

Forest Focus

Term 1 Week 6, 8 March 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 9 Mar	Chess lessons begin
Monday 12 Mar	Zone swimming carnival
Monday 19 Mar	P&C meeting at 7.30pm (enter via shopping centre gate)
Tuesday 20 Mar	Student leadership camp
Wednesday 21 Mar	Student leadership camp
Thursday 29 Mar	Easter Hat Parade 2.15pm
Friday 30 Mar	Easter break begins
Tuesday 3 April	Students return to school
Thursday 5 April	Grandparents morning - 9.15am followed by morning tea at 10.15am
Friday 6 April	Special Awards Assembly

Class Parents

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be class parents for 2018. We are still looking for parents for 1/2E, 2M, 2W, 3S, 3/4L, 4S, 5/6S and 6B. Please contact Kerryn at ffpspandvicepresident1@gmail.com if you are interested in this role.

Class Facebook closed group pages

Please find a list of FB pages for each grade. You may request to join if you are member of the grade group.

Kindy: Frenchs Forest PS Kindy 2018

Year 1: 2018 Year 1 FFPS

Year 2: Frenchs Forest Public School Year 2, 2018

Year 3: Frenchs Forest Public School Year Three Group

Year 4: Frenchs Forest Public School Year 4

Year 5: Frenchs Forest Public School Year 5

Year 6: Frenchs Forest Public School Year 6 2018

Sport Shirts

The uniform shop has a stock of school preferred house coloured sport shirts for only \$10. Children may choose to wear their house coloured sport shirt on a Tuesday (K-2) or Friday (3-6) for school sport. School sports shirts should be worn on a Monday please.

Staff Car Park

As safety of our students is extremely important, can parents please ensure they use the footpaths provided and not walk their children through the staff car park.

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 Weeks 4 & 5

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Lola K-H, April E, Alexander N-B, Ethan Y, Lily B, Ella R, Finn M, Isabella S, Jasmine R, Charlotte B, Benjamin C, Henry C, Hugh N, Katie K, Angus G, Aidan A

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Finn M

School News

Year 3 and 4 Excursion to Field of Mars

In geography this term, years 3 and 4 students have been investigating the natural environment of Australia. To complement their classroom learning, all years 3 and 4 students travelled to see rich eucalypt forest and mangroves located on the banks of Lane Cove River. We thought about the importance of natural resources, sustainability, protection, vegetation and human impact. Thank you to our cheerful parent-helpers who assisted us on the day.

"I like how we caught crabs on the coastline of the mangroves and got to explore the forest" – Cooper

"I loved to do the scratch arts using a quill. I sketched an Acacia." – Oscar

"I had a lovely time with my year 4 friends and smelling the eucalyptus leaves and nature" - Ben



Year 5 & 6 Visit the Chinese Gardens

At the Chinese Gardens, students experienced contemporary Chinese-Australian culture whilst learning why and when Chinese people first came to Australia and how they have adapted and flourished as a community. Students explored Chinatown and the Chinese Garden of Friendship, solving riddles and finding clues to piece together the legend of the Chinese zodiac. Students gained an understanding of the role played by people of diverse backgrounds in the development and character of local communities.

Student quotes:

I enjoyed hearing lots of stories and learning about Chinese culture - Finn M

It was interesting to learn about the difference between the male and female Guardian Lions - Yasmin C

I enjoyed learning about the traditional meals and different types of food - Josh M

I really liked making an origami rat - Miles G



Administration News

Statement of Account

Thank you to families who have paid their account.

We now have to pay the suppliers for the text books, which was included in the account. I would greatly appreciate any outstanding text book fees be paid by **Wednesday 11 March**.

If you are unable to meet this text book commitment, please contact me. In past years a note was sent home requesting payment for the text books. This year I thought it easier for families to have the cost of text books included in the Statement of Account.

Silver Letterbox

All correspondence coming into the school goes into the silver letterbox in the office. I also ask that you please fill in the student name and class on all permission notes, **one permission note per student**. Students from one family can be in a different class and recopying notes already copied is a waste of resources.

Keep any P&C/Canteen/Band/Uniform notes and money in a separate envelope from the school. Any correspondence for these areas is not opened by the office.

Stationery Orders

I had arranged for families to purchase all their school stationery requirements on-line for 2018 in the hope it would make it easier for busy families. After a discussion with the supplier, it was not well utilised. For next year we will not have an on-line ordering system. The stationery requirements list will be sent out at the end of term 4 and families can use whatever supplier they wish.

Coles Sport for School Vouchers

We are collecting the Coles vouchers. Please hand them into the school office.

Thank you for your consideration of all these matters.

Linda Lyell

Administrative Manager

P & C News



President's Report

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Welcome Disco

It was great to see lots of smiling, happy faces at the Welcome Disco on Friday night. A big thank you to Kelly-Ann and Nicole, the fundraising committee and all parent helpers who made the night a huge success. It was a great community event and a wonderful way to start the year.

Bunnings Belrose BBQ

We have been fortunate to secure a last minute spot at the Bunnings Belrose Community BBQ this Sunday 11 March. We need lots of helpers and community support. If you can lend a few hours to work on the stall, bake some delicious treats and even stop in to buy a sausage sandwich and drink, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please email Kelly-Ann and Nicole (Fundraising Convenors) at ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com for more info or to offer your time and baking skills.

Jam In Day

Well done to all the budding training band musicians who participated in the annual 'Jam In Day' on Sunday. A big thanks to Di and Sally for all their organisation of the event, parent helpers and talented and dedicated music tutors who made the day a success.

Our next P & C meeting is on **Monday 12 March** at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there.

Samantha Donnan

P & C President



Band

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The Training Band enjoyed a wonderful start to their year with the annual "Jam-In Day" held on Sunday 4 March at the school. Students were divided into instrument-based sections for fun and innovative tutorials with some accomplished external tutors as well as our own music teacher Mrs Davy, our assistant band directors Jennifer and Charles and band director Peter Squire. A scrumptious morning tea and BBQ lunch provided fuel for some excellent concentration and learning to consolidate new skills within whole band rehearsals. Their first performance in front of their families demonstrated just how much they had learned over the day. Many thanks to our parent community who helped make this event such a success and congratulations to all our training band members.

Band Camp for Concert and Performance Band members is coming up soon on 7/8 April. Information and forms for this much anticipated event will be emailed shortly.

Band fee invoices will also be sent out this week via email. Prompt payment of fees would be appreciated.

We are always looking for more enthusiastic band members and it's never too late to join. We have many instruments available to hire. Please email us for more information if you have a child interested in music in year 3-6.

Sally Postma and Diana Turner

Band Convenors



Fundraising

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Firstly, a HUGE thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped at the disco last Friday. Without help from all of you, events such as these cannot happen, so sincerely, thank you. Feedback tells us the disco was a success and the children all enjoyed themselves, plus we raised over \$1,800 for the school which is fantastic! Thank you also to Bop Till You Drop for hosting our event and to Woolworths at Frenchs Forest who very kindly gave us a generous discount on our delicious sausages.

This Sunday 11 March, we have been offered the opportunity to host the famous Bunnings Community BBQ at their Belrose store. Bunnings only offered us this spot last week and, although we jumped at the chance, it hasn't left us very much time to prepare for the enormous amount of effort and preparation that goes into hosting an event such as this. Given the short notice, we are **desperately seeking bakers and cooks** to help us out. If you are able to help by baking cookies or cakes (no cream please, we have limited refrigeration) for the event or by

taking a shift on the BBQ (either cooking or serving), please email us ASAP. Did I mention we are DESPERATE for help?!

You may have seen a few Facebook posts and noticed on the school app that we are hosting a Hoyts movie event next month (Thursday 5 April, 8pm at Warringah Mall). This will be a fantastic (adults only) night out with a private screen viewing of the brand new (not yet released) blockbuster, Blockers. There are ticket options available to include your favourite movie snacks and there will be door prizes for a lucky few. It's sure to be a fab night so grab your friends and book your tickets on the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=358262&>

Thanks again to everyone who lends their precious time to help out with these fundraising events. We really aren't joking when we say nothing can happen without you. You rock!

Kelly-Ann Ferrie and Nicole Christie
Fundraising Convenors



Environment Committee

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Thank you to local business Perfection Pressure Cleaning for donating the money needed to purchase all the mulch, seedlings and crop cage materials for the school veggie patch. Also thank you to Four Seasons Nursery Belrose for their help with purchasing these many supplies. Most importantly, a massive thank you to the few volunteers who have helped out already this term, donating compost, their time and support. Did you know there are 25 beds with a combined area of 50sqm? Now that's a hands on space our kids can really grow into something special!

Want to know more? We also have many more sustainability ideas and we want to hear yours. Our next meeting is 7pm Wednesday 21 March in the parents' room. Whether you only have a little time to give, or a lot, whatever your skills or ideas we look forward to seeing you there.

Julie Figgis
Environment Committee Convenor



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