PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FOCUS

As part of the School’s Strategic Plan, we are looking at developing a very new school-identity template incorporating the school’s values i.e. what is important at our school/centre. One of our priorities is giving the students a greater “voice”, and so we have been asking them to give us ideas around what the new school logo might look like. The “old” (current) logo is found at the top of this newsletter. In addition the children have been brainstorming a motto for our school/centre. We feel this will instil a sense of pride, responsibility and self motivation for everyone connected to our special learning facility for many years to come. It is felt that our wonderful students generally have a very positive outlook to their learning when asked to demonstrate and speak about what this might look like. I encourage you to talk with your child and/or a school councillor asap, as ideas are being developed for school council to consider at its next meeting. School Council plan to replace signage over the next six months in preparation for the 2016 year.

CUPCAKE FOR A CURE DAY

The response to this invaluable fundraiser has been very pleasing. Please note cupcakes are to be iced and sent to school TOMORROW September 10th before 10 am. Thanking you for your fantastic support.

GAMES DAY

JSC is planning a fun (last day of term) activity on FRIDAY September 18th. The games will be organised by JSC members and will begin at 12.30pm and conclude at 2.15pm. Please note school ends at 2.30pm on this day for the Spring Holiday break. Children can wear casual dress on this day. Please read more information about this special celebration later in this newsletter.

FOOTY COLOURS REPORT

A fun day was had by all participants. $31 was raised for The Fight Cancer Foundation. Thanks for your support.

SPRING RAINS

We have been getting large amounts of spring rains recently. All children have been restricted in where they can play over the last couple of weeks as the playground has many muddy and puddle zones. Fortunately in the last 24 hours the sun has reappeared, and the grounds are quickly drying out.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

The last Footy and Badminton Sporting Schools sessions will be held next Monday and Tuesday respectively. In term 4 we are looking at having Mountain Biking on Mondays (starting Oct 19th) and Outdoor Games/Athletics on Tuesdays (starting Oct 20th). Please note for mountain biking, children will need to have basic biking skills as a minimum requirement. The Tuesday sessions are open to ALL children for the Games / Athletics fun with Jenny. Both programs are free, will run from 3.30 till 4.45pm and children will be provided with a fruit snack.
The students have continued working hard to finish their learning tasks - lots of inspired writers, all very keen to be published ....

**Writers of the Week**

**The Walk**
Tuesday, we went for a walk
Partners, mine was Henry
Going somewhere, I don’t care where
Going to the river
A net made of vines
A whole school of children
Caught
Looking out

By Luca Sprunt

**Giant Snail**
Sunny day walking
To my house talking
Past the lane to my house to a big snail shell
Tall sticks, twirly, bumpy
I’ve seen him, the creative artist
By Cassia Vermeend

**Twisty Wood**
Fun
Happy
Partner, talking and walking
Excited
Twisty wood
No string or nails
Inside a snail shell
Twirly and strong
By Bryanna Crabbe

**Congratulations to the following students**

**50 Night Reading Awards**
Poppy Schuhmann, Maddy Pain, Ella Welch-Mayhew

**150 Nights Reading Award**
Bryanna Crabbe

Congratulations to the many students who also received Mathletics and Reading Eggs certificates in recognition of their outstanding efforts.

**Maths**
This week the Prep students are breaking up numbers into smaller parts and practising addition of numbers under 10. The Year 1 and 2 students are mastering their understanding of fractions.

**Miss Mac**
Junior Room teacher

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**Helping Hands**

Braeden for helping a school mate in the playground.
Henry for helping put down the blinds in the Junior Room.
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Students in the Senior Room have been really enjoying developing their film making skills this term. They have learned how to make stop motion videos. All children can now, create; compile and edit stop motion movies. They can use multiple camera angles, add music, titles, credits, captions, create and add special sound effects, and use special video effects. They have also applied these skills to creating short documentaries explaining their science understandings and demonstrating new knowledge.

Students usually worked in pairs to create origami delights, magic buttons that transform them into new worlds, stories of lifecycles, trees blossoming, human eating monsters, wandering worms, sporting Lego games, crazy fighting creatures and water bottles that come to life.

As the final assessment task for Earthquake Explorers children will become a seismologist who will report on an Earthquake that has occurred. The format will most likely be a live TV interview with an expert 24 hours after a devastating earthquake.

Next term children will use their newly acquired skills to create longer films, which may well culminate in a Forrest Movie Festival. One thing we know for sure is that we have 100% engagement!! They Love it!! - Photos here are snap shots of kids’ experimental movies.

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week goes to Maddy Pain. Maddy has done an excellent job focusing on her Maths work. She has an enthusiastic approach and keenly helps others. A wonderful effort!

SENIOR ROOM: Maddy Seebeck - For her persistence in all learning experiences, Maddy is an excellent role model for all children in our learning environment. She is always focused and works very hard until she has achieved the outcome she desires. Well done Maddy!
The Premiers reading challenge is coming to an end. If you are participating make sure you have all your books logged in before Next Wednesday the 12th of September. I have to have all of the books verified before the 14th as this is when the challenge ends and not data can be entered after this date. Good luck to everyone participating and congratulations to those who have already succeeded.

Nerrida Macdonald
Premiers Reading Challenge Co-ordinator
I hope all Dads had a nice Father’s Day. The children certainly enjoyed making a picture of their Dad on a card—choosing and pasting clothes, hair and beards. They also liked making the present. It can be difficult for a pre-schooler to wait when they know they have made a present, and they usually want to give the present straight away. To keep a present until the right day is good practise for children, as is learning not to tell what the present is. Children start to understand time by having to wait for a certain day, or having activities on certain days of the week. A calendar on the wall where you cross out each passing day is a good tool to help children learn about days, months and years.

Fridays with Forrest Kids Go Bush have been very busy the last couple of weeks. Many of the children have explored the mud in the creek and enjoyed the feeling of slippery mud under their feet, or on their body. The boys have been building a new cubby with a stone floor. Thanks to Colin they have kept getting additional boards, or bits and pieces to use. Three of the children made a Walking Bus from a big board last week. Climbing trees has also been a favourite thing to do lately.

We started “Library” last week and the library day will be Fridays. 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.

Last week Bimo visited again and taught the children some new words. We also had the group of Junior children coming over for the last joint session for this term.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

**Dates to remember**

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**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.
**CHILD CARE AND AWESOME AFTERS (OSHC)**

For Child Care or After School Care bookings please call:

Caralyn

0412 953366

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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable
**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fundraising News**

Any leftover stickers for the Woolworths Earn & Learn campaign, please send to school. We will be sticking all stickers on the required sheets and sending them off to Woolworths to redeem for some fantastic resources.

Thanks for your support.

Our final tally will be revealed soon!!!!

Dear parents,

As you are hopefully aware, our Forrest children have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance at Birregurra Festival on Sunday 11th October at 12pm (Main Stage).

They will be joining voices with the children from Birregurra and Deans Marsh Primary Schools for a half hour concert which will then be followed by a performance by our adult Choirs and Senior Citizens.

Each School has been asked to provide tie-dyed t-shirts for their performers which will be given out on the day of the event and children may wear anything they like underneath.

It would be great if all performers could arrive @ 11.30 (half an hour before show time) and each child bring their own water bottles.

We have professional film makers recording the performance and these DVD’s will be made available (for a small fee) to all families during 4th Term. There are also a number of parents & teachers, who will be playing instruments on the day and performing alongside our kids.

Rain, hail or shine, this year promises to be our biggest and best Concert yet!

Regards,

Louise Brown

The Forrest JSC & Kerryn are excited to present the Cupcake Morning Tea, especially with the great response the children have had from parents. Cupcakes will be available for purchase at the Neighbourhood House on Thursday between 10am and 11am. Any parents who are attending the community lunch or who wish to drop in, cupcakes will be available from $1 or 6 for $5. Any children who also wish to purchase cupcakes can bring their spare change along on the day too...
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ABCD Parenting Young Adolescents

A program for parents of children aged 10 to 13yrs

A 4-week practical and enjoyable program to help parents understand and cope better with the challenges of parenting pre-adolescents and young teenagers.

The ABCD program reassures parents about their parenting as their child enters this new developmental stage and provides knowledge about adolescent development and behaviour. In particular it looks at parenting young adolescents in the context of their:

- increasing independence
- establishing self identity
- placing increasing importance on peer group
- sorting out of personal values
- establishing economic independence

In recognising that no two families are the same and that there is no one correct parenting style, the program also assists parents in exploring what will work for their particular family.

Topics covered in the program include:

- Problem solving
- Conflict resolution—finding a solution that will meet your child’s needs and your own
- Limit setting
- Self care

Note: Places are strictly limited so registration is essential

DEANS MARSH MARKETS

‘BEST OF THE OTWAYS’... CALL FOR STALL HOLDERS...

DATES: SEPTEMBER 27TH AND NOVEMBER 29TH 2015

Do you make, Bake or Create.....Locally?

The Deans Marsh Market is intent on promoting the Otway area & beyond.

If you’re a local, less than 100km (round trip) & want to showcase your produce or talent then join us on September 27th & November 29th 2015

Emerging stallholders will be supported & fostered with reduced rates.

If you are keen to be involved you can make contact with The Cottage.

Email: cottage@deansmarsh.org.au
Website: www.deansmarsh.org.au
Phone: 5236 3388
Mobile: 0428 604 288 (Rick Hamilton)

Deans Marsh Markets.
The Otway Makers, Creators & Producers....

Meditation Workshop

Saturday 12th September 2015
10am-3pm

“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom.”

-Victor E. Frankl

Come and explore both the theory and application of meditation practices for improved health, personal reflection and creative application in daily life.

Cost: $40, light lunch provided
Tutor - Suzanne Frydman, Relax Communications

at The Forrest Neighbourhood House
Forrest Public Hall - 14 Grant Street Forrest
Bookings & information call Gillian on 5236 6591

TOTALLY SPORT

LIVE. LOVE. SPORT.

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POLWARTH & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Home and Away competition on Saturdays.

Season from 2nd week in October until mid December, Recess for January. Start again February, then finals in March.

Beginner coaching programs.

Juniors (under 18 at 1st October) play at 9am. Teams of 4. Players play 3 doubles sets each. 5 grades based on ability from beginners.

Afternoon competition plays at 1pm. Teams of 3 men & 3 ladies. Players play 3 doubles sets each.

Please contact your local club.
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See you all at the Neighbourhood House — Thursday 10th @ 10am