**FORREST LEARNING CENTRE NEWS**

**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

THREE WAY CONFERENCE DATE SET

Teachers are currently busy completing half year student reports. Reports will be distributed by post on/near June 22nd. The Parent Teacher Interviews will take on a different format in 2015. They will be called Three Way Conferences, with the students along with parents and class teachers, being involved. The conferences will be 20 minutes in duration and will involve discussions about student progress, areas for further work, and how both parents and teachers are going to support the students in their next stage of learning. Three Way Conferences will be held on WEDNESDAY JULY 22nd from 9am until 6pm. Please mark this date in your busy diary and look out for an interview proforma to complete with your preferred times. Lessons for all students WILL BE operating on this day. If parents are unable to attend on this day, class teachers will endeavor to make other arrangements.

SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

Our School photos are planned for next Wednesday June 10th. Children are reminded to 1. bring their photo envelope (if you haven’t already done so), 2. be in school uniform and 3. bring along a happy smile!

ARTS PERFORMANCE @ COPACC

Forrest Primary School students will be attending the seriously funny and frighteningly silly, Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhymes & Dirty Beasts performance at COPACC on Thursday JUNE 25th. Bus leaves the school at 8.45am. More details to be found in excursion permission form sent home tomorrow (Thursday). We apologise for the clash of school related events happening in June (camp, photos, excursion). The late date change of camp was out of our control. The school is happy for you to undertake a payment plan if necessary, please contact the school office staff or myself to discuss further.

JIM’S VISIT

We had a fun, inspirational visit from Jim Asimakopoulos yesterday. He spoke to all our students about all the things he can do. Jim had a very simple message. The most important thing is to remember to “keep on moving forward” no matter how you do it, whether it be in a wheelchair or not. Jim hopes to revisit Forrest Learning Centre some time in the future.

WINTER BLUES OR IS IT?

With winter just beginning and having had a few cold and rainy days to deal with already, changes in weather patterns often influence our exercise routines, levels of motivation and the types and quantities of food we eat. This is not unusual and can be a positive thing. It is an ideal time to try some new forms of physical activity, experiment with different foods and an opportunity to involve yourself in new hobbies or interests e.g. bush walking, that might raise your motivation levels. The main thing is to remain both physically and mentally active, eat healthily and set aside a time to do things with your partner and children (e.g. Game of UNO) even though the days are shorter. Before you know it, it will be that time of year again when you are swatting flies and wishing you had an AC in your home!

SOUP FEST

I am looking forward to my very FIRST Soup Fest on Sunday. The planning team has been very busy in making sure this year’s SoupFest is the best yet. Thanks to the many, many volunteers who have offered to assist with our centre’s two fundraising efforts. Thanks for your wonderful support. Here’s hoping it’s a fine winter’s day!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNE**

5th — World Environment Day Celeb’n
7th — Forrest Soupfest
8th — Queen’s Birthday Holiday
9th — Last Yoga SSP session for term 2
10th — School Photos
15th — School Council Meeting @ 6.30
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
21st — Earth Ed Incursion for Gr 3—6
22nd — 3 Way Conferences with tchers
**Junior Room News**

The Junior room students are very keen to have their writing published. They have been writing about our visiting speakers as part of our ‘Jobs people in our community do’ unit of work, recounts of their activities and the books we have been reading in class, with a particular focus on character traits. More writers next week ....

**Junior Writers**

**Gillian the Graphic Designer**
On Monday the 25th of May Gillian came to our school and told us about her job. I love how the signs are made. She finds the type of writing she wants to use at the computer and then she puts the letters together to make the sign. She uses pictures and words to make magazines. The Otway life magazine is designed by Gillian.
By Cassia Jones- Vermeend – Reporter

**Pig the Pug**
Our class has been reading Pig the Pug and Pig the Fibber. I like Pig the pug because he is funny, mean, he has stinky farts, he is naughty and he is messy. I liked it when the pink bowling ball fell on his head.
By Bryanna Crabbe – Character study

**All About My Calf**
On Sunday the house was cool and calm but then Dad went outside and he put the cows in the yard, and put one of the cows in the crusher because it was having a calf. A few years later it was 7 months old. Then I rode him. His name is Jesus.
By Luca Sprunt – Personal Recount

**Other News**

**Sound waves** – The prep students have finished their work on Exploring Sounds and are now working on Discovering Graphemes. Last week they worked on ‘a & m’ and this week, ‘t & s’. Each week they are making a simple take home reader which focuses on these letters. The Year 1 & 2 students are working on the combinations of graphemes that make the sound ‘e’ in words.

**Maths** – Our focus unit this week is 3D shapes. The students have been discovering 3D shapes in the environment and observing which shapes are easier to roll, pack and stack. They have also started creating some shapes from 3D nets – a flattened version of the shape which has to be cut and constructed.

**Language** – I am always keen to expand the students’ vocabulary of words. The past week we have been trying to incorporate the use of observed, observing and observation.

**Reminders**
I know I repeat this reminder nearly every week but I hate seeing the disappointed face of a student who doesn’t have a jacket and is hoping that their parent can deliver one in time for them to participate.

Miss Mac
Junior room teacher

**Helping Hands**

Cassia for helping pack up the equipment from Forrest Kids Go Bush.
Maddy S. for helping Louise put the rhythm sticks away.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Writing Portfolios

This week students have been busily completing their writing portfolios for assessment. Each student is required to create three writing pieces. A narrative, persuasive piece and a news report. Children are required to show their best understanding of each genre by creating texts with the appropriate structures, language and text features.

Additionally they need to be able to present their best grammar, spelling, handwriting and punctuation. The writing portfolios will contain their first handwritten draft, a self-edited draft in red pen, a draft published piece, an edited published piece and final piece. They may also include other materials such as brainstorm, graphic organisers and images. The portfolio will exemplify the stages of writing.

From an assessment perspective the teacher is able to assess what each child is doing during each stage of writing. As well as looking at the formal elements of writing, we are able to assess thinking processes and learning habits such as attention to detail and accuracy. The most powerful aspect of this process is the ability to sit down with children and talking with them about the processes that they followed. This enables us both to set learning goals and then to reflect on these when the next piece is published. Students are able to refer to their writing portfolios during writing activities to remind them of the areas that they need to be focussing on. Children will share their writing portfolios during our student led three way conferences in early Term 3.

Science

We are in the ‘Explain’ phase of learning in our ‘What’s the Matter’ science unit. We have been investigating the properties of liquids, gases and solids. During the explore phase, children’s investigations have been discussed and recorded. They have developed their own ideas about what constitutes a solid, liquid or gas. As we enter the ‘Explain’ phase of learning children will be presented with formal definitions. They will test these definitions on materials that they have already investigated and then compare these with the ideas that they had generated independently. This unit has been very engaging.

We have already had a couple of our students read enough books to complete the Challenge. Congratulations to them and good reading to everyone else that is having a go at the Challenge don’t forget to logon and register the books you have been reading. If you are having trouble come and see Nerrida and she will help you with the website.

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Matilda Pearson. Matilda is a very keen writer and has been working hard to include interesting words and the correct spelling of known words in her writing. Keep it up, Matilda!

SENIOR ROOM: Kai Broomfield—For demonstrating his organisation and ability to regulate his own learning. Kai is able to manage his learning tasks, focus on achieving personal learning goals and complete them on time.
SCIENCE ROOM NEWS

News from the Science Room will feature next week!

SCIENCE ROOM NEWS

It is once again time for our Bookfair. This will be held from the 15th until the 18th of June for 30 minutes before and after school each day in the senior room. Please feel free to come in and have a look at the books on offer it’s a great chance to encourage your children to get into reading or just pick up a gift for someone special.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Note from the School Office: Last week we attached a flyer about the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF). If you received the Education Maintenance Allowance last year, you may find you qualify for this assistance, please contact the School Office to obtain an application form. These forms should be lodged by 26 June 2015.

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

Hydrofluoric acid will dissolve glass.
### CHILDCARE AND OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable

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**Young family hoping to find a house to rent — Can you help?**

Ideally in Forrest or surrounding areas, 3 bedrooms, excellent references provided.

Please call Delia on 5237-9218

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A quote from the Premiers Reading Challenge Calendar by the famous scientist Albert Einstein

“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales”.

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For OSHC/AFTERNOON bookings

please call: Teresa

0419 536340

For MORNING

Childcare bookings: Caralyn

0412 953366
Thank you to Lynn for relieving for me on Thursday and Friday when I was sick. I’m sure the children had a good time with her. Lynn left a note for me saying that the children did activities with the Junior Class around Indigenous themes.

Last Wednesday, Bimo our Indonesian teacher, came to the Pre-school and taught the children the numbers 1-10 in Indonesian. The children tried really hard to pronounce the numbers the right way being very focused on Bimo’s instructions. The children also coloured in the numbers trying very hard to stay within the lines. Bimo will return soon to the Pre-School to have another fun session with the children.

Next Wednesday 10/6 is Photo Day. Please remember to bring the envelope back to school on the day.

This week’s focus will also be on Australian Indigenous culture.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

Dates to remember

Wed 10/6    School Photos.
Thu 11/6    10:00 AM    Dental Screening.
Fri 19/6    2:15 PM    Committee Meeting.
Fri 26/6    Last day of Term II.

Read more in May

This has now finished and if you want to enter yourself you can go to the Scholastic website and register or you can hand your sheets in to Nerrida before the end of next week and she will do the entry for you.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Otway Derby Dolls
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 - SCRATCH-YA!
$5 ENTRY (INCLUDES SKATE HIRE)
COLAC
SOUTHWEST CHURCH
516 MURRAY ST, COLAC
email: otwayderbydolls@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

OCR FM Community Radio proudly presents a
SPICKS and SPECKS themed
Music Trivia and Games Night
AT COLAC RSL
SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
FROM 7.30PM
Music themed trivia, games and competitions. Plus raffle with donations from local businesses. $10 per person - maximum 8 on a table. Bring your own nibbles. Drinks available at bar prices. You can pre-book dinner through RSL.
Booking Essential
52 321 991 or email admin@ocrfm.org.au
(Pick up tickets at the door).
For more info visit www.ocrfm.org.au.

TOTAL SPORT
LIVE. LOVE. SPORT.

Glow Show Parade
Melba Gully
Friday June 19
From 4:30pm
Fundraising News

It’s here!!!! The Forrest Soupfest is this weekend and promises to be a great event, providing plenty of opportunity for our learning centre to fundraise.

Please find below; the final roster for the day, noting that some times have changed (hope that is ok!) If you are volunteering for the slice stall or Devonshire tea stall, please present to the hall kitchen just before your time slot & I will show you where you will be and what you will be doing.

We will be assessing the condition of the school oval on Saturday 6th June after the rain this week, to determine whether car parking will be going ahead & everyone will be advised of the outcome on the Saturday. If you are doing a car park duty, please meet at the gate entrance to the grounds on the Colac-Forrest Road just before your time slot. I will endeavor to meet the first group at 9am and then they will need to hand over to the next group at the subsequent time slots.

Thank you to everyone for their donations—we should make a tidy fundraising profit on Sunday and have fun doing it!!!!

If you are not volunteering, come on down to the Forrest Soupfest and support the school by buying a plate of yummy slices or treating yourself to a Devonshire tea or coffee. There will be lots of free entertainment for children as well as lots of delicious soup to warm you up, it should be a great family day out.

See you all there........

Sarah Lane 0421 103 042 5236-6172

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The Lions Club of Forrest & District invites you to the 10th annual FORREST SOUPFEST

HEARTWARMING WINTER FESTIVAL IN THE OTWAYS

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2015 10 AM - 5 PM

Come along and enjoy tasty homemade Soups, BBQ, Woodfired Pizza, Devonshire Tea and Coffee and other handmade local delights!

YOU CAN ENTER COMPETITIONS FOR THE BEST:
• Homemade soups • Conserves • Sauces • Pickles & Relishes
• Homebrew Beer & Wines • Largest Vegetables (any kind!)

THERE WILL ALSO BE:
Market Stalls, Live Music & Entertainment, Small Animal Farm and much more!

COOKS AND GARDENERS ENTER & WIN!

For more information and competition entry forms call 03 52366322 or email: forrestsoupfest@gmail.com
Friday 5th June
BAKE OFF!!!

Meet @ the hall 5pm or drop in any time between 5pm—8pm

Movies screening in the hall for the kids

Bring your enthusiasm & be ready to crush over 60 packets of biscuits, juice lots of lemons, chop tons of Mars Bars, roll tons of rumballs, bake countless honey joys, lick open tin after tin of condensed milk… & that’s before we’ve made over 200 labels to tie to our cellophane bags!

Bring any baking utensils you think may be of use—bowls, baking trays, wooden spoons, spatulas etc

Drinks & Nibbles will be on hand too.

All Welcome!!