PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

VISIT TO SIMPSON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Kristin and I travelled to Simpson Primary School on Monday, and spent some time touring their facilities and observing the various programs they teach. Kristin spent some time in the P-1 classroom, and discovered similar literacy and numeracy programs in action as are being taught to our children. I found myself in the senior classrooms picking up some valuable information around transitions and how Simpson use their Program Achieve. Craig was unable to join us as he was on leave, and so plans will be for him to undertake a future visit to the same school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE
Minutes from our meeting held on Monday 17th August are available on the school noticeboard, briefly we discussed:

- Lynn Clegg is the successful applicant for the Childcare Room Leader and will be working with Caralyn on Wednesdays assisting with the delivery of our Childcare and After School Care programs.
- School Working Bee set for 13th September, a list of jobs to be done will be organised and on display. We encourage all parents to attend if they are able.
- Beyond the Bell, a regional initiative, aimed at encouraging young children to begin laying foundations for their future careers, has delivered their action plan. Priorities have been identified for schools and centres across the South-West.
- A possible Grade 6 transition program for Term 4.
- An application will be submitted for a Capital Works Grant.
- Acknowledgement of the great job Denise Mitchell has done, filling in for Lena whilst she has been on leave.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK
STEAM Day (Science Technology Engineering Arts & Mathematics) was held today by our science students in recognition of National Science Week (Aug 15th-23rd). Please have a chat with your child about this important school event or you can find more details later in this newsletter.

PJ & TEDDY DAY
This day, PJ and Teddy Day, organised by our Junior School Council was a success with many of the children coming to school in their night clothes. Judging by the smiling faces in the photos, everyone had fun and enjoyed the movie screening too! Thank you to our Junior School Councillors for their work in organising this.

BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU
On a personal note, I have been challenged with the passing of my mother, Shirley and my brother in law, Wayne in the last week. Leanne and I have been overwhelmed by the support afforded us from the Forrest School & Early Years Community. We appreciate your kind thoughts and flowers during this difficult time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST
10—21 — Dental Van Visit
19th—STEAM Day—National Science Week
SEPTEMBER
4th—Footy Colours Day
13th—Working Bee 10am
17th — Group Day with DMPS students
18th—JSC Games Day
18th—Last Day of term 3, 3.30pm finish
OCTOBER
5th—First Day of term 4
11th—School Choir Performance @Birregurra Festival
19th — School Council Meeting 6.30pm
This Week
This week Craig and I have been busy doing a lot of learning. Last Wednesday we attended the ‘Seven Steps to Writing’ professional development day. This was a very valuable ‘PD’ giving us both many new ideas to help the students create imaginative, interesting and well structured writing pieces. Students want to launch themselves straight into writing – they hate to plan, and yet creating a plan is the first step to ensuring their story is interesting and well sequenced. This week the Junior room students have been working together to create story plans with interesting characters, settings and ‘sticky situations’.

On Monday I travelled with Darryl to Simpson Primary School. It is always interesting to see how another school, of a similar size (sort of – they have just under 100 students) approaches the teaching and learning of literacy, mathematics and integrated studies. I spent talking to the teachers of the Prep & 1 class, Year 2 class and Years 3 & 4 class, and observing their students as they worked. Although they have slightly different approaches, many of the programs they use are the same as ours. I came away with several ideas to incorporate into my teaching, it’s interesting to ‘see’ different approaches in action, and I will enjoy tweaking what I do to improve the teaching and learning in the Junior room.

Literacy Writer of the Week

The Missing Car
One day me, Dad and Missy were going to Colac to get a new puppy. When we went out of the door of the shop our eyes opened wide – our car was in a tree. I thought that a cyclone had put it up there. We tried to get it down but we couldn’t.

By Cassia Vermeend

Forrest Kids Go Bush
Mud is a magnet for the FKGB students. It is wonderful to watch the ideas and games that a muddy situation creates. This week the ‘girls’ dug ‘dams’, and created dam walls to control where the water went. Those with short gumboots discovered that when they jump into mud, deeper than their boots, they fill up with water! The boys missed William Hunt, as he was absent, but forged on and continued the build of a fort started the week before. Complete with dining table and plates made from pieces of wood, it was interesting to watch them set the table for dinner and then, after preparing a delicious meal of grass and tubers, enjoy a meal around the table. This was quickly followed by breakfast – hungry work fort building...

Overalls - Rain jacket – Gumboots! A change of top and socks a must, especially for those with short gumboots!

Miss Mac
Junior Room teacher

Helping Hands
Helping Hands to be announced at next weeks assembly.
Writing:
This week we wrote some poems for the Red Rock Poetry Competition. Here are some:

**Inside a School Boy**
Inside a school boy, learning & hard work.
Inside learning & hard work, frustration & bad times.
Inside frustration & bad times, arguments & sadness.
Inside arguments & sadness, standing up for yourself.
Inside standing up for yourself, strength & rights.
Inside strength & rights, laughter & happiness.
Inside laughter & happiness, friends & family.
Inside friends & family, an awesome school.
Inside an awesome school, a school boy.

*Kohima Sprunt*

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**Lollies**
Lollies, ice-cream
Lollies, ice-cream and.....
A milkshake
A milkshake
Lollies, ice-cream and a milkshake
Made of love!

*Charles Seebeck*

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**Inside a Blossom Tree**
Inside a blossom tree, is a heart
Inside a heart, is love
Inside love, is friendship
Inside friendship, is a heart of steel
Inside a heart of steel, is a blossom tree

*Claudia Schuhmann*

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**Horses**
curious, smart
jumping, prancing, cantering
saddles, bridles, jumping boots, rugs
trotting, galloping, showing
talented, playful
Ponies

*Kayla Forssman*

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**Dragon**
Flying, diving
Eating, killing, roaring
Spikes, fire, wand, spells
Magic, hats evil
Castles, potions
Wizard

*Braeden Kurzman*

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**JUNIOR ROOM:** This week’s student of the week goes to Luca Sprunt. Luca is a fantastic role model to other students in the Junior room. He is always organised, focuses on his work and looks for ways to help others. Congratulations Luca!

**SENIOR ROOM:** Hamish Coulter—For using a range of great writing skills to produce some fabulous poetry this week.
SCIENCE ROOM NEWS

The STEAM (Science, Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) Day has arrived. The Junior room students will be using their pendopads to make a 1 minute movie about how to make a balloon rocket to investigate push and pull. The Senior room students will be undertaking either Make a Cloud in a Bottle or the Teabag Rocket experiment to investigate convection current and changes from a liquid to a gas. The senior room students will use their tablets and Moviemaker to also undertake the 1 minute movie challenge. We hope the students enjoy the challenge of communicating scientifically whilst having fun!

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
PRE SCHOOL NEWS

It’s nice to be back after six weeks away in Sweden and Germany. I’ve had a great time catching up with family and friends. Most of my family live in Sweden, and my oldest son is working in Munich at the moment. It’s always hard to say goodbye, but hopefully it won’t be too long until I can go back again.

The children were very happy last week, and I’m sure that you all know that Denise had a great program running when I was away. The noticeboard was full of documentation about what they had been doing: dinosaurs, winter, pirates etc. Thank you Denise for doing such a great job!

On Thursday, we had another visit from Colac Dental Health. This time we also visited the Dental Van that is stationed in Forrest at the moment. All of the children who were there had a ride in the dental chair and a little look around. It’s obvious that the frequent visits from Colac Dental Health have taken away any worries that the children may have had at the beginning of the year. This was the last visit for this year, but Colac Dental Health will be back again next year.

I have realised that a number of the pre-schoolers may have felt a bit anxious about the Bush Program on Fridays. I’m not sure why this is exactly, because they all seem to have such a great time when they are there. I have never seen any older children being mean or untoward; in fact my experience is quite the opposite. I guess perhaps it can feel a bit scary being the youngest amongst older peers (?) Anyhow, the best way to approach any anxiousness is probably not to make a big thing about the Bush Program when you are at home, and don’t let your child stay at home just because they don’t want to go to the Bush Program. It’s part of kinder and it’s what we do on Friday mornings. If you have concerns, please speak to me about what we can do to improve things. My view is that in the long run, it will really help the pre-schoolers get to know the older children and Kristin before they actually start school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ELLEN – 5 YEARS OLD

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

Dates to remember

Fri 28/8, 6:30 pm. Committee Meeting, (place to be advised).

Fri 18/9 Last day of Term III.
# CHILDCARE AND AWESOME AFTERS (OSHC)

For Child Care or After School Care bookings please call:

Caralyn

0412 953366

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

**Double Sticker Weekend!!!**

To help us collect even more, Woolworths are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend. The more stickers we collect the more educational equipment we can redeem!

Thanks for your support.
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Guitar Lessons**

Tim has prior engagements for the next 8 weeks so he will not be able to offer guitar lessons. He will be back in Term 4, please look out for the date in the newsletter!

**CRICKET PLAYERS WANTED**

WARRION CRICKET CLUB

**JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN UP DAYS**

**GRADES 4, 5 & 6**

**WHEN:** SUNDAY 30th AUGUST & SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

**TIME:** 3.30pm-5.00pm

**WHERE:** Colac Indoor Tennis Centre

Contact Aaron Togni for details 0400