

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### WELCOME BACK

An exciting start to 2021 has taken place at Forrest Primary School and Early Years Centre.

Last Thursday, It was great to have everyone's smiling faces return after the summer holiday break. We are feeling positive about having a more "normal" school year this year. Fingers crossed!

Special welcome to our four Foundation students who commenced their primary schooling on Thursday. We welcome Shira, Stella, Aarli



and Willa, along with their families, to Forrest Primary School. All four students have just completed a very successful transition from our Forrest Kindergarten. Thanks Di, Kaz and parents! The children are now awaiting the appointment of their experienced student buddies

to assist with the further development of their school start.

Planning for our Parent Information Evening is currently taking place. The date of this important event will be in next week's newsletter. Please check the diary dates.

### COMMUNICATION

In 2021, the school office will be open:

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am until 4pm.
- Wednesdays from 8.30am until 11.30am.

Office phone number: 5236-6393

School Parents best method of communication is as follows:

- Skoolbag for student absences.
- Email for teacher appointments.

Kinder / Daycare Parents best method of communication is as follows:

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Recharge Day – Foundation Students Only
- 9 Art (MACC Visit)
- 10 Recharge Day – Foundation Students Only
- 15 School Council Meeting@5.30pm
- 16 Library (MARC Visit)
- 17 Recharge Day 3
- 23 Art (MACC Visit)
- 24 Recharge Day 4

### MARCH

- 2 Library (MARC Visit)
- 8 Labour Day Public Holiday
- 9 Art (MACC Visit)
- 15 School Council Meeting@5.30pm
- 11 Polwarth Sports Day - Alvie T.B.C.
- 12 Polwarth Sports Back Up Day T.B.C.
- 16 Library (MARC Visit)
- 23 Art (MACC Visit)
- 30 Library (MARC Visit)

### APRIL

- 1 End of Term 1 2.30pm Finish
- 2 Good Friday Easter Holidays
- 19 First Day of term 2



Birthday Greetings for:

Jaxon Kurzman – 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

Marlon Bradshaw – 6<sup>th</sup> Feb



- Mobile Phone for bookings and all other matters eg: late change requests/ program enquiries - 0419 357 886.
- Email for appointments with educators.

### NEWSLETTER CHANGE

The weekly newsletter will be published and distributed on Mondays in 2021. The newsletter helps inform parents and students about events happening at the school and EYC. It is an important means of communication and it is recommended that parents read the newsletter weekly with their sons/daughters. It is a great way of starting valuable conversations about their days at school or kinder. For best results in education, research has shown a strong partnership between home and school/kinder is so important.

### NOTIFYING OF STUDENT ABSENCE

Parents are reminded that it is your responsibility to call/skoolbag/email the school office of any student absence at your earliest convenience i.e. before 9.30am on the day of the absence. Thanks for your continued support in this regard.

### RECHARGE DAY 1

Next Wednesday Feb 3 will be the first "Recharge" Day for our Foundation students

### SCHOOL PRIVACY POLICY

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website [www.forrestps.vic.edu.au](http://www.forrestps.vic.edu.au)

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

### COVID UPDATE

Visitors to school grounds must continue to comply with physical distancing and practice good hand hygiene.

To support contact tracing, schools must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site for more than 15 minutes. Schools must record the name, contact details, date, and time of attendance at the school. The visitors book is located at the school office.

Thanks for your continued support in this regard.

### DOGS ON A LEASH

Parents and visitors are reminded that it is school policy that all dogs "visiting" the school grounds are required to be on a leash at all times please.

Our school/EYC setting is a Sunsmart location. Hats are to be worn outside throughout term 1.

### FRAMED WINDOW

The school has an unwanted framed window 1870x1520mm. Free to a new home. Currently located beside rubbish skip near Junior Room.

### BUSH WEEK

Just a reminder that Forrest Kids Goes Bush starts up again on Fridays; could all parents please ensure that their children have their Gumboots, a rain jacket and a change of clothes.

### EXCITING APPOINTMENT

In December our Wellbeing Support Person Jim Templar accepted his first teaching appointment at Dover District School in Tasmania. At our final assembly we said farewell to Jim and thanked him for his great work over the last three years at Forrest.

Next week we will have news from all three learning zones. Please call/email the school/EYC at your earliest convenience if you are unsure of any matter or have a concern. We are only too happy to assist if we can.

Hoping you have a great week.

Darryl Harty



### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Parents & grandparents are cordially invited to our weekly school assembly on Fridays. They are held at 3.15pm in the Undercover Area near the flag pole. Seats (Rainbow Bench Seats) are available for all adults. Our Grade 6 students take it in turns to lead assembly. Your attendance would be great to see.

Hope to see you there!



### COMMUNITY NEWS

**LITTLE SPORTS HEROES**

CONTACT TAHLIA  
[LSHparties@gmail.com](mailto:LSHparties@gmail.com)  
or 0402 892 811  
call

**SPORTS BIRTHDAY PARTIES**  
suitable for ages 3-8

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### PRESEASON TRAINING

UNDER 12 / UNDER 16

- Wednesday and Friday nights (starting 3/2/21)
- 4:00pm-5:30pm
- Central Reserve Hockey Grounds

COLAC OTWAY ROVERS A.F.C.



### INDO CORNER: Maleo

The island of Sulawesi is home to [thriving wildlife](#), especially birds. The Maleo birds set themselves apart for many reasons. First, there are the bizarre physical features, with turkey-like body structures, cheery tail, a bleak black body feather, peach belly, and a curiously more colourful head and crest.