

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



LEARNING FOR LIFE

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE OF BULLYING.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

COVID SHUTDOWN 3

Late Friday schools were informed of the Victorian Shutdown 3. Our school informed parents with a Skoolbag message at this time.

With schools moving to a three day period of remote and flexible learning provision from Monday February 15th to Wednesday February 17 inclusive we are asking parents to pick up learning packages after 3pm on the Monday.

Student devices along with other learning materials will be included in the packages. Parents will be required to sign a form in relation to the devices when picking up the packages.

Parents are asked to download the See Saw app and also have Webex ready for meetings (lessons) with your child's teacher on both Tuesday and Wednesday. See Saw will be a very useful communication tool for parents to use with teachers.

Senior Class Lessons will be at 9.15 am

Junior Class Lessons will be at 10am.

Please call the school on 5236 6393 if you have any further questions.

Our EYC will continue to be open as normal. This includes kinder, day care and OSHC.

CAR PARKING FUNDRAISER

The response to this important fundraiser from parents and staff members alike, has been pleasing.

We still have a couple of "spots" still to fill. The "spots" are 2 hours in duration **so if you can help on Saturday/ Sunday please call the school office on 5236 6393 immediately?** Your kind offer will be accommodated, and of course greatly appreciated. All money raised will go directly to the school / EYC.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Our Fire EMERGENCY Management Plan is as follows:

Code Red Days –Both school & EYC Closure.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

16 Library (MARC Visit with Ms Mac) **POSTPONED**
 17 Recharge Day 3
 22 School Council Meeting @5.30pm
 23 Art (MACC Visit)
 23 Parent Information Afternoon
 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



Extreme Weather Rating

Days – School & EYC relocation to Colac South West Primary School 9am until 6pm

Severe Weather Rating Days

– Monitoring Vic Emergency with a bus on standby for possible relocation into CSWPS.

The safety of all students/ children and staff along with community members is Emergency Management Victoria's highest priority.

This week we will carry out another evacuation drill with the children. We do these "drills" regularly to enable good procedures are in place. For more details please call Darryl (5236 6393) to discuss further.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION POSTPONED

The Parent Information session for all school parents scheduled for Tuesday February 16 has been postponed **and will now be held on Tuesday February 23 at 3.45pm** pending the lifting of the restrictions currently in place.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council currently has three vacancies for volunteer parents. Please consider filling one of these three positions. For more details have a chat with Simon Howland (SC President) or Darryl Harty (Executive Officer of SC).

The School Council

Meeting scheduled for **tonight** February 15 has been postponed **and will now be held on Monday February 22 at 5.30pm** pending the lifting of the restrictions currently in place.

SPORTS DATE SET

The Annual Polwarth Athletic Sports Day has been set for **THURSDAY MARCH 11th** at Alvie Primary School. Please mark this important date in your calendar.

Thanking you for your continued support and understanding during this very difficult time. Please call the school office on 5236 6393 if you require help or assistance.

Darryl Harty

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ **POPPY FOR HELPING A NEW FOUNDATION STUDENT WITH A PLAYGROUND PROBLEM.**
- ✓ **JASMINE FOR HELPING A PREP STUDENT WHEN SHE WAS HURT.**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Lachlan Crabbe** for showing initiative and persistence with his maths program. Excellent work Lachie, well done.

Learning behaviour: **Zoe Wilson** for demonstrating inclusive play with other students at recess and lunchtime. Excellent effort Zoe, have fun!

Learning effort: **Tina Sgro** for improvement in understanding number patterns especially in using a hundred chart.

Learning behaviour: **Shira Sloane** for her wonderful efforts in completing and trying her best in all area of school. A wonderful start Shira!

Otways MARC Library

Ms Mac is on the road and will be at Forrest P.S every second Tuesday.

Students can borrow books from the Library Van. Loans are for two weeks but they can be extended.

**Term 1 Borrowing Dates
Tuesday**



February 16, March 2

March 16, March 30

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."

Margaret Fuller



INDO CORNER: Gado-Gado

Is an Indonesian salad of slightly boiled, blanched or steamed vegetables and hard-boiled eggs, boiled potato, fried tofu and tempeh, and longtong, served with a peanut sauce dressing.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Colac Otway Shire Council invites the community of
Forrest and surrounds
to provide their thoughts and ideas to help develop
a community vision for the future of Colac Otway Shire

In Forrest

Where: Forrest Hall
When: February 23rd
Time: 3pm to 6pm
RSVP:
peter.macdonald@colacotway.vic.gov.au

Survey

Visit: colacotway.vic.gov.au
Or scan the QR code. Survey live on
the 11th of February.



Online

Where: See council website for link
When: March 3rd and 10th
Time: 7pm to 8pm