

Forest Focus

Term 4 Week 8, 6 December 2018

Principal's Message

End of year events

7 December	Presentation morning 9.30am
10-14 December	Workshops for years K-5
11 December	Choir to sing at Forestway shops 1.30pm
11 December	Year 6 farewell dinner 6.00pm - 7.30pm
13 December	Year 6 excursion
14 December	Christmas Concert 2pm (all welcome) Catch-up @ the Canteen 3.10pm
17 December	2018 buddies' celebration afternoon (year 6 and kindy) Winning house announced
18 December	Whole school picnic
19 December	Talent quest (students in years 1-6) Class celebrations Year 6 final assembly 2.30pm (all welcome) Guard of Honour 3.00pm (all welcome) Last day of school for 2018
30 January 2019	School resumes Yrs 1-6

Presentation morning

Parents and students are invited to attend our 2018 presentation assembly on Friday 7 December. Year 6 will graduate and class and specialist awards will be presented. Invitations have gone home to parents whose children are receiving individual awards. **All students wear full school uniform.**

Choir singing at Forestway shops

Parents are invited to join us at Forestway shops on Tuesday 11 December at 1.30pm as the choir entertains the local shopping community.

Year 6 dinner dance

Year 6 students and staff share an evening of dinner and dancing. Parents drop their children at school for a 6pm start then are invited to return at 7.30pm for photos.

Year 6 excursion

Year 6 students visit Warriewood Cinema as an end of year celebration and culmination of their English unit .

K-6 Christmas concert

All students participate in this casual end of year Christmas concert on Friday 14 December at 2pm. Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to enjoy the concert then stay on for afternoon tea outside the canteen. Teachers have advised children of costumes to be worn.

Buddies celebration afternoon

Year 6 and their kindy buddies celebrate an afternoon of games together, followed by a frozo.

School picnic to Rosherville Reserve

Our K-6 school picnic and games day is held at Rosherville Reserve. Children wear sport uniform and bring sunscreen, morning tea, lunch and cold water. A permission note was sent home today.

Class celebrations

Teachers will advise parents of arrangements for class celebrations on Wednesday 19 December. Children wear full summer uniform.

Talent Quest

Students in Years 1-6 will entertain the student body. Notes have been sent home. Students change into their costumes at school for their performance.

Year 6 final assembly

Year 6 parents are invited to attend this special final assembly for Year 6. Tissues may be required. The assembly will be followed by the traditional guard of honour at 3pm

Guard of honour

On the last day of the school year we farewell year 6 with a guard of honour and final ringing of the bell. All parents are invited to the guard of honour at 3pm on Wednesday 19 December.

P&C

Today a letter is coming home with the children about our P&C positions available for next year. Please look out for this. I wanted to pass on a short message from Sandie Docker about her time as president.

My service as President of FFPS P&C was the highlight of my time at this wonderful school. I got to meet and befriend so many people across all the year groups, people who have remained friends even though we've now moved on to high school. In high school, parent involvement is minimal, so to be able to be such a big part of my child's education in those early formative years, is a blessing I am so thankful for. As with most things in life, what you get out of something is what you put in, and I am so glad I spent time serving the FFPS P&C, the school community and, most importantly, the students.

Gail Smith

Principal

Assembly Award Winners

Term 4 Weeks 6 and 7

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Heidi W, Jessica C x 2, Amelia B, Scarlett McK, Caleb C, Alexander Y, Finlay McK, Kate M, Vanessa C, Abbie O'F, Abby H, Owen W, Isabella S, Taylor B, Hayley B, Freya W

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Zach T, Ben P, Joden A, Lucas S, Brandon L, Matthew E, Megan B

MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Zach T, Joden A, Lucas S, Freya McG, Kate N, Joshua M, Samara A, Adam R, Harry W, Ben P, Tahlia P, Samuel F

Administration News

End of Year Administration and Year 6

I would greatly appreciate all outstanding student term accounts finalised by Friday 14 December 2018 to meet the schools financial year end. In particular, year 6 students who are departing the school and any other families not returning. A reminder Statement of Account has been emailed home today.

If for some reason you are unable to meet this financial commitment, please contact myself or Mrs Smith to discuss the matter. Thank you.

Linda Lyell

Administrative Manager

Update the New Skoolbag App

Please ensure you up-date the Skoolbag App on your phone. You will be prompted to do so on the old app. Otherwise, download the app from the Apple App or Google Play Store, create an account (sign up with your email address), search for Frenchs Forest Public School and add your subscription groups.

Annie Peake

Administrative Officer

P & C News



President's Report

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2018 AGM President's Report

As 2018 draws to a close we would like to wrap up the year with a run down of what's been achieved and to say thank you to everyone that has contributed to the success of the P&C this year.

Due to the hard work of so many people we have been able to support our school this year by donating \$30,000.00 towards classroom technology which is fantastic! In addition we have been able to provide funds towards books for rich literature, end of year workshops and the year 6 dinner.

Canteen

Volunteers have been in short supply again this year but Charlotte Nash and the Canteen Committee have done a fabulous job. Thank you to Adrienne Massey who has recently stood down from co-ordinating the volunteer roster over the last 3 years and who has been a canteen volunteer for quite some time. Thank you to Claire Woods for stepping up to take on that role.

The canteen has been busy! They have introduced gluten free pasta, had hot cross bun week, Pasta Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Dad's Day in the canteen, catch up @ the canteen, lots of birthday frozos, and slinky apples galore!!

Canteen has also streamlined our menu for the new Healthy Canteen strategy and participated in their survey of schools, making us one of the leading schools in the state for a healthy canteen and earning us a \$500 voucher!

Thank you to Charlotte Nash, the canteen committee and Carrie Bridger for your efforts this year. Thank you also to all the volunteers for their commitment and to the paid casuals for their service.

Band

It's been a very busy year for our band program and it's very exciting that we've had another great show of hands from our current year 2 group for our Training Band for 2019.

Firstly, we'd like to say a thank you to Peter Squire for his many years of service to our band program. A gift was given to Peter earlier in the year but we wanted to take this opportunity to thank Peter for his wonderful service to our school. No doubt he has inspired many budding musicians over those years. Thank you Peter.

We have welcomed Kinsey Alexander and Ben Swatton as our band directors this year and they have got off to a flying start and wasted no time in bringing their passion and enthusiasm to our band program.

Thank you to our bandies Di Turner and Sally Postma and your committee for all your hard work this year. You've worked tirelessly. It's a big role and your enthusiasm for music and all the benefits that can bring is really showing in the changes you've made to the running of the program this year. Thank you to you both for the hours that you've invested over the last approximately 15 months.

Fundraising

We have had a busy and exciting year with many new and fun fundraising events filling the calendar. We've had a movie night, a beautifully decorated Christmas in July event, Obstacool which was a complete hit and another fantastic trivia night. We've also had discos, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls and a raffle. Over \$34,000 has been raised this year which is a fantastic result and the culmination of many dedicated hours of work.

Thank you Nicole Christie and Kelly-Ann Ferrie and your merry band of helpers

Uniform Shop

It's been a fairly smooth year in the uniform shop. It's been a well oiled machine with Deb Hishon and Melissa Layton at the helm. Deb Hishon has been our uniform shop convenor for just over 5 years. Deb has decided the time has come to step down from that role. You've done a fabulous job Deb and on behalf of the P&C we want to say thank you for all that you've done. 5 years is a lot of time spent talking polos, hem lengths, skorts and shorts!! Thank you for putting your hand up for so many years.

Thank you also to Melissa Layton who has been the Uniform shop treasurer for the last 18 months, the volunteer co-ordinator for the past 8 years and a uniform shop volunteer for 11 years!! What a fantastic effort! Thank you Melissa for being a fantastic volunteer and supporter of the Uniform Shop.

Thank you also to all the uniform shop volunteers for your continued support.

Environment

Julie Figgis and Elise Crameri with their team of helpers have totally transformed our school's vege patch introducing worm farms and compost. Thank you Julie, Elise and the environment committee - you really are the quiet achievers.

Website

Thank you to Shelley Allum for working so hard behind-the-scenes on the old school website and more recently the new website. Thank you Shelley.

Sponsorships & Grants

Thanks to Louise Peters for stepping into this role during the year and for all your work researching various funding sources, which is just as challenging and time consuming as writing the actual applications. With this ground work done, we hope that next year we will be successful in securing some amazing grant funding!

Executive

The P&C couldn't have achieved what we have this year without the hard work and selflessness of many people behind the scenes and that includes our Executive.

We would like to thank this year's Executive for your help and support throughout the year – thank you to Sam Donnan for her efforts in the first part of the year, our Treasurer Nicole Kroger and our Secretary Amanda Morey.

Nicole Kroger is stepping down this year after two years of service and we want to say thanks to Nicole for all the work she's done. The work of the Treasurer is very much behind the scenes and very rewarding. Nicole has done an amazing job keeping abreast of the various financial procedures. Thank you Nicole for all of your hard work and perseverance over the last two years.

We'd like to thank the teachers and support staff of the school for the support they give our P&C. Thank you in particular to MJ Broomfield, Frances Separovich, Kylie Davidson and Matt Philips.

To our Principal Gail Smith, thank you for your co-operation, support and good humour through some challenging times. Thank you for the support in particular that you've given to the Executive as we've navigated our roles.

To all of the families that are leaving FFPS and moving on to the next exciting stage, we thank you for your contribution to your P&C over the years. We wish you all the very best. Finally a very big thank you to all of you, the P&C members and to all the volunteers who support our convenors and our committees. To everyone who has attended a meeting, served on a committee, cooked a sausage, baked a cake, slept over at band camp, bagged up a goujon or 2, planted vegetables or volunteered for a shift or an event, thank you!

Kerryn Moulds and Louise Reeson
Acting P&C President



Canteen

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Coming up in the Canteen...

Friday 14 December from 1pm – Dad's Day in the canteen – we love seeing Dad's in the canteen. If you are coming to the Christmas concert, pop in to the canteen and help serve lunch to the students (no prep, no cooking, just fun!)

Catch up @ the Canteen after the Christmas concert – bakers needed! Please bring your baked goods to the canteen and then join us after the concert for a cuppa and cake.

Please note: We are moving to being completely online for lunch orders – 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**'.

Charlotte Nash

Canteen Convenor



Band

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Thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time and effort to ensure that our band program enjoyed a very successful 2018. Your assistance at Training band Jam in Day, Band Camp, Competitions and Concerts throughout the year is greatly appreciated. From carting equipment, baking cakes, cooking BBQs, decluttering the Band room or re-decorating the Band room, there are always willing parents to help out when asked, and we thank you.

Thank you to our band committee. We have had a very busy year and your support and dedication is highly valued. Without our wonderful committee, the role of the Convenors would be overwhelming.

Thank you to our amazing Band Directors and Assistant Band Directors for the gift of music to our band members.

A special thank you to the students. Your efforts and dedication to the FFPS band program is commendable.

Good luck to those students moving on to high school next year. We hope you come back and visit us with exciting stories about your high school bands.

Congratulations to the following students who successfully auditioned for the *Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE)*. NSSWE offers an extension program through a variety of bands for students in years 4 through to high school leavers and is available via audition for students who play woodwind, brass or percussion across the Northern Sydney region.

Primary Wind Ensemble

- Ben C
- Ankita S
- Lucinda T

Junior Wind Ensemble

- Megan B
- Ben P

Safe travels to our band directors Ben Swatton and Kinsey Alexander. Ben and Kinsey will be attending a four-day conference known as the Midwest Clinic International Band Orchestra and Music Conference in Chicago this December. For over 70 years, musicians and music educators from around the world gather in Chicago for the largest music conference of its kind. We look forward to hearing about their experience at this international event, and sharing their learnings with our band program in 2019.

Final dates for the Term:

- **Saturday 8 December** – Carols at Frenchs Forest Anglican Church (Concert and Performance band). Arrive at 6pm.
This is a wonderful family focused community event that the children will love. Bring a picnic rug, your friends and family, and come enjoy a night of music and Christmas Carols.
- **Friday 14 December, 8am** – Band BBQ breakfast with the Band Directors and Assistants (FREE) (ALL Band members invited, at the band room).

Sally Postma and Diana Turner

Band Convenors



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