4TH MARCH 2015

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

It is always great to see our parents visiting the Learning Centre to pick up or drop off children. On Monday on three different occasions we had parents spend additional time with us. We had two parent helpers join Kristin in the Junior Room, a parent join us at 9 am for assembly and finally Andrew Broomfield gave an engaging bee keeping talk to all our students.

The Clean Up Schools Event saw students, teachers and parents join in a mini “emu bob” last Friday. Gloves and bags plus two brand new “claws” were the order of the day! After 30 minutes of emu bobbing, students assembles to share their discoveries. We found some interesting litter items in our school grounds. Plastic was the major item found that was our BIGGEST litter pest!

Over the weekend, students joined with parents and community members in raising money for the Relay for Life event held in Colac. More than $18,000 was raised which is a fantastic achievement. Forrest was very well represented with a large number of different ages walking. It was also so impressive to have Britt and ex-student Andrew on the front page of Monday’s Colac Herald. Well done Guys!

The “What I Want To Be” Fun Day organized by our Grade 6 students is quickly taking shape. An informative flyer was sent home on Friday. Our Preschoolers are welcome to dress up in their “super hero” outfit and join in the parade to be held at 9am. Our “banquet” will be at 11am. A small plate with “healthy” food is encouraged. Thanks for your support.

Wanted. We have a vacancy on school council. If you are interested in filling the vacant position please do not hesitate to contact a school councilor before Monday March 16th. It’s a great way to be more involved and to be a part of important decisions made for the Learning Centre. School Council meets a total of 9 times each year. Meetings are around 2 hours in length. The Centre received two nominations from Andrew Broomfield and Peter Ashton for the vacant positions on school council. Congratulations Andrew and Peter on being successfully elected back onto school council for a further 2 years.

Thanks to Grandparent Col Parrot for his maintenance tasks finished recently at the Centre. Works included the installation of a paper towel dispenser in the Junior Room’s toilet and a brace for our emergency fire hose. We are now looking forward to the goal pole replacement on the footy oval.

Next Monday March 9th is the Labour Day Public Holiday. The centre will be closed on this day.

Families are invited to participate in the Premier’s Active April program. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. You can win awesome prizes and enjoy great benefits. Join the fun and register today at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au.

Hoping you enjoy the upcoming “long” weekend!
JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

This Week

Honey!
Wow - I know it will be reported elsewhere but thanks to Andrew Broomfield for a very informative and captivating talk about bees and bee keeping. It was just amazing and I know the Junior room students were totally engaged. The finale was a taste of honey comb from the hive, a new experience for most of us. I did feel guilty knowing I was eating the life’s work of about 3 bees – 3 teaspoons of honey!

Lots of learning going on....

Reading

Still to come .... Teacher and student 1:1 reading; Reading quietly to self; Reading to a partner.

Learning Focus

Spelling

Magic Words: Preps – Golden word recognition. Years 1 & 2 - 8 words per week today, (commencing from where they left off last year).

Maths: Focus - Time

Friday
Friday is going to be busy. Normally the children come to school dressed for Forrest Kids Go Bush. This week is the ‘What I want to be’ day and the parade of costume dressed children will be first thing in the morning. Please send along a change of clothes (overalls if it’s not too hot) for FKGB and I will help them get in and out of costumes, FKGB clothes, school clothes and back into costumes for the afternoon activities.

Thanks
Thanks to Angela, Rose and Robyn for helping out in the classroom. I am now able to get a roster together so that helpers can assist on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. More helpers always welcome.

Miss Mac
Junior room teacher

Helping Hands

Kye Tung for helping Leanne unpack her car for our BBQ night.
Reuben for helping to make sure his table remains tidy for his fellow students and himself
Senior Room

By Kayla Forssman (Year 6) with Craig’s help.
In Science we have been studying pollination. This week we went outside to study flowers and tried to work out what attract insects to them. We watched bees moving from flower to flower, they were pollinating. We think that flowers attract bees and other insects because of their colours, their shape and size and the smell of the nectar.

On Wednesday during our library class we studied interesting information about the CFA. They have a new Website and Mrs Drummond asked us to try it out. We did some research on Black Saturday and Ash Wednesday.

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) - check out the new website, its great!

On Monday Andrew Broomfield came to the school. He is an apiarist, which is someone who keeps honey bees and collects honey. We learned a lot of really interesting facts about Bees and Honey, here are a few:

- Bees produce honey as a food store when there are no flowers, or if it is too cold to leave the hive.
- Honey is antiseptic and can be used on sores.
- Bees collect and store pollen to feed baby bees.
- Queen bees get chosen and are fed ‘Royal Jelly’ which transforms their body to make them bigger and they can lay eggs.
- Bees produce the wax in their bodies and this is used to make the wax honey cone.
- Different flowers from different trees and bushes make different types of honey.
- We have about 2000-3000 native bee species in Australia.
- The climate affects the quantity of the nectar produced by flowers.

Andrew bought in an example of a man-made bee hive used by bee keepers. The bottom box is the hive with the queen bee, eggs, babies and stores of honey and pollen. The top boxes are for producing honey for human use. The queen bee can’t get into the top boxes. Andrew also showed us protective Bee Keepers suits and we found out that Joe and Kai also had their own suits.

At the end of Andrew’s visit we all got to taste some fresh honey still in the honey cone. It was really sweet and delicious, we chewed the wax and had to spit it out. It was a really interesting and everyone in our school learned a lot. Thanks Andrew.

On Tuesday Felicity Menzies come in to help us with guided reading. She is going to come into our clas every Tuesday to work with Craig and Nerrida in our reading groups.
We did some gardening, we all pulled the weeds out of the chook pen so we can plant berry trees and some vegies for the chooks we may be planning to get.
The year 6 students have been planning the first fun day activity which is ‘Who You Want To Be Day’, which is on Friday 6th March. Children will dress up as their favourite heros.
JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Reuben Freddi. Reuben has an enthusiastic approach learning and always tries to do his personal best. He created a fantastic picture of himself as a detective including a lot of details. Excellent job!

SENIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week is Elkin Wittenberg for her active participation in all class discussions and for setting a great example as a determined and focussed student.

PRE SCHOOL NEWS

Dress-up Parade
The Pre-school children have been invited to participate in a dress-up parade with the rest of the school on Friday. The children can dress up in their favourite costume, and the parade will take place in the schoolyard at 9:00. Bush Kinder will start a bit later, following the parade. Please be on time if you want your child to participate.

Fire Safety
Can all families please send a bag of fire-safe clothes to the Centre. These clothes are going to protect your child from radiant heat in case of a bush fire. The bag should have a pair of long pants, a long-sleeved T-shirt, socks and a scarf. The material should be cotton or wool only, no synthetics. We will keep the bags in a box at the Centre, and hopefully they will never have to be used.

Colac Oral Screening Program
Tomorrow is the first visit from the Dentist. She will do a simple check of the children’s teeth and give all the parents a written report. The children usually get a small bag with a few different things in it after the examination. I will tell the children about the visit today so that they know what is going to happen. Please talk about it at home as well. Kaz will be relieving for me tomorrow as I’m doing a course in Positive Parenting.

Soft fall
We have had a delivery of new soft fall for the playground, which I’ve heard from Caralyn has been a lot of fun to play in. It will be levelled out shortly.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

DATES TO REMEMBER
Thu 5/3, 10:00 AM, Colac Dental Health visit for oral screening.

Fri 27/3, Last day of Term I
**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 he held providing weather is suitable

**Please note:** Child Care and After School Care will not be operating on Monday 9th March due to a public holiday.

**SUPER SCIENCE FACT**

Elephants have been known to remain standing after they die.
Expressions of Interest

Any children out there interested in learning to play the guitar?

Tim, our visiting musician, is more than happy to teach a few tunes but in order for the program to continue it needs your support!

Please let Darryl know ASAP of your child’s interest in learning this instrument.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraising News

I have had a few parents willing to volunteer time on Saturday 21st March.
Anyone else out there with time to spare, please consider volunteering to help
with a school fundraiser making delicious smoothies at the Otway Odyssey
mountain bike event. Please contact me if you can help.

Sarah Lane 5236-6172 0421 103 042 sjlane@swarh.vic.gov.au

Planning is underway for the annual SoupFest event, held on the long weekend in June. Keep the date free as it will
no doubt be a major fundraiser for our learning centre. Again, we will be serving up coffee, tea & scones, with the
addition this year of trays of slices. Closer to the time I will organize a ‘Bake Off’ day at the Forrest Hall and encour-
age anyone to rock up and bake some slices—More to follow….. In the meantime, if you have barista skills, let me
know—the coffee machine in the hall may be getting a few practice workouts before the event.

Freak Night Kids Disco

• Don’t let the name put you off.
• Freak Night is a spooky themed dress-up disco run by 2nd Colac Cub Scouts for kids aged 6
to 11. Come and have some fun on Friday 13th of March at the Otway Plains District Scout
Hall (Log Cabin, down behind the Police Station).
• For more information contact Kathy on 52 348 376.

Hi Forrest PS.
The Birregurra Junior Netballers invite all netballers
aged 5-12 to join us for the CDNA Friday night com-
petition. We train at Birregurra Rec Reserve and will
hold our first training session on Wed 25th March . All
Welcome.
Ages 5-7 NET SET GO program( Net Set Go will run on
Wednesday only), 9 & under, 11& under.
Please call/text Desma on 0428582393 to register
your interest before Friday 6th ( so we can organise
how many teams to enter )
Cost is $110.00 per netballer at 9 & Under and 11&
under and $50.00 per net set go ONLY .$50.00 is re-
quired Wednesday 25th and the following $60.00 by
Wednesday April 15th 2015
We hope to see you there
Desma
2nd Colac Cub Scouts proudly present the 19th Anniversary

Freak Night

Friday 13th March 2015

Kids Spooky Fancy Dress Disco & Games Night
at the Otway Plains District Log Cabin Scout Hall
(down the hill behind the Police Station)

Prizes: Best Spooky Costume, Dancing Competitions, Games, Group Dances, Spot Prizes and more!

Time Guidelines

6 - 8 year olds 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
9 - 11 year olds 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Chips & Lollies for Sale
Cordial provided Free

Sorry: No Passouts

Parents must come into hall to retrieve their children

Cost: $5 entry per child

Full Adult Supervision Provided

Parents are most welcome to stay

For more information please phone Kathy on 52 348 376