

# Forest Focus

Term 1 Week 4, 22 February 2018

## Principal's Message

### What's happening at school?

- ✓ Check the school calendar on the app or website
- ✓ Read the notes via the app or email on a Thursday
- ✓ Read the Forest Focus (every second week)

### Remember...

Friday 23 Feb	Scripture and ethics classes begin
Friday 2 Mar	P&C Disco
Friday 9 Mar	Chess begins
Thursday 5 Apr	Grandparents morning 9.15am
Friday 6 Apr	Special Awards assembly
Friday 13 Apr	ANZAC assembly

### Thank you

Thank you to our dedicated teachers who go beyond their teaching roles to bring opportunities to the children at FFPS. We have an amazing range of extra-curricular opportunities available with teachers giving up their own time to run these groups.

Thank you to the P&C committee convenors who have begun the year with such enthusiasm. It was great to see the turnout at our first P&C meeting for the year. Diary dates are on the calendar for the year for meetings and fundraising/social events.

### Learning support and enrichment

Letters went home last week with offers of places in these groups. Please make contact with your child's teacher for further information. Working with parents as partners in these learning environments is important as we seek to engage children as lifelong learners.

### Continuity of learning and wellbeing

How do we ensure that your child's 'new' teacher has information specific to their learning and wellbeing needs?

- Teachers spend the first 3-4 weeks of every year in directed conversation about students – staff are given specific afternoons to do this
- We keep detailed tracking sheets with information about students' learning needs which are passed on to teachers every year
- The school counsellor confidentially makes contact with teachers of students she has been working with passing on relevant reports and information to assist teachers to use suggested and known strategies to support those children
- We ask parents to make contact with their child's teacher if they have any concerns

**Gail Smith**

Principal

## ***Respectful Responsible Learner***

The focus for this term is:

Weeks 1 and 2	I wear my uniform with pride
Weeks 3 and 4	I am a good friend
Weeks 5 and 6	I speak respectfully to others
Weeks 7 and 8	I am a good listener
Weeks 9 and 10	I make good choices
Week 11	I take care of my belongings

## ***Assembly Award Winners***

### **Term 1 Week 3**

#### **SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Campbell A

#### **GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Miles G, Max B, Thomas B, Liam H

## ***Administration News***

### **Term Accounts**

Statements of Account were today emailed to all families. If you have not received the account, please contact the office. Due to the format of the account, the Voluntary DGR is not included in the account but appears below the total cost. This voluntary tax deductible funding is used in the school Learning Resource Centre to purchase new literature, research resources and upgrade technology for the library. Any voluntary tax deductible contribution is greatly appreciated by the staff and students.

For our new families, payment can be made via POP (payment on line system), cash, cheque and credit card in person. If you do not access the link attached to the account, it can still be paid via "POP" on the school website marked as "\$ make payment"

### **Notes / Correspondence**

All notes/money/correspondence etc., are to be placed in the silver letterbox outside Mrs Lyell's office. These items are not to be handed to the teacher. The box is cleared regularly and contents distributed.

Can parents also please write the students name and class on all permission notes. Sometimes it is difficult to decipher a parent's signature. It is also one permission note per student.

**Linda Lyell**

Administrative Manager

## School News

Congratulations to Amelia and Megsy who were placed second in an invitational club tennis competition last weekend. The girls played with a wonderful positive attitude and proudly represented our school.



Year 5 and 6 Visit the Chinese Gardens



## LRC News

Did you know you can access our school library catalogue from home? You can use this feature to see what's available, what you have out on loan and write reviews for others to see. Perhaps you've spotted an interesting looking book at the shops and want to know if it's available to borrow. You can even reserve books, a great feature when you are dying to read that next book in a series and want to make sure that you're first to get it when it's available.

To access the catalogue, students need to login to their student portal at [www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au) and then click on the link to 'Oliver Library'. There is even an app you can add to your Apple or Android devices that allows you to access our catalogue and reserve books. Instructions can be found by logging into 'Oliver Library' and selecting 'My Library', then 'Details' and then scrolling down the page you will find 'Library Link Setup'.

If you need help using any of these features, our library is open before school from 8:40am on Monday mornings and after school until 3:30pm on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please pop in for any assistance.

**Matthew Philips**  
Teacher Librarian

## P & C News



### **President's Report**

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I hope everyone is happily settling into the new school year. At FFPS, volunteering is a wonderful way to become an active member of the school community. We have lots of opportunities that require volunteers. If you have some spare time we would love your help in the following areas:

The Canteen: Please email [ffpspandccanteenroster@gmail.com](mailto:ffpspandccanteenroster@gmail.com) for a copy of available dates. You can choose morning or afternoon shifts.

The fundraising team would love lots of volunteers for our Welcome Disco on Friday March 2.

The uniform shop operates on Friday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am and is always in need of help.

Band Camp is fast approaching. If you are a Band family, please consider signing up as a volunteer. More information will be sent home regarding camp in the following weeks.

Join the Environment Committee. Julie and her team have some fabulous ideas planned for 2018 and as the old saying goes - "many hands make light work".

Lastly, our next P & C meeting is on Monday 19 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there.

**Samantha Donnan**

P & C President



### **Canteen**

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If you have children in K-2, please have a chat to them about the lunch order process – we have experienced a large number of children turning up at lunchtime with their orders. It is very difficult for us to cater for them when they turn up this late. Please explain that they need to put their lunch orders in the canteen basket at the classroom door in the morning. If they are unsure, ask the teacher.

Alternatively, register for School24 – our online ordering system. It is very easy to use. You can place your order the night before and there is no risk of lost money or late orders. You can also pay on checkout with a credit card, so no waiting for funds to be cleared.

**Charlotte Nash**

Canteen Convenor



## **Uniform Shop**

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This week you will receive the order form for our once a year order for the polar fleece, a warm jacket for use in the cooler months. This year the price has increased slightly to \$46 (it was \$45) to cover the increase in cost of the fleece.

We have a sample of the fleece at the uniform shop if you would like to see it and we will organise for one to be available in the kindy classroom for the new kindy families to look at.

The Uniform Shop will be open **every Friday** for the term, from **8:30am to 9:30am**.

Our Uniform Shop is run by the P&C and is staffed with volunteers. Unfortunately, we are running very low on helpers. If you are able to help, one or two Friday mornings a term for one hour or as much as you can manage, would be greatly appreciated! Younger siblings are always welcome too – we have a play corner with toys! If you are interested, please contact me via our email [ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com](mailto:ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com) or leave a message at the front office.

If you are not able to get to the shop on a Friday you can complete an order form. It is available from the office or download from our FFPS website and place it in the silver box in the office foyer. Orders are filled each Friday and can be sent to your child's classroom or available for collection at the office.

Deb Hishon  
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator



## **Band**

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Welcome back to all returning band members and a special welcome to the 35 new band members who joined our band program this year!

This year our Band Director (Peter Squire) is being assisted by our two new Assistant Band Directors, Jennifer Ridgway and Charles Wilkinson. Peter and our students have warmly welcomed Jennifer and Charles. Feedback on their input to our band program has been positive from all fronts.

Upcoming events:

- Training band 'Jam in Day' – Sunday 4 March 2018. Outstanding permission notes due immediately please.
- Band Camp (Concert and Performance bands) – Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 April. Permission notes will be issued for this shortly.

Band Fees will be issued shortly to all band members, once confirmation on band camp programming has been received.

There have been a lot of emails sent this year, with paperwork that needs to be actioned and returned ASAP to the silver letterbox. We appreciate your efforts returning these items on time so we can keep the band program running smoothly.



Our next band committee meeting will be held in the BAND room, 7 March from 7:30-8.30pm. Please come along, we will be discussing Band Camp and the role of parent volunteers during this fun filled musical weekend.

If your child is interested in joining our band program and are in years 3-6, please send us an email, we would love to hear from you!

We can be contacted via the above email.

**Sally Postma and Diana Turner**

Band Convenors



## ***Fundraising***

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Thank you to everyone who joined us at our fundraising meeting on Tuesday. It was lovely to see some new faces and, of course, the old ones!

We are looking forward to you joining us at the FFPS Welcome Disco next Friday (2 March) and are excited that Bop Till You Drop will be hosting the event for us again this year. We really hope everyone can make it. If you haven't returned your child(ren)'s permission slips yet, please get them in quickly so we can cater accordingly. Please also remember to let us know if you are able to help out on the night. Many hands make light work...

Something new to fundraising this year, we are hosting a Hoyts Movie Event on **Thursday 5 April** at Warringah Mall. This is an **adults only** event and tickets will be on sale shortly. So, get your friends together and organise a sitter, we have a whole cinema to ourselves and lots of laughs guaranteed - how can you possibly not go?!

A few people have expressed an interest in joining our committee but are unable to attend the meetings due to other commitments. If this is you, please grab us in the playground (generally one or both of us is there at pick up time in the K-2 area) or contact us on the email address below. This way we can include you in the goings on and you can let us know to what extent you wish to be involved. Everyone is welcome.

**Kelly-Ann Ferrie & Nicole Christie**

Fundraising Convenors



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