PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

This is a difficult newsletter to write, as I have grown so incredibly attached to everyone here at Forrest. We have a wonderful bunch of students, supportive parents and amazing staff and it’s very hard to leave that all behind. As you’d know I am starting leave from next term and have been busy getting things ready for my replacement. That being said – my efforts were hardly as necessary as I’d imagined - because I am delighted to announce that Darryl Harty will be joining us as Acting Principal. Darryl is an extremely experienced principal who has worked in this district for a number of years and has a thorough understanding of how small (and big) schools operate. Darryl spent a day out here last week, meeting with Paul Troughton (School Council President), staff, students and myself. I wish Darryl all the best as he leads our school and learning centre into the future.

As for me, I’m off to the Middle East as my husband is taking on the challenge of building a new school in Qatar. Chris had been in negotiations for this project for the past 4 months. During this time it was suggested I apply with Abu Dhabi Education Council for a Vice principals position. This allows us to live in Abu Dhabi and I get experience at running a school of 1000 girls. To my surprise, I obtained a one year contract so I’m off to a bigger challenge, enshallah.

Next term will be a big one for Forrest Primary, as we embark upon another school play, with Jason Freddi and a team of devoted parent volunteers leading the charge. The first play meeting was successful and a schedule for events has been determined. Students have been involved in discussions and a script is being constructed right now. The play will be focussed around “The Wild Colonial Boy” fitting nicely into classroom themes and our Australian studies work.

Funnily enough, I’ve just had a visit from an arborist who was busy doing the clean-up after the last few days of treacherous weather. (We do have some trees which need attention – but I will mention that to School Council). The arborist casually asked me “Do you like your job?” Without thinking I replied “Of course, I have the best job in the world!” Thank you all for enabling me to reply so quickly and enthusiastically. Forrest Learning Centre is the best! Missing you already.

Have fun,
Tara Hulonce
JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

It has been a huge week writing reports and reviewing all of the wonderful work and assessments the students have completed this semester. They have worked incredibly hard and are all to be congratulated!

I look forward to talking to many of you about your child’s progress this semester. If you are unable to make it to the parent-teacher interviews I am happy to meet with you at another time. Please make an appointment so that we can talk without other interruptions.

Numeracy
This week our topic is position and maps. The Preps have been learning to recognise the words for under, over, on, far, near, in front, behind, between and beside. The Year 1 and Year 2 students’ work is extended to mapping and location.

Literacy
The Year 1 and Year 2 students have been finishing off their writing work. Editing, re-writing, typing and illustrating has had them fully occupied. Our focus is on spelling known words correctly in their writing. Well done on a fantastic effort!

Our spelling program continues and I hope that we can begin next term with all of the Preps recognising their Gold, Red and Blue words. A BIG congratulations to Sophie Lane who has finished all of her Magic 200 words. She now joins Kohima, Elijah, Charles and Joe on the Spellodrome program.

Sound Waves
This week Preps’ sounds are ‘p’ and ‘o’. Our activities focus on matching pictures that have the same starting or ending sound, practising writing these letters and simple words to match some of the pictures. Year 1 and Year 2 students are completing learning tasks for the phoneme ‘I’ represented by the graphemes i_e, y, igh, i an ie.

Forrest Kids Go Bush
Please remember overalls, coats, gumboots and a change of school clothes, including socks. It’s our last session for the term and highly likely that it will be raining, maybe even snowing!

Mrs Hulonce’s Farewell
So sorry about the short notice, I have been preoccupied and neglected to mention that we are having a morning tea for Mrs Hulonce on Thursday morning. All families are welcome and a very small plate of food to share would be appreciated. Mrs Hulonce has worked very hard during her recent time at Forrest Primary School and will be greatly missed. Having said that I wish her all the best on her new adventure.

Enjoy the school holidays and I will see you all ready and raring to go next term.

Miss Mac.
Junior Room Teacher

JUNIOR ROOM:
This week’s student of the week is Kohima Sprunt. Kohima has made an outstanding effort this week to be well behaved and helpful. Keep it up!

SENIOR ROOM:
This week’s Student of the Week is Aphrodite Shomaly for entertaining us with her descriptive narratives.
Almira

The early sun was shining as Almira skipped down the village bazaar. Her brother Irfan was taking her to tent school. It hasn’t been rebuilt since the earthquake. She was only nine, but today would be exciting she has two new apples in her bag, one for her and one for her best friend Aysha.

Almira wakes up gasping, she has not dreamt this dream for ages, and dreams are never true she tells herself but she can’t stop her memory. In her dream Irfan was not just there, her mother, and her little brother Tanveer were also there. Her mother died in the bombing, but Tanveer is still alive, ever since his breathing has been worse like there is something stuck in his throat. Tanveer wakes up crying, Almira hugs him and tells him not to worry. Almira’s grandfather taught her how she was very young; he used to work for Mr Nadir at the village bazaar. Now Almira will do the embroidery to make money for Tanveer’s medicine. She hopes Mr Nadir will give her real silver thread to sow with, so she can make more money.

Almira is going to walk to the village bazaar to see Mr Nadir. She calls Tanveer over to get ready to eat, she cooks soup and makes tea. She puts in a lot of spices to give them energy. They eat up and head off to see Mr Nadir. It is quite a long walk, so they need as much energy as possible. When they were half way they saw a nice river which Almira thought was a good place to catch some fish. Tanveer points to the distance and says, “Look a boy.” How can he see that far, they went over and he was lying down like he was unconscious! “Wake up wake up”, yelled Almira.

They took him over to a well and washed his face. They went over and got a quilt to put over him. They decided to take him home to look after him. Tanveer was very happy but Almira was worried because if anyone found out that they had an unrelated teenager staying with them they would get in a lot of trouble and anyway that is forbidden. Almira did not want to make Tanveer upset, so she just went with it.

Almira could not sleep, she thought about what would happen if the boy was found staying with them? Almira has not seen Tanveer this happy, what should she do, if she sends the boy away, Tanveer will never forgive her. The boy wakes up, he is very tired. “What is your name”, “Um Faris”, Faris looked down to his hands, he was surprised that he was washed and that he had a quilt on. “We need your help,” asked Almira. “But, all I can do is catch fish,” said Faris. “Well catch fish then,” said Almira. After they caught the fish, Almira cooked it. She tried to remember her mother cooking it, but did not think she could do it.

She ended up cooking it very well, they sat down, very pleased. Almira has not eaten this well since her mother and father were alive. She wanted to know more about Faris, knowing his name did not seem enough. “Um, we are off to see Mr Nadir”, “Nadir Ukbar from the village bazaar?” Almira nodded, “Never trust that man.” Almira hugged Tanveer, and said goodbye to Faris, then she went off to see Mr Nadir.

She arrived at the village bazaar, she opened the door and greeted him but he did not bother to answer. “Do you want me to buy your embroidery?” said Mr Nadir, Almira nodded. Mr Nadir eyes widened, then Mr Nadir shock his head, tears filled Almira’s eyes, “No, I need the money for Tanveer’s medicine, nothing else.” Mr Nadir called her over and gave her some embroidery thread. They were red and green. “Very well then, we will need to see how good you are” he said. Almira was so happy, “Come back tomorrow when you have finished the embroidery and I will see if I should employ you.”

It is a long walk back but Almira didn’t care, she just wanted to do the embroidery and bring Tanveer some medicine. “You’re back”, said Faris, but she did not bother to answer. Faris looks at Almira strangely, “Oh, look what Mr Nadir gave me”, said Almira, “He doesn’t care about you, he just wants business”, said Faris. Almira doesn’t agree. Almira starts sowing. She reaches into her bag and takes out needles, a tee shirt and embroidery scissors. She is finished and is very proud of the results. She puts it back in her bag and turns to see Tanveer and Faris. They look hungry.

Almira has got some fish left, so she decided to cook it. It was not as good as the first one but it will do, thought Almira. After they ate it they went to sleep, but Almira couldn’t sleep, she wanted to find out what Mr Nadir will say. What if Mr Nadir doesn’t like her embroidery, what should she do? Tanveer is the only family she has left, if he doesn’t have his medicine he will be gone forever. She still couldn’t sleep, but again tells herself not to worry, but can’t stop it. Tanveer wakes up coughing, unable to breathe, she uses the last half of the last medicine. They go back to sleep.

They arrive at Mr Nadir’s shop. “Hello Almira, can I see your embroidery?”, said Mr Nadir. She passes the embroidery to Mr Nadir. “You did this?”, she nods her head. “This is pure artwork” he said. He calls Almira over and gives her a bag filled with medicine, embroidery threads and beautiful Yasmine flower seeds. “Thank you so much Mr Nadir”, said Almira. She goes back to Tanveer and Faris and plants the Yasmine flower seeds right next to where they wash their clothes. She goes to see the flowers and they have sprouted, tears filled her eyes with happiness.
A FEE REMINDER:

Our childcare services are now eligible for CCB, which means you will be able to claim some of the expenses related to education for your before school aged child from 14/07/2014.

This also means that from next term our fee structure will alter ensuring our childcare services will now be more sustainable into the future. This information may be found on the noticeboard. At the May School Council meeting the following fee structure was approved… These fees will come into effect on Monday 14th July, 2014.

NOTE: Pre-School and OSHC fees remain the same. We do charge for the whole session regardless of part attendances as we have limited places available.

For OSHC/ afternoon bookings please call: Millie 0433 210886

For MORNING Childcare bookings: Caralyn 0412 953366

Please note this timetable will alter next term, as Teresa Price joins us as our new Educator.

### EARLY LEARNING CENTRE/ OSHC PROGRAM

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<td>2:00– 3:30</td>
<td>Inside play: toys, trucks, drawing, painting</td>
<td>Colouring pages and decorating art projects</td>
<td>Inside play: puzzles, drawing, home corner, book corner</td>
<td>Yoga, sing-a-long songs, story-time</td>
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* Outside Activities will be held providing weather is suitable
PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

As I am writing this, the weather is going absolute wild outside. I hope everyone is safe and secure and haven’t had any major damage or injury to animals, houses, cars and other property.

Goodbye

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Amelia, Tara and Chris this week. Amelia has been a great little pre-school member, always contributing with her bright ideas and outgoing personality. Tara has during the time she has been back, managed to get the Forrest Learning Centre running with Child Care as well as Pre-school. She has also been a great leader for the whole school. Chris has helped out with lots of odd jobs around the school. So a big Thank You and Goodbye, and best wishes on your new adventures in Qatar.

Millie is also leaving us, but for different reasons. Thank You for your positive contribution to the Child Care and OSHC. The best of luck for you and you partner in your new role to come as parents. Don’t forget to come and see us whenever you can.

Welcome Teresa

A warm welcome to Teresa Price who is taking up Millie’s role as an Educator in the child care and OSHC. Teresa will double up with Millie the first week of next term to learn the ropes before Millie leaves.

Welcome Darryl and Leanne Harty

Also a warm welcome to our new Acting Principal, Darryl Harty, and Leanne Harty who is returning to her position in the school office. I believe we get to keep Nadeesha as well, but just once a week.

Activities

There is always lots of playing and learning going on during a session. Some of the activities the children have been up to lately include playing hospital, learning shapes and number games, Sugar Plum song and actions, and being blindfolded and guessing who is in front of you.

Winter colds

We’ve had a number of children sick with coughs and colds the last couple of weeks. Hopefully everyone will be back to normal after the holidays.

Ella’s Birthday

Ella turned 5 last week and celebrated with her peers at the Pre-school. Thanks for the Peppa Pig cake and the lolly bags for everyone. The children really enjoyed it.

Two excursions

We have two excursion planned for this year. The aim is for each child to have a parent accompanying them, so please put these dates in your diary. There will be more information closer to the dates:

Wednesday 17/9 - The Flying Bookworm performance in Apollo Bay.
Friday 24/10 - Excursion to the Dental Health Clinic in Colac.

Thank You

Thank you all for this term. It’s gone very quickly and has been very enjoyable. A special thanks to the Standish family for donating a cot to the child care program.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 27/6, Last day of Term II.
Fri 27/6, 2PM. Farewell Party for Amelia and Millie. Please bring a plate to share
Wed 16/7, Pre-school starts - Term III
**SCIENCE ROOM NEWS**

**Junior Room**
The Junior Room students completed and celebrated a wonderful unit investigating Mixtures. We finished up this unit with the spectacular mixing up of chocolate crackles. The students constructed a procedural text and labelled diagram of the final masterpiece! Some students then brainstormed about the topic using the mini whiteboards to compile words relevant to the topic of mixtures.

![Image of Junior Room students working on a science project.]

**Senior Room**
The students from the Senior Room were working in the Explain phase this week. The students sorted out whether the experiments from the unit were physical or chemical changes. Thinking was definitely challenged with regards to whether a new substance was formed (a chemical change) and excellent discussion was heard as students grappled with these concepts.

_A special thanks to Tara, Craig, Kristin and Nerrida for getting on board with the Science program!_

**SUPER SCIENCE FACT:**
The world largest mountain chain is under the ocean. It is the Mid-Ocean range and stretches around the middle of the earth.
Some ideas when forming a new stepfamily

Forming a new family is an exciting but challenging time. There are many different types of stepfamilies all with unique strengths and challenges. In any stepfamily there is always some loss involved. It could be loss of the old family ways, loss of a parent, loss of a more adult role by a child, loss of having a parent to themself or loss of the old family home. You cannot expect your stepchild to love you, but you can expect them to respect you, as you need to respect them.

Some ideas about what parents can do:

- Take time getting to know each child and building a relationship with each child. Every child is different so it is important to take it at each child’s pace which will also be different.
- Talk to each child and each other about your plans.
- Talk about the changes and let children know the changes will feel strange at first and it will take time to get used to the new changes, such as, being in a different house, maybe doing things differently.
- Listen to children’s feelings.
- Children need to know they are still loved by their natural parent.
- Let your child know the other parent who is not living with them is still important and you understand their need to love that parent as well as you.
- Never put down any of the children’s parents in front of the children.
- Understand the strong bond between your new partner and their child. Make sure you make time for them to be together, just as you need to spend time with your child.
- Remember it is important to make couple time, as well as, individual time for children and their natural parent.
- Try to give children some control over things that will affect them.
- Try and let each child have some privacy even if it is only a small space.
- Give children time to sort out their feelings. Keep in mind there may be behaviour problems, disagreements and some unfriendliness until things sort out. Stepfamilies usually form after two adults decide they want to be together, where as children may not share this view, they may still be grieving the loss of their original family.
- Agree that parents should discipline their own child and not expect their new partner to do it. However, as stated earlier it is important as a family rule that each family member speaks respectfully to another.
- Work out what will be the new family rules so everyone is clear.
- As a stepfamily is only new, new family traditions and rituals may need to be formed and these new rituals need to be worked out together, such as, celebrating Christmas or birthdays, holidays and family outings.
- It takes time to form a new family, for members to share experiences, learn about one another and build relationships. Forming relationships cannot be forced. It may take quite a deal of time, possibly years so don’t expect too much too soon, but rather one day at a time.
Families and young people were invited to attend an informal evening to discuss what they would like to see happen in Forrest and how parents and the broader community can support young people to achieve a greater sense of belonging, fun and be actively involved and engaged in the Forrest community once they leave the primary school community.

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**Attendents**  
Laura, Morgan and Bruno Tehan, Teresa, and Jordi, Andrew, Shizu, Kai and Jo Broomfield, Tanya and Andrew Evans, Leah, Ash, Jet, Kye and Julian Tung and Mellie Per. Beth, Kohi and Luca Sprunt, Liza, Jason, Elijah and Reuben Freddi, Craig Donohoo, Jarrah and Indi, John

**Facilitators**  
Beth Sprunt, Gillian Brew

**Who are we talking about**  
We were surprised to see just how many young people live, or visit family in the district regularly. They include: Bruno, Morgan, Ash, Mellie, Jet, Max, Claire, Kate Simon, Brendan, Eva, Abi, Steph, Shanae, Zak, Ayden, Aphrodite, Claire, Lily, Olivia, Georgia, Jahla, Oscar, Sebastian, Hugh, Joel and Nat. These are school aged children from Grade 6 on. Over 18 YOs are not represented.

**What do young people want to do in Forrest**

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<th>Primary School aged:</th>
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<td>Grade 6 and over:</td>
<td>Pool table, fishing club &amp; cooking, camping/trekking, kids bike riding &amp; maintenance, music/Freeza, mens shed potential activities &amp; skills, dance/party, youth group with independent supervisor/youth worker, horse riding, trips, scouts, social justice outings/info, games night, chess set, family sports day eg soccer or touch football, pickup from Colac after activities eg gym, sports training</td>
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The young people present were asked to indicate which activities they most wanted to be involved in and they selected the following in order of preference:

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<td>Leah Tung has the equipment. Will need to investigate where to put it, insurance etc</td>
<td>Tanya to contact council</td>
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<td>Youth Group/ Games night</td>
<td>Meet at the Neighbourhood House fortnightly on a Friday night, run a kids movie first followed by youth group. Create a calendar of events/activities to start off. Engage other young people not at the meeting. Find out how other youth groups work. Link in with police, youth workers, Freeza etc. Suggested contacts: Terry Woodcroft youth liaison VicPol, Len Colloly Childcare worker/psychologist. Apollo Bay Youth Group (Otway Health) Emma Thomas COS</td>
<td>Beth &amp; Craig to meet with young people Friday 27 June @ 5.30 Gillian to follow up resources, youth worker, possible community group funding, insurance</td>
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<td>Gillian to contact Kathy</td>
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<td>Pool Table</td>
<td>Mens Shed? Revisit at youth meeting</td>
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<td>Family sports</td>
<td>Sports equipment may be available after hours through the school</td>
<td>Craig to follow up</td>
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| Skate Park    | Although not a focus of the youth present, some parents are interested in investigating upgrades to the skate pad. Shizu Broomfield has made contact with the council and Leah and Liza have indicated they will form a working group. | Shizu, Leah and Liza to organize meeting of working group |

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**Otway Derby Dolls**

Present School Holiday Fun @ Our

**Junior Kids Roller Disco**

**Friday 11th July 2014**

**Where:** South West Family Church, 516 Murray Street, Colac

**Cost:** $5 Entry

Kids (12 and under) welcome to bring their own skates or blades, there will be FREE SKATE HIRE available in kids size 10 up to size 7 only first in best dressed!

**Time:**

5:00pm—7:30pm

**Details:**

Parents are asked to stay for the duration of the night and enjoy a 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. The Otway Derby Dolls will be on skates to help kids roll around on their skates.

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or phone Tancenator on 0417 144 273

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