Excitement is building for the Wild Colonial Boy play to be held next week. Children and staff are to be commended on their excellent efforts preparing for this important event in the school’s calendar. A stellar performance is anticipated, no doubt!

Last Friday, NAPLAN reports for students were forwarded home with our Year 3 & 5 students. The results were very pleasing for the students individually and for the school. The students are to be congratulated on their exceptional efforts at doing their very best. Parents wishing to find out more about their child’s achievements and future learning goals are encouraged to contact Mr Donahoo at the school to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

On Tuesday, I attended an Emergency Management Planning Workshop in Warrnambool. The Education Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students/children and staff at Forrest. The workshop helped to review the Centre’s Emergency Management Plan. As our centre (school) is on the Bushfire at Risk Register, the workshop provided an opportunity to discuss Code Red day closure requirements. More information will be provided next term as the summer season approaches.

School Council would like to thank all families who were able to participate in the Working Bee last Saturday. What a great day and a great response! Almost all the planned tasks were completed, the bonfire was spectacular and the barbie was yummy!

The September meeting of School Council is planned for this Monday September 15th beginning at 6.30pm in the Flexible Learning Centre.

Our Student Leaders have been planning a Footy Colors Day to be held on the last day of term 3 (Fri Sept 19th). We hope you support this planned FUN day and donate to the Fight Cancer Foundation. More details are found later in this newsletter.

Last Day of term 3 is Friday September 19th. The school day ends at 2.30pm and our bus will run one hour earlier than usual. The centre will be closed for two weeks. First day of term 4 is Monday October 6th.

Forrest PS had ten students participate in an educational and challenging bike ed experience with Natasha, on Wednesday. Natasha is a representative of the Amy Gillet Grand Fondo Austcycle team. She was very impressed with the bike skills demonstrated by our cyclists. More news later in this newsletter.

Hoping you are enjoying the AFL Footy Finals Series.

Go Cats!

Darryl Harty
**Junior Room News**

So much to report on and so little space!

**Congratulations**

William Standish has read over 150 nights and to celebrate he will enjoy a community lunch along with Tasman Kirk.

**Writing**

As part of our theme ‘Australia’ the Year 1/Year 2 students are working collaboratively with the Preps to prepare and write a ‘Fact Sheet’ about an Australian animal. It has been very interesting watching the older students learning how to guide and mentor the younger students as they find and identify five key pieces of information and then scribe simple sentences for the Preps to copy. All students are taking this very seriously. The fact sheet includes a title, borders, information and a picture. Writing an information report about their chosen animal further extends the older students. Photos to follow next week.

**Fathers’ Day**

I hope you all enjoyed the fantastic thoughts the students put in writing about their ‘Dads’. Every piece of writing produced in our class came from the heart. Room doesn’t allow for all of the pieces to be published, but with permission here are a few examples.

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**Helping Hands Week 8**

Zac and Lily for collecting the sports equipment from the playground.
Our school play is coming together very nicely now. The lights are up and working and the sound system is coming together. We have most of our costumes and props. On Monday the dress rehearsal was just fantastic. We will repeat again on Thursday with all lights and sound! We have worked really hard for this play and we want to see as many people as possible attending.

Please tell everyone to come either next Tuesday at 1.30pm or Wednesday at 6.30pm.

Last Wednesday in our Indonesian Class Pak Bimo made pancakes and the children tried on some Indonesian school uniforms. The kids had a great time!

Amy Gillett Foundation presentation – On Wednesday Amy Gillett’s mum, Mary, gave a presentation at Deans Marsh describing the journey of her child Amy, (an Olympic athlete) who was tragically killed whilst training in Germany some years ago. Her message was about achieving, never giving up and bike safety. The Senior Class joined the presentation over the Polycom. It was fantastic. We were able to watch Mary’s Powerpoint presentation and interact with her as though we were there. As part of this, the Grades 3-5 students undertook Bike Ed training. The Amy Gillett Foundation raises money for bike safety and awareness. The Amy Gillett Gran Fondo is being held this coming Sunday.

Working BEE on Friday! – The senior class worked very hard on Friday for two hours digging out soil to lay our new path (which was finished on the weekend at the parent working bee). It was superb teamwork, the children voluntarily sang the song ‘Van Diemen’s Land’ whilst working. This is a song in our play which depicts the hard life of a convict and in the play it is sung in the chain gang scene.

Happy Birthday to Lily for this Wednesday, she turned 12!!

Thanks for the cake!
PRE SCHOOL NEWS

Father’s Day
I hope all Dads had a nice Father’s Day with their families. The children enjoyed making cards for their Dads last week, and looked forward to giving Dad a surprise on Father’s Day. They also had lots of ideas about where to hide the present and the card.

Open Day
The Open Day had just the one visitor—one of our Mums. Please keep promoting the Early Learning Centre to friends and family. We have a fantastic setting with the Primary school, Pre-school, Day Care and OSHC in the same building.

Excursion next Wednesday 17/9 (John’s Birthday)
It looks like everybody is able to come at this stage, which is great. Please return the excursion slip, if you haven’t already done so. I hope we get some nice weather for the picnic after the performance. I estimate that we will finish at 1:00 PM at the latest. Teresa will be working from 2:00 PM if you need child care. Please remember to tell her if there are any changes.

The Kirk family
Sadly, the Kirk family have decided to move back to Brisbane; so next week will be Ruby and Tasman’s (in Prep) last week with us. We will have a joint farewell party with the Juniors during the Bush Program. We wish the Kirk’s all the best with their move, and their future lives in Brisbane. A big thank you to Christine, for her contribution as a member of the Pre-school Committee.

Please note the change of date for the excursion to Colac—the new date is Thursday 23/10. The Pre-school Committee decided to change the date for the excursion to Colac Emergency and Dental Departments to enable us to participate in the Children’s Week activities run by Glastonbury in the Colac Neighbourhood House on Thursday 23/10. More info next term.

Mobile phones
We are looking for donations of old mobile phones. As mobile phones are in high demand at Forrest Learning Centre, we are in need of more phones for the children to use as play phones.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher
DATES TO REMEMBER
Wed 17/9 Excursion to Apollo Bay, Flying Bookworm performance and picnic
Fri 19/9 Last day of Term III
Wed 8/10 Term IV starts for the Pre-school
Fri 10/10 Committee Meeting

CHILDCARE AND AWESOME AFTERS (OSHC)

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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable

For OSHC/ afternoon bookings please call: Teresa 0419 536340
News from the Science Room

Junior Room

Now working in the Elaborate stage, the students had the opportunity to transfer developing investigative skills to the area of Wind. The students had endless contributions about activities that required gentle or strong wind. Quite a few of the students expressed an interest in sky diving, hang gliding and parachuting!!! We then tested various materials such as felt, cardboard, plastic, tissue paper and their potential use in a wind meter!

Senior Room

The Senior Room students explored the movement of the Sun and the Moon and Earth using role plays and props. Torches, soccer balls and tennis balls became the Sun, Earth and the Moon and we investigated various claims that explain why the sun and moon appear to move across the sky. Fantastic opportunity for some excellent teamwork and developing understandings about why the sun rises in the east, sets in the west, the effect of the earth spinning on its axis, day and night and seasons. Thanks to Nerrida who found us an excellent BBC documentary that had some great visual simulations of the earth’s rotation over a year.
Footy Colours day!

Footy colours day 2014 is about raising money for kids and teens battling with cancer in the Fight Cancer Foundation. Australia’s goal is to raise $750,000 and to achieve this we would love your help. Each year thousands of Australian wear and unite their favourite footy colours and make a donation to give young Aussies living with cancer a brighter future!

Football is about spirit, strength, courage and fight to win. Those touched by cancer share a similar journey and need the same strength and courage to win their individual fight.

Footy colours is held on the 19th of September; it starts at 10:30am and finishes at 1:30pm.

Donation - minimum $5 dollars a child

Lunch provided- BBQ, sausages, pies and prima juice box. Activities are also held on the day - handball, long kick, parade (best dressed) and football games- Junior and Senior. Lots of prizes and lots of fun!!!
Forrest Primary School

THE WILD COLONIAL BOY

The 1820s Legend of Jack Donahue the Bold

Matinee 1.30pm Tues 16 Sept
Evening 6.30pm Wed 17 Sept
Forrest Public Hall

A Forrest Primary School Production written by Jason Freddi
Enquiries Forrest Primary School 5236 6393 Running time approx 70 minutes
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fundraising News**

If there are some parents out there who will be in town on Sunday 14th September and are prepared to help out marshalling some of the local roads (& earn some fundraising $ for the school) please let me know ASAP. Volunteering time will be 7.30am – 1pm and lunch and a uniform are supplied. A briefing meeting will be held prior to the event - TBA

Thanks – every little bit counts!

Sarah Lane
5236-6172 0421 103 042 sjlane@swarh.vic.gov.au

**WHOS FEELING ADVENTURES LADIES**

Miss Muddy is a 4-6km adventure course for women. walk, run, crawl. Doesn't matter what your fitness level is. Full of mud and fun. Get down and dirty with obstacles like ‘the muddy mile’ and colour cannons.

Go to the miss muddy website to find out more. www.missmuddy.com.au Held at Novatel resort - Creswick. Sunday 30th November 2014

Forrest primary school mums are putting in a team. If your interested in joining us please contact Robyn on 0439366282 or email lucrob1@bigpond.com.au

Cost $70 to enter with 10 % of sales going to a women’s charity…

GOING TO BE A DAY FULL OF FUN AND LOTS OF LAUGHING!!!!!

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**Dear parents,**

As most of you are probably aware, the children at Forrest Primary have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming choir performance with

‘Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Marsh’ at the Birregurra Festival.

This performance will take place on **Sunday October 12th @ 12 Noon**. We are expecting to have approx.150 singers in the Choir including adults from all across Colac/Otway and Surf Coast Shires and children from Birregurra P.S.

It is hoped that each child wear a **black** top/t-shirt/dress to the event (provided by parents). Children may wear jeans, skirts; pants etc underneath and will be given a coloured sequined scarf on Sunday 12th to wear up on stage.

Could parents please ensure all children arrive at the side of the ‘Festival main stage’ by 11.45am ready to perform at midday.

Thanks and warm regards,

Louise Brown
Birregurra Festival and Art Show

11th - 12th October 2014

The 15th annual Birregurra Festival and Art Show is set to transform the streets of Birregurra into a vibrant market place, rich with a diverse range of live music, art, Otway region produce, gourmet food, plants and handcrafts.

There’s plenty for the children, a popular dog jumping contest, and a successful art show, featuring work from leading Victorian artists. Gold coin donation. Main Street. Birregurra 3242. birrefest@gmail.com. 0419 367994. www.birregurra.com/festival  www.facebook.com/birregurrafestival
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Otway Derby Dolls
Kids Roller Disco’s
Saturday 20th September 2014

Where: Colac Primary School,
65 Murray Street East, Colac

Cost: $5 Entry (DJ Pete in ‘da house)
Everyone welcome to bring their own
skates or blades, their use will be sub-
ject to a condition inspection. FREE
SKATE HIRE is included in entry fee,
skates available in ALL sizes from kids
size 12 up to adults size 11. Parents are
welcome to have a skate with the kids
for a $5 hire fee.

Junior Kids (Primary) Session 4:00pm—6:00pm
(parents asked to stay and watch kids in this session, so why not try skating yourself?!)

Senior Kids (Secondary) Session 7:00pm—9:00pm
(a parent or guardian MUST sign in and pick up ALL kids participating in this session). Kids who
don’t want to skate are welcome to come and enjoy the music. There will be NO PASS OUTS.

Details:
Junior Kids parents who are staying and Senior Kids Parents who opt to stay are welcome to enjoy a complimentary parents retreat with magazines, tea and coffee and some yummy home
made nibbles available.

There’s a stall for the kids to spend some pocket money on as well as prizes and giveaways. Pop Top’s, Bags of Chips, Lolly Bags and Glow Sticks will be available for the Junior Session.
The 2nd Colac Sea Scouts will be doing a sausage sizzle and soft drinks at both sessions.

The Otway Derby Dolls will be on skates to help kids roll around on their skates. The Otway
Derby Dolls are proud to have Lead,Snr. Const. Terry Woodcroft from the Victoria Police CoPlyit
Program in attendance at both sessions.

Special Thanks to Corio Bay Sports Treatment Clinic for the grant that helped us buy all the skates for our first ever Senior Disco Session.

White Ribbon Day
25th November
Say NO to Domestic Violence.
The Otway Derby Dolls support the White
Ribbon campaign, Say NO to Domestic
Violence. We will be selling raffle tickets
for special prize packs made up from
generous donations from local businesses.

Email enquiries to: otwayderbydolls@gmail.com or phone Nancenator on 0417 144 273

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