Principal’s Comment

Book Project
Well the writing and artwork is really starting to take shape!! We have two remaining to put the final touches on what has been an exhaustive process. We will be producing 200 copies of this book and all students and community members involved in the book will receive a copy. The remainder of the books will be for sale.

Students will be photographed dressed in character and these photographs will be used in the book. We have been able to convince Robert Ashton to work with us on this side of the book. Rob is a professional photographer who is represented in all major state art galleries around Australia. You can see some of his work at [http://www.robertashton.com.au/](http://www.robertashton.com.au/).

Parents are being asked to help with the costumes for your children so please make sure that you are aware of your child’s character. We will help out any families that are having difficulties with costumes – please see your respective teachers or contact Leah Tung who has a great supply of costumes and who has offered to help. We will be photographing all students on the one day Wednesday 11th September.

I would like to thank Leah Tung for her efforts in helping with costumes – the kids have really appreciated your support!

Each student’s double page will contain writing pieces, paintings, sketches and some photography so the book will look spectacular when finished!!

Student Free Day
On Monday 9th September staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day at school. We will specifically be looking at the MultiLit Program and 21st Century Learning. It promises to be an informative day.

Parents need to make alternative arrangements for children on this day as the school will be closed.

Geelong College Garden visit
Last week Craig and I revisited the Geelong College kitchen /garden project to see what directions they had taken to further embed their program into the curriculum. It was a very impressive set up and we both gained more insight into future directions for our own program. It was a most useful and productive day.

CFA Mobile Classroom Visit
On Thursday the 5th September the CFA Mobile Classroom will be attending the Forrest PS. The lessons happen in a large classroom attached to a truck- students will be learning about fire safety. The lessons will be targeted for both the senior and junior rooms.

There is no cost attached to this important program
Forrest Primary School

Deans Marsh PS Group Day

On Tuesday 10th September the whole school will be travelling to Deans Marsh Primary School to participate in a shared Art/Group day. We have been fortunate enough to secure local Deans Marsh artist Veronica Phillips who works in schools around our area creating woolly creatures with students. These are often included in exhibits at local events, and could be perfect to tie in with things like Warrion Flower show, Birre Fest, and anything else at the selected time of year.

There is a $10 cost per student for this day and attached to this week’s newsletter is a permission form that needs to be returned to school asap.

Front Entrance

Once again a huge thank you to Sam Evans who has prepared the concrete base works in preparation for the construction of our new front entrance and bike shelter! It really has been an amazing effort by him to prepare and complete such major works for this small community school.

It was great to speak to Gillian Brew who is already planning ways to utilise the car park space with community markets! The ideas are already beginning to grow!

On behalf of the school community I thank the Evans family for their enormously generous donation!

Federal Election Fundraiser

A huge thank you to Sarah Lane for organising the Federal Election BBQ outside the Community Hall. I would also like to thank the merry group of helpers who have volunteered in various ways to help out with this activity.

Active After School Program

The last session for this term will be on Tuesday 10th September

AFL Clinic

For the first time our Year 4-6 students have been invited into Colac West PS for this year’s Toyota AFL Junior Footy Clinic. This event will be held on Thursday 12th September from 12.30-2.00 and will include some of the games greats- Luke Hodge, Patrick Dangerfield, Lenny Hayes, Brian Taylor etc

We will be travelling in by bus and the cost for this excursion is $5.00 per child.

Last Day of Term

A reminder that school finishes at 2:30 on the last day of Term (20th September). Please make alternative arrangements to have your child picked up at this time unless they are using ASC.

Peter
**OTWAY DERBY DOLLS WANTS YOU!**
ODD is open to FRESHMEAT over 18 years old - You can learn how to skate from zero experience.
We'll teach you how to skate, stop and fall. You'll have no body contact until completing white star level. Bring yourself with mouthguard (you can buy at a chemist), you can borrow rest of gear from us.

Tuesday 6pm-7:30pm @Bluewater Fitness Centre Basket Court
Contact Shizu 0434 55 1350 or otwayderbydolls@gmail.com.au
https://www.facebook.com/otwayderby

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**Junior Tennis Players Wanted**
The Barwon Downs Tennis club are seeking kids who are interested in playing tennis for season 2013 - 2014. Tennis practice begins Sunday 22nd September 10am at Barwon Downs Tennis courts. Season competition starts 12th October 2013. Please contact me ASAP if your child / children are interested as we need to start organizing teams etc. All welcome to attend the training session. Thank you

Please call Robyn on 52366282 or 0439366282 - email lucrob1@bigpond.com.au

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**JUNIOR ROOM:** Elkin Wittenberg for showing dedication to her writing and sharing her art work with the class.

**SENIOR ROOM:** Kai Broomfield for his excellent focus on his writing pieces for the book project. Kai has worked hard to produce some great work.
Junior Room News

Literacy – book project

The Junior room students have nearly all finished their poems and are now back to writing their anecdotes. Some fantastic ideas are emerging. They are doing well ‘thinking’ as their character and meshing factual information from their ‘time’ into their imaginative pieces.

We all really enjoyed our time with John Frizon on Wednesday – his wealth of information was amazing. He truly captured all of our attention with his stories, saw milling relics and ‘hands on’ activities. It didn’t require much imagination to picture John as a character from Forrest’s past. Thank you John for sharing your time and history.

Thanks also to Juri for a great session making collages with the students. Now that we all know what to do we will be working on character collages next week.

On Friday we are planning to have a dress rehearsal in preparation for the photo session in the following week. This will give the students the opportunity to test out their costumes and see what accessories or items are still needed. I know we are looking for items to help turn Zeus into a policeman – does anyone have a navy suit type jacket? Let me know if you can help.

Forrest Kids Go Bush – Year 1 and 2 students

Although the program goes ahead – rain or hail, the wind last Friday was so gusty that Lena and I decided to cancel the program for the day. We judged the threat of falling branches too great. This Friday’s session will be shortened as the Junior room are having a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership organisation. I believe the students will have lots to talk about after this session which will take place between 11.35 and 12.15. Due to departmental policy and procedures the dog being used in the Junior room is categorised as too big for the Kinder room session – and so the Kinder session is to be rescheduled.

Happy Fathers’ Day

I hoped the Fathers enjoyed their hand made creations. Ideally the plates and cups should have had 24 hours to dry – and the oven in the staff room can be a bit dodgy. Should any of the artistic details be washing off the students are welcome to see me to retouch them and we’ll bake them again.

Kristin Mackinlay
Junior Room Teacher

Fundraising News

The school is hosting a fundraising BBQ on Saturday 7th September at the Forrest Hall where the election polling station will be - Several parents will be involved before and on the day: Some are willing to get up & be there early – 8am!! Please come along & buy an egg & bacon roll to show your support!

If you have a burning desire to get behind the BBQ & turn a few snags, please don’t hesitate to yell out – I can still roster extras…….

See you all there.

Sarah Lane
Senior Room

We are fast approaching end of term, with the book project and so many activities over the next couple of weeks, we are going to be very very busy bees!

We have been particularly focussed on attempting to complete many parts to our books this week. Early on children worked on their art pieces, especially on Wednesday while Jiri was here. The focus on Wednesday was experimenting with collage to produce images relevant to the kid’s characters.

On Wednesday we were especially treated to a very engaging walk and talk with John Frizon, who attended Forest PS as third generation child! John started the morning in class getting the kids minds going with plenty of questions, explanations and discussions. John was able to really engage the children in thinking about the challenges that early logging communities faced and how times have changed. We walked with John along Station Street as he told us stories about life when he was a boy and earlier. We continued on to John’s place, the site of Frizon’s Mill, where he continued with interesting stories and anecdotes. John showed the kids an array of different tools used by the early timber workers, all very interesting and fascinating. John had the kids learn about unique pulley and winching techniques used in the Otways that later became used all over the world. He demonstrated this with the kids using a series of ropes and pulleys, showing that by using a looped rope and pulley, they could save a lot of time and resources pulling wood out of the bush. It was truly a very interesting and engaging experience for all. Max, kindly thanked John on behalf of our school.

He heat is on for children to finish writing pieces and artworks for the book. Some children have really absorbed their learning and are consistently showing this through their written work and art pieces. However, some children this week are really starting to feel the pressure. Some writing pieces still require a lot of work before reaching acceptable standards. Although well supported, some students may be busy this weekend and Monday completing their pieces for the book.

NEXT WEEK is a very busy one: Reminders:

Monday: Pupil Free Day
Tuesday: Excursion to Deans Marsh for the Artist’s Visit
Wednesday: Photo Day for Book Characters in Costume
Thursday: Footy Day in Colac – NOTES TO COME BACK ASAP!!!
I hope all the Dads had a nice Father’s day on Sunday. The weather was certainly very pleasant for a picnic, a drive or any other family activity. Spring has definitely started with very warm and sunny weather, hope it stays for a while.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Bush program on Friday, due to strong winds. It was a very last minute decision as the wind seemed to pick up around 11:00. Instead we had a nice day in our own playground, where the children helped to weed the veggie-box and to put some manure on top. It’s now ready to go for the new season. We also had bubbles that the children happily chased in the wind.

Tomorrow, Heather from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program will visit with her dog (s). I have given everyone information about the times, as she would like to catch up with parents as well. Can you please let us know if you are coming along for the information, which is straight after drop-off...9:05AM? Can you also let us know if your child is afraid of dogs, so we can take extra care?

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 6/9**  Visit from the Responsible Pet Program/ Committee Meeting.

**Friday 13/9**  Visit from Colac Dental Health.

**Friday 20/9**  Last day of Term III, Committee Meeting.
2nd Colac Cub Scouts present the 2013 annual 'Freak Night'

A spooky themed dress up disco and games night for children from 6 – 11 years old. Come along and have some fun on **Friday 13th September at the Otway Plains District Scout Hall** (Log Cabin, down behind the Police Station).

Times: 6 to 8 year olds from 6:30-7:30pm,

9 to 11 year olds from 7:30 - 9:00pm.

Chips and lollies available to buy from the Witches Kitchen.

**Free cordial provided.**

For more information contact Kathy on 52 348 376.
Come and support your local school!

- Egg & Bacon Rolls
- Sausages in Bread
- Hamburgers
- Cold Drinks

Election Day Fundraising BBQ

Saturday September 7th
8am–3pm
Outside the Forrest Hall
Grant Street, Forrest
It’s almost time for the Hunt for the Golden Gumboot for 2013! The Hunt for the Golden Gumboot is held along the Old Beechy Rail Trail and encourages families to get out and get active whilst learning about the amazing History behind the Old Beechy Rail Trail.

Registration forms, rules and guidelines can be picked up from Council’s Customer Service Centre’s or via www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

We hope to see many families out on the Trail searching for a Golden Gumboot!