27TH MAY 2015

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER
A quick reminder that this coming Friday May 29th is a Pupil Free Day. The
school will be closed. The Preschool will still be operating however there will be
no Day Care available. Our Sporting Schools Orienteering Program will not be
operating on this day.

JIM’S VISIT
Next Tuesday, Jim Asimakopoulos will be visiting Forrest Learning Centre to talk
to both our Senior and Junior classes. Jim has Cerebral Palsy and talks to students
about all the things he can do. His talk covers many and varied topics including
awareness of his disability but also his preparedness to have a “Red Hot Go” and his
passion to always do his best. Jim is an inspirational speaker who is employed by the
department. It has been a genuine privilege to be in his company at four previous
school visits. Please find the time to talk with your child about Jim’s visit if the op-
portunity arises.

LAPTOPS
With the school’s recent ICT upgrade we have a limited number of ‘unwanted’ 15”
ASUS Notebooks in good working order, offered for sale. These units have 64 bit
with 4 gig Ram and Windows Office 7. There is strictly NO warranty on these de-
vices. $75 each with a near (6 months) new motherboard installed. Expressions of
interest are to be in writing addressed to the Principal (Darryl Harty) on/before
4pm JUNE 19th.

SOCCER CLINIC & CROSS COUNTRY REPORT
Congratulations (again) to all our wonderful Forrest students. Firstly Simon and
Louisa conducted two clinics involving the children participating in lots of fun soc-
cer activities. The coaches were very impressed with the children’s excellent atti-
dude and skill level. We also had seven students impress at the Divisional Cross
Country Event held in Colac last Friday. One student improved his performance by
12 placings from his previous cross country run twelve months earlier. This is a
fantastic result. Early indications are that we will have 2 / 3 runners from Forrest at
the Regional event held in term 3.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTION
Last Friday Kim Coulter and myself conducted a safety inspection of the playground
at our Learning Centre. We are pleased to report that almost all of the equipment
passed satisfactorily. A list of items was formulated that require minor (not urgent)
attention. This list will be taken to School Council for action later this term.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE :Camps & Excursions Fund
The Victorian Government has introduced a new fund to assist certain parents in
the payment of fees for camps and excursions. A more comprehensive explanation
of the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) has been included on a separate page
in today’s Newsletter and also outlines how eligible families can lodge applications.
The weeks are always jam packed with learning. Education week activities and visitors to our classroom, telling us about their jobs, have given the students lots to write about.

**Junior Reporters...**

**Fun Day**
On Tuesday the 19th of May the whole school made paper planes and parachutes all together in the Senior room. My partner was Kye Tung. First I made my paper plane and then he made his. After that the whole school went to the hall to fly our paper planes. The person that came first was Kai. The person that came second was Henry. William S came third. Then we all went back to the playground to see the parachutes. The winner for the slowest parachute drop by throwing it up was William Hunt. The winner for the slowest parachute drop, by dropping it from the playground tower was Luca and his time was 5.05 seconds.

By Henry Seebeck

**Dale the Policeman**
On Tuesday the 19th of May, Dale the Forrest policeman came to the Junior room to tell us about his job. He showed us how to look for fingerprints. He printed my handprint on a piece of paper. I knew he had a speed camera, and a walkie talkie and handcuffs. I learnt he went to Melbourne for training, he carries a baton and has to wear a ballistic vest.

By Matilda Pearson

**Reminders**
All students turned up to Forrest Kids Go Bush wearing overalls and appropriate footwear – a fantastic effort! Several students still need help remembering to have a jacket to protect them from the chilly and increasingly wet conditions.

Miss Mac
Junior room teacher

**Helping Hands**
Braedon for helping two Juniors do their jobs after the music had stopped.
Jaxon for helping pick up rubbish in the playground.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

NAPLAN

We have thanked and congratulated all Senior Room children upon completion of NAPLAN testing a couple of weeks ago. Although the Grades 3 & 5 students ‘formally’ undertook NAPLAN, all students participated. This year we purposefully avoided ‘teaching to the test,’ rather we focussed on developing and nurturing positive learning behaviours. These included paying attention to detail and accuracy, building confidence, reflecting on learning, thinking critically, persistence and endurance (staying focussed). I can honestly say that I was highly impressed by the way students conducted themselves during the four tests. After completion, the feedback from children was very honest and positive. Thankfully this year the writing question was a lot easier for children to address. Although it was a persuasive text, the question was framed so children could easily draw from their own funds of knowledge.

ASSESSMENT and REPORTING

With end of Term 2 rapidly approaching, most children in the Senior Room are preparing for a period of testing and Learning Portfolio preparation. This will take up only about 30%-50% of class time for the next 2-3 weeks. This week the focus is on reading. Children will complete three assessments to determine their growth in reading, their relative position in their cohort (nationally) and their AusVELS levels (curriculum standards). These tests will be spread over the week, each taking about 40-60 minutes. Additionally children will complete a vocabulary test, which will determine their growth and relative cohort score. This data is used to assist me to arrive at an AusVELS score for the purpose of summary reports. So far this week, we have seen some fantastic growth across the cohort, which is great and a relief... it’s always a relief when you can see the results of hard work!

Children are also preparing their writing portfolios, and we hope to have them completed by next Wednesday. I have to say that it is really fantastic to see children so enthusiastic about sitting tests and preparing their writing portfolios. It is fascinating to have many children asking for their results soon after testing and then insisting that they re-sit assessments if they are not happy with the scores. This week I have met with each child to develop an individual plan for Mathematics. Each child is gradually working through specific goals over the next three weeks, and have all taken personal responsibility for feeding back to me their progress and asking for assistance when required.

Melbourne Discovery Camp

Notes have gone home this week for our Camp, which will be held during the last week of the school term. As usual we will attend camp with Deans Marsh Primary School and Alvie Consolidated School. The program looks good this year, and I am sure that all children will have a great time. The camp notices have come out a little later than expected. If possible, we would like all parents to return permission notes prior to the end of this week. Payment for Camp should be made prior to week 11, and payments may be made by instalments. The school camp is an excellent opportunity to form friendships with children in neighbouring schools.

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Luca Sprunt. Luca has a fantastic attitude to learning and has been trying very hard to improve his writing. Great work Luca!

SENIOR ROOM: Jarrah Ashton for always contributing to class discussions. Jarrah thinks clearly about the topics we discuss, he asks great questions and make fantastic contributions. Thank you Jarrah!
SCIENCE ROOM NEWS

Bend it! Stretch it! Today the Junior Room students identified elastic materials and made claims about which brand of jelly snakes are the most elastic! The students worked incredibly well in their teams today and the science language used in discussion was excellent. Will you be buying Select, Natural or Homebrand snakes?

SCHOOL PHOTOS—10th JUNE

It appears some children may have mistakenly taken home the wrong envelope for the school photos, they were pre-printed with each child's name and classroom on them. Please ensure the envelope you send your child's order back with has their correct name and classroom marked on it.

Wise words from Dr. Seuss

The more you read,
The more you'll know,
The more that you learn,
## 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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<td><strong>Imagination</strong> Home corner, puppet theatre, dress-ups, cubby huts, drama, story acting</td>
<td><strong>Childcare</strong> Sound and Movement yoga, dance, action songs, music, instruments</td>
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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable
Thank you all for making the time to come for afternoon tea last Friday. The children really enjoyed it and it was also a good opportunity for parents to catch up. It was nice to see Liza and William as well. Let’s do it again next term.

Besides baking last week, the children also spent a lot of time outdoors looking for slugs and worms in the playground. They also found a number of moths sitting on the downpipe next to the water tap. On Thursday we got all of the big building blocks out of the shed and built a cubby and a dinosaur. We also had a visit from five Junior students who spent an hour with us doing Healthy Eating activities. I think everyone enjoyed the time together. On Friday we had the Bush Program in the morning, and went over to the school playground and watched the soccer clinic in the afternoon.

This week is National Reconciliation Week, so we will be paying attention to Australian Indigenous people by doing different activities. We are flying the Australian Indigenous flag this week too.

The school children are having a curriculum day on Friday, so there is no Bush Program but kinder will run as normal.

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

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

**Dates to remember**

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**SUPER SCIENCE FACT**

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTING TO COUNTRY
ABORIGINAL ARTS FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL PROGRAM 23rd–30th MAY 2015
FESTIVAL OPENING
WORKSHOPS & CEREMONY DAY
SUNDAY 24 MAY • 10AM–5PM
Spring Creek Reserve, Torquay
Festival Opening, including: Arts & Cultural Workshops, Kids Activities, Tasting Circles, Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony & Traditional Dance.
TRIBAL FUSION - LOCAL ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE, ARTIST SHOULDER MUSIC, CAMP FIRES & TIKI BAR.
ENTRY INCLUDES 5-FESTIVAL PASS & 5-DAY FAMILY PASS FREE.
BOOKINGS: www.connectingtocountry.com

3-DAY FESTIVAL PASS $25; 5-DAY FAMILY PASS FREE
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THURSDAY 28 MAY • 10AM–3PM
Plattypus Farm (our connecting focus)
Featuring Murray Utley & Thea (from Wanarre)
Kids Activities, Tasting Circles, Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony & Traditional Dance.
TRIBAL FUSION - LOCAL ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE, ARTIST SHOULDER MUSIC, CAMP FIRES & TIKI BAR.
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those children who have registered for the challenge don’t forget to log on and enter the books you have been reading since the start of the school year. While you are there check out the video of Lachlan the reading dog.

COLAC REGIONAL PARENTING FORUM THURSDAY 11 JUNE
LET’S TALK ABOUT ANXIETY AND BUIDLING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Regional Parenting Service, delivered by the City of Greater Geelong, together with Glissonbury Community Services and the Colac Otway Shire Council welcome all mums, dads and those who support them to attend our FREE Parenting Forum.

Guest Speakers: Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist and Niciy Johnston, a primary educator, an artist, mother to four boys and author and illustrator of children’s books.

REDRESS INFORMATION
THURSDAY 11 JUNE 9:30AM TO 2:00PM
(Registration opens 9:15am – 10:15am)
Geelong Guinness Public House, Corner Pop and Gippsland Street, Colac (Limited parking around Guiness Complex).
Ph: 1300 365 343

Roundtable discussions to explore issues around anxiety and resilience in children.

FREE child care (limited spots available to session participants only).

Dine in or share morning tea.

To book or for more information please call (03) 5223 4143, email rps@geelong.vic.gov.au

EVENT REGISTRATION - HUMP BY FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2015
Call: (03) 5223 4143 or email rps@geelong.vic.gov.au

If you need to cancel, please email your name, contact number, address, then you heard about this event and number of bookings.
Fundraising News

Final preparations are underway for the Soupfest and our catering efforts are shaping up! 500 Scones have been baked in readiness and ingredients for the slices are piling up (thank you EVERYONE!)

Next week I will list the volunteer roster one last time before the big event, it’s not too late if you wish to volunteer—just let me know what you can do! I am especially needing an extra volunteer for the 12-2 slot in the kitchen serving scones and am after 2 volunteers for the Friday (5th June) afternoon at 4pm to help put up the marquee tents. Thanks!

Sarah Lane 5236-6172 0421 103 042

The month of May is almost over so don’t forget if you are filling out the sheet they have to be entered by the 15th of June you can do this yourself or send the forms to Nerrida at school and she will enter them for you.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORREST

SOUPFEST

HEARTWARMING WINTER FESTIVAL IN THE OTWAYS

COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Sunday 7 June 2015 - Forrest Public Hall

All entry nomination forms, together with entry fees, to be received and delivered on day of competition by 11 am

Please see information below regarding volume of soup and other instructions regarding food safety requirements

| Pumpkin Soup - Traditional | ☐ | $5 |
| Soup - Open (eg. Minestrone, Chicken etc) | ☐ | $5 |
| Children’s Soup – Open | ☐ | $2 |
| Home Brew Beer | ☐ | $5 |
| Home made Wine (White, Red, Sparkling) | ☐ | $5 |
| Conserves (Jams, Marmalades, Jellies etc) | ☐ | $2 |
| Sauces, Relishes & Pickles | ☐ | $2 |
| Largest Vegetable of any kind | ☐ | $2 |

Soup
Your soup must be stored in a thermos, no more than 500 ml and no less than 250 ml.
List of ingredients must be attached to your entry.
Hygiene is most important and must be adhered to at all times.

Beverages & Wines
Competition open to only amateur Wine & Beer makers 18 years and over.
Each entry to be clearly labelled stating ingredients and type/style of beverage.
(ie. malt or grain beers; fruit, grape or vegetable wine)
Each entry to consist of one standard 750ml bottle or two standard 375ml bottles.

Conserves, Sauces, Relishes & Pickles
Jams, sauces, relishes and pickles to be entered in jars/bottles of 250ml or less and sealed.

- All entries must be submitted by 11.00am on day of competition (7 June, 2015)
- All entries must be clearly labelled - name and category, and ingredients listed.
- It is your responsibility to retrieve your containers at competition conclusion.

Please tick your entry above –

Name
Address
Phone Number
Fee $ 

This competition is being run by the Community of Forrest
All entries to be Edward at 66 Main St, Forrest VIC 3304
Ph: 5336 6809 Email: ForrestSoupfest@bigpond.com

[Logos and signatures]