September 3, 2014

Principal’s News

Forrest Early Learning Centre

Friday 5th September 2014

Bush Kinder/Pre School and Primary School Tour

All families and children welcome!

10.30-11.30am

Morning Tea provided

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We have planned an Open Morning for this coming Friday September 5th.

Our plan is to visit the Bush Kindy, visit both the Senior and Junior classrooms and finish with morning tea. If interested in joining us, please meet us at school office at/ near 10.30 am.

On Saturday September 6th, we have planned a Working Bee, Bonfire (subject to supervision of fire) and BBQ beginning at 10am and concluding at 1pm. Constructing a new gravel path across the front of the school, trimming trees, weeding vege gardens, sweeping/raking of paths are all on the to do list (check out the “Bee” whiteboard to find something to do). Whipper snippers, saws, rakes, spades, barrows along with gloves and lots of energy are on order. We hope you can spare an hour or two. The Bee will end with the bonfire and BBQ. BYO everything.

Next Monday will be the last Active Afters Footy session for term 3. Parents are more than welcome to come along earlier than the 4.30pm pick up and have a kick with our budding footballers. Special thanks to our footy coach James who the children have enjoyed having as their coach. It was also great to have Dale Menzies join us last Monday in the hall for some indoor fun. Mountain Biking is planned with Mr Donahoo in term 4.

More details in future newsletters.

Hoping all our champion Dads have a great Fathers Day on Sunday

Darryl Harty
A full week! Reading, Writing, Spelling - Magic words, Sound Waves and spelling rules, Maths – fractions, grouping, and addition, Concert – song practice and sorting out costumes, Forrest Kids go bush, and so much more…..

Congratulations
This week we are recognising Bryanna, Julian and Henry’s achievement of reading for 100 nights – a fine effort. They will celebrate this milestone by enjoying milksakes on Friday – I’ll be busy!
Tasman has read for 150+ nights by managing to keep up his nightly reading while he was away. His accomplishment will be celebrated with a community lunch order on Thursday. Great work Tasman!

Writing
We have been busy writing but it only occurred to me that, at this stage, the writing is currently unpublishable – Fathers? We don’t always get large pieces of writing planned, drafted, edited, final copy hand written and typed within the week. Fortunately, Hamish was busy writing at home and he is our writer of the week.

Maths
The Preps continued making groups. We have had an interesting week looking at different ways to group objects – primarily people and food, although some other pictures entered the mix, appropriately called ‘other’. The students’ initially grouped people according to their sex and food, according to whether they deemed it healthy or unhealthy. We then looked at other ways to make groups – hair colour, desserts, and fresh food – fruit and vegetables or cooked food. This is great preparation for our unit on Data collection.

As a class we investigated fractions – whole, half, quarter and eighths. Luca pointed out that in his household, and I suspect many others, there is usually a big half. In our house the ‘You Cut, I Choose’ rule seems to insure that the halves pretty much equal – as they should be!

Have a great week. Miss Mac
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

This week we have begun researching the life of the convict at the start of the 18th century. We gave children a broad scope to research the topic and then bring interesting information back to the group. After the first immersion session, we sat in a circle and discussed what we had found out. Interestingly, children were able to link many of the things they had learnt whilst engaging in the school play. Some of the responses ranged from profiling Governor Darling through to the routines of convicts, the role of women, the coded language of convicts, tattoos, the plight of the convict, whipping, punishment and the attitudes of the colonial officers. This exercise created many more questions and led to some quite interesting discussions. It appears that the high interest in school play has really opened children’s minds up to learning more about this topic.

Our dress rehearsal went very well this week. Jason had worked through scenes with some children last week and this was evident in their performances. We had gathered many more props for the rehearsal and this helped us to better organise the acting and movement on the stage. Next Monday we have another dress rehearsal, but this time with lights and sound. Groups have been rehearsing songs and we hope for a solid practice with all costumes and props.

We are very happy to announce that we have all of Deans Marsh Primary coming to see our play for the Matinee session on Tuesday 16th September.

Maths: Children are working in groups, sometimes collaborating to work through various areas of the maths curriculum. This appears to be working very well. As groups children are deciding which areas they require help in and then asking for help / session with teachers. This is a process of Mastery, but putting the onus on the learner to seek help from multiple sources when they do not understand a concept.

By the way, this week we caught Claudia Schuhmann eating a very large carrot!

Helping Hands Week 8

Alicia for holding the chicken while I patted it and helping me do my job.

Lily for organising the care of the chooks.

JUNIOR ROOM: This week’s student of the week is Henry Seebeck. Henry has put great effort into his writing, producing some of his best work by paying attention to letter formation and, spelling known words correctly.

SENIOR ROOM: This week’s Student of the Week is Kayla Forssman for volunteering to take charge of projects on our classroom and completing them.
Weather

Last week was very enjoyable with lots of sunshine and real spring weather. In fact it was so sunny, that we started talking about sunhats and sunscreen. According to the sun smart policy, the children are required to wear sunhats during Terms I & IV when the UV-radiation is dangerously high, even on grey days. It is good for children and adults to have exposure to sunlight during Terms II & III, as it helps to combat vitamin E deficiency. If your child stays at the Learning Centre all day, then it’s likely that she/he will spend a lot of time outside and it might be a good idea to send a sunhat already now.

Baking

Last Wednesday we baked muffins and had a little farewell picnic outside for Laura. The children liked baking and eating the muffins. They all gave Laura a big, long, group-hug before she left.

Dentist

Stacey and Lauren from Colac Area Dental Health came for their third and final visit for this year. Every child was checked and they left information for you in the letter pockets.

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.

Sunshade grant

I have the great pleasure to announce that we have been granted money for a new shade sail to be erected in the playground. Thanks again Kaz for applying on our behalf.

OPEN DAY –FORREST EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Please spread the word and let friends/family with young children know that we are having an Open Day on Friday between 10:30 and 11:30.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

Lena Collopy - Pre-school Teacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 3/9, Quality Assessment and rating visit by Karen Etheridge, DEECD.
Fri 5/9, OPEN DAY, 10:30-11:30.
Fri 5/9, Committee Meeting.
Wed 17/9, Excursion to Apollo Bay, Flying Bookworm performance and picnic.
For OSHC/ afternoon bookings please call: Teresa 0419 536340
For MORNING Childcare bookings: Caralyn 0412 953366

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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable
This week in the Junior Room we were working in the Explain phase. The students produced weather books that gave them opportunity to combine their knowledge about weather symbols, science words and how it is applied in the real world!

To kick start the lesson we explored a little about Brain Science by taking the students through a few Brain Gym moves: We did some cross crawls, captain hook ups and the Waddely Archer!

Some students are starting to work on Individual Research Projects:

*Individual Investigative questions by Elijah Freddi:*

This week Scientist Elijah used his investigative skills to research the topic of clouds and a measuring device.

1) **What is a cloud?**

   A cloud is a collection of light water vapour. The vapour is so small and light that they float.

2) **How are clouds formed?**

   All air contains water vapour, but near the ground it is usually in the form of a gas. Warm air rises, it expands and cools. The cool air condenses and becomes a visible cloud.

3) **What is a thermometer?**

   A thermometer measures the air temperature. Most thermometers are closed glass tubes containing liquids such as alcohol and mercury. When air around the tube heats the liquid, the liquid expands and moves up the tube. A scale then shows what the actual temperature is.
Scientist in Schools Program Update

Yesterday we had a fantastic session with Mat Bird from the Scientist in Schools Program. The students learned about what kinds of organisms were living in the agar jelly. The children had taken samples to grow in the agar plate from all sorts of revolting places— from their ears, keyboards, teeth, nose, window sills, even their desks! It was incredible to see the bacteria and fungi that thrived. We compared the samples with our control and an agar plate that had been exposed just to the air. The students asked insightful and entertaining questions and we look forward to the next investigation!

SUPER SCIENCE FACT

You can see Great Barrier Reef from space! At over 2000 km long, it is the largest structure ever built by living creatures.
THE WILD COLONIAL BOY

THE 1820s LEGEND OF JACK DONAHUE THE BOLD

MATINEE 1.30PM TUES 16 SEPTEMBER
EVENING 6.30PM WED 17 SEPTEMBER

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!
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSIDE THE BRICK
BUILD.PLAY.SHARE

Hello LEGO Fans,

Brick Fest! Is for children young and old, with original LEGO creations and collectable sets and models on display. We'll have a huge brick pile to build within our construction zone area and a Duplo construction zone that will keep printed bricks will be on sale.

See amazing creations by master builders including Ninjas, a huge city and train layout, spaceships, many popular LEGO themes, and many unique creations.

The Expo is happening on the 13th and 14th of September at the Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre, 2-6 Rae Street, Colac, VIC.

Tickets are only available via online booking.

**** There are NO tickets available at the door ****

Only $8.00 for Single ticket
Only $5.00 Children & Concession
Free entry for Under 3s.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Book securely online now via Trybooking at
http://www.trybooking.com/99190
More info available at www.insidethebrick.com

For Sale—Best / Any Offer

1 “tired” working Kelvinator fridge from the Pre School (Great as a bar fridge) Size: 140lts approx.

1 “tired” working Fisher & Paykel freezer from the Pre School (Great for freezing the bait/dog’s food!) Size: 140lts approx.

Offers in writing to Forrest PS Principal on/before Sept 10th