Principal’s News

Working Bee

This special community event on this Sunday Oct 16th will begin
at 10 am and we are hoping you can join us for a couple of hours.
The “Bee” will be followed by an informal barbecue, drinks and
chat. Food and drinks will be provided. Tasks to be completed include: 1) remove
leaves from spouting 2) bushes trimmed in school gardens 3) tree tidy up along east
and south boundary 4) line marking of 4 Square 5) Soft fall spread 6) manure pile
shifted from Junior Classroom area 7) re-stain bus/bike shelter, 8) prepare outdoor
chess area, 9)weeding in entrance garden and 10) transfer fallen branches to bonfire
zone. So we have lots to do! Tools to bring include: secateurs, chain saws, rakes,
gloves, wheelbarrows, hedge trimmers, spades, shovels If you unable to assist on the
day, you may like to offer your “assistance” in doing one of the listed items at another
time. If so please let a school councillor know before Sunday and we will be happy to
assist you with your kind offer.

Choir Performance

Congratulations to our students who performed so well in the combined choir with
students from Birregurra and Deans Marsh Schools. Our music teacher Louise
Brown was proud of our students efforts, in preparing and performing on the day.
Thanks to parents who supported and attended on the day.

Regional Athletics Representatives

Congratulations to Maddy Seebeck and Joe Broomfield on being selected in the
Colac & District Schools Athletic team. Maddy will be competing in the 800 me-
tres run and long jump whilst Joe will be competing in the Long Jump and Shot Put
events. Both students have been practising enthusiastically and will compete in
Ballarat on Friday. We wish both students all the very best.

School Council Meeting

The October meeting of school council is planned for next Monday October
17th beginning at 6.30pm.

Hoping the long awaited Spring Weather arrives soon!

Upcoming Events

October
16th — School Working Bee @ 10am
17th — Neighborhood Watch
Excursion to Winchelsea PS—Gr 3—6
17th — SC Meeting @ 6.30pm
18th— Water Watch Excursion—Gr 3
& 4 chn only
24th — Street Safety Visit to Forrest PS
31st—Questacon Science Incursion

November
2 & 9th—Bike Education—Gr 3—6
4th — Colac Show Day Holiday
21st — SC Meeting @ 6.30pm

December
6th — Transition Day for Gr 6 students
7th — End of Year Excursion
14th—End of Year Celebration @ 7pm
at Forrest Hall—TBC
**JUNIOR ROOM NEWS**

A terrific Forrest Kids Go Bush session was enjoyed by the students last Thursday. A new handsaw inspired some fabulous cooking including all manner of soups! The sourness of lemons was celebrated by many of the students and some awesome river rock sorting (according to size) was undertaken by Lachy and Maddy. Real life maths!

In maths our focus has been on fractions. We’ve been talking about what is a fraction and where fractions occur in real life situations e.g. cooking. It would be great if you could draw attention to where fractions occur in daily life i.e. ½ cup of water, ¾ trousers etc.

Our sound focus in Soundwaves has been cloud like a cow ou ou ou. We’ve also been using more connectives in our writing to join short sentences and improve the flow of our writing. In Writers workshop we have been working on a shared piece of writing about a guest speaker. Peter Scott visited us last week and the children are writing a piece about what we learned about his tasty work with purple potatoes!

PS. Forrest Kids Go Bush tomorrow; please make sure you arrive in gear and have a spare pair of clothes!

Kaz Standish

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**LEARNING EFFORT:**  
**POPPEY SCHUHMANNN**
For applying some excellent fraction knowledge to her learning activities.

**LEARNING BEHAVIOUR:**  
**ELISE SGRO**
For taking risks in her learning with very pleasing results! Tremendous efforts Elise.

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**Helping Hands**
Cassia for helping put Walk to School markers back on our track.  
Sophie for putting the chooks away after school.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Birregurra Festival OMM Performance

It was great to see so many Forrest PS families at the Birregurra Festival to enjoy the fantastic OMM Choir led by Louise Brown. Forrest children formed the Alto section of the choir and did very well to hold their own. I felt overall the choir sounded the best I have seen yet. The Senior Class children tell me their highlights were ‘Nothing else matters’, ‘Another brick in the wall’. Congratulations to Alicia for “nailing” her solo performance in ‘All you need is love’, and thanks Kohima for being the focal point of our trombone section, you received lots of smiles!

Although the concert was the end point of the program, I felt the process of preparing for the concert to be highly engaging and rewarding for all students. Louise works with children over a period of weeks working with rhythm, movement and dance, breathing and singing. Children always finish each weekly session with a game of Bobs and Statues, a different student acting as DJ each time.

We look forward to working with Louise this term to prepare for our end of year concert.

Thank you to all our wonderful young performers at Birre Festival—Great to see such a good turn out of children and parents; wonderful support from teaching staff especially from our rock star teacher Craig and soloists Kohima, and Alicia. Looking forward to working with the children in the lead up to our end of year performance. Thanks, Louise

LEARNING EFFORT: BRAEDEN KURZMAN

For his excellent efforts paying attention to detail when writing and producing well-structured texts.

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR: INDIGO ASHTON

For her thoughtful contribution to class discussions, and offering excellent ideas on how we should proceed with our integrated projects this term.
**PRE SCHOOL NEWS**

**Welcome to Term 4**
Hi and welcome to Term 4. I am back from Sweden now but a bit surprised about the late wintry weather! There’s been so much rain (& hail) the last couple of days. I gather we’re having a wetter year this year, which of course is good for nature and all the farm dams.

**Thanks Di**
I am sure the children had a good time with Di last week; already knowing her so well. I hope your child had the opportunity to get their teeth checked when the Dentist visited.

**Excursion to the Colac Hospital**
Thank you to all parents who participated during the excursion last term. We had a very educational day in the Hospital and Dental clinic. The children were very well behaved and participated with great interest. I will follow up with them this week.

**Children’s Week Excursion with Parents**
To celebrate “Children’s Week” we are again going to the Fun Day at Colac Botanic Gardens. This was a very successful event last year with lots of free activities for the children to take part in. We need parents or other carers to come along. **The date is Thursday 27/10, starting at 10:00am. A notice will be sent home shortly. There is no normal kinder session on that day.**

Lena Collopy  
Preschool Teacher

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sun 16/10  
**Working Bee, 10:00 AM.**

Thu 27/10  
**Children’s Week - fun in Colac Botanic Garden.**

Fri 4/11  
**Colac Show Day Holiday – School closed.**

**WELLBEING WORKER NEWS**

**Walk to School month has started!!!**

**GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL SAFELY**
All parents want their children to arrive at school safely and on time and most believe the best way is to drive them right to the school gate. This in fact creates hazards for children, as cars travel the street outside the school looking for parking, moving in and out of parking spaces. Just three decades ago, 70 per cent of children walked or rode to school – now only 30 percent do. Walking, riding, scooting or skating to and from school has so many benefits! With less traffic and parking congestion, our school becomes a much safer place. Children are happier and healthier when they use active travel - they are meeting their 60 minutes of physical activity per day, exploring and getting to know their neighborhood, and have fun with friends! Consider using active travel, and help our school community be a safe and healthy place.
A warm welcome again, so great to see all the children settling back into care after the term break. Please remember to bring hats for outside play this term. If your child has an allergy to sunscreen please see staff to organise another option.

**CHILDCARE**

Childcare is available 4 days a week this term, Monday – Thursday 9am-2pm, 2pm-3.30pm and Out of School Hours Care Monday - Thursday 3.30pm-6.00pm. These sessions are charged at different rates please see Sarah for enquiries should you have any. Sessions will operate if more than 2 children are enrolled for a session unless an exemption is made prior. We have current enrolments on Tuesdays (OSHC) & Wednesday & Thursday (Childcare & OSHC)

We wish Stanley and Beccy a lovely Holiday in N.T. and look forward to see you and hearing about your adventures soon.

**Out of School Hours Care.**

Children have had great fun, exploring their artistic sides creating costumes; this has led to extending the program, accommodating the spring carnival theme. If any families have any craft supplies e.g. Material, ribbons, flowers and lace, it would be greatly appreciated.

Last week the children spent many hours just chilling, creating homes from Lego, great to see the children engaging in their learning and being able to transfer knowledge from one setting to another. Children learn from being able to manipulate and investigate, take apart and assemble, invent and construct, and this leads to developing problem solving skills.

Claudia’s Cape and Hand Glove.  

Poppy’s making costume for the Teddy.

Thanks for another great week, a big thank you to Erika and Di who will be covering 2 of my shifts over the next week, (due to appointments and family commitments). Please make them feel welcome.

Cheers Vicki
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parent

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school.

The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.

Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe.

Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

Darryl Harty, Principal

Forrest Remembers

The Forrest & District Community has been successful in gaining funds from the Department of Veteran Affairs to construct a community war memorial in Forrest. The grant is being provided under the “Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants” Program. An active Memorial Committee has been formed of representatives from Forrest & District community groups and has met three times already in 2016. Further funds are been sought from the State Government “Victoria Remembers” Grant program. This program is designed to commemorate wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australians have served. The committee has completed the initial planning stages and is now seeking input from the wider Forrest and District community about what the memorial should look like and where it should be located. Interested persons can send thoughts to chairperson Darryl Harty at forrest.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

The committee is hoping to have the first stage of the project completed by ANZAC Day 2017. Donations to assist with the project are most welcome and can be forwarded to the Forrest Primary School.

Fundraising News

The school will be catering popcorn, ice creams & drinks at the upcoming “Forrest Flicks” on Saturday 29th October. We have parents who have volunteered to help out with this catering but if there are any further parents who may want to assist with serving—please let the school know ASAP.

The Forrest Festival is coming too!!! Scheduled for the weekend of Dec 3 & 4, the school is again invited to prepare & serve fruit to the riders on the Saturday afternoon (in exchange for a donation), and to run the Kids Mountain Bike Races on the Sunday. If there are any parents who wish to be involved in the planning & co-ordinating of this event this year, please let the school know...ph 5236 6393.

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

Knowledge is growing so fast that 90% of what we will know in fifty years time, will be discovered in those fifty years.
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DYMOCOS WAURN PONDS PRESENTS

the Selwood Boys

Four future AFL stars under one roof?

In the Selwood house, someone’s always up to no good! With four boys under one roof, there’s madness and mayhem every day – and footy of course!

Dymocks Waurn Ponds are proud to present the Owling Cats trio Joel and Scott Selwood along with older brothers Troy who’ll be signing copies of their fantastic new kids book series. The Selwood Boys by Tony Wilson. Join us on Friday 14 October outside Target and meet some of the AFL’s favourite sons!

From the well-read people of Dymocks Waurn Ponds

*Please note that due to time constraints, the boys will only be signing books. No other merchandise will be signed.

4:30pm FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER
Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre (outside Target)

DYMOCOS WAURN PONDS

Segue: DYMOCOS WAURN PONDS

Barwon Health

Dental Van

Dental staff will be attending the Formel community during the week of the Monday 3rd October until Friday 14th October 2016 to carry out the following dental care. More in our mobile dental van

Adult
• Health Care Card: 15% off
• No Concession Card: Full Price

Children 0-18
• Health Care Card: 15% off
• No Concession Card: Full Price

Private (not concession card holders)
• Adult: $115 per item
• Child: $60 per item

Ph: 4215-7625 for appointments

IT’S PARTY TIME!

Let’s Celebrate Children’s Week 2016

Thursday October 27, 2016
10:00am-2:00pm

Colac Botanic Gardens – near water fountain.
Heaps of fun for activities including:
Face painting, Storytelling, Bush play and more!

For further information and group bookings
please contact Kim on 5231 4740

This Children’s Week event is presented in partnership with the Department of Education and Training, Department of Social Services and proudly supported by:
Looking for your next great read or the inspiration to get started?

We want to start a new book club in Forrest and invite interested people to join us on

**Monday 24th October**

7.30pm @ the Forrest Hall to find out more.

**FORREST FLICKS: 2 great events for families!**

**Saturday October 29**

**Calling All Flyers:**

**Paper Planes Workshop!**

**Forrest Hall – Melbourne Cup Weekend**

Workshop 4pm: 80 tickets ONLY
Open air movie 7:45pm: 200 tickets ONLY

$5 each from Forrest General Store
(please check showtimes at the door)

**Produce currently available:**

Eggs
Lemons
Waratahs (Flowers)

Donations welcome, pop in and grab your produce today!