PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

BUS SERVICE CHANGES
Due to the increased patronage on the Forrest School bus service, we have been having discussions with PTV to ensure that all eligible bus travellers have access to the school’s free bus service. In consultation with PTV and bus contractor Popes Buslines we are in the process of devising some minor changes with little disruption/alteration to the current bus service. Please stay tuned, all bus travellers will be contacted of any changes effecting you in coming days. Please remember that all bus travellers should be at their allotted bus stop 5 minutes beforehand.

SWIMMING LESSONS START
This Friday our swimming lessons begin for all our primary school aged students. On Fridays whilst swimming is operating, students will be having an early lunch (12.30pm). We will be leaving by bus to Colac at 12.45pm and returning back to Forrest at 3.15. Assembly will happen when we arrive back at Forrest PS & EYC. Parents most welcome.

WELCOME BBQ / INFORMATION EVENING
We hope you and your family can join us at the Parent Information /Welcome evening on Monday 22nd February beginning at 5.45pm. The night will begin with everyone meeting in the school’s assembly space (undercover area) before heading off to the respective Junior and Senior classrooms with Kaz and Craig who will outline their programs and any other operational matters. This will be followed by a whole school welcome Aussie BBQ. This is a great chance to find out what is going on in your child’s class and to mix informally with staff and other parents so please try and come along.

5.45 Arrival at Undercover area / Welcome
6.00-6.45 Teacher/parent information session in classroom
6.45-7.30 Welcome BBQ in school grounds - Food provided free. BYO drinks and desert (optional).

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The February meeting of school council is planned for next Monday February 15th beginning at 6.30pm. One of the matters for discussion will be the setting of the date for the Annual General Meeting where reports will be presented to interested members of the public.

CAMPS SPORTS EXCURSIONS FUND
If you are in receipt of a Centrelink Benefit you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). Primary student’s rate is $125 per year. This money can be used to pay for camps and excursions conducted throughout the year. The CSEF Form was sent home this week. For more details contact Sarah in the office.

CHILD CARE & OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE
In last week’s newsletter we welcomed Vicki Garner to our team as the Day Care and OSHC Room leader. Later in today’s newsletter, there is more information as a way of introducing Vicki to the Forrest Community. Please find and read. We currently have spaces available in both the day care and OSHC programs waiting to be filled. If interested please contact Vicki on 0427 366 393 or the school office on 52366 393. Have an enjoyable week.
**Helping Hands**

Reuben F. for helping pack up the sports equipment after PE.
Sophie & Claudia for helping clean up our sports shed.

**Junior Room News**

Fantastic learning and being together in the Junior Room this week. The Classroom rhythms are being established and the students are having fun collecting straws (points) to recognise their positive behaviours and to earn their free time Friday!

Well done everyone. The Classroom agreements have been sent home so the students can share our classroom values with you.

We’ve been dabbling in the Creative Arts this week - the tie dyed cushion colours are looking gorgeous - the book corner is transformed. Thanks for supplying the cushions. There has been an offer of some spare cushions so let us know if you need one.

Yesterday we did our first guided meditation using a free app called Smiling Minds. The students were fabulous and loved seeing Mr Harty lie on the floor with them! The practice of mindfulness is something we are trying to include in our learning environment across the school. Stay tuned.

Keep up the deep breathing,

Kaz Standish

(Junior Room teacher)

**Learning Effort:** Lachlan Crabbe

The best persistence of learning to write his name ever!

**Learning Behaviour:** Maddy Pain

Wonderful listening to instructions during group work and contributions to shared writing. What a star!

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**Junior Room**

**Student of the Week**

**Helping Hands**
Who are we?

In the Senior Room last week, we worked on the project, ‘Who Are We?’ We started off by writing down our individual ideas on sticky notes about what we thought was a ‘good learner’, ‘a good learning environment’ and ‘how to make a learning environment where everyone is happy’. We stuck the sticky notes on the whiteboard then grouped them together by similarity. After that we named each group, then we made signs and colored them in. The next four questions for the next four weeks are, ‘What is our responsibility when communicating with people?’, ‘What etiquette and behavior is particular to different situations?’, ‘How do I become organized as a learner?’ and ‘How can I manage my learning?’ Our goal is for our school to be an even more amazing, happy and productive learning environment. By Tim and Maddy (year 6)

LEARNING EFFORT: Hamish Coulter
For quickly mastering new concepts in mathematics and for his learning focus during writing tasks.

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR: Claudia Schuhmann
For practicing the behaviours of self-regulating her learning and being very organised with her materials

SUPER SCIENCE FACT
The highest speed ever achieved on a bicycle is 166.94mph
Thank you all for returning the Enrolment forms and various permission slips last week. The latest one I handed out was the Dental Health information. The Dentist will not visit until next term, but they wanted the forms back in order to prepare their paperwork.

Program Plan

A lot of things happen during a Pre-school day, and it’s impossible to capture everything in writing. Some of the things the children were interested in last week included: puzzles, paintings, play-dough, dress-ups, movements, board-games, family-drawing, snail-exploration. You can find a weekly Program Plan on the notice board above the lockers. I usually add to it as the day progresses. Please have a look so you can see what’s going on during the week.

Imaginative play/lunch

Besides the permanent activities we do, I always make sure the children enjoy uninterrupted time to get into imaginative role-playing, as I value free-imaginative play more than anything else in the Pre-school. Children learn a lot about other personalities, social interaction, problem solving, and taking turns while playing imaginative games with each other. When the weather is dry we usually start the session with a long play-time outside before early lunch at 10:45. During lunch-time I have a coffee break and Erika or Darryl come in and read a story to the children while they are eating. The children like this routine, and it also gives them a chance to get to know other Educators. Lately, if the children have been hungry, we’ve had a second lunch just before going home.

Bush Program

The Pre-school children appeared to enjoy the Bush Program and were busy playing and interacting with the older children, climbing trees, tying ropes, sliding on a board down the hill, and looking for apples in the fruit orchard.

Parent Participation

Parents are most welcome to join in the Pre-school session and also lead an activity. If you have something that you would like to share with the group, please let me know so we can organise a suitable time.

Please also let me know if you have any concerns, big or small. I’m usually available after the session. I will conduct Parent-Teacher interviews in Term II.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO STANLEY – 4 YEARS OLD!!!!!!

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thu 4/2, The Bush Program starts.
Fri 18/3, Responsible Pet Ownership Program.
Thu 24/3, Last day of Term I.
Hello to all,

A big welcome to all the Daycare and OHSC families for 2016. I'm very excited to join the Forrest Primary and Early Years Centre as the Daycare Room Leader for 2016 while Caralyn prepares for the impending birth of her second child. We look forward to meeting the new baby soon.

I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Vicki Garner, I'm married to Michael with 3 teenage daughters Jorjia, Ruby and Tara. We have lived in Colac and district all our lives.

I enjoy spending time gardening, cooking, crafts, watching my daughters play netball and travelling with my family exploring our great country.

I have worked in the Childcare Industry for the last 12 years. I bring a load of knowledge with me whilst spending time at The Cubby House, Colac as room leader of the nursery for 2 years and 4 years in toddler and pre kinder rooms. I then worked at Wydina Early Learning Centre as Room Coordinator for 6 years, working with mixed age/family grouped care and providing and running a 3 year program.

Important Information:

For casual booking for daycare can you please notify me or Sarah in the office no later than 7 am on the day of the required care and any bookings for OHSC need to be booked before 12 noon on that day. Please understand time is needed as required due to travel, we understand there are emergencies and will do our best to accommodate you.

I will endeavour to reply to all calls with a text or call back before care is required. After 9pm please leave a text message. Please call Sarah (5236 6393) or myself (0427 366 393) for bookings for Daycare and OSHC.

I'm looking forward to being a big part of your child's learning, development and care over the next year, building relationships with you and your child. I am happy to discuss your child's needs at an organised time to suit all. Cheers Vicki

WELLBEING WORKER NEWS

A friendly note to remind parents that our Wellbeing Worker, Kerryn Gambino, is currently visiting our school in 2016 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am—2.30pm. Kerryn is presently helping our teachers, working with students to promote a happy and safe environment for all. Kerryn is available to all students and parents who wish to join her for a chat.

FORRESTER & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PROGRAM FEBRUARY 2016

**COMING UP**
- MONDAY 2 FEB 7PM CFA Bushfire Planning
- FRIDAY 5 FEB 10-12noon Diploma/Cert IV Visual Arts Enrolment
- EASTER MARKET - book a stall now

**ACTIVITIES AT THE FORRESTER HALL**

- **FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH (EM)**
  - Mind Games 11am-12noon. $2
  - Community Lunch 12.30-2pm $6

- **TUESDAY CO-OP exercise returns Feb16**

- **WEDNESDAY Tai Chi 6.30-8pm**

- **THURSDAY Gentle Exercise 10-11am.**

- **LAST SUNDAY** Pizza & Jam 3-6pm.

For info & bookings call Gillian T: 5236 6591 E: forrest nh@gmail.com Office Hours: Mon Wed Thu 10-5
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fundraising News**

**FORREST GIANT ODYSSEY MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE**

**ROSTER**

Thankyou to everyone who has returned fundraising slips. It’s only a week and half now until the Giant Odyssey smoothie bike school fundraiser, so I have started making up the roster (see below). I **still need another person to help out in the morning shift 9am – 12pm riding bikes.** For those who are down on the roster please check your time slot etc. to see if it suits you. In next week’s school newsletter will be the final roster, please let me know of any changes before then.

Thanks.

Robyn Ferguson: Home phone no: 03-52366282, Mobile: 0439366282 Email:lucrob1@bigpond.com.au

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**Produce currently available:**
- Cooking Apples, Zucchinis, Silverbeet & a variety of herbs.
- Coming soon: Tomatoes & Corn

Donations welcome, pop in and grab your produce today!
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTS NEEDED!

The Neighbourhood House offer discounted healthy meals for the school children on Thursdays but we are in desperate need of volunteers to keep this great program going. When you drop your child's lunch order in the box, please put your name down on the roster to help—you may just be once every 6 months for 2 hours and you don’t have to know how to cook, our friendly team will show you the ropes. Thanks

Valentine’s Day Picnic

5.30pm on the river below the reservoir
Sunday February 14

Bring a rug, yummy food and someone special! Prize for most romantic picnic set-up...

We got da FUNK in FORREST SAT FEB 13 8pm

Featuring RONDO

3 piece big fat funk band with local musos @ the Forrest Hall $10

Giant Odyssey 100km
Giant Shorty 50km
Giant Rookie 30km
Giant Pioneer 10km
Giant Grommets - fun riding for (little) kids

Plus massive event festival that’s great for spectators

www.GiantOdyssey.com.au