

Forest Focus

Term 2 Week 4, 24 May 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...

Thursday 7 June 'Speak out' competition grade speak offs K-6
Friday 8 June 5/6S assembly item

Interactive support for parents and the digital environment

Please follow the link for an interactive screen smart parent tour. Parents can learn about the digital environment and how to help your child have safe and enjoyable on-line experiences.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

New school website

All schools in NSW are moving their websites to a new platform – the Adobe Experience Manager (AEM) platform over the next few months. Matthew Philips, Shelley Allum and I are currently working with the school website support team to update all our content in readiness to move over to the new platform. There will be a visible change and we hope information will be found more easily. We will let you know when the new website is ready to go live.

Congratulations

On Sunday Mrs Sarkissian delivered a beautiful baby girl – mum and baby are both doing well.

Costing a school excursion or sport event

I thought parents may be interested to know how we cost these events. We gather all the associated costs which may include bus hire and entry. The costs are then divided by the number of students expected to attend and an individual amount is arrived at. The increasing costs are around the bus hire, whether it is a 10 minute trip or a 60 minute trip. We do not make a profit on excursions and always aim to keep our costs as low as possible so families are not increasingly burdened with school costs.

Professional learning

This week I will be attending a conference for NSW primary and secondary school principals. Keynote speakers include Professors Dylan William, Viviane Robinson and Stephen Dinham. It promises to be an excellent time of learning with that calibre of presenter. Please contact the assistant principals for any help whilst I am away.

Have a suggestion?

Wondering something, have a great idea or just want to say well done? Use the link to submit your response. <https://goo.gl/forms/AO8xovhVp9tZ28EY2>

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 2 Week 3

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kate M, Jakob B

Administration News

Mrs Anne Peake is on long service leave until 5 June. Mrs Judy Wilkinson (LRC Wednesday and Thursday) and Mrs Jennifer Johnson will be filling in during this period.

P & C News



President's Report

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Surplus Funds

We had a terrific discussion last Monday night at our May P&C meeting about what we, as a school community, can spend our surplus funds on. Lots of great ideas were explored.

The P&C are keen to hear from you all as we value feedback and a wide variety of opinions and thoughts. A *Surplus Funds Survey Information Sheet* summarising the many wonderful ideas that were nominated and how to complete the survey will be sent home today via Skoolbag. The survey can be accessed via the link below and will only take 2 minutes to complete. We would like to table the results at the P&C 18 June meeting and report our findings back to the community as soon as possible. Please complete the survey by **Wednesday 13 June**.
Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GKYFKQ7>

Positions Vacant

We currently have three vacant P&C positions.

Grants Co-ordinator/ Writer

If you enjoy writing and have a few hours to spare, we would love you to join the P&C as our grants writer. The grant writer completes any applicable school grant application. Grants can provide another income stream to school communities and cover many areas including but not limited to the environment and small building projects. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Reeson at ffpspandvicepresident2@gmail.com

Uniform Shop Convenor and Uniform Shop Treasurer

By years end our current Uniform shop convenor and Uniform shop treasurer will vacate their positions after many years of wonderful service. Thanks Deb and Mel! These are vital roles in our school community and will need to be filled. If you are interested or have some experience, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Deb Hishon at ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

Samantha Donnan

President



Canteen

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Thank you to the teachers who turned up on a very cold morning to help serve our lovely mums for Mother's Day. We always appreciate your help.

Our Winter Special Food Day is coming up on Wednesday 6 June. **This will be a School24 online order only event.** It's really easy to register and order. If you aren't already on School24, please follow these instructions to register:

www.school24.com.au

Click '**Login/Register**'

Select '**Create Account**'

Enter our school registration ID # **2517963** and your details.

Select '**Sign up**'.

Orders need to be placed by Monday 4 June.

If you would like to volunteer for shifts in the canteen, please contact our roster coordinator at ffpscanteenroster@gmail.com

Charlotte Nash

Canteen Convenor



Band

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Congratulations to our Concert and Performance Band members for a wonderful performance on the weekend at the St Ives Show. Thank you also to the parent helpers who transported equipment to and from the performance. We cannot do these performances without you.

Important upcoming dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 27 June – NSSWE Concert** (7.00-8.30pm) Concert and Performance Bands
- **July (TBA) – Assembly** Performance Band
- **Wednesday 8 August**– Band Committee Meeting (7.30pm) Band Room.
- **August (TBA) – Eisteddfod** Concert and Performance Band competing
- **September (TBA) – Solo Show Case**

Training, Concert and Performance bands performing group, ensemble and solo items.

Note: Details on arrival time and set up for each concert will be sent via email to band parents.

Outcomes from Band Committee meeting

We had a very productive Band Committee meeting last week. Thank you to those who attended and contributed. Our Band Committee meetings are open meetings that all are welcome to attend.

Band bags are available at a cost of \$5. Please leave payment in the silver letterbox with a note that it is for a band bag and we can arrange to have a bag sent home with your child at their next rehearsal.

We have had feedback about parents being able to observe a band rehearsal. Parents are welcome to attend a rehearsal at any time to watch their children. If you wish to watch your child's rehearsal please sit on the chairs inside the band room door where you can observe without distracting the band.

We will be looking to upgrade several of our school band instruments over the next 24 months. Several of our hire instruments are getting to the end of their usable life and we will commence a program of instrument replacement towards the end of 2018.

We will be installing a Band Notice Board outside the band room. Rehearsal schedules, tutorial rosters and upcoming performances will be displayed here.

Instrument storage

If your child does not leave their instrument locked in the band room throughout the school day, please ensure that their instruments are taken inside their classrooms. We are still finding the odd instrument left outside classrooms on Fridays when children have gone to sport.

As always, if you have a child that is interested in joining our band program and they are in years 3-6, please send us an email. We would love to hear from you. We accept enrolments into our band program at all stages of the school year.

We can be contacted via the above email.

Sally Postma and Diana Turner

Band Convenors



Fundraising

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We hope your children enjoyed the Mother's Day stall and all you lovely ladies liked the gifts they chose for you. This was a new event this year and we are very interested in your thoughts as to how you feel it went. If you have any suggestions or improvement ideas, please get involved by letting us know your thoughts and helping out - everyone is welcome to help and we would love to hear from you.

Christmas in (nearly) July notes will be sent home today, so be sure to reserve your spot. The note can also be printed from the school app. Rsvp and payment go to the silver letterbox in a marked envelope.

This is sure to be a fun filled evening of great company, delicious Christmas themed food and desserts, awesome music and even more awesome dancing! At just \$40 a ticket, there will be games, competitions, a live auction (prize Manly Sea Eagles Corporate Box) and silent auctions so something for everyone to enjoy. Don't be shy, don your craziest, ugliest Christmas attire and join us at The Belrose Hotel on Saturday 23rd June. We can't wait to party with you.

The Entertainment Book is available to buy either as a hard copy or an online app. Order at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/200y050> to take advantage of the many great offers available.

If you or anyone you know (a local business perhaps) would like to donate a prize, gift voucher or even your time to help us with prizes for our silent auctions or raffle later in the term, please give us a call. All of our events are run on a volunteer basis and we depend on you to help us. We simply cannot bring these events to life without you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on the email address above if you have queries about any event or if you would like to be involved in any way.



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