SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING... Full Minutes on noticeboard.

Capital Facilities Upgrade Grant application (DEECD) Capital Facilities Upgrade grant–to construct a new building between main school and Gerangamete room. We have a plan and cost estimate. It was moved that School Council contribute 5% of the grant application costs for the Capital facilities upgrade grant

Forrest Early Learning Centre – New name to cover a range of services including; Preschool, Out of School Hours Care (ASC), Childcare. Setting up a new service agreement. Out of School Hours Care- staffing, fees, finances. Tara to advertise for staff shortly. Pre-school- Service agreement to be sent to DEECD, fee structure was approved. Bush Group Policies based on the FPS site – Kim discussed. Thanks for your hard work! Covers risk management plan, includes clothing policy

Bushfire Safety With summer approaching, bushfire safety needs to be discussed.
Discussed scenarios. Re-iterated school policy at if the town is threatened by fire

Amida to come and talk to kids using the SPARC training

SCHOOL SIGNAGE - Size 1200 x 1500. The group agreed on the wording:
Forrest Learning Centre Include - Website
Primary School Pre-School
Childcare Out of School Hours Care

Australia Day Sun 26th January– discussion led by Kim- Discussed the need for parents to be involved in looking after dignitaries.

History Stand – Children to help at this with their ‘Characters Book’ with supervisor
Lemonade Stand – collect more lemons!! Bush dance
Craig – make sure room is ready Kids organized for Advance Australia Fair

FUNDRAISING Forrest Festival
Forrest PS to cut up and make available to participants Kids Mountain Bike Race $15 entry
Saturday Volunteers 2 hrs at stall with fruit Sunday – Kids Bike Race

WORKING BEE– on the weekend of 7-8th December we will be holding a special school and pre-school working bee. A major focus on this will be the construction of our bike shelter at the front of school. This amazing structure has been semi assembled by our dedicated Richard S and helpers. On Sunday 8th we will be having a BBQ lunch for volunteers and will hopefully get many jobs completed. Our working bee list (aside from the bike shelter) includes:

- Clearing garden beds/ Pruning
- Cutting up dead tree– rear of school
- Slashing overgrown areas
- Checking guttering (fire safety)
- Pressure washing paths/ walls?

If you think you could help out, please call in either day! Thanks
Have fun,
Tara Hulonce
JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Chickens
The Junior room has had the pleasure of ‘looking after’ the chickens this week. They have started to get new feathers and are becoming more active. We took them for an outside adventure on Tuesday and, while I cleaned out their cage, the chickens explored the grass – surrounded by a circle of students. Several students found worms, but at this stage the chicks weren’t really sure what they were and ignored them preferring to peck at the grass, balance on the students shoes and legs and have a go at nibbling Charles’s shoe laces. I’m sure that will change over the coming weeks. The chicks have now moved to their second home, the Kinder. In the next few days they will be given to school families to raise them until they are big enough to live with our fully grown ‘girls’.

Cooking
This week the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students made Jamie Oliver’s Broad bean patties. Thanks to Enid for her huge bag of broad beans, which supplemented the beans the students picked from the garden. The students worked as a team shelling and then removing the outer skin of the beans in preparation for the dish. While the intention was to make ‘a taste’ for the whole school, what seemed like a huge amount of beans wasn’t enough to make a double recipe. The flavour of the patties was enhanced with cumin and mint from the garden, and they were served with a mint and lemon yogurt sauce. Most of the students enjoyed the taste, but this isn’t a recipe for ‘time pressed’ families who need to fill stomachs! Well done to Kohima and Joe for being our team leaders this week. This was a great lesson for estimating weight. Claudia was closest with her guess of 500gs (from about 3kgs+ of unshelled beans).

Class Work
Many students have been absent due to sickness over the last few weeks. This is a particularly nasty fever/flu. For the well students, it has been spelling, reading, writing and maths as per our normal program. Maths assessments continue to reveal how much the students have learnt over the past year and areas that require a brief review. For writing, the students are working on a piece for their page in the end of year school magazine. This is a personal piece about an interest/hobby or outing. A few students are finding it difficult to decide what to write about, a friendly chat at home might help.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Elkin, Claudia and Sophie for their wonderful dance performances last weekend. The girls have shown great dedication to their dancing and, from all accounts, enjoyed the experience of performing on the big stage for large audiences of family and friends.

Congratulations must also be extended to Joe for achieving his Karate Red belt this week. Joe displayed a great amount of discipline during ‘Show and Share’. He showed us some controlled Karate moves and explained some of the rituals of his Karate lesson. Well Done Joe!

Reminder- Don’t forget your clothes for ‘Forrest Kids Go Bush’.

Kristin Mackinlay
Junior Room Teacher

WEEKLY QUOTABLE QUOTE
**Book Launch:** Our Book Launch of “Characters” is scheduled for Friday 29th November from 6-7 pm, followed by supper, at the Forrest Community Hall. Please come and support the launch of this wonderful book.

*SCS**OOL FAMILIES TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR SUPPER*

**Report writing time:** All children are engaged in formal testing, with the results being used to finalise end of year marks. So far the results are pleasing, with most students showing moderate to high growth over the past 6 months. Students are preparing their writing portfolios for assessment. I am absolutely delighted by the work that has been produced this year, everyone should be very proud of themselves.

**BIKE ED:** During the last week of term we will be running an intensive Bike Education program. Mr Donahoo and Mrs Standish are both accredited to teach the program. Mr Donahoo will be accredited to run mountain bike education programs after the 10th of December. So this will be good timing for the end of the year. The program will include theory and practice. Students will have to demonstrate specific competencies before being allowed on the road or onto mountain bike tracks. More information will be sent home next week, regarding bikes and minimum safety standards. This should be fun though!!

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!**

**JUNIOR ROOM:** Joe Broomfield for remaining focused during lessons and doing his best to complete set work.

**SENIOR ROOM:** Lily Schuhmann for successfully completing all of her times tables before the end of the year. Great effort and congratulations reaching your personal goal Lily!
The following was discussed and approved at this week’s School Council meeting... a very exciting prospect!

FORREST EARLY LEARNING CENTRE (ELC) TIMETABLE 2014

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FORREST ELC FEES AND CHARGES:

- Four Year old Pre-school- $250 a term ($1000 annually) Health Care Card holders may claim rebate of $860
- Three year old program $250 ($1000) no rebate available at this stage.
- Childcare Option One. 2-3.30 pm ($15) (CCB claimable- 50%)
- Childcare Option Two. 2-6pm ($40) (CCB claimable- 50%)
- Childcare Option Three. Out of School Hours Care 3.30-6pm ($25) (CCB claimable- 50%)
- Childcare Option Four. 9am- 2pm ($10 hr. $40 a session) (CCB claimable- 50%)

ACTIONS: we need your support for these new services to be viable.

Notices, timetables and forms are being drawn up to fit the new model.

DEECD will receive our paperwork shortly to formally approve our change of services.

There are only 4 places available in the shaded sections above for children birth– 3. This may alter according to need/ staffing.

Monday and Tuesday and each afternoon Childcare options as listed above will require a signed commitment from parents for ENTiRE TERM/ YEAR. (otherwise the program will not be viable to run)

Lena Collopy will be directing the 3 and 4 year old program. Caralyn Grjic will be directing the Childcare program 9am– 2pm Monday– Wednesday.

We will be advertising for one (possibly two) staff to manage the 2-6pm childcare/ Out of School Hours Care program. These people will need to have Certificate III in Early Childhood and be working towards a Diploma in Early Childhood.

For more information please see Tara Hulonce or call on 5236 6393

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

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FEES: $10 AN HOUR– OR $25 A FULL SESSION. (3.30-4.30 $5)

NOTE: please remember to book your child in with Caralyn before 2pm on the day of care required. An estimate of collection time is also appreciated. THANKS!
ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fundraising News

Thank you to all the parents who have offered help for this weekend when the school is actively involved with the Forrest Festival. I have distributed a roster to all those parents that are helping however, it’s not too late if you still want to help – Give me a call!

So to remind parents: On Sunday 1st December the school is hosting the Kids Mountain Bike Race which will be starting at the Southern Trailhead Car Park. The course will be determined on the day as it will be dependent on how many kids are registered and their ages and ability, the younger children will naturally have an easier course marked out!!

The winner from each category set will be awarded a prize and each child receives a lolly bag......$10 entry ( $5 goes directly to the school)

Registration is at 11am – Races start from 11.30am

Please encourage your children to be in it & have fun!

Thanks, Sarah Lane

5236-6172 or 0421 103 042 or thelanes.54@bigpond.com

11 Little Signs You’re Doing Just Fine

(from http://www.marcandangel.com)

1. You have food available to eat. – When you eat something today, even if it’s just a small snack, give thanks. Savor it and appreciate the fact that you can grab something to eat anytime you’re hungry. Stop and think about the farmers and manufacturers who provided it, and even the people who distributed the food to your location. A lot of work goes into making your food available to you. Be grateful for it.

2. There is a nearby faucet with clean water. – In many parts of the world clean water is not readily available. Some people walk miles just to get water that is dirty and contaminated. Others struggle through tough terrain and incredible danger to get access to the very same quality of water you have on-demand access to. So next time you turn on your faucet, smile.

3. You take a warm shower at least once a day. – Speaking of water, this one is so easy to take for granted, especially if you shower every morning just to freshen yourself up. So many people don’t have access to clean water, let alone clean warm water that can instantly wash over their skin and help them greet the morning. You do, however, and this is a true privilege.

4. You have your own comfortable bed. – When you get home after a long day and plop down on your bed to rest, it’s easy to forget how miserable you would be without it. It’s easy to forget about the thousands of people in this world that don’t have this luxury. So next time you lay down on your bed, take a second and feel how soft and comfy it is and say, “Thank you.” As you close your eyes, let appreciation pour from your heart.

5. There’s a roof over your head and walls around you. – While you’re in your bed at night drifting off to sleep, think about the roof that’s keeping you dry and safe. It’s kind of a big deal. Bugs and wild animals could have their way with you without your home’s roof and walls. You would also be at the mercy of all the elements: rain, cold, snow, wind, heat, sun, etc.

6. You can control the temperature of your environment. – This one gets forgotten easily, until it’s the middle of July and the air conditioning stops working, or the middle of winter and the heat doesn’t come on. While things are in working order, be grateful each time you adjust the thermostat in your home or car and it begins to change the temperature of your environment.

7. You don’t have to walk everywhere. – Whether you have a car, a bike, or just enough money to get where you need to go using public transportation, it sure is nice to have the option not to walk. Appreciate the fact that you have some way to get around, even if it isn’t the classiest conveyance available.

8. You’re wearing clean clothes. – You may not have the nicest, the newest, or the trendiest clothes. You may even have a stain or two on your favorite pair of jeans, but they are clean and they keep you warm and comfortable. Every day when you open your dresser drawer, look at all the options you have and smile. Grab a piece of clothing and take a big whiff of that clean, fresh laundry scent. Life is good.

9. Morning coffee and tea is an option. – (I’m mentioning this because it’s one of my personal favorites.) Instead of just gulping down your daily cup of joe or tea, try sipping on it slowly, savoring every little bit. Enjoy the steamy goodness, the earthy tones, and the smooth balance of flavors. Savor the goodness and let it remind you of how fortunate you are.

10. There are people in this world who love you. – Life is happiest when it’s shared. Cherish your close friends and family members. You’re lucky to have them. Even in life’s hardest times, you can sustain yourself with the love they give to you. They are significant; never forget how significant.

11. There is oxygen available to breathe. – This is perhaps the most universal luxury we all take for granted. Your life wouldn’t last very long without it. Take a deep, slow breath and feel your lungs expand. Someone once said oxygen is something we don’t