Principal’s News

Kayla’s Award
On Monday at the annual Neighbourhood Watch Event was held at Winchelsea, Kayla Forssman was awarded our school’s Good Neighbour Award. Kayla consistently helps our school, confidently runs student organised school events and is an excellent representative within our school to the community. Congratulations Kayla. Our student leaders made a short presentation about our school and our community – what makes it unique and special. This presentation was very well received. Did you know that there were 7 schools at this event?

Working Bee Report
At Sunday’s Working Bee, 11 of the 12 planned jobs were completed. That was a fantastic result which exceeded our expectations. The BBQ that followed enabled for some excellent socialising to happen in addition to rewarding the hard work carried out by parents, staff and students. Thank you to the large band of helpers. Special thanks to those that helped provide equipment or a salad for the Barbie. The grounds look great! When next visiting, check out the new sand pit for all to play in!

Maddy’s Performance
Maddy Seebeck competed in the South West Regional Athletics Sports in Ballarat last Friday. Her two events were the 800 m and long jump. Maddy finished 3rd in the 800 metres and 5th in the Long Jump. Both results were fantastic achievements for Maddy.

School Council News
At Monday’s meeting of school council, some of the items discussed included: a review of school policies, parent opinion survey report discussion, blackwood tree removal plan, Year 6 Transition program report, JSC Leaders Invitation to the November meeting of school council, and our TAC Road Safety Signage Plan. Please see a school councillor if you require more information on any school council related matter.

Walk to School Report
After Week 2 of the Walk to School (WTS) program, students have completed a total of 663 walks with a distance of approximately 330 kms covered. The average number of walks per student is currently at 17.5 walks. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us at 8.55 am or 2.20 pm for a walk on any school day in October. The Brekky is planned for NEXT TUESDAY Oct 27th at 8.45 am. Parents are most welcome to join us. More details can be later in this newsletter.

Earn & Learn Thank You
Our fabulous Earn & Learn Fundraising efforts has enabled the Early Years Centre to order art & craft materials for the children. The Primary School has ordered Boom Wacker tubes and lots of colouring pencils for the children to use. These additional items will be extremely valuable in all the children’s future learning. Thank you again for your incredible support.

A quick reminder that the school/EYC will be closed for the Colac Show Day holiday on November 6th.

Upcoming Events
October
22nd — Nude Food Day
22nd — SSP : Tennis Fun Session 1
26th — SSP : Mountain Biking (2)
27th — Walk to School Brekky @ 8.45
29th — Pre-School Colac Trip
29th — SSP : Tennis Fun Session 2
30th — World Teachers Day
30th — JSC Halloween Fun

November
2nd — SSP : Mountain Biking (3)
5th — Peace Poster Judging 10:30 am
5th — SSP : Tennis Fun (3)
6th — Colac Show Day Holiday
9th — SSP : Mountain Biking (4)
12th — SSP : Tennis Fun (4)
16th — School Council Meeting @ 6.30
16th — SSP : Mountain Biking (5)
19th — SSP : Tennis Fun (Session 5)
23rd — SSP : Mountain Biking (Session 6)
26th — SSP : Tennis Fun (Session 6)
27th — Science Trip to Ballarat (Gr P-6)
29th — Kids Mountain Biking Event
Our local excursion, to the Winchelsea Neighbourhood Watch School’s day on Monday, was jam packed with fun and entertainment with the purpose of highlighting the importance of volunteering.

Forrest students joined those from Winchelsea, Beeac, Ceres, Deans Marsh, Angelsea and Moriac Primary Schools as one student, nominated by their school, was presented with a Junior Good Neighbour Award. Congratulations to Kayla Forssman, the Forrest Primary School recipient.

Good Neighbour Awards were also presented to outstanding volunteers nominated by the local community. Volunteers from various community groups, along with the SES, Police, Ambulance and CFA were also on hand with displays.

Each school gave a presentation about their school and community. I must congratulate our Year 6 students who gave a fine presentation and I noted they were the only school to acknowledge the Wathaurong people.

The students also enjoyed meeting some animals from Jirrahlinga Wildlife Sanctuary, an animal hospital that cares for injured or rescued koalas, birds, mammals and sea life, and depends on volunteers to operate. Squirt the clown offered some fantastic magic tricks and had Craig and I laughing along, as well a singing group who had the students dancing and clapping to their messages of inclusion and looking out for each other. Watch this space next week for the students’ recounts of their day.

Volunteering means many hands make light work and on that note I would like to thank the parents and students who attended the working bee last Sunday. The improvements you achieved in a few short, but hardworking hours, are wonderful. I have watched students enjoying the revamped sandpit and the wiper snipping in the FKGB area somewhat alleviates the areas where snakes can hide.

Science

Lesson 1 – engage phase, students brainstormed all they knew about water, where it comes from and how to use it responsibly. Lesson 2 – 4 is our explore phase. Last week we did a water walk around the school and the students took photos of where water comes from and the different ways we use water at school.

Lesson 3 – Rain, rain, will take place today and the students will experience what happens to rain when it falls on different surfaces. Thanks to Kaz for all her advice and great team teaching. I am really enjoying flying solo teaching science and have learnt to keep my mouth shut during the engage phase – that is, not correcting the students initial understanding of the science subject. It is such an important phase for assessment and it is great fun revisiting their assumptions, and what they knew at the beginning of a topic compared to their knowledge at the end.

Congratulations – Student Awards

Cassia Jones-Vermeend for completing her Lemon words and receiving the Top 200 Magic Words certificate.

Elise Sgro received her award for reading for 200 nights – an amazing effort!

Have a great week!

Miss Mac - Junior Room teacher

Helping Hands

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Henry for helping clean up after our science and art work.

Kayla for helping with the packing up of the parachute after Games Day.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Neighbourhood Awards Day at Winchelsea

On Monday 19th October our entire school attended the Neighbourhood Awards day at Winchelsea. We joined 5 other schools to celebrate community service in our communities. Each school was asked to nominate a person that demonstrated outstanding service in their school communities and we are very proud to have Kayla Forssman win the ‘Good Neighbour’ award for our school this year. Kayla is a kind and considerate person who is well respected in our school community. She actively involves herself in many extra activities around our school, helping others and demonstrating excellent leadership when organising and running special days. Kayla is confident and presents herself very positively and thoughtfully in front of audiences. Congratulations Kayla!

We were all very entertained by a fantastic Clown / magician, a wildlife conservation carer presentation (cuddly and cute) and a superb band which delivered strong social messages around respecting one another, compassion, bullying and making the right decisions. The feedback from all children was very positive and we are all very glad that we attended this year.

In the Classroom:

We are all working steadily towards reaching a number of goals within the next 5-6 weeks. We are all working hard to complete all of the respective Maths Curriculum content. Children are to complete their highest quality Narratives piece, Persuasive piece and Information report. We are working towards making small films that tell a story or provide information; children are working in pairs or on their own. Our Science unit about light is underway and we hope to finish it within 7 weeks. Children are also going to be working in the garden over the term to get as much as possible growing and to create some interesting artworks. So we are pretty busy!

This year each school was asked to give a brief presentation on their school. Two school captains were asked to present from each school, however as Forrest does not have school captains, our 5 grade 6’s gave a 3 minute speech. They spoke about our community, our Primary School and Early Years Centre. They commented on the special programs we run here and what they like about learning in Forrest. All of the grade 6’s spoke very clearly and confidently and they should all be very proud of their efforts.

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Julian Tung. Julian has displayed fantastic learning behaviours and by focusing on his work and persisting he is achieving great results. Well Done Julian.

SENIOR ROOM: Britt Coulter—For demonstrating excellent focus as she edges closer to completing the year 6 mathematics curriculum. Britt is preparing for her secondary education by demonstrating her ability to study for tests and which lately has resulted in near perfect results! Great work Britt.
**Scarecrow**

Last Thursday, we managed to get some straw from the school, so there was nothing stopping us from starting making the scarecrow. The children were very keen, and did a good job stuffing the clothes with straw. We will put him in the garden this week.

**Rules**

We have started discussing ‘rules’ at kinder. Firstly we talked about traffic rules—that every driver has to follow while driving. The children had a fairly good idea about rules in traffic, such as obeying traffic lights, stop signs, and wearing seat-belts etc. Then I asked them what rules we have at the kinder, and they came up with: washing hands before eating and after going to the toilet, no running inside, no shouting inside, no hurting other people, everyone helping to pack away toys, outside toys stay outside, and inside toys stay inside. I have written them up on a piece of paper on the window so we can keep referring to them, and adding other rules if we need to.

**Caps for Sale**

Last Thursday when some of the Junior children came over I read the story “Caps For Sale” to the children. Then I read it a second time, and this time the children acted the story. Henry was the Peddler selling caps, and the rest of the group were the monkeys in the tree who took the caps from the Peddler when he was a sleep. The children had great fun acting and everyone participated with enthusiasm.

**Thursday 22/10**

Lynn will be relieving for me 12:00-2:00 PM on Thursday 22/10; when I’m going to Geelong for a course.

**Children’s Week**

Glastonbury is again organising a fun day with lots of free activities for Children’s Week. This year it will be held on Thursday 29th Oct in Colac Botanic Gardens, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Forrest Pre-school will take this opportunity and join in the fun. This requires parental participation, so I hope by giving you the date early, that you will be able to come along; siblings are welcome too. More info closer to the day.

**Please remember that we have library every Friday.**

Lena Collopy  
Pre-school Teacher

**Dates to remember**

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For Child Care or After School Care bookings please call: Caralyn 0412 953366

Attached to your newsletter today you will find a catalogue for Educational Experience.

As part of a fundraising drive for resources for our Early Years Centre, we have selected this catalogue to send out to parents to peruse. 20% of all purchases from the catalogue are counted towards vouchers for resources from Educational Experience, for the Early Years Centre.

Please consider supporting this worthy fundraising effort—order forms can be completed and dropped back at the school in the box provided outside the school office. Parents can nominate the school address as the delivery point for goods if preferred.

Parents, please note: Pick up from the sporting schools tennis program is from the Forrest Tennis Courts at 4.45pm on Thursday.
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fundraising News**

We will be supporting the movie screening of Oddball at the Forrest Hall on Saturday October 31st by supplying refreshments to patrons. We are planning bags of popcorn, cold beverages and perhaps some ice cream & waffle cones. If there are any parents who will be at the movie screening who are happy to assist me with taking monies/serving refreshments on the night please let me know.

5236-6172 or 0421 103 042

Thanks Sarah Lane

**Date for your diary**—Sunday 29th November—Forrest Festival Kids Mountain Bike Race (more info to follow next week)

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**Sorry...**

That the Neighbourhood House lunch orders were unavailable for the first 2 weeks of term but we are back on track this week! Keep an eye out for the new menu coming home with students. Please note soup is no longer on the menu (only available during winter months).

Do you want to help keep this great service running for your school?

As a volunteer service we often need a helping hand. Just an hour on Thursday 12-1pm. No experience necessary. Contact Gillian if you can help.

Thanks and hope to be filling tummies with yum-mies soon :)

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**Forrest Township**

**GARAGE SALE BONANZA**

SUN 1 NOV 10-2PM

Call at the Forrest Hall for your Treasure Map!

Phone Forrest Neighbourhood House 5236 6591 for info.

Residents - call in to collect your garage sale kit and set on the map.
Walk to School Breakfast
October 27th @ 8.45am

Lucy Vesey, Recreation Officer from Colac Otway Shire has been assisting with planning this event & has advised the menu for the morning will be:

⇒ Fruit (strawberries, bananas, grapes, apples and watermelon)
⇒ Toast (with strawberry jam)
⇒ Orange & Apple Juice
⇒ Yogurt

We will be supplying cups, bowls and utensils—if any child has any specific dietary requirements, please let the school know ASAP.

Parents/Grandparents are most welcome to attend.