

Forest Focus

Term 3 Week 8, 13 September 2018

Principal's Message

Coming up...

Tuesday 18 September	'Interrelate' in the library 6.00pm and 7.15pm
	Year 5 and 6 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Thursday 20 September	Year 6 Fair
	Year 3 and 4 enrichment day
Friday 21 September	Special awards Assembly
Sunday 23 September	Obstacool 9.30am – 2.30pm
Tuesday 25 September	Wrapper free picnic lunch – parents warmly invited
Wednesday 26 September	Year 5 and 6 to Canberra
	Year 4 Surf Education talk
Friday 28 September	Year 5 and 6 return from Canberra
	Raffle drawn at 2pm under the red sail

Congratulations

Congratulations to the students who qualified for area athletics in the following fields

Lucas 11yrs 100m
Toby 11yrs Shot Put and Discus
Gab 12 yrs Shot Put
Lily Junior Long Jump
Khyliah 11yrs 200m, 100m
Chloe 12yrs 200m, 100m and Long Jump
Isabella 11yrs Shot Put



Tell them from me survey 2018

Every year we ask parents to complete our TTFM survey with usually a limited response. May I encourage every family to complete the survey this year! It is so valuable to our school executive to gauge how we are going with all that we do across the school, and how we can better serve the changing needs of our community. Please, please take a few moments to use

the link to access the survey. It is open until the end of term and can be easily completed on a mobile device. It will take about 15 minutes.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ffps>

Raising your child in a digital world

Dr Kristy Goodwin will be speaking at Beacon Hill on Thursday 20 September at 7pm. Please use the link to book tickets. [Raising Your Child in a Digital World](#)

Conversation with a teacher sessions

Thank you to the parents who come along to hear MJ talk about moving into years 5 and 6 and thinking about high schools. If you were not able to come or would like a copy of MJ's presentation please email her at mary-jane.peel@det.nsw.edu.au.

2019 planning

If you know your child will not be at FFPS in 2019 please let the office know as soon as possible.

Gail Smith

Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this term is: Responsibility

Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Weeks 6 and 7

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS
Yacoub H, Luca NB, Indiana D, Samantha O'S, Benjamin H, Ashlyn O'N, William C

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS
Roman H, Rachael S

School News

Wrapper Free Day

Children in many classes across the school have been learning about how to care for the environment. As part of this program, the children have been learning about reducing their waste at school. Already we have seen significant waste reduction with some classes reporting over 150 less rubbish items per week and some classes reporting days without any waste at all. Some parents have also commented on their homes becoming more sustainable to share in their child's learning.

Children have set a goal of having a wrapper free food day where all children across the school will bring their recess and lunch without any wrapper waste. This day will be Tuesday 25 September and at 1.15pm we will be having a picnic on the oval. Parents are invited to join us with their own wrapper free food.

Year 6 Fair

On Thursday 20 September from 12.00 – 1.00pm, Year 6 students will hold their annual fair to raise money for their gift to the school. All students K-5 will attend the Fair with their class teacher. Children are invited to wear mufti clothes to school (covered shoulders and closed shoes please).

ACTIVITIES: hair spray, guessing competition, minute to win it, drawing activity, sponge throw, yucky dip, paper planes, obstacle course, putt putt, wheel of fortune, knock em down, temporary tattoos and hand painting.

Prices vary from 10c up to \$2.00. Please bring coins and enjoy a fun filled day.

MJ Broomfield & Arkie Stelling-Wood

Year 6 Teachers

Superhero Fundraiser for Bear Cottage



What a fantastic effort. Our little school raised \$890.00. Well done.



Chess Competition

Very serious business



P & C News



Canteen

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If your children have a lunch order, please make sure they have food for recess – lunch orders are delivered to the classroom at lunchtime only.

The children are participating in Fruit & Veg month during September. The canteen will have fresh seasonal fruit pieces available for 10-20c a piece at morning tea and lunch for all of September. If your child has an apple in their lunch and would like to get it slinked – bring it down to the canteen.

What do you call a group of strawberries playing the guitar?....A Jam session

Thank you teachers who helped serve our hungry dad's for Father's Day. We sold nearly 90 bacon & egg rolls!!

Charlotte Nash

Canteen Convenor



Band

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What an amazing weekend we had for our school bands!

Well done Concert Band on a wonderful performance at the Festival of Lights held at The Forest High on Friday night. Your performance was a delight to experience and a true demonstration of your musical talents as a well balanced ensemble.

Congratulations to the Performance Band who competed in the Battle of the Bands on Sunday and were awarded joint recipients of the John Speight Encouragement Award (a trophy and a cash prize!). This achievement showcases the abilities of ALL of our wonderful musicians, who were challenged with new pieces to perform for this competition under our new band leadership team. Even the judges' comments stated that although a "small band, they covered all the notes", with "No passengers here!". Great effort by all.



A big thank you to Ben and Kinsey on their enthusiastic contributions to our band program and their demonstrated strong leadership. This weekend was their first performances with our Concert and Performance bands since joining FFPS. Ben and Kinsey hit the ground running in week 3 of this Term and were determined to ensure that there was a seamless transition for our musicians, with the focus on continuing outstanding music for all bands. It is amazing to see such wonderful results in such a short time working.

Important upcoming dates:

- Thursday 13 September – Band Room being painted (thank you Lend Lease community volunteer team).
- Friday 14 September – Concert Band rehearsal STILL ON, however will relocate to the Hall for the morning. Meet at Band Room at normal rehearsal time
- Thursday 20 September – Performance Band rehearsal will be combined with School Choir. Arrive at normal rehearsal time. No tutorials in lieu of the joint rehearsal. (practice is for Term 4 assembly joint performance of Rhythm of Life, 2/11/18).
- Friday 21 September – Training Band performing at school assembly, 2pm. Full band uniform.

- Tuesday 25 September – Band Committee Meeting, Band Room 7.30pm.
This will be our planning meeting for end of year performances and Christmas celebrations. Please come along and share your ideas.

Sally Postma and Diana Turner

Band Convenors



Fundraising

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Father's Day Stall

Thank you to our fabulous committee members for manning the Father's Day stall. We hope all the dads out there enjoyed their gifts.

Obstacool

We need your help!!

As you know, Obstacool is fast approaching – Sunday 23 September. We cannot run these events without you – our parents and carers. A huge thank you to those of who have already offered their time to lend a hand. We still need more volunteers to get through the day though so please don't be shy – please see the separate note for helpers sent home today.

Besides the course, there will be pony rides, a bouncy castle, a sand table, BBQ, cake stall, kids' corner, face painting, coffee truck and more... It's going to be a great day for everyone so feel free to invite your friends and family along.

To buy tickets to Obstacool, please log on to <https://obstacoolffps.pleeezpay.com/> Again, if you have any problems with the website, please get in touch and we will help you out. Feel free to contact admin@pleeezpay.com

Raffle Tickets

Thanks to everyone who has returned their sold raffle books. For everyone else, please get them in asap. If you are unable to sell some or all of the tickets, please return the unsold book asap so we are able to re-distribute them.

Prizes are as follows:

- 1st prize - 5 night family holiday at SeaWorld Resort and Water Park on the Gold Coast PLUS a \$1,000 Virgin Australia airfare voucher and a \$200 food and beverage credit.
- 2nd prize - \$250 eftpos voucher
- 3rd prize - \$150 eftpos voucher
- 4th prize - \$100 eftpos voucher

For all fully sold books, your child's name will be entered into a lucky prize draw to win a SONY4GB MP3 PLAYER. The winning child will be drawn at the same time as the raffle – which will be at 2.00pm under the red sails outside the office on Friday 28 September.

Trivia Night

Trivia is coming up as well... Saturday 27 October at Forestville RSL. Get your table together and think of a theme – there will be prizes for the best dressed table as always. Tickets will be on sale shortly so watch this space...

If you have a small business in the area and would like to donate to or sponsor our events or even if you would like to showcase your business, please contact us on the email address above or numbers below.

That's all for now, please feel free to contact us if you have questions about any of our events or would like to be involved in any way.

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