**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

Term 3 is quickly drawing to a close. It has been a very productive term with a variety of different activities occurring, culminating in the school play this week. Activities include the celebration of Science Week, Sarah Henderson’s Visit, Responsible Pet Ownership Visit, Forrest Learning Centre Promotion/Open Morning, Naplan results, and a very successful Working Bee held recently. Our students continue to impress me with their positive attitude and engagement to learning, and their excellent relationships with all the teachers from both the Early Learning Centre and Primary School. Well done students and staff!

The Play’s matinee was a huge success. We had 60 students from Deans Marsh PS and around 30 adults in attendance. Tonight’s performance begins at 6.30pm. Students are asked to arrive back at school at 5.30pm to prepare, if possible please.

Term 3 ends on Friday at 2.30pm and term 4 commences on Monday October 6th. Swimming notices (blue) arrived home on Monday. The school is very aware that this is both an important and expensive activity for all our students. School Council is committed to subsidizing this program significantly, to ensure full participation, where possible.

At school council’s September meeting a variety of matters were discussed including:

- School review
- ICT Plan
- Policy Reviews
- Term 4 Pupil Free Day
- Term 4 Fundraising Plans
- Storage needs
- Emergency Management Plan
- End of Year Celebrations
- Somers Camp
- Working Bee Report

Term 4 means hats on when outside as we are a Sun Smart School. If parents could encourage children to wear their school hat each day so they can play outside the sun safe way.

As part of National Book Week, we received a lovely gift from Match Works. It was Scrumdiddlyumptious by Roald Dahl. The book set has a special place in our library now.

An Apology is extended from Mrs Melican, our P.E. teacher, for her late dismissal of our Juniors last Thursday. The game was so much FUN!!!!

Please note, Colac Show Day Holiday is Fri Oct 31 and a Pupil Free Day is planned for Mon Nov 3rd.

Hoping you enjoy the holiday break with your family and friends. See you next term!

Darryl Harty

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 17th — Wild Colonial Boy Evening Show at 6.30pm
- 19th — Last day of TERM 3 2.30pm Finish
- 19th — Footy Colors Day

**OCTOBER**

- 6th — First Day of TERM 4
- 7th — Stuart Tripp Visits Forrest PS
- 15th — W.T.S. Free Breakfast 8.45am
- 10,17,24,31 Swimming Program
- 20th — School Council Meeting
- 28th — Earth Ed Excursion Gr 3 — 6
- 29th — “Roaming Reptiles” Visit
- 30th — World Teachers’ Day
- 31st — Colac Show Day Holiday

**NOVEMBER**

- 3rd — Pupil Free Day
- 11th — Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 12th — School Photos
- 17th — School Council Meeting
- 14,21,28 Swimming Program
- 18-26th — Somers Camp

**DECEMBER**

- 16th — Graduation/Christmas Night
**JUNIOR ROOM NEWS**

The end of term 3 – unbelievable how fast the time has flown!

Congratulations

The Play – WOW! All of the students did an amazing job and, despite a few initial nerves, really enjoyed performing. They were very proud about how well it all went. I know there will be other accounts in this newsletter but ……

I was ‘out the back’, and all costume changes went smoothly, thanks to Leah Tung for her help. The students did a sterling job trying to be quiet and were ready to ‘go on’ when their scene was called. I didn’t get to see the play in its final entirety but ‘independent’ reports from the audience, (my son who attended with Deans Marsh Primary School) said that it was fantastic, just like a ‘real’ play!

Writing

We haven’t quite got to the presentations of our Australian Animals facts sheets yet. The Year 1 and Year 2 students have been finalising their information reports and hopefully they will present on Thursday afternoon. The information reports have been a step up for the older students.

Maths

The Preps focus is ‘Time’. They are confident with o’clock times but we are still working on the months of the year and seasons. Data, collection and graphing, is the Year 1 and Year 2 focus. Students are making bar graphs from specific data, Time taken to answer 50 ‘Addition to 20 questions’. We do these questions regularly in order to improve automatic recall. The bar graphs provided a great visual presentation of how their times are improving. We also have been using the time spent with the seniors to collect data on favourite colours and sandwich fillings. The students learnt how to tally their results and will also graph them.

Forrest Kids Go Bush

The students all enjoyed using new tools including hand drills and saws. Thanks to Kim for organising them, along with our new ‘work station’.

Finally

Farewell to Tasman and Ruby Kirk. We have enjoyed getting to know you and will miss you both. Good luck on your new adventure!

Enjoy the holidays

Miss Mac

Junior room teacher

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**JUNIOR ROOM:** This week’s student of the week is Hamish Coulter. Hamish has made a huge effort with his writing formation and is trying hard to include the correct spelling of known words. Excellent work Hamish!

**SENIOR ROOM:** This week’s Student of the Week is impossible to choose, as everyone has been incredible!
By now most of you will have seen the school play. If so, you will probably agree that it was quite incredible. All children have stepped up to another level when it came to “crunch” time. Even though I have sat through a few practice sessions, I remained utterly amazed by their performances. The children were extremely excited before performing, with very little nerves. They were all very well prepared and confident.

I have learnt that we cannot underestimate these children’s abilities. When presented with a challenging task, such as this play, they step up and enthusiastically achieve to the best of their abilities.

Jason Freddi has generously given us many hours of his time, knowledge and skills over the entire school term. The children have learned a lot about theatre, performance, new language, knowledge of early society in Australia and more about themselves as individuals. Thanks so much Jason!

I would also like to thank Liza Freddi for all of her time spent on choreography, songs and prompting. Thanks to Amida for spending time with kids to build confidence as performers and for helping kids learn lines. Thanks to Shizu for helping out with video, photos and interviews. Thanks to Leah for helping with makeup and backstage. Thanks to John Frizion for his technical support and sorting out the curtain and light stand. Thanks to Nerrida for all of her help during practice, organizing costumes, props, and managing backstage. Thanks to Kristin for organizing her class and backstage management. Thanks to Mr Harty for being MC. Thanks to Gillian Brew for making our Wild Colonial Boy poster, publicity and putting up with kids frequenting the hall during practice. Thanks to Sarah Lane for publicity. Thanks to Beccy Foster for painting the lovely tree silhouettes for our stage. Thanks to all parents for organizing costumes, helping children learn their lines and for attending the play. Thanks to Aphrodite for designing the image for our poster. Thanks to Ayden Ferrari for being our lighting guy. And last of all I would like to thank myself for the many many hours spent outside school hours sorting out the technical side, sounds and lights. I have learnt and enormous amount and the next play will be a lot easier!!

Most of all thanks to all of the Forrest students – we are all very proud of you!
PRE SCHOOL NEWS

Bush Program

It has been very interesting to watch some of the girls during the Bush Program lately. After playing mainly on the bark hill and the grass previously, they decided that it was time to get into the creek and get muddy. They have been walking around with great joy in the muddy water (squelching and squirting water); giggling and watching each other get more and more muddy. Every now and then they have run up to Kim, Kristin or me to show us how muddy they were, before quickly running back into the water again. They have even painted their faces with mud. So if your child seemed unusually dirty and the gumboots came home wet and muddy on the inside last Friday, now you know why.

Another very popular activity during the Bush Program has been to use the new table to work with wood, drills, saws, hammers and nails.

Parents welcome

This coming Friday we will do some cooking on the open fire during the Bush Program with the children. This will be a fun ending to the term, and also a farewell to Tasman and Ruby. Parents are most welcome to join in, anytime between 9:00-11:00.

Poppy

Unfortunately Poppy has broken her arm and is probably not going to be able to come this week. All the best for a quick recovery Poppy.

Thank You

A big thank you for all the work done at the Early Learning Centre during the working-bee, which is very much appreciated by all of the staff members. Thank you also for the donation of mobile phones; they have already come to good use. Thank you to all parents for helping with the laundry every week. Especially thanks to Sarah and Kaz for all the extra hours they have put in this term for the benefit of the Early Learning Centre.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOHN – 4 YEARS OLD.

This is the last week of Term III. Next term the children will be required to wear a sunhat while playing outside.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

Helping Hands Week 10

Braeden for getting my play costume for me.

Aphrodite for helping me get my jumper down from a tree.
CHILDCARE AND AWESOME AFTERS (OSHC)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 19/9  Last day of Term III.
Wed 8/10  Term IV starts for the Pre-school.
Fri 10/10  Committee Meeting.
Thu 23/10 Excursion to Colac – Children’s Week.

For OSHC/ afternoon bookings please call: Teresa 0419 536340
For MORNING Childcare bookings: Caralyn 0412 953366

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forrest Primary schools

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

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

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

Costs: $5 Entry (DJ Pete in ‘da house)
Everyone welcome to bring their own skates or blades, their use will be subject 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 nibbies 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 Leading Const. Terry Woodcroft from the Victoria Police CoPylt Program in attendance at both sessions.

Special Thank you to the Great Western Chunky Shop for providing free help on the morning of the event, and thank you to the local businesses for their support.

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

Like us on Facebook for regular updates @ “Otway Derby Dolls”
**Fundraising News**

The Amy Gran Fondo bike ride hit Forrest this past weekend and thanks to Georgie Seebeck, James Sprunt & Beth Sprunt, our school community earned another $150.00. A huge thanks to you three – it was a warm day & you were all kept busy!!! The monies raised will be put towards the purchase of some new play furniture and equipment in the Early Learning Centre.

Coming up we have an opportunity to organise and run a kids mountain bike race as part of the Forrest Festival. This event will be held on Sunday 30th November and potentially, this could be a signature event for our school. A small working party is being formed to plot out a plan for the course, advertising and marketing and logistics, if you are interested in being a part of this group please let me know:

Sarah Lane

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

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**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
The Birregurra Community Health Centre and the Colac Otway Shire has been working with our Birregurra Youth Events Crew to put together an event for young people to be held at the upcoming Birregurra Festival.

It is my pleasure to announce and extend an invitation to the free Movie Night at the Birregurra Primary School multipurpose hall on Friday 10 October 2014.

We will be screening two movies. Both movies are PG rated, however the first movie (screening from 5–6.30pm) is targeted more towards primary school age and the second (screening from 7–9.30pm) more towards secondary school age. Everyone is welcome to attend both, of course!
Birregurra Festival and Art Show

11 -12 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

OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Workshop with Seychelles islander dancer and singer Grace Barbé
Tuesday, September 30, 4-5pm

Ages: Primary school and up
Tickets: $12 or free if you have a ticket to Grace’s Afro Sound of the Seychelles show at COPACC on October 1.
Grace will give an introduction to Indian Ocean Sega dance. Grace will teach both traditional and modern choreography and give a background to the history and culture of the island.

GRACE BARBÉ

Storytime on the ENORMOUS Bed
Readings by children’s author and illustrator Elizabeth Honey
Friday, October 3, 2pm-2:40pm
Ages: Primary and pre-school
Admission: FREE
On the emperor-sized enormous bed, made especially for Still Awake Still, Elizabeth will read from her poetry and picture books – particularly I’m Still Awake Still, That’s Not a Daffodil and Honey Sandwich. Elizabeth will also explain how a good idea for a story turns into a finished picture book.

Paper! Tape! Torch!
Visual storytelling in theatre - a workshop with Elizabeth Honey
Thursday, October 2, 2:30-4pm
Ages: 6-12
Tickets: $10
Children create an intuitive story told with images. In pairs, they create a character with paper, sticky tape and their bodies. Then comes the magic – Light! Elizabeth shows how shadows add an extra dimension to the performances.

Barefoot Bubble Play
Thursday, October 2 & Friday, October 3, 2:30-4pm
Ages: 6-12
Admission: Gold coin donation
A beautiful, fun activity for people of all ages who love to experiment making bubbles. Come and help us fill the Civic Hall with billions of bubbles. Share your fascination or bubbles with Yulang artist Brian Vorsley who leads this interactive workshop.

Character Creation & Book Illustration
A workshop with children’s author and illustrator Elizabeth Honey
Friday, October 3, 10:30am-midday
Ages: 6-12
Tickets: $10
Elizabeth introduces a couple of characters from her books, and tells how they came about. Then the young writers, using visual reference, develop a couple of intriguing characters of their own. They'll imagine names, voices, expressions, habits, and life history. What will happen when they put their own characters together? Finally, Elizabeth outlines the task of the illustrator, and the children draw their characters, as they might appear as illustrations in a book.

Box office: 5232 2077 www.copacc.com.au