Remembrance Day Activities
On Monday Forrest Primary shared a special video conference with students from 5 other local schools. The conference was a fantastic learning opportunity for all our students to be involved in. The theme of the conference was how to best commemorate Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. The junior students listened to the story Anzac Ted read by Lismore PS teacher Mrs Marshall and then made their very own Anzac Ted. The senior students listened to guest speaker Mr Ian Morgan who talked about why we have Remembrance Day, this was followed by a Q&A session and a writing task. Today (Wednesday) we held a Remembrance Day service at the flagpole at 11am.

Unexplained Absences
One of our priorities this year is to reduce unexplained student absences from 11.2 days in 2014 to below 9.5 days per student in 2015. We are currently at 3.8 days per student of unexplained absences which is a very pleasing result especially as we have just 5 more weeks of school left. Thanks is extended to all our parents for your excellent assistance in informing the school when your child is absent with an explanation promptly with a note, phone call or by email.

Bike Ed Update
Our Senior Students have completed four of seven planned Bike Ed sessions successfully as part of their Term 4 Physical Education program. On Monday November 23rd at 2.30pm we are proposing to ride around the streets of Forrest. Our aim is to ride from school to the police station then to the tennis courts and finally return back to school. Parents are most welcome to join us for the ride. If interested please let Craig or me know asap. Please note we will crossing the Apollo Bay Road on foot.

Sporting Schools Postponement (oops!)
Last Thursday inclement weather and a thunderstorm forecast prompted the early postponement of the tennis Sporting School Program session. This session will now be made up on Thursday December 10th. Sorry for any inconvenience.

School Council November Meeting
The November meeting of school council is planned for this coming Monday November 16th beginning at 6.30pm. Our Grade 6 leaders have been invited along to this meeting to share their JSC highlights.

Welcome Alexander
Next Monday Alexander Bignall will commence his 4 week placement at Forrest PS & EYC. He is in his 3rd year of teacher training at Ballart Catholic Education University. Please make Alexander welcome if/when you have the chance.

Personal Leave
I will be on planned leave for the remainder of this week. Craig Donahoo will be acting principal in my absence. Please forward any urgent enquiries to Craig or the office. Thanks.

Hoping you are enjoying the Spring weather!

UPCOMING EVENTS
NOVEMBER
12th — SSP : Tennis Fun (3)
16th — School Council Meeting @ 6.30
16th — SSP : Mountain Biking (5)
19th — SSP : Tennis Fun (Session 4)
23rd — Town Bike Ride (Gr 3-6 chn)
24th — SSP : Mountain Biking (Sess’n 6)
26th — SSP : Tennis Fun (Session 5)
27th — Science Trip to Ballarat (Gr P-6)
29th — Kids Mountain Biking Event
30th — SSP Mountain Biking (Last)

DECEMBER
3rd — SSP : Tennis Fun (Session 6)
9th — End of Year Celebration
10th — SSP : Tennis Fun (Last Session)
16th — End of Year Excursion TBC
17th — Class Parties
**This Week**
We’ve had an excellent week and the students certainly enjoyed having Friday off for the Colac Show public holiday. After many absences, due to sickness, our class returned to full numbers!

**Literacy**
On Monday we joined with the schools of Deans Marsh, Birregurra, Alvie and Beeac for a polycom session hosted by Lismore Primary School. To begin our Remembrance Day topic Mrs Marshall, from Lismore Primary School, read the story ‘Anzac Ted’ by Belinda Landsberry. Matilda did a wonderful job representing our class by telling the other schools what Remembrance Day was about and why it was important.

The students then decorated a paper ‘Anzac Ted’, cut it out, and connected the arms and legs to the body with split pins.

After several weeks of writing persuasive pieces, the ‘Tedgies’ became the focus for the students to create a narrative. They did a great job planning their stories and many have finished writing about the adventures of their bear. A selection of finished pieces will be published in next week’s newsletter.

**Numeracy and Science**
There has been lots of learning by doing. Completing investigations as part of our science unit ‘Water Works’ has required the students to accurately measure water. This ensured a fair test when comparing the results of run off from different ground surfaces. This week they worked in pairs and made ‘landscapes’ in the sandpit, observing a ‘downpour’ of ‘rain’ and the effect hills and valleys have on water flow. The question to be considered was how this water could be ‘caught’ and stored. Designs were altered and catchments created. Prior to this investigation the students had little knowledge of the purpose of the Barwon reservoir, presuming everyone’s water came from rain tanks. A fantastic learning experience!

**Congratulations**
Bryanna Crabbe and Luca Sprunt received their 200 Nights Reading certificates during Monday’s assembly. William Hunt passed his Magic Orange words. A superb effort by all students.

Have a great week.
Miss Mac
Junior Room Teacher

**Helping Hands**
Ella for helping pack away FKGB items even if she hadn’t played with it.
Indi for helping others in maths.
**SENIOR ROOM NEWS**

**Peace Posters**

Congratulations to every child who completed a peace poster for display last Wednesday in the Lion Club Peace Poster Competition. Although only ages 11-13 children were eligible for the competition, all children in the Senior Class were required to complete their poster as homework. We nearly got 100% participation, and we were all thoroughly impressed by the quality of works on display. We were so pleased to have so many parents and members of the Lion’s Club attend the exhibition. All of the students, teachers, Lions Club Members and parents voted for their favourite poster based on the artwork’s expression of the theme ‘Sharing Peace’ and artistic merit. Whilst we were waiting for voting to be completed and tallied, children stood up and spoke to the group about their art works.

The winner for the 11-13yrs category (eligible for the competition) was Raphael Gili (Grade 6) and for the under 11’s the winner was Alicia Pain (Grade 4). After photos and presentations, the Lions Club treated us all to a delightful morning tea. The Lions Club Peace Poster Competition has become a great tradition for us over the past few years and we hope next year can be as good as this, even better! We will be displaying the peace posters until the end of Term 4.

**Maths Homework:**

This year students have been working through mastering Maths Curriculums commensurate with their ability levels. Each student has worked at their own pace, in multiple collaborative learning groups and with the teacher as required. During terms 3 & 4 this year students have not received any specific formal homework, rather they have been and are required to complete individual mastery tasks to help them complete each concept area before the end of the year. Some students have taken up this challenge and regulated their study, but many have chosen not to. This has meant that many students have fallen well behind in their maths learning. As a result, this week all students will be asked to create a ‘plan’ that will demonstrate how they will complete all of the required concepts in mathematics. We would like parents to ask their children to show them their plan, so as they have an understanding of what homework will need to be completed this term. If all children had completed 15 minutes per night at home, then they would be well on their way to completing all concept areas.

**JUNIOR ROOM:** This week’s student of the week goes to Jaxon Kurzmann. Jaxon has a positive and enthusiastic attitude, giving everything “A Red Hot Go”. Always ready to jump into action when extra jobs need doing, he is a wonderful team player. Well Done Jaxon!

**SENIOR ROOM:** This week’s student of the week goes to Hamish Coulter for working really hard on his maths learning. Hamish is showing great persistence to help him achieve his goals. Great work Hamish!
Last Week

Last week went so quickly with only two days of pre-school. Besides having fun playing with each other, the children also had an Indonesian session with Bimo on Wednesday, and the Juniors visited on Thursday. We had Story time with the Juniors. Each of the children used a hand-puppet and acted out the story “Wombat Stew”, as I was reading it. They also had a good play outside with Stanley and Ellen’s “Chocolate Factory”. The Chocolate Factory was a tree-stump with a funnel that led to a drain which ran into a pool. The job was to get water and pour it into the funnel and then watch it run into the pool. The children had a lot of fun trying to get as much water as possible to fill the pool.

Warmer Weather

The warmer weather has arrived early this season; sometimes the mornings are still coldish but the days can get really hot. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes in their bags so they can change to shorts and a t-shirt if needed. No singlets or sleeveless tops are allowed due to the exposure of the shoulders to the sun. We usually have a long play outside before lunch, and then later in the day we might go out to feed the chickens or play in the big playground for a shorter time. If we stay out longer during the middle of the day we make sure the children have sunscreen on.

Transition to School

Three Tuesdays have been set for transition to school visits for Ellen and John: 17/11, 24/11 and 1/12. Please make sure your child can participate as this is an important part of the transition program to help you child familiarise themselves with the new classroom environment. Thanks to the Bush program, all of the children already know each other; and also know Miss Mac from meeting every Friday, which will help greatly. If you haven’t already started some independence training at home, now is a good time to help your child to become more independent. That means choosing to stop helping and letting them do things for themselves. Make sure they learn to dress themselves, and care for their clothes (not just dropping them on the floor). Show them how to pack their bags, how to close the lunchbox properly. When they come to kinder, let them be responsible for: carrying their own bag, hanging it up, getting the water-bottle out, finding their hat, and so on. The same for when you are going home. All these self-care skills take time to learn, and the only way to learn is by practising. If your child masters these skills before he/she starts school, the transition will be a lot easier.

I will soon start to write the Transition Development Statements for Ellen and John. There is also a section for parents to fill in with their child. More info soon.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

Dates to remember

Fri 4/12 Committee Meeting.
Thu 17/12 Last Day – End of the Year Celebration.

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

Shark’s teeth are literally as hard as steel.
For Child Care or Out of School Hours Care bookings please call: Caralyn 0412 953366

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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable

Fundraising News

Don’t forget to return your Educational Experience Toy Fundraising catalogue that was sent home to all parents a couple of weeks ago, some fantastic items available for purchase! Orders can be returned to the box outside the School Office.

Coming up — The Forrest Festival Kids Mountain Bike Races—Keep the date free, Sunday 29th November 2015!!!

Anyone wishing to help in any way for this event, please contact Sarah Lane on 5236-6172. Thank you.

GUITAR LESSONS

Tim Sims will be back at school offering Guitar lessons this Friday 13th November until the end of term.

Any queries regarding the guitar lessons, please give Tim a call on 0410 097 796.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CFA CAN HELP ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS**

What: Free Bushfire Planning Workshop
Plan for bushfire step by step in a small group setting
Tea and coffee provided

Where: Forrest Public Hall, 14 Grant Street, Forrest

When: 10am, Saturday 28th November 2015

For more information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/meetings or contact District 7 5240 2700.

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**Frogwood Arboretum**

**OPEN DAY**

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2015

Open between 11am – 4pm
Rain, hail or shine
Entry opposite Martans Café
12 Deans Marsh/Lorne Road, Deans Marsh (Parking in Cafe Carpark)

- Wander among the great tree species of the world
- Stroll along the track beside the rehabilitated creek
- Join in the fun and games
- BYO picnic, balls, kites etc.
- Growups vs Kids soccer match at 12:15pm
- Information Talk and Special Announcement by Arboretum Designer at 12pm (at the Henge)

All Welcome! www.frogwood.com.au

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**Gerangamete and District Landcare Group invites you to:**

**Weed and Vermin Discussion and Identification Session**

Jason from Asian Weed and Varren Control will be talking with us about options for effective weed and vermin control on properties, and helping to identify various weeds of significance and vermin.

Come and join us for an informal meeting session, followed by a walk around Lake Elizabeth and BBQ lunch.

Where: Lake Elizabeth Picnic Area, Forest

When: Sunday November 22nd 10:30am (weed and vermin information session, Lake Elizabeth walk and then BBQ lunch)

At meat, bread and salads will be provided. BYO drinks.

Families and children most welcome!

For more information call Rose 0412394353 or Rob 0438 259 351.