PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
HELP SHAPE THE EDUCATION STATE
The Victorian Government has launched the Education State consultation – a state-
wide conversation on what we need to do to make Victoria the Education State. As
part of the consultation, we want to hear your ideas, experiences and aspirations for
Victoria as the Education State. The vision for the Education State is about more than
the education system – it’s about putting education at the forefront of everything we
do. Education influences every part of our society and improving education has bene-
fits for all of us at every stage of life. We want to hear from students, parents and
carers, teachers, trainers, businesses, local government, education providers, com-

munities and anyone with a passion for education. This is an opportunity to have your
say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in years to
come. To have your say, head to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au and join in the
online conversation or register to attend one of the roundtables running across the
state throughout June and July.

CAMP REPORT
It was a pleasurable experience yesterday to join our twenty students on their Mel-
bourne Discovery Camp. Whilst with them, we visited Old Melbourne Gaol, Lane-
ways Street Art and the Eureka Sky Deck. The group of sixty appeared to be enjoying
each other’s company and making it an enjoyable experience for all (including the
teachers). Special thanks to Craig and Kerryn for attending the camp and thanks to all
parents for supporting the camp too. Hearing our students cheering as the train ar-
rived at the Birre Railway Station on Monday was pretty unique, don’t you think?

ARTS PERFORMANCE REMINDER
Our Arts Performance at COPACC to see Dahl’s Revolting Rhymes is on tomorrow.
Bus leaves Forrest promptly at 8.45am. Students can arrive at school at/near 8.30am
please. Our school bus will be running 10 minutes earlier than usual too.

HOLIDAY PAINTING
The second stage of our centre improvement plan will take place during the upcom-
ing school holidays. The interior of our Junior Room will be painted. A few volun-
teers are required to help with the preparation of the room on THURSDAY
(TOMORROW) from 2.30 pm until 3.30 pm. If you can help and give a hand it will
be greatly appreciated. Ms Mac’s plan is to shift books, equipment and furniture over
to the main school building if possible.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Our attendance results continue to be a focus this year as “it’s not ok to be away”.
Congratulations to Kai Broomfield, Maddy Seebeck, Sophie Lane, Bryanna Crabbe
and Ella Welch – Mayhew who have 100% attendance for the year so far. This is a
fantastic achievement. During term 2 we had 17 students who attended for all of
April and May, this is also a pleasing result.

SPORTING SCHOOLS TERM 3 NEWS (After Schools Program)
Aussie Footy with James Sprunt on Mondays beginning July 27th and Badminton Fun
with Jo Cook on Tuesdays beginning July 28th. Forms out after the holidays.

HOLIDAY WISHES
As term 2 draws to an end at 2.30pm on Friday, I would like to thank our school
community – students, parents, teachers and community members for
the fabulous support of our centre. I wish you a happy and restful holiday
break and look forward to working with you again in term 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS
JUNE
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 Excursion for Gr 3– 6
22nd — 3 Way Conferences with tchr
27th — SS Program AFL Footy begins
28th — SS Program–Badminton begins
29th — Nude Food Day

AUGUST
10—21 — Dental Van Visit
17th — School Council Meeting @ 6.30
The Junior room students have been making the most of having the whole school to themselves, and doing a wonderful job taking on extra duties.

This Week
As part of our ‘Jobs People In Our Community Do’ project, we had the pleasure of listening to the Antarctic adventures of Allan Winter. Before his talk the students’ brain-stormed all their ideas about the Antarctic. Allan confirmed some of our assumptions and cleared up many misconceptions. I don’t know who enjoys these presentations more, students or the teacher. Needless to say he left us all far better informed but not many of the students will be applying for jobs there in the future – something to do with the weather turned them off?

Junior Reporters

Antarctica

Yesterday Allan Winter told us about Antarctica.

I learnt that Allan got to Antarctica on a ship. He was a cook and cooked lunches and dinners.

I knew that there were penguins and seals in Antarctica.

I would like to go to Antarctica because my favourite animals are there.

By Bryanna 23rd June 2015

Antarctica

On Monday the 22th of June, Allan Winter came to the Junior room to tell us about his job in Antarctica.

I learnt that they can get there by plane. It takes 3 weeks by ship and there is not much space where you live. The coldest temperature was -31, there are lots of icebergs and they use to have dog sleds.

The jobs are scientists, builders, cooks and doctors. The animals are seals, fish, whales and penguins.

I would like to go to Antarctica to earn money and discover new animals.

By William Standish 23/6/15

Other News

Narratives
Writing work continues with the students’ ‘Toy Adventure’ narratives gradually unfolding. They hope to have them finished by the end of the term.

Mathematics
This week we have been having some fun with ‘Location’. The students practised writing directions to hidden objects in the classroom and, after refining their understanding of left and right, up and down, forward and backwards, extended their directions to outside locations. Pairs of students wrote directions for others to follow in order to find ‘treasure’. There were a few problems, mainly to do with the size of steps. Next time we will incorporate the use of formal measurements. All students needed an understanding of left and right and counting to arrive at their final destination. With the occasional intervention of the ‘direction writers’ all of the treasure was found.

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following students for completing their Magic Words level
Reuben Freddi – Orange words, Bryanna Crabbe – Violet words, William Standish – Aqua words, Luca Sprunt – Violet words, First 100 words and Pink words.

Enjoy the holidays and see you all next term on the 22nd for 3 way conferences if not before!
Miss Mac
Junior room teacher
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Mr Donahoo and his class will have lots of news to report when they return from the Urban School Camp—Stay Tuned!

SCIENCE ROOM NEWS

Today The Junior Room students worked in the Evaluate phase of their Inquiry unit, Bend it! Stretch it! In the final phase the students did a fantastic job reflecting on what they have learned about physical changes to objects. There was some excellent discussion about how everyday materials like plasticine can be changed in a variety of ways. They represented their growing knowledge by making a plasticine animal and describing how they changed the shape of the plasticine to make their animal.

JUNIOR ROOM: Henry Seebeck—Henry has enthusiastically taken on extra responsibilities this week as well as concentrating in class in order to complete his work. His amazing effort has produced some fantastic writing. Well-done Henry!

SENIOR ROOM: Luke Menzies for his excellent but respectful bartering at Vic Market while on camp.
Last week, the children and I planted native tussock grasses in the playground. The children helped to put the plants in the holes, and to get mulch from behind the Juniors’ classroom in the big wheelbarrow. There were plenty of thick juicy worms in the soil which made the whole experience even more interesting for the children. We still have some plants left, so we will be doing more planting this week. With a bit of luck the grasses will grow up nicely and make the playground more attractive and exciting. In addition to the grasses, a Wattle tree has been transplanted from the big playground to us. The aim is to have a tree that will give as some shade in the future.

Besides planting and playing, this last week of the term will be fairly busy, starting with Indonesian with Bimo on Wednesday, and a visit from Denise. On Thursday we’ll do an activity with five of the Junior children and if the weather permits, there will be a fire for damper making on Friday during Forrest Kids Go Bush. Friday is also the last day for Jordi as he’ll be changing schools when Teresa and her family move to Colac.

This week’s focus will be on numbers and quantity.

**Welcome to Denise Mitchell next term.** 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 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. I’ll be back teaching on Wednesday 12/8.

**HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY.**

Lena Collopy  
Pre-school Teacher

**Dates to remember**

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**SUPER SCIENCE FACT**

Emus and Kangaroos cannot walk backwards
### 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
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big thank **you** to everybody who came to our bookfair and purchased Books and supplies with your help we raised $623.00 which helped us to purchase some new books for the school. We have some terrific new picture story books for the juniors, some new fiction for the seniors and some non-fiction with heaps of great facts and information in them.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraising News

The Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker campaign officially starts after the school holidays—Stay tuned for further info then...

To all parents,

Just a note to keep Sunday October 11th 2015 free for the Forrest Primary Choir Performance at the Birregurra Festival.

More details to follow in Term 3...

Tim will be here on Friday 26th June to take guitar lessons for those that missed lessons on Tuesday 23rd June, please bring your instrument on Friday!
wine & cheese

and gourmet delights, come join us for a cosy winter’s night!

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