrives dressed and ready to get into the action of this wonderful program. It was interesting to observe the students, particularly the boys, and the influence our week of ANZAC activities had on their imaginative play – they created trenches for their fort out of leaves while the girls made house and ‘baked’. On Monday night SBS screened a very interesting science investigation by Dr. Michael Mosley that supported the idea that female and male brains are actually wired differently, worth taking a look at.

Congratulations
Well done to the following students for successfully spelling their Magic words

Miss Mac
Junior room teacher

Magic Words Certificates
Green – Bryanna Crabbe
Orange – Bryanna Crabbe & Reuben Freddi
Violet – William Standish
100 Magic Words – William Standish

Helping Hands
Braeden for helping two Junior Students with their jobs.
Matilda for helping her classmates to remember their morning routine—diaries =, fruit and water.
Over the past week we have spent most of our literacy time learning about the meaning behind ANZAC Day. We compared life 100 years ago until now, especially in schools and reflected on what it would be like for families to have their loved ones go off to war. We were moved by letters home from Jim Turner, an Apollo Bay resident, telling the stories of his time at Gallipoli and in France on the Western Front, (where he died in action). We also read parts of the book ‘Otways at War’, in particular the sections that related to people on the Forrest Honour Board, how the end of WW1 was celebrated in our district and the celebrations that occurred when members of our community returned.

We read poems and responded with words and drawings, displayed in our class. We spent time looking at the animations which depicted the 1st Day at Gallipoli, and listening to the accounts of Australian and New Zealand Diggers. We also listened to the opinions of retired General Peter Cosgrove. Children became acquainted with the ideas of mateship, bravery, resilience and courage, all of which are associated with the ANZACS and is said to have given rise to Australian identity. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we studied commemoration and all of the different ways people commemorate, leading up to our commemorative ceremony on Friday.

Colin Parrott’s visit on Thursday morning was really interesting. Colin is Claudia and Poppy’s Grandpa and he is a Vietnam Veteran who served in the infantry. Amongst many things Colin showed us war medals, rocks from Gallipoli (ANZAC Cove), products made by relatives whilst resting in France during WW1, the 100 year old Desert Rose (which we bought back to life by adding water!), his military hat, and relatives ‘dog tags’. Colin bought along many ‘slides’ from his time in Vietnam and children got the chance to see what a slide projector was. This presentation was fascinating, showing the journey by ship (aircraft carrier), the plethora of military hardware, the enclosed camp areas, curfews, gun emplacements, helicopters, dogs (used by Colin for forward scouting) and camp life. It was a fascinating presentation, thank you very much Colin for sharing with us!

Overall this gave us a broader perspective by which to discuss and understand what the meaning of ANZAC day is all about. All of this learning culminated in a ceremony held on Friday afternoon. It was attended by our school community, and other members of our community including Forrest Hall Committee members. Our guest speaker was Ian Morgan, the President of the RSL. During the Ceremony he helped add meaning to ANZAC day. He reinforced that we have reason to celebrate living in Australia, a land of peace and opportunity. Our Grade 6’s read poem and raised our flag when the Rouse was heard. Part of the ceremony involved the handing over of the Roll of Honour (Great War) from Forrest PS to the Forrest Hall committee for public display.

This Roll of Honour was originally unveiled at the school on 22nd July 1919. As reported at the time: “Saturday last was a gala day in Forrest when peace celebrations were held. Mr Hennigan performed the ceremony of unveiling the Honour Board – those all stood, head bowed for a minute to remember the fallen and then a Union Jack was lifted from the board showing a beautifully polished blackwood board.” The Roll of Honour was at the hall for a period of time and is believed to have been removed during a fire, to be kept at the school. Members of the Hall committee accepted the board back, which was decorated with handmade poppies. The Colac Herald came and took photos. After the ceremony community members had afternoon tea whilst Ian Morgan had a chat with the school children. Ian is a Vietnam Veteran who was involved in driving trucks to move supplies and troops in the war zones. His stories were really fascinating and plenty of questions were asked. Ian was impressed by the children’s respectful behaviour and their knowledge of ANZAC day. Overall we believe children at Forrest PS now have much more respect and understanding of the context by which we commemorate ANZAC day.

**SENIOR ROOM NEWS**

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to William Standish. William is to be congratulated for the consistent effort he puts into his work and the kind and caring attitude he displays towards others. He is a wonderful role model!

SENIOR ROOM: Luke Menzies For his ability to reflect on his learning and constantly striving to improve. This week we saw a fantastic example of this in Luke’s Persuasive Writing.
**PRE SCHOOL NEWS**

In Term 3 the students will be undertaking topics from the Chemical Science strand. The Senior Room have launched into their new Primary Connections topic – *What’s the Matter?* This unit is all about matter. Matter is all around us. It can be as small as the particles that make up the tiniest cell in our skin or as large as the whole galaxy. Anything that takes up space and has mass is called matter. By investigating and understanding matter, scientists are able to find out more about the universe and its possibilities!

The Junior Room are coming to the final phases of their Inquiry unit, *School yard Safari!* The students have become quite the experts on ants, snails and earthworms and the connection to habitat types. They have been practising labelled drawings, making pictographs and using hoops as study transects whilst being a Habitat Detective.

Over the last two weeks the teachers and I have been undertaking the Science Inquiry Assessment Tasks that are necessary as part of the Science Specialist Initiative. We have all been very impressed with the increased use of scientific words and approaches from the students during these formal sessions and throughout the everyday learning.

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**SCIENCE ROOM NEWS**

Thanks to Lynn for relieving for me on Friday, when I was in Melbourne for professional development. I’m sure the children had a good time with Lynn. I attended a two-day course in Outdoor Play, run by Play Australia. The course has inspired me to try to make the Early Learning Centre’s garden a bit more exciting, by planting a bit more to make spaces that children can use for different imaginative play.

At the children’s request, we played Wombat Stew last week. I read the story, and the children acted it out with different props. They really enjoyed it, so we might repeat it again this week. Our weekly goal was shapes, and we practised shapes by doing different activities that highlighted squares, rectangles, triangles and circles. This is an activity parents can do with their children as well; just ask your child if he/she can recognise anything around your place that has a particular shape, for example a rectangle. To recognise different shapes and symbols is the first step to starting to recognise numbers and letters, which are also symbols. This week’s goal will be to focus on healthy food.

Tomorrow, five of the Junior children will join us to do some activities around Healthy Eating. On Friday, Tanja Brunner from Otway Health will visit and talk to the children about healthy food. Tanja also usually brings along some healthy food to taste. Parents are most welcome to join in at 12:30 and learn some more about good food choices. Many things that are sold ‘for children’ are very high in sugar, even fruit yogurts can be unnecessarily sweet. It is very important that children don’t get used to eating mainly food with lots of sugar and fat at an early age, as this will set the pattern for their future food choices. Obesity in adults and children is a major problem in Australia.

Yesterday the Live Eggs would have arrived with Kaz. The children will be able to observe the eggs and hopefully see the chicks hatch as well.

Lena Collopy

Pre-school Teacher

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**SUPER SCIENCE FACT**

The earth is approx. 6,588,000,000,000,000,000 tons
## CHILDCARE AND AWESOME AFTERS (OSHC)

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
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Forrest Primary School is participating in the latest scholastic competition to compete for a slice of a $10,000 prize pool!!

Parents: If your child wants to participate, please record their reading each night for the month of May on the reading log sheet that was distributed yesterday.

Children should read for at least ten minutes every day in order to enter the challenge. Completed log sheets can be returned to Nerrida for online entry or you can log on to the website and lodge your child’s details yourself.


Message from the School Office:

Don’t forget: if paying your school account via BPAY or direct credit, to please include a reference of either your child’s name/surname/ & or invoice number. This will ensure the correct monies go to the correct account.

Thanks
Leanne & Sarah
**Fundraising News**

Thanks to all those parents who have dropped back their donation of ingredients for our next fundraising venture—for those that haven’t dropped off yet, there is still plenty of time. The box will be in the office for at least another two weeks. Thank you for your support and all donations greatly received!!!

For anyone that has misplaced their sheet, please let me know and I will let you know what is needed.

Some parents have volunteered to be part of the fundraising team for the upcoming Soupfest (thanks!) I am hoping there are more parents out there with coffee making skills who haven’t let me know they can help—Coffee was an integral part of our Devonshire Tea fundraiser last year as it offered people a choice and what’s better than a ‘real’ coffee. If you haven’t let me know you can help, please contact me on any of the numbers below!

It is anticipated the time needed to volunteer on the day will be 2 hours, either 10-12, or 12—2 , I will finalise the times when I put the roster together ( next week!)

Thanks!
Sarah Lane
5236-6172
0421 103 042

The lost property box has been cleaned out and all that remains are the following uniform items:

- **Fleecy Polo Long Sleeve**
  - Size 12 (2)
  - Size 14 (1)
  - Size 10 (1)
  - Size 8 (2)
- **Shorts**
  - Size 16 (1)
- **Fleecy Wincheater**
  - Size 8 (1)
- **Cotton Polo Short Sleeve**
  - Size 6 (1)
  - Size 10 (1)
- **Fleecy Hoodie**
  - Size 14 (1)

These items are not marked. If parents believe one of these items to belong to their child, please collect it from the lost property box.

Thanks.
Dorothy Nicol ‘Flappers to Flares’ presents an

Historical Fashion Collection

Fashion from the past 100 years

Colac RSL

Wednesday 6th of May

All proceeds to Colac RSL and Colac Long Road Appeal

2pm Matinee session;
Llight afternoon tea and limited parade $10pp
or

7pm Evening session; two course meal and full
fashion show. Maximum 8 to a table, $35pp

Bookings through Colac RSL on 52 312 942 or email
admin@colacrsl.com.au

For more information contact Kathy
on 52 348 376 or 0407 348 376