PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT
At its June Meeting, School Council coopted Robyn Ferguson to fill the parent vacancy position. Congratulations and thanks to Robyn for offering to be part of the school council team. We hope you enjoy being involved. School Council has decided to use some of the profits from the Soup Fest to help subsidise significantly the students swimming program later in the year. More news on that later. Other matters discussed included 1) the naming of the centre, 2) school motto/logo 3) playground safety inspection, 4) fence motifs, 5) Sporting Schools Program in term 3, and 6) future fundraising plans. For more information, please seek out a school counselor for a chat.

BOOK FAIR UPDATE
It has been great to see so many students (and parents) visit the book fair in our flexible learning space already this week. Last day for the Book Fair is TOMORROW for 30 mins before and after school.

LAPTOP OFFER REPORT
The response to our Laptops offer has surpassed expectations. Expressions of Interest for the ‘unwanted’ ASUS Notebooks has exceeded supply. There will be the need to carry out a ballot on Friday. Interested persons will be notified of the ballot result on Monday.

HALF YEAR REPORTS PLAN
Teachers have been working hard in preparing half year student reports. We are now at the editing and reviewing stage, before printing them. All our students should be proud of their achievements so far this year. Their efforts have been rewarded with an excellent report. Reports will be printed off, signed and sent home by mail next week.

THREE WAY CONFERENCE REPLIES REMINDERS
Thanks to the high number of family replies to our 3 Way Conferences planned for Wed July 22nd. Appointment times will be forwarded home with student reports next week. If you are unable to make a conference time on the 22nd still return the reply form please with a preferred date and teachers will endeavor to accommodate your request.

CAMP WISHES
Our Senior Students head off with Craig and Kerryn on Monday to the Melbourne Discovery Camp. Lots of exciting and educational experiences are in store over the three days. Forrest students are meeting Craig at the Birregurra Railway station at 7.10am. I am looking forward to visiting the camp on Tuesday and being a part of the City Exploration and Melbourne Gaol experiences. I am hoping not to get “locked” up! Children will return to Birregurra Railway Station at 3.21pm on Wednesday 24th June. Parents need to make their own arrangements should any children be returning to the school to attend the after school care program.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
Congratulations to our determined and very fit cross country runners Maddy, Alicia, Joe and Luke on their regional achievements in Warrnambool last Friday. They all performed PB’s and gave it a RED HOT GO! Maddy is heading to the next level of competition (state titles) in Melbourne in July after finishing 4th.

Hope you are finding plenty to do as the daylight hours shorten!

Go Cats!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
15—19th — Book Fair
19th — Pre School Meeting @ 2.15pm
19th — Last Orienteering SSP session
22-24 — Melb Camp Grs 3—6
25th — Arts Performance @ COPACC
26th — Last Day of term 2. 2.30 finish

JULY
13th — First Day of term 3
14th — Earth Ed Incursion for Gr 3—6
20th — School Council Meeting @ 6.30
21st — Earth Ed Incursion for Gr 3—6
22nd — 3 Way Conferences with tchrs
29th — Nude Food Day

AUGUST
10—21 — Dental Van Visit
17th — School Council Meeting @ 6.30
As the end of Term 2 draws nearer it has been wonderful to reflect on the progress the students have made over the semester. It’s those, ‘I get it now’ moments, when the penny finally drops, that makes teaching so rewarding.

Junior Writers
Many recounts have been written over the semester and the students are now very familiar with the genre – commencing their writing by considering ‘Who, What, When, Where, Why and How’ as they plan and then start writing. This week we have moved onto narratives. The seed I have sown is that one of their toys has decided that life in the toy box is rather boring and so they have snuck into their owner’s school bag ready for an adventure. Some students remembered to bring toys from home and for others we borrowed soft toys from the kinder. In order to sequence their story the students have taken photos of their toy’s adventure, starting with the escape from the school bag and then onto various locations around the school yard. Where did the toy go? Who did they meet? What trouble did they get into? All will be revealed as their individual stories unfold.

Other News

Mathematics
The Preps have been busy working out how to tell o’clock times my manipulating the hands on mini analogue clocks. The Year 1 & Year 2s focus topic this week in Mathematics is Chance and Data. It’s always great fun discussing the likelihood of different events taking place and variances in terms can be quite confusing. Impossible is the easiest to understand but ‘possible’, more likely, less likely, maybe, require a greater understanding of the broader question and answers vary from student to student.

Congratulations
Apologies for omitting Matilda Pearson from last week’s congratulations, she also read for ‘100 nights plus’. William Hunt, William Standish, Cassia, Elise and Matilda all enjoyed milk shakes last Friday to celebrate their achievement.

Congratulations also to our Magic Words certificate recipients this week: Jordi Roberts – Blue words, Cassia 100 Magic Words certificate and her Pink Words and William Standish for correctly spelling his Purple Words.

Miss Mac
Junior room teacher

Helping Hands
Kai for volunteering to be it in a game of tag.
Bryanna for helping clean up the flying pop corn.
JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Ella Welsh-Mayhew. She has done an excellent job focussing on her Maths work. She has an enthusiastic approach and keenly helped others. A wonderful effort!

SENIOR ROOM: Maddy Seebeck, Joe Broomfield, Luke Menzies and Alicia Pain for their hard work preparing for, and their wonderful achievements representing our school at the Regional Cross Country event.

A Stuck Life

Once upon a time there was a guy called Mr. Linkenlouch. Now Mr Linkenlouch enjoyed his life but there was one downside to it, he couldn’t move! I’ll give you some clues. He was stuck to the ground, he was next to a footpath and he was made of metal. You guessed it, he was a pole! He had a crocheted face and crocheted clothes, but when the people had nearly finished his eye, the bell rang for lunch break. Mr Linkenlouch had waited and waited but they never came back. So he ended up here on the side of the Grant Street with half an eye. As much as he liked this spot, Mr Linkenlouch had always wanted to move, to go places. And this is where it all started.

One day Mr Linkenlouch was watching a bird freely fluttering around, something he longed to be able to do. Then along came a person walking down the path. She wasn’t like the other people that walked this path. She was wearing a big hat covered in stars and black robes. She tripped on a stone and a bottle fell out of her pocket. It smashed on the ground. "Blasted potion," she muttered and walked away. Some of the ‘potion’ trickled on to Mr Linkenlouch, this annoyed him a little. By now it was getting very late. "Oh well, it’ll wash off," thought Mr Linkenlouch and he went to sleep.

The next morning he woke up and did his normal body check. "Head? Check! Nose? Check! Mouth? Check! Eye and a half? Check! Arms and legs? Check!" "Wait, arms and legs!? "Hey bird." He yelled. The bird turned around. "Yeah you," called Mr Linkenlouch, "Come over here and peck me!" The bird came over and pecked him. It hurt a bit, but that was what he wanted. He expected the arms and legs to disappear and he would snap out of it but the legs and arms were still there. Then he remembered about the woman who had dropped the potion on to him yesterday, perhaps it was magic.

Anyway, he had an adventure awaiting him.

Nobody knows where he went on his adventure. There have even been sightings of him. He comes back every year. If you come back to his spot at the right time, you may even see him again. Some people say he looks different, but you and I know, he’s got arms and legs now!

By Kohima Sprunt Age 8, Grade 3
SCIENCE ROOM NEWS

Junior Room: Bend it! Stretch it!

The Junior Room are now in the Elaborate stage of their Inquiry unit. The students have become familiar with what a physical change is and touched on what is a chemical change. Today the students have undertaken a guided investigation about the effect of the dryness of the playdough upon actions such as squashing, bending, rolling and stretching. The students made two claims with evidence.

Claim 2: The longer the playdough is left out of its container the harder it is to change its shape.

Claim 3: Playdough gets cracks in it when it is left out of its container.

Senior Room:

In the Explain stage the Senior Room students made excellent progress in coming up with descriptions of what is a solid, liquid and gas? Here are some samples of their group word. Fantastic work!
After another week with a very small group, hopefully this week will be back to normal. The children who attended had a fun week full of experiences and learning. The photographer came on Wednesday and it all went smoothly. The group shoot was taken outdoors and the portraits indoors.

Bimo came to us on Wednesday, and this time he taught the children the Indonesian words for different animals. He also showed them where Indonesia is on the globe.

On Thursday we had our second session with five of the Junior children. The focus was again on healthy eating. We started by playing a Food-group Lotto, then we played a group game called Fruit Salad. This was followed by a story, ‘Hannah’s Surprise’, and then we moved into the Art Room for an activity of drawing favourite foods on a paper plate.

This week we also had the Dentist from Colac Dental Health visiting. It didn’t take very long with only two children being examined. Next time the children will be going to the Dental Van when it comes to Forrest in August.

As many of you already know, I’m off to Sweden (and Germany) to see family and friends. I’ve taken the first four weeks off next term and Denise Mitchell will relieve for me. Denise is a Primary School Teacher with a lot of experience under her belt. She also happens to be Stanley’s Grandmother. I’m sure the children will have fun and learn a lot from Denise. They will also benefit from the opportunity of getting to know another teacher.

**Bush Program ‘Open Morning’, Friday 19/6, 10:00-11:00.**

The Pre-school Committee has organised an Open Morning to promote Forrest Early Learning Centre and the school. Please let family and friends know, and of course dress appropriately.

RSVP to Sarah Schuhmann on 5236 6125.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

**Dates to remember**

- Fri 19/6 10:00AM  Open morning – Bush Program
- Fri 19/6 2:15 PM  Committee Meeting - CANCELLED
- Fri 26/6  Last day of Term II.
# 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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

OTWAY DERBY DOLLS
COLAC KIDS ROLLER DISCO
Friday 19th June 2015,
South West Family Church,
516 Murray St Colac
9:30pm to 7:30pm
$5 entry includes skate hire

The Otway Derby Dolls are hosting another fab Roller Disco. Kids are welcome to bring their own skates or blades or we have skates available, first in best dressed. Parents are asked to stay for the duration of the disco. Hotdogs, tea, coffee and some yummy homemade nibbles are available for sale. There’s a stall for the kids to spend some pocket money on as well as prizes and giveaways.

Guest appearance by the Otway Panther - Scratchy!!!

Email enquiries to otwayderbydolls@gmail.com or find us on Facebook “Otway Derby Dolls” for more details

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE
5.30-7.30PM
KIDS ROLLER DISCO

THE OTWAY DERBY DOLLS ARE HOSTING ANOTHER FABULOUS ROLLER DISCO. WE HAVE SKATES AVAILABLE OR KIDS CAN BRING THEIR OWN SKATES OR BLADES AND ROCK OUT TO SOME AWESOME TUNES. WE WILL HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES, GAMES, LOLLY BAGS AND SOME FOOD AVAILABLE.

GUEST APPEARANCE BY OTWAY PANThER - SCRATCHY!!!

$5 ENTRY (INCLuDES SKATE HIRE)

COLAC
SOUTHWEST CHURCH
516 MURRAY ST, COLAC

email: otwayderbydolls@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

All parents will receive an updated invoice for their school account in the upcoming week. Please ensure payment of these accounts is prompt. The school office is open Monday—Thursday and payments can be paid in cash, by cheque, by BPAY or direct credit to the school’s account. Instalment plans are encouraged if your invoice has accumulated and you would prefer to pay it off in manageable amounts.

Thanks, Leanne & Sarah

TOTALLY SPORT
LIVE. LOVE. SPORT.

Totally Sport is back this July holidays!!
A full day total sport program for kids in Grades 2 - 6 at the Colac Indoor Tennis & Sports Centre

Delivered by experienced, qualified coaches the program suits all abilities and includes Indoor Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Tennis, Carpet Bowls and much more...

For more information contact Brooke at
Leisure Network 5324 9977 or
brooke@leisurenetworks.org

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW
DATE	Thursday July 2 2015
WHERE	Colac Indoor Tennis & Sports Centre
TIME	9:00 – 3:30pm each day
LUNCH	$5 for a healthy lunch
BEVERAGES	Morning and afternoon tea supplied
BOOK ONLINE	http://www.otwaybooking.com/14601
COST	$50 per day
Must register before June 26th

Note: Spots are limited to 50 children
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraising News

The final figures are nearly in and it appears we made a profit of just under $2500 from the Forrest Soupfest. This is a remarkable effort, and is a reward for all the hard work that went into volunteering for the event. At our last school council meeting it was discussed how this money would be best spent so as all students and children in the Forrest Learning Centre would benefit. Subsequently, the funds will subsidise a larger portion (almost two thirds) of the cost of the school swimming program that is planned for later in the year for all students and remaining funds will contribute to items/improvements purchased/made recently in the Early Learning Centre.

A fantastic outcome for all!

Thank you
Sarah Lane

Special School Council Report

In light of Tara Hulonce’s resignation, School Council is currently working closely with DET (Department of Education and Training) undertaking a recruitment process, identifying and employing a Principal at Forrest Primary School for a term of five years. This is an exciting time as it will allow for some consistency and stability in the leadership position at our centre.

If any parents have any concerns or wish to discuss this process further, please contact our School Council President, Kim Coulter on 0409 582 020.

FORREST & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PROGRAM JUNE 2015

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE FORREST HALL (unless indicated otherwise)

MONDAY Yoga & Meditation 6-7.30pm $15
BINGO 1-3pm. $5 (first Monday of the month)
TUESDAY COS Fitness Class 11am $3
WEDNESDAY Tai Chi 6.30-8pm $15
NEW HOY 1-3pm. $5 (3rd Wed of the month)
YOUTH GROUP IS BACK DATES TBA

THURSDAY Gentle Exercise & 10-11am.
Mind Games 11-12noon. $2
Community Lunch 12.30-2pm $6
FRIDAY Diploma/Cert IV Visual Arts
10am-5pm. (enrol NOW for 2nd Semester)
LAST SUNDAY of the month (MAY 31)
Music Jam & Pizza 5pm on $2

COMING UP
MAKING PIZZA
WED 3 JUNE 4-6pm
Learn to make a delicious base, take one home FREE and help our SoupFest fundraiser
CELEBRATE FORREST HOUSE INC
FRI 12 JUNE 6-8PM nibbles & drinks
THE GLOW SHOW WORKSHOP
SAT 13 JUNE 10-4PM

For info contact Gillian Brew T: 5236 6691 forrest nh@gmail.com Office Hours: Mon, Wed & Thur 10-5pm