

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



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

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

A fabulous result was achieved over the weekend. Firstly a very big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted before, during and after our car parking attempt for the Otway Odyssey. We had a hard working team of parent, staff, and community volunteers who assisted greatly. All your efforts were greatly appreciated. More than \$2200 was made which exceeded our expectations. School Council will be looking at its recently drafted Master Plan to see where these funds will be expended in the school/EYC this year.



### PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Our welcome back get together is planned for all school families tomorrow **TUESDAY February 23<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at the earlier time of 3.30pm. Tea/Coffee will be provided for parents from 3.30pm in the undercover area. Parents

and children will meet with teachers in the Undercover area at this time. At 3.45pm, a briefing will be held, then parents will head off to the classrooms. The children will stay behind whilst the information sessions are happening for parents. They will be supervised in the school or kinder playgrounds depending upon their ages. The session will conclude at 4.30pm. Please note, mask wearing and social distancing will be in place while inside.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The February School Council Meeting will be held tonight Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 5:30pm in the senior classroom.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The school council election process begins this week. We have 3 parent vacancies currently. School council is looking for interested parents in becoming involved in school council as a member. School council is a group that makes decisions setting the direction of the school and EYC, helps create and check the school's budget, contributes to the school/EYC strategic plan and makes decisions on policies. Our school

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- 23 Art (MACC Visit)
- 23 Parent Information Afternoon begins at 3.30pm
- 24 Recharge Day 4

### MARCH

- 2 Library (MARC Visit)
- 4 Circus Performer at 10.30am
- 8 Labour Day Public Holiday
- 9 Art (MACC Visit)
- 15 School Council Meeting@5.30pm
- 11 Polwarth Sports Day - Alvie
- 12 Polwarth Sports Back Up Day
- 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



Students of the Week

## HELPING HANDS

- ✓ **HAMISH FOR HELPING WITH SPORTS EQUIPMENT.**
- ✓ **OSCAR FOR HELPING OTHERS GET READY FOR F.K.G.B..**

council has 10 members- 6 of which are parents. It meets 8/9 times throughout the year. Meetings are for about 1 ½ hours in duration. If interested please see Simon Howland (President of SC) or Darryl Harty (Executive Officer) for more details. We would be pleased to hear from you!

## SPECIAL ARTS VISITOR

A special arts performer Nic Dacomb will be visiting our school and EYC to perform a

range of circus skills to all our children at 10.30am on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun and entertainment in store for all! There will be no charge to parents for this incursion.

## SPORTS REMINDER

Over the next 3 weeks we will be practicing at school for the athletic sports to be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Children are asked to bring or wear runners to school please.

Have a great week!

Darryl

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Ellen Standish** for her outstanding effort in her place value work, and her setting out of her workbook. Excellent effort Ellen.

Learning behaviour: **Elle Welch-Mayhew** for her actions and efforts at being such a good buddy and helping out her prep in the playground. Well done Ella.

Learning effort: **Dori Bartlett** for his excellent efforts whilst learning about 3 digit numbers, ones, tens and hundreds.

Learning behaviour: **Annalee Seebeck** for her great work when learning about teen numbers.

## SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Hello to all and welcome to news week in the Senior Room. We have been very busy working on our Inquiry project, I am happy to report the village now has a name: Newville! The students have costed out all their start up figures, built their businesses, painted the landscape and written a short narrative piece establishing their character and the reason they have come to town. There may be a few secrets that will be revealed at a later date...

In our village we have:

3x farmers –

Lachie, Chelsea and Fox; 1x baker – Zoe; 1 x butcher – Jaxon; 1x stables – Poppy; 1 x blacksmith – John; 1 x general store – Elise & Ellen; 1 x hotel – Ella & Hamish; 1 x Savings & Loan/taxes – Ms Corkran

We will begin trading and improvising story lines in our creative time this week, it will be interesting to see what develops!

Our Table of Curiosities has had a few new additions of late, please feel free to share and reasonable sized items of interest that we can use to



## INDO CORNER:

Indonesian **rujak buah** is basically a fruit salad. Picture a bowl of colorful slices of fruits and vegetables, dressed with sweet, spicy, and tangy palm sugar sauce, topped with ground peanuts, and you can understand why rujak/rojak is so beloved and always a popular choice among the locals. If you buy rujak from a street-food seller, your rujak may come wrapped in banana leaves and a bamboo skewer! The spice added is usually chilli; in other words a "chilli fruit salad".



stimulate thinking, questions, research and creative work.

In math students have been working hard on embedding Place Value and Decimal places. We are looking forward to beginning TRIBES and a special

Technology hour with Mrs Standish later in the week. We will swap classrooms and I will teach an hour of drama in the junior room. Very excited!!

And finally, a big Thank You to parents and families for

supporting their child during the recent stint of Remote Learning. Your efforts are appreciated and makes the transition back into the classroom so much smoother.

Regards, Ms Corkran

## JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Well done to all the Junior Room students for coping with the change in learning last week. It was so marvellous to see families supporting the children's learning program through See Saw, and the addition of some excellent sea creatures to the classroom has inspired us all!

We have started training for our athletics sports. The students are keen to develop their fitness. Last Thursday we did some long distance running and sprints, and we will move on to shot put and discus next week. We will be

out training on a Monday and Thursday so please encourage your child to wear runners on these days.

The students have settled very well into literacy and maths routines. I have been listening to the children read over the last few weeks and I have been very impressed with their decoding skills on their decodeable books. Well done!

Lastly, we finished our memory boxes last Friday with the help of our Year 6 buddies and they have once again come up beautifully. It really is a lovely

experience listening to all the students tell their stories about what they have been up to over the holidays with family and friends.

Regards, Mrs Standish



## EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

Happy Lunar New Year!

Over the last two weeks the children have been exploring the Lunar New Year, making drums and dragons! The year of the Ox will bring challenges for those born under the Ox sign so ensure that you complement this with your lucky colours of Blue, Yellow and Green. The children at Forrest EYC were happy to watch a dragon dance

celebrating the New Year then go on to make their own dragon's which they danced around with.

The day care children are focusing on emotions, helping

children to understand their emotion and using words to communicate these. They are practicing increasing their self-help skills through toileting and room routines, quiet voices inside, walking feet, looking and listening.



The OSCH children have been relaxing inside on the warm summer afternoons exploring arts and crafts, magnetic blocks and discussing some of the more philosophical sides of life like the moon and the moon phases.

Please be aware that we have had quite a few children absent due to illness over the last week and we appreciate that parents are following the CHO recommendations of keeping children home if they are unwell. Please keep following this rule as it helps to stop the spread of many

germs, not just Covid 19, and any child that presents being unwell will be required to be picked up. Thank you for your continued support in this regard.

Cheers Di, Vicki, Liza, Shari & Paul.

## 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](mailto:peter.macdonald@colacotway.vic.gov.au)

### Survey

Visit: [colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://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

## Fun Friday

On Friday the 26th of February I will be doing a basketball mini-hoop game at the basketball court.

You need a hat and drink bottle.

It will happen at lunch time, at 1.30pm.

This is open to all grades. We hope to see you there.

By Jaxon KURZMAN  
grade 6