PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WELCOME BACK
We commenced the first week of term 4 positively with all students returning full of excitement and enthusiasm, especially when sharing their holiday highlights with others. With the extreme weather over the last two days, it has been pleasing to see students being so SunSmart, wearing sunhats outside and drinking from their water bottles regularly to stay hydrated.

We have commenced the Walk to School in October program and the students are eagerly walking around the school grounds and recording their results. Parents are most welcome to join us. We walk daily at 9am and 2.30pm for 5 minutes.

SPECIAL WELCOME ERIKA
Forrest PS & EYC welcomes Erika Swanveld to our staff team. Erika is training to be an education support person and is on a six month traineeship with W.D.E.A. She will be working with our team on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Erika has already worked at Forrest PS & EYC casually assisting with our Holiday Day Care Program. I hope you join me in giving her a warm Forrest welcome when you next see her!

CHOIR PERFORMANCE
Students, teachers and Louise have been “gearing” up for the choir performance this coming Sunday at the Birregurra Festival. Many people have been working collaboratively to ensure our performance with Birre and Deans Marsh schools is a very good one. On Friday we will travelling by bus to Birregurra PS for an important combined rehearsal. Bus leaves at 9am sharp. Louise has asked that all performers arrive at the festival on Sunday at/before 11.30am near the stage like last year. T-shirts will be handed out to our wonderful performers on the day.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
As part of the school/centre’s Emergency Management Plan, we conduct regular planned emergency evacuation drills. Late last term we successfully conducted a “Lock Down” drill at the centre with everyone involved. It took only 90 seconds to complete the “drill”, and have all persons accounted for. Afterwards teachers had a brief formal discussion with the children covering the reasons for such a drill. In term 4, we plan to conduct two fire safe drills in preparation for the upcoming summer season. One will be an on site evacuation drill (footy oval) and the other an off site drill (to the hall).

SPORT CHANGE for TERM 4
During term 4 commencing on October 19th, Seniors will have sport on Mondays and Juniors will have sport on Tuesdays. This will accommodate Bike Ed for senior students as part of their PE/Sport program. Appropriate footwear (Runners) is recommended for sport sessions please.

ACCIDENT REPORT
It is pleasing to hear that ex-student Kaye, following her accident and stay in hospital, has recovered enough to return to school. Good news! Thanks to all families who co-operated so well in getting students to school on the morning of the accident.

Hope to see you at the Birre Festival on Sunday!
**JUNIOR ROOM NEWS**

Welcome to Term 4 – I hope you all enjoyed the holidays!
The students have returned excited and enthused with many stories to tell about their holiday adventures.

**This Week**

Our timetable is similar to last term and the students are really familiar with our learning routines.
We continue to have morning fruit/vegetable brain food daily at 10.00am (fruit requiring peeling such as mandarins and oranges to be avoided).

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<td>- Forrest Kids Go Bush. Students will still need their overalls but I imagine there will be increasing disappointment as the mud dries up (students not parents). Hats are required to be worn outside in term 4 and I recommend an application of block out on your child for those hot and sunny days</td>
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**This Term**

**Literacy**

**Preps**
Creating sentences independently will be our focus for this term. They will be refining their ability to write letters of consistent size and correct placement (head, body, tail letters).  Punctuation will include using capital letters correctly – at the beginning of sentences and for proper nouns (not in the middle of words) and using full stops at the end of a sentence.

Those students who read every night are making great progress. The reading strategy focus will be **Chunking sounds** – rather than sounding out each letter individually.  Reading their **Magic Words** daily is essential and later this term the students will begin having weekly spelling tests – with **Look, Cover, Say and Write** homework.

**Year 1 & Year 2** - Our focus throughout the term will be narrative and persuasive writing, with a particular emphasis on planning and creating **Sizzling Starts**.  Correct letter formation continues to be a focus for some students and all students are learning to pay attention when editing their work to ensure it includes the correct spelling of known words (the Magic Words they have spelt correctly during their weekly spelling tests) punctuation and grammar.  All students will be encouraged to make their writing more interesting by using adjectives and adverbs.  Year 2 students, in particular, will be concentrating on incorporating paragraphs into their writing.  Our reading focus is fluency and expression.

**Program Achieve** – our unit this term is **Persistence**.

**Science** – Our unit this term is **Water Works**

**Maths** – Number - Preps – complete familiarisation with numbers to 30, Year 1 – numbers to 100 and Year 2 – numbers to 1000.  Ability appropriate addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and extension of other mathematical concepts covered in Semester 1.

**Integrated** – This term the students will finish their information reports and be busy using their facts to create a short film.

**Excursions** – We are looking forward to choir practice this Friday with Birregurra and Deans Marsh Primary schools in preparation for Sunday’s performance at the Birregurra Festival.  All students have a copy of the words and a CD of the songs.  I am sure all parents are enjoying hearing the renditions over and over! The Junior room will also be enjoying a fantastic day at Sovereign Hill later this term.

Have a great week!
Miss Mac - Junior room teacher

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**Helping Hands**

Tim for his help with the roosters which took up his lunchtime play!
Bryanna for helping a mate in the playground when they fell over and hurt themselves.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

During the first couple of days this week we have been working in our school garden. We have been preparing the base for the greenhouse and the chooks’ water tank. A medical research organisation, ‘Celgene’, is holding a conference in Forrest this week and has offered to undertake some community work whilst they are here. We happily took up their offer and have asked their team to build our greenhouse, which has been sitting in the shed for the past 2 years! The water tank is being moved to the chook pen and we will install a commercial water dispenser with a float valve to ensure the chooks are right for the holiday and weekend periods. We are also looking at installing an auto pellet feeder. Children weeded and prepared garden beds, cleaned up the kitchen, trimmed the herb garden and organised the compost.

Beccy Foster has offered to facilitate a range of garden / art experiences based around the Stephanie Alexander Garden Program this term, and we look forward to this. Our goal eventually is for our garden to be a more active creative learning space that involves members of our whole school community and beyond.

This term is going to be busy and here are a few new things that we have planned:

- Earth Ed excursions
- Swimming
- End of year activity program
- End of year Musical Concert directed by Louise Brown
- Really short film festival
- Times tables are back on Wednesdays 11.30am
- Full Bike Ed Program
- Stephanie Alexander inspired garden program
- Modified Science program
- New and exciting IT tools

A special thanks to the Ashton and Menzies families who looked after our chooks during the school holidays.

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Bryanna Crabbe. Bryanna has done a wonderful job of focusing on her work, listening in class and persisting with difficult tasks. Her holiday recount showed that she had listened to advice from her teacher and did her absolute best. Well Done!

SENIOR ROOM: Sophie Lane—For consistently helping out in the classroom and during our garden program. Sophie is always on the lookout for opportunities to help out and uses her initiative to get things done. She pays great attention to detail and this contributes greatly to the quality of her work. Well done Sophie.
News from the Science Room

We are starting science this term with the Science Inquiry Assessment tasks. These assessment tasks only focus on science inquiry skills and provide the teachers with more information about how teaching and learning of science is progressing.

The term 4 science inquiry units are Light shows - Physical Science in the Senior Room and Waterworks (Earth Sciences) in the Junior Room. In addition we will be having a small Challenge group where these students will be involved in mini science challenge projects. The theme is Survival Science and students will have the opportunity to develop their understandings about the way humans survive on earth and use resources.

Science Wish List: We need shoe boxes and cereal boxes. If you have some spare would you mind sending them in. Thanks!

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

If you drilled a tunnel straight through the Earth and jumped in, it would take you exactly 42 minutes and 12 seconds to get to the other side.
Welcome to Term IV. I hope everyone has had a chance to have a good break and enjoy their school holidays.

Hats and sunscreen
The weather is getting warmer and the UV-radiation from the sun is getting dangerously high again. The children are required to wear hats outside at all times, even on cloudy days. We will run the outdoor program in the mornings, if possible, before the UV has risen. Please remember that the children need to wear clothes that cover their shoulders, so no singlets as they expose the skin too much. We will put sunscreen on the children if necessary.

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 are able to come along. Siblings are welcome too. More info closer to the day.

Library
Remember ‘Library’ every Friday. The children can borrow three books to take home for a week and then borrow three new ones next time, provided they have returned the books. They’ll be using the new bags that they’ve dyed themselves.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

Dates to remember
Fri 23/10 Committee meeting at 2:15 PM.
Thu 29/10 Colac Botanic Gardens, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Please note: There will NOT be cello classes on Monday 12th October. Louise will resume classes on Monday 19th October. Thanks!
# Childcare & Out of School Hours Care

For Child Care or Out of School Hours Care bookings please call: Caralyn - 0412 953 366

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**Forrest & District Neighbourhood House Program Oct 2015**

**Regular Activities at the Forrest Hall** (unless indicated otherwise)
- **First Monday Each Month (EM)**
  - Bingo 1-3pm, $5 Afternoon Tea Inc.
- **Tuesday COS Fitness Class** 11am $3
- **Wednesday Tai Chi** 6.30-8pm
- **Hoy** (Card Game) 1.30-3.30pm $5
  - 2nd Wed EM Afternoon Tea Inc.
- **Thursday** Gentle Exercise & 10-11am.
  - Mind Games 11am-12noon. $2
  - Community Lunch 12.30-2pm $6
- **Friday (School Term)**
  - Diploma/Cert IV Visual Arts 10am-5pm
  - **Last Sunday EM** Pizza & Jam 3-6pm.
- **Coming Up**
  - Weaving Workshops
  - Random Weave
  - Fri 16 Oct 12-5
  - Town Garage Sale Sun 1 Nov
  - Free WiFi during Office Hours

**Office Closed During School Holidays Sep 21 - Oct 4**

For info & bookings: T: 5236 6591  E: forrest.nh@gmail.com  Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thur 10-6pm
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

GARAGE SALE BONANZA
Forrest Residents
Clean Out and Clean Up

How does it work? All you have to do is contact Gillian at the Neighbourhood House by Monday 26th October, pay $5 to get on the map, collect your kit and set up your stall at your place by 10am on Sunday 1st Nov - it is that easy!

We will take care of all your advertising needs with media releases in the local papers and online, posters, flyers and signage. Pick up your Garage Sale Pack on Friday 30th with an official poster, balloons and map number so the punters can find you and some handy hints on how to set up the best possible stall.

Encourage punters to stop at the hall and get a map as we will be running a Scavenger hunt, with a list of clues to fill in, and things to collect. First back to the hall with their goodies get bonus points toward the Scavenger Prize of $50!

Get on the Map! Contact Gillian
Forrest & District Neighbourhood House
Phone: 03 5236 6591
Email: forrest.nh@gmail.com

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu 9am-5pm

The Forrest Township Garage Sale Bonanza is a fundraising event for the Forrest and District Neighbourhood House
EXPO 2015
Friday 9th October
10am—7pm
COPACC
Rae Street, Colac
Get connected, be involved, join the fun!
FREE information, demonstrations and the chance to find out about local clubs and services.

The Birregurra Community Health Centre presents:
Movie night
Friday 9 October 2015
Multi Purpose Hall, Birregurra Primary School
Doors open @ 6.30pm
BYO pillows and blankets
Snacks and drinks available for purchase on the night
*All attendees must provide a parent or carer contact upon entry
For more information call Emily on 5236 4809
Proudly sponsored by:

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 GET ON THE MAP

Random Weave Basketry
Friday 16 October 1-5pm
Create a randomly woven basket using locally found plants and vines. This style of weaving brings out our innate ability in using our hands to shape a natural form with plant fibres. BYO cuttings or items to incorporate into your creation. Cost: $20 Tutor - Caroline Hawkins
at The Forrest Public Hall - 14 Grant Street Forrest
Bookings & information contact Gillian
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