PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
Thanks to all who attended our WELCOME BBQ last week, the feedback from the night was most positive, with parents enjoying the social atmosphere and finding the information sessions a great opportunity to find out more about our programs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL– With the close of nominations on Monday– the following people have been elected for school council...

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ENJOY YOUR PUBLIC HOLIDAY LONG WEEKEND!

POLWARTH SPORTS– Thanks for a fantastic day at Alvie!

Congratulations to our AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS
Joe Broomfield and Madeline Seebeck.

Congratulations also to the following who will be competing in the next level DISTRICT SPORTS on 11/3/2014:
Kayla Forssman– Shot Put
Madeline Seebeck– 100m Sprints

REMININDER: preps start full weeks next week and we need PREP SCHOOL NURSING ENVELOPES BACK ASAP!

Have fun, Tara Hulonce
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

JUNIOR ROOM: This week goes to Sophie Lane. Sophie’s outstanding effort in spelling has enabled her to achieve 100% in her last two tests. Keep up the excellent work Sophie!

SENIOR ROOM: Lily Schuhmann for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours. Lily made the choice to complete extra homework this week so she could keep up with her mathematics.

JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

The week has been another busy one – with yesterday’s school sports a major highlight. It was an absolutely perfect day and all of the students put in their best efforts and must be congratulated for their excellent behaviour. A special mention for the Preps who coped well with all the exciting activities and crowds of students.

Soundwaves

The Preps sounds this week ‘h’ – happy house, ‘j’ – jumping jelly fish, and ‘l’ – lizards like lolly pops. Year 1 and Year 2 students – k c q ck x(ks) ch. The program requires the students to identify these sounds in words and helps them to develop the ability to chose the correct spelling choice.

Reading and Spelling

The Preps have taken home their first ‘official’ reader this week – the simple repetitive text enables them to develop word recognition supported by the pictures. Reading the Magic Golden words on a nightly basis assists this process, as these are the most common words encountered in their readers.

English on-line.

Over the last few weeks I have been completing English on-line testing for all of the Junior students. The process provides information on a student’s ability to speak and listen, read, write, spell and comprehend. I work with each student individually, and the entire program takes over 1 hour to complete – (17 hours to find)! Thanks to Tara for organising Jo Ridgeway to work last Friday, enabling me to complete the required testing in the designated time. The data provided is incredibly valuable, providing base-line information for the Preps and learning progress for the Year 1 and Year 2 students. The results are used in conjunction with other evidence of the students’ abilities to plan focused learning activities.

Highlight of the Week

On Wednesday Pak Bimo enlisted the help of the children to cook Mi Goreng for the whole school. They practiced their words for numbers and colours and sang Indonesian songs as they peeled carrots and documented the process. It was amazing watching him ‘throw’ all the ingredients together and the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to CarAlyn for purchasing the required ingredients.

Forrest Kids Go Bush

Extra overalls have arrived – all the children are now ‘covered’. New supplies of nails and tools have been purchased. Thanks to Sarah Schuhmann for going out of her way to buy these for the children.

Miss Mac,
Junior Room Teacher
SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Garden
Last Thursday a group of students worked with Mrs Ridgeway to make a delicious apple and rhubarb cake. Kids prepared their gardens for planting and did a few odd jobs to make the gardens look good for the Parent Information Night.

Indonesian
After the 3rd visit from Pak Bimo, with 6 hours of Indonesian lessons under their belts, students really are picking up the basics of Bahasa Indonesian language. They have been learning a range of greetings and small talk, counting and colours. This week Pak Bimo cooked Mei Goreng for the whole school, whilst working with the Junior Classroom. In two weeks time he will cook with the Senior Class. Pak Bimo will also make a specialty satay dish for all of the Wednesday Staff in our school (very much looking forward to that!)

Mathematics
The unit of work on Place Value and understanding large numbers concludes this Friday. I am really happy with the growth we have achieved for each student. The growth was measured not only by the understanding of new mathematical concepts, but also by children’s ability to manage their learning, ask the right questions, know when they were ready for assessment etc.. These learning behaviours are as equally as important as the task itself. The Mastery approach is rigorous but the results are clearly visible. Student’s look forward to maths and often cheer when they know it is time for maths (pretty bizarre but incredibly rewarding for the teacher too!). Over 80% of students have clearly achieved / demonstrated over 90% competency for all learning concepts. As students are able to keep going as far as they wish, a few achieved well above their ‘expected’ levels. Next we move on to ‘Estimation’ for one week only.

Homework
All students should now be reading a Lexile levelled book every night for a minimum of 20 minutes. Students with a Lexile level of less than 1000 will need to complete a reading record every day. Some students will be completing uncompleted Maths at home. Next week students will be practicing their times tables.

Spelling Program
This week we formally started our spelling program. I have made it abundantly clear to all students that they are able to develop their spelling at an accelerated pace if they wish to. It is Spellodrome based and it can be accessed at home. My data shows that the program works, but only for students who make the mental commitment to improve. Grades 5&6 students who need to improve their spelling should really be practicing at home at least 2-3 times per week!

Parent Information Night
I would like to thank all of the parents that came to the Parent Information Night. It was great to see such great attendance by parents. It was satisfying to be able to present what we are doing in our Senior room this term.

Craig Donahoo
CHILDCARE AND AWESOME AFTERS (OSHC)

All is going well with our Childcare services— but we still have some vacancies left – MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 9-2pm. If you know anyone who might require care for their under school aged child– please send them our way!

PARENT ACCOUNTS WILL BE SENT OUT IN THE NEXT WEEK – IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU GIVE US YOUR CRN to Claim CCB for OSHC! Almost everyone can qualify for this rebate!!!!
Please look out for the new accounts – they will be in a new format, so if you have any questions please contact the office.

NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN WITH MILLIE BEFORE 2PM ON THE DAY OF CARE REQUIRED OR CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 5236 6393. AN ESTIMATE OF COLLECTION TIME IS ALSO APPRECIATED. THANKS!

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE/ OSHC PROGRAM (looks like fun!)

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For Childcare bookings: Caralyn 0412 953366

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**Dental Screening**

The dental screening went very well last week. The children were examined by the Dentist and the Assistant (both very young women). They put information into each child’s mail pocket about what they had found. The Dental Program will run for two more sessions. The next session is on Friday 23/5, followed by Friday 29/8.

**Forrest Kids Go Bush**

The children enjoyed playing with some new bush tools last Friday. The school had purchased new hammers, nails, small garden rakes and shovels. We are looking at getting new ropes as well. If you know of anyone who has some spare ropes hanging around, we’ll be more than happy to use them for the Bush Program.

Thanks again to Sarah and Jo for helping with the Bush Program last week. Kaz and Rose have kindly offered to be helpers in the future when needed.

**Parent – Teacher interviews**

I usually conduct parent-teacher interviews in Term II. This year I’ve decided to start them in Term I and then continue in Term II. I will make a time with each family. Please take this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and wellbeing.

Lena Collopy
Pre-school Teacher

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thur 27/3  Speech Screening
LAST WEEK WE MADE THIS WITH OUR PRODUCE

Rhubarb Cake

Ingredients
- 1 ½ cups Brown sugar
- ½ cup Butter
- 2 Eggs beaten
- 1 cup Sour milk (add 2 tbsp vinegar to 1 cup milk)
- 1 tsp Bicarb of soda
- 1 tsp Salt
- 2 ¼ cups Flour sifted
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 ½ cups Rhubarb thinly sliced

Topping
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp Butter

Method
Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add eggs, beat well.
Add other ingredients to make a batter. Lastly fold in Rhubarb.
Pour into greased and lined 8" square tin.
Rub topping ingredients together and sprinkle over batter.
Bake in preheated oven 180° C for about 45 minutes.
ITEMS OF INTEREST

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS

FREE Counselling in Forrest - Tuesdays - 1-5pm

Lena Collopy is providing free counselling at Forrest Neighbourhood House office every Tuesday. Lena has a Bachelor in Early Childhood Teaching and a Diploma in Professional Counselling. Lena will be providing a limited number of free counselling sessions to conclude her training, and anyone who wishes to talk to a professional about the challenges they are experiencing is most welcome. The counselling sessions will be confidential and free of charge, and will be held in a warm and friendly environment. Please ring to make an appointment.

Lena Collopy, Tel: 0487 244 310.

Member of the Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors

Are you interested in joining a womens circle to share experiences and make new friends?

Please contact Lena for details.

Wanted for the Science Program Would anyone have a spare or unwanted free standing clothes rack to house our smart new lab jackets? If you have one please contact Kaz Standish

Guitar Lessons

From term 1 this year, guitar lessons are available at Forrest PS with Surf Coast musician Timothy Sims.

Tim has taught both privately and in schools for the last twelve years in Victoria and NSW, and also boasts a wealth of live performance experience playing all over the country.

Lessons will run during school time, all you need is a guitar! To enquire or book a place, please phone Tim directly on 0410 097796, or email: timsguitars42@yahoo.com.au