PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

The Department of Education requires every school to undertake a School Review every 4 years and create a new Strategic Plan. For Forrest Primary School, 2014 is the end of our current 4 year strategic plan that was put in place in 2010. Part of our review is gathering information from all stakeholders across our school community. At the September School Council Meeting, feedback will be sought from school councilors. If you would like to provide some valuable feedback please seek out a school councilor, who will be happy to provide an attentive “ear” and take your thoughts on board to this meeting.

From 2013, all Children’s Services are assessed and rated against 7 quality areas of the National Quality Standard Guidelines. The Forrest Early Learning Centre’s Assessment Day is planned for next Wednesday September 3rd. The Centre’s Committee ably led by Sarah Schuhmann, has been extremely busy preparing for this day and ensuring its success. A BIG thank you is extended to this team of volunteers who have worked so hard on policies, regulations, roles and operations over recent months. We are so grateful!

In the wake of Victoria’s Health Department confirming three cases of measles at Essendon Nth PS, it is timely for our school to check student immunisation status records. It is a Departmental requirement that schools request an immunisation certificate for each child prior to enrolment and keep this on record. In the event of a disease outbreak, this will help us quickly identify unimmunised children so they can be sent home until the risk of infection has passed. As part the school’s aim in having up to date records, Leanne from the school’s office will be contacting families in the next two weeks to discuss this further. For more details please do not hesitate to call me.

The school does have a school uniform and students, parents and staff expect and appreciate that students should be in uniform most of the time. — windcheater / t-shirt. Thanks for helping have your child/ren in uniform at school especially during the difficult winter washing months.

Get Well Soon to one of our Grade 3 students, Lachlan who is currently at the Royal Children’s Hospital. We hope he makes a speedy recovery and is back at school soon with his mates.

This last week, our students have been busily practising for the Wild Colonial Boy performances. I saw students performing on Monday and was impressed on how quickly they have learnt their lines. Did you know, its just 19 more sleeps away?

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Darryl Harty
JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

This week has flown by so quickly!

Professional Development

Jo Lange – Promoting Positive Behaviour

On Tuesday Craig and I attended to some professional development in Geelong. I recognise that, while I encourage the students to try their best and look for ways they can improve on their efforts, I too can always improve on what I think is my best effort.

We are very fortunate to have no major behavioural problems at our school and this is largely due to you, the parents. You set the moral compass and are the main influence on our students’ attitude to school, and learning. Being a parent myself I know this isn’t always easy and your support contributes greatly to the students ability to learn in the classroom. Jo Lange’s PD confirmed that, while I am doing many things right, there are certainly ways to do them better.

Student motives for negative behaviour was discussed under four broad categories ‘Look at Me’, ‘Help Me’, ‘Make Me’ and ‘I’m the Boss’. Gratefully, while I listened with interest, the ‘Make Me’ and ‘I’m the Boss’ behaviours currently don’t apply in my classroom. However, from time to time, students disrupt learning by ‘Look at Me’ behaviour and although capable of completing learning tasks seek individual attention by ‘Help Me’ behaviour.

Jo Lange gave me many ideas as to how to place a higher emphasis on promoting, and recognising, positive learning behaviours. On the flip side there are strategies I can use which enable me to spend more time teaching and less time concentrating on correcting negative behaviour. There was an abundance of information to ‘absorb’, but my first goal is for students gain the attention they crave through positive means and become more responsible for their own learning.

Great Positive Behaviour in our classroom

Engaged – Listening – Thinking – Concentrating - Trying their Best
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Wild Colonial Boy:

On Monday the Forrest children had a fantastic time participating in a dress rehearsal (well semi-dress) with some props. This helped the children to better get into character and to make the scenes more realistic and meaningful. With props children were able to better develop their acting roles. It also helped us to work out what extra props and costumes we need. The list ended up being quite long, so we will work hard to find as much as we can before next week’s rehearsal.

Thank you very much to Liza Freddi, who has been doing some choreography with children for some of the scenes. This has really helped us a lot! We are very grateful for Jason Freddi’s ongoing efforts and direction in all aspects of this production.

We have purchased some stage lights and a light controller for our school to use. This will be fantastic for all of our future stage performances and will also provide future learning opportunities for students at our school. Mr Donahoo is trying to buy some special stage microphones on Ebay called ‘Boundary Microphones’. Hopefully he is the winning bidder, as they are expensive to buy new. These microphones are designed to be placed on the floor of the stage and will pick up a large spectrum of sounds.

Jason will work with particular students on particular scenes on Wednesday morning. We have identified the areas that could be developed further and are delighted by the way children are positively responding to this process.

Somers Camp:

Children who are in Year 5 or 6 in 2014, have the opportunity to join 160 children (80 boys and 80 girls) from the area bounded by Torquay, Highton, Colac, and Apollo Bay at the Victorian Education Department’s Somers Camp, located on Westernport Bay, from the period November 18 to November 26, inclusive.

Activities during camp include rope climbing courses, rowing, environmental studies, surfing, concert performances, and bike education. The camp provides a great opportunity for social interaction and presents children with a variety of challenging situations.

Unfortunately not all children who are interested in participating will be allocated places to attend. Forrest PS will send home formal expression of interest forms, to be returned this Friday. Forrest PS has been allocated 2 male and 2 female positions for Somers Camp. After the expressions of interest are received, we will conduct ballots to fill those places.

Helping Hands

Week 7

Brit for helping Cassia with her learning on the computer.

Aphrodite for helping with preparing our yummy fruit.

Students of the Week

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week is Kohima Sprunt. Kohima always tries to do his personal best. His positive attitude makes teaching and learning in our classroom a pleasure.

SENIOR ROOM: This week’s Student of the Week is Jahla Wittenberg for his excellent acting skills and role modelling during the production of our school play.
PRE SCHOOL NEWS

Science week
As last week was Science Week, it couldn’t be more appropriate to have our science expert, Kaz Standish, relieving for me on Wednesday. The children did a couple of exciting science activities with Kaz, and they all had a great time...thank you Kaz.

Vegetable prints
Lately the children have had the opportunity to do prints with different kinds of fruits and vegetables. Last week Laura brought in a range of fruits and vegetables for the children to use and they made some striking patterns.

Bush Program
We enjoyed some lovely sunshine during last week’s Bush Program. The children seemed to enjoy themselves playing with water, mud and bark. Thanks to Caralyn and Andrew for the donation of a new rope.

Laura
Today (Wednesday) is Laura’s last day. Laura has completed all the hours she needs for her course, and she has been a great addition to the children and the staff. We wish her the very best of luck for the remainder of her studies.

The Flying Bookworm performance – Apollo Bay
The Flying Bookworm performance is on at 10:00 AM Wednesday 17/9, which is in the last week of Term III. I will shortly hand out some more information about the excursion, but just want to assist you plan ahead for the day. We need every child to have an accompanying parent. If you already know that you can’t come along, please let me know as soon as possible. There won’t be any kinder session that day (Caralyn will work as usual); instead we will go for a picnic in Apollo Bay Foreshore playground after the show, which will be a nice ending to this term.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

DATES TO REMEMBER
Fri 29/8, Colac Dental Health visiting.
Fri 5/9, Committee Meeting 2pm.
Wed 17/9, Excursion to Apollo Bay, Flying Bookworm performance and picnic.
### 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

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**For Sale—Best / Any Offer**

1 “tired” working Kelvinator fridge from the Pre School (Great as a bar fridge) Size: 140lts approx.
1 "tired" working Fisher & Paykel freezer from the Pre School (Great for freezing the bait/dog’s food!) Size: 140lts approx

Offers in writing to Forrest PS Principal on/before Sept 10th
As a follow up to the very successful **Science Week Celebration** held at Forrest Learning Centre last week, here are activities you can do at home as a family.

1. Why not try building a bridge using natural or processed materials? Challenge children to build a bridge to span 40cm to carry a matchbox car. This could involve using straws or spaghetti and masking tape. **Or**

2. Children can explore how to filter water so that it becomes pure and clear. This experiment involves constructing a water filter using 2 plastic drink bottles and scissors. The challenge is to experiment with different materials to find the one that filters water the best. Try using sand, gravel, pantyhose, cotton balls, elastic bands or charcoal to see which one works best. **Or**

3. How about constructing a roller coaster from whatever is available around the home to deliver a ball bearing or marble from table height to the floor in the longest time possible? The challenge is to include a series of obstacles such as loops, slides and a change in direction.

**SUPER SCIENCE FACT**

Light is the fastest thing in the universe. It travels through space at 300000 kilometres per second. That’s seven times around the world in less than one second.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraising News

Still looking for volunteers for the 13th September, in support of the cycling event Amy’s Gran Fondo that will be travelling through (& stopping!) in Forrest. The spots at the Aid Station have been taken up but volunteers are still needed to marshal at Rivendell Lane, Gillies Lane, Sanderson Lane & the other two service roads.

Required work is just to advise local traffic of the road closure & you will need to BYO chair, lunch is supplied (& delivered to you!) and you will be supplied with a uniform & radio, & maps to assist with enquiries.

The time of volunteering is 7.30 am – 1pm & there will be a briefing either on the Friday or Saturday (TBA) to give out supplies & run down the order of the day & what is expected. If you think you can assist with this, please let me know ASAP.

The event organisers will pay $50 per volunteer towards the school so 6 parents will attract a donation of $300 – the more volunteers the better!!!

Call me on 5236-6172 or 0421 103 042 or sjlane@swarh.vic.gov.au

Thanks

Sarah Lane
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WILD COLONIAL BOY

THE 1820s LEGEND OF JACK DONAHUE THE BOLD

MATINEE 1.30PM TUES 16 SEPT
EVENING 6.30PM WED 17 SEPT
FORREST PUBLIC HALL

A Forrest Primary School Production written by Jason Freddi
Enquiries Forrest Primary School 5236 6393 Running time approx 70 minutes