PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

POLWARTH PUBLIC SPEAKING INAUGURAL EVENT
We have 11 students who have chosen to participate in the school based public speaking event to be held on Thursday September 7th. Four students will be selected to represent Forrest PS at the Polwarth Lions Club Public Speaking Event to be held this year at the Forrest Public Hall on Thursday September 14th. Information was sent home with the Senior Class students yesterday. Interested persons are most welcome to join us at either/both events.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
It’s not too late to provide feedback via the Parent Opinion Survey. Please “jump” online https://www.orima.com.au/POS/parents.php?s=ZU35CX7. Complete the survey on/before this SUNDAY September 3rd. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey. Your input is valued.

DAFFODIL DAY & BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS
A great fun day was had by all our students. It was fabulous to see so many (including teachers) making an effort to dress up. The traditional walk down Grant Street took place and a small treat was had by all at the Forrest General Store. Thanks Sally! JSC organised enjoyable activities for the children at lunch time which was well received. Thanks to parents for helping with costumes. They all looked FANTASTIC!

FAREWELL
On Friday we will be saying goodbye to Bella, Miesha, Natalie, Jai and Ruby who will leaving the Forrest School Community. They are relocating to nearby Becac. We look forward to catching up with you at the Polwarth & District athletic sports at Alvie in 2018. It was great to hear that the whole family enjoyed their time at Forrest PS & EYC.

N.A.P. RESULTS
Year 3 & 5 students received their Naplan reports last week. As a school we were once again very proud of all our wonderful students’ efforts this year. Well done!

SALTBUSSH PERFORMANCE REMINDER
No lunch orders this coming Thursday. All primary school students will be attending the Saltbush COPACC performance in Colac. Students will be having their lunch in at Colac’s Memorial Square on this day.

GYMNASTICS UPDATE
Last night we thanked and farewelled Brendan our Gymnastics coach. Gymnastics will be continuing for a further two weeks on Monday September 4 & 11, both the in school sessions and the after school session in the hall.

“I find the harder I work the more LUCK I seem to have!”

HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL DADS & GRANDADS!

UPCOMING EVENTS
AUGUST
31st—COPACC Saltbush Performance
SEPTEMBER
4th — Sporting Schools Gymnastics (5)
4th—Barwon Dental Van -Screening
7th -Forrest PS Public Speaking Evening at 6.30pm.
8th – Special Assembly—Juniors 3pm
11- Sporting Schools Gymnastics (last)
11th —School Council Meeting @ 6.30
14th—Forrest Lions Club Public Speaking Competition at 7pm
19 & 20—School Review Days
22nd — Footy Colors Day
22nd Last Day of term 3 Finish2.30pm
OCTOBER
9th — First Day of Term 3
9th — Barwon Dental Van — Visits
Welcome to Eli and Leo

Our little Centre is growing in numbers, which is great for the future of the School. This week we are welcoming to the Centre five-year-old twins Eli and Leo and their parents Ellie & Ben. The family has moved from Lavers Hill to Barongarook.

New routines

The numbers of children are growing in both Child Care and the Preschool, so we have started to separate the groups a bit more. At the moment the child-care children start in the Art Room, and the preschool children in the Playroom. After about an hour, we do a swap, and the preschool children sit down around the table for art and craft, or a game. It has worked well, and gives respective groups time to play and do activities at their level. It also gives the preschool children more fine-motor practise, which is very important, and especially for those children who are starting school next year.

Smiles4Miles Program

Last Thursday, Louise Fairney from Otway Health came for a visit and talked to the children about healthy eating and oral health. The children already knew that you should brush your teeth twice a day, and what foods are sometimes food and what foods are everyday food. The tricky ones are foods like Nutrigrain, muesli bars, fruit yoghurt. They all seem healthy at face value, but usually have a lot of sugar in them. It is worth checking the ingredients when buying these products. All of the children got a bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste and other bits and pieces.

I recommend that you limit the number of sweet biscuits, cakes etc. in the lunchbox, as it is difficult for a young child to choose to eat the healthy food first; preferring to fill up on something sugary with little or no nutritional value. We always tell the children to eat the healthy food first but we can’t always convince them.

Let’s Count

Thank you for participating in the Let’s Count Program. The children seem to have really enjoyed taking a game or an activity home. I hope it has been enjoyable for you as well. This week will be the last week that I send a game home. Please fill in the evaluation form that is included with the game, and bring it back next week.

Kinder Kapers - Excursion to Colac

On the last day of this term, the preschool children and parents will be going to Colac for an excursion. I have put information about the excursion in your letter pockets, along with a permission slip that I need back next Wednesday please.

Long Service Leave

My application for long service leave during the last two weeks of this term has been approved. My last day will be on Friday September 8th. Denise Mitchell will be my reliever on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Vicki will be the reliever on the two Fridays. I am sure the children will enjoy having Denise and Vicki as their Pre School teachers.

Don’t forget to collect Earn and Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL DADS

Lena Collopy

Preschool Teacher

Dates to remember

Fri 22/9, Kinder Kapers excursion, Colac with parents.
Fri 22/9, Last day of Term 3
Wed 11/10, Preschool starts, Term 4

Helping Hands

Reuben for putting down all the chairs in the morning.
Ella for being a good friend to our new students.
Our literature study over the last week has been focused on Marcia Vaughan and Pamela Loft’s classic Wombat Stew. The students have loved role playing and discussing book features such as the setting, the characters, plot as well as the sentence structure. We have enjoyed many elements of word work as we talked about verbs such as waltzing, ambling, sliding etc. We hope to perform this for our Junior Room assembly next week. Our class very much enjoyed Deb Sukarna’s reader’s workshop visit. We will making some changes to the reading program as we drill down more deeply into using high quality literature to teaching literacy in context.

This week in our Inquiry unit of Weather In My World students will be observing and describing clouds. We will be using words such as clear, cloudy and overcast sky. The students are very enthusiastic about this unit, many choosing to go to the weather book box during reading time and making great connections to their own observations and what we have discussed in class.

In Maths we are exploring the links between addition and subtraction as well as practising some strategies e.g. split strategy, bridge to 10 to solve sums. Our warm up this week is to use playing cards and add them up thinking about how to do this using some strategies such as friends of 10, bridge to 10. The Year 2’s are investigating subtractions and using counting on a as a way to find the difference between numbers.

Thanks to all the families for getting involved last week to celebrate Book Week and Daffodil Day! The children loved getting dressed up and discussing aspects of their chosen character.

Lastly, a reminder for students to pack all their FKGB clothes—overalls, jacket and gumboots in addition to a spare set of clothes including SOCKS! We only have a limited supply of spare overalls so please encourage your children to bring them to you on a Friday for washing and then pack in a bag ready for Friday. Please return any overalls you have accumulated at home!

Kaz Standish
(Junior Room Teacher)

LEARNING EFFORT: **Ella Welch-Mayhew** for the excellent progress in the area of maths in particular using different strategies to add three numbers up. Well done Ella.

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR: **Ellen Standish** for fantastic investigation work during our work on Wombat Stew. Ellen did some excellent thinking about who her favourite character was and explain and expand why.

LEARNING EFFORT: **Lachlan Pain** for his excellent results in Spelling Tests

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR: **Nate Primmer** for focussing on completing his Soundwaves Homework
**Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is nearly over and finishes on Friday September 8th. Please ask Kaz Standish for more detail on how students will log their book tallies! Thanks.

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**FORREST FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB**

**IMPORTANT UPDATE**

After a successful family & community day & positive response to the recent surveys, there is no doubt the community of Forrest & wider community want the FFNC to survive. To continue this journey, a planning & discussion evening will be held on:

**Tuesday 5th September @ 7pm at the Terminus Hotel**

to discuss the next steps for season 2018 & beyond. A major focus will be on junior netball & football and the club is urging all parents to attend to help drive the club forward out of recession. For further info, please contact Graham Howard on 52316335.
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE:

On Friday 25th Sept, we had a dress up day with free activities and all students participated and enjoyed dressing up. We collected donations for the Cancer Council and we raised $33.50!

Thank you for supporting this day. We are looking forward to the next activities day.

Claudia Schuhmann
School Council President