PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

SCHOOL CENTRE LOGO/MOTTO PLAN
In recent months, our teachers have been working with students and community members developing a school logo and motto. At last Monday’s school council meeting drafts were presented by student representatives. The drafts look great with symbolic images depicted and drawn by students endeavouring to represent our school and early years centre. The motto being considered currently is “My Thoughts, My Dreams, My Future—Learning Together/We Share”. School council now wants to hear from the wider community on what their thoughts are. Your input will be valued. Drop the school a line or send an email with your thoughts even if it is to reaffirm that we are on the right track. In the future we plan to access a local graphic artist to complete a logo for consideration.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
It is getting to the busy time of the year. Dates of events have been finalised following approval by school council and are listed below. Please mark them in your diaries/calendars for future reference.
- Tues Dec 8    Orientation Day Year 6 students / Final Kinder Transition Day
- Wed Dec 9    End of Year Celebration at Forrest Hall
- Mon Dec 14    Fun Activities at Forrest PS
- Tue Dec 15   Geelong Excursion – Whole School
- Wed Dec 16   Local excursions for both groups in/around Forrest
- Thur Dec 17  Class Parties / Pack Up / Farewells
- Fri Dec 18   No classes/ Staff Planning Day for 2016

SWIMMING UPDATE
We are still waiting on word from Bluewater Fitness (Colac Indoor Pool) about when school swimming classes will recommence. We are hopeful of having word soon. It is our aim to having swimming lessons for all our students this term.

DAY CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The school/centre is planning to conduct a Holiday Day Care program during the upcoming holidays commencing on Monday January 11th. If interested in utilising this program, please contact Caralyn on 52 366 540 or 0412 953 366.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS
At its November meeting school council discussions included the logo/motto for the school/centre, Victoria becoming the Education State, 2016 school/centre budget including fundraising, policy review plans, tree care/maintenance in the playground, and JSC operations. For more information please contact a school councillor for a more detailed update.

PARIS TRAGEDY
In regards to the disturbing events in Paris recently, we have provided advice for parents later in this newsletter. Please read and do as you see fit. At school, we have spoken briefly to students about this terrible event.

JSC NEWS
The last fun event for JSC will be a Crazy Hair / Dress Up Day to be held next Wednesday November 25th. Gold coin donation. More details later in this newsletter. Let’s put our thinking hats on! Hoping you enjoy the remainder of the week.
This Week
The students have begun completing assessments in Mathematics and Reading. They have worked hard during the year and it is wonderful to see the progress they have made. I particularly notice how organised and independent they have become. Assessments will continue over the next two weeks in preparation for report writing.

Prep Transition Days – 6 Sleeps to Go!
Tuesday November 24th – 9.00am to 11.00am
Tuesday December 1st – 9.00am to 12.00pm
Tuesday December 8th – 9.00am to 1.30pm

We can’t wait for the ‘Kinder Kids’ to come and see what life is like in the Junior Room.

Next Tuesday will begin with the Year 6 students coming into our classroom and meeting their buddies. This will be followed with a school tour and some fun activities for the Kinder students to get familiar with our classroom and their buddy. They will need a water bottle, fruit or vegetable snack for our brain break at 10.00am and a hat. Pick up is at the beginning of recess at 11.00am or the ‘students’ are welcome to stay for a play and be picked up at the end of recess – 11.30am.

Boo Boo Bear’s Adventure
Stinky and sticky, stuck in the mud! I’ll never get out of this. What can I dooooo?
I’ll take off my bowtie and put it around that tree. I will pull and pull until I get out. I am out of that stinky and sticky mud.
Aaarrt the kids are coming, nooo. I will run as fast as I can to Henry’s bag. Soon I will be home. I’ll never go there again!
By Henry Seebeck

Happy Bear’s Adventure
Happy Bear is clumsy. He fell into the mirror.
On the other side was a Palace. The Palace was pretty and it was sparkly.
He was surprised!
By Maddy Pain 12/11/15

Teddy Saves the Day
Hi I am Hutto. I’m soft and quite ragged. I am also adventurous. I got in my owners war bag.
We went to war. I thought it was going to be fun, but it was scary and horrible.
My owner was about to get shot but I saved him.
Time to go home!
By Luca Sprunt

Congratulations
The Prep students were keen to begin being tested on their Magic Words and to have spelling homework! They are being given 5 words per week, currently Red Words, and these become their focus words in class as they learn how to ‘Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check’ in order to practice their spelling.

The following Magic Words certificates were presented at last Monday’s assembly.
Golden Words - Elise, Poppy, Ella, Jaxon and Maddy
Blue Words – Maddy, Poppy and Elise
Lime Words – Bryanna Crabbie
Lemon Words and the final 200 Magic Words certificate – Luca Sprunt.

Have a splendid week.
Miss Mac Junior Room Teacher

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Luca Sprunt. Luca is to be congratulated for the effort he puts into his work, always trying to do his personal best. He also is very patient and willingly helps other students in his learning groups. Great work Luca!

SENIOR ROOM: This weeks student of the week goes to Kohima Sprunt for his fabulous writing skills. Great work Kohima!
Visit from Arrernte (Arunda) Elder

On Tuesday, Jason Freddi bought Arrernte (Arunda) elder Chris Tomlins (Peltherra) to speak with the kids in the Senior and Junior Class. Arrernte (Arunda) is a country in Central Australia (Alice Springs area). Chris lit a fire and handed each child some green eucalyptus leaves each and asked them to think of something very special before placing their leaves onto the fire. The children undertook this ceremony respectfully, and then Chris told them that their special thoughts would be spread by smoke all over the country. Children asked Chris a range of interesting and thoughtful questions. We found out a little bit about what it might feel like to be connected to country, bush tucker and caring for country. He told us that if we look after our country then it will look after us. As we knew Chris was an artist, we asked him if would like to paint something on the ‘Garden’ mural that Beccy Foster has been working on with all of the children in our centre. He was very happy to paint an image that depicted women collecting honey ants. Children crowded around as he painted, and were most interested in the story. Thank you very much to the Freddi family for asking Chris to come and speak with us, it was a very special occasion for us all!!

Welcome to Alexander Wignall

We are very happy to have Alex Wignall in our class for the next 4 weeks. He is a pre-service teacher and has come to our school because he wanted to experience a country school with a mixed age classroom. With some guidance from Craig, Alex will be taking over the management of our Science learning this term; he will run a couple of units of work and will be managing the class during weeks 9 and 10 this term. It is a great opportunity for us to share knowledge and give Alex a great experience in a small school setting.

Helping Hands

William H. for helping at the working bee.
Britt for helping with activities on World Teachers Day.
PRE SCHOOL NEWS

News from the Pre-School will be in Next Week's Edition.

SCIENCE NEWS

Science Challenge Group:

Last week we invited Lindsay Wade in to our school as part of our Survival Science Unit. Lindsay is an ‘expert’ in skinning and tanning animal skins. We had prepared some questions for Lindsay and the students did a fantastic job with keeping the well-considered questions coming! We found out that Lindsay has worked with all types of animals including a giraffe at the Werribee Zoo and a rat! Lindsay had many, many stories for us and it was fascinating to hear about how different cultures for example Japanese, North Americans have used animal skins to make clothes, shelter and tools. We also found out that the Forrest Primary School students ask the best questions in the district!

Crazy Hair/Dress Day
When: November 25th 2015
Where: Forrest Primary School
Who: The kids of Forrest Primary School and Early Years Centre
What: You come with crazy hair and/or crazy clothes. We will have a parade in the morning. Please bring a gold coin donation, it will go to a good cause.

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

The oldest system of tanning relies on the chemical action of vegetable material containing tannin, or tannic acid, on the protein constituents of skin. Vegetable tanning seems to have been practiced in prehistoric times. In historic times, the Hebrews tanned with oak bark, and the Egyptians, with babul pods. The Romans used bark, certain woods, and berries. The Arabs tanned with bark and roots, and in the Middle Ages they reintroduced the art into Europe via Spain. By the 16th century the value of materials such as oak bark, sumac, valonia, and hemlock was well established. The procedure, essentially unchanged in modern times, involves soaking hides in vats of increasingly strong liquors, or liquid extracts of vegetable tannin.
For Child Care or Out of School Hours Care bookings please call: Caralyn 0412 953 366

Expressions of Interest

Will you need child care over the school holidays? The Early Years Centre is considering running a weekly Holiday Day Care program from Monday 11th January 2016 to Friday 22nd January 2016. Please let Caralyn know of your interest/bookings on 0412 953 366.

Lac & Co Productions
Along with the Colac Otway Shire Youth Council

Performing at the Youth without a roof event

Saturday 21st November
From 6pm @ the Memorial Square
With Special Guests

Sisters Doll - The Refuge - Chloe Miller
Tyler Lunn - Ellen Rose - Anonymous

All FREE a night not to be missed!!!!

The Perfect Family Day Out to Start the Countdown to Christmas!

Saturday 5th December
The Geelong Showgrounds
11am-4pm

Visit the website to book your tickets. Group discounts apply.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraising News

**Calling all volunteers!** We will need 6-8 parents to help marshal the courses mapped out for the upcoming Kids Mountain Bike Races— Please let me know ASAP of your availability to assist with this event held on Sunday 29th November.

**Kids Mountain Bike Races**

Proudly hosted by the
FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Sunday 29th November 2015
Southern Trailhead Car Park,
Grant Street, Forrest

Registration open at 11am

Four races open to kids aged 15 and under:

- **Mini Mauler** Quick and easy race around the flat surface of the Southern Trailhead—specifically for the littlest of racers
- **Dust Digger** A fast paced race course plotted around the Southern Trailhead—First Back Wins!
- **Mud Muncher** 2km course on the wide, smooth, free flowing tail a.k.a Roller coaster
- **Cliff Climber** Not for the faint hearted kids, a 4km course incorporating jumps & tricky corners, this course will thrill those that dare to race...

Prizes awarded to the winners, sponsored by the Forrest General Store

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**Otroovy derby dollys**

**FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**
**6.00-8.00 PM**

**FAMILY ROLLER DISCO**

The Otway Derby Dolls are hosting a fabulous all ages roller disco. We have skates available or you can bring your own skates or blades and rock out to some awesome tunes. We will have some great prizes, lolly bags and some food available.

Guest appearance by Otway Panther - Scratchy Tail!

$5 entry (includes skate hire)

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