

Forest Focus

Term 3 Week 10, 26 September 2019

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...

Monday 14 October

Tuesday 15 October

Thursday 17 October

Thursday 24 October

Students return to school in sports uniform

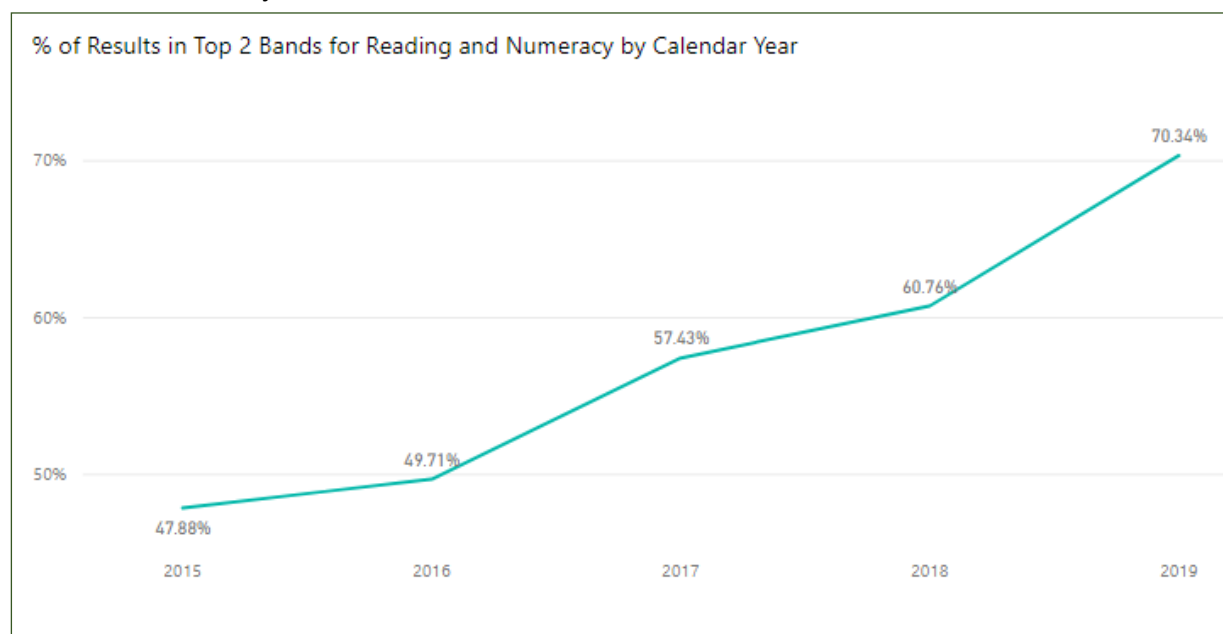
Full summer uniform for Term 4

NAPLAN for parents 8.00am in the library

Blue Day fundraiser

Outstanding NAPLAN results

Congratulations to the girls and boys who achieved great success this year in the NAPLAN tests. The graph shows our percentage of students in the top 2 bands for reading and numeracy over the last five years. These results are a combination of many factors including our strong wellbeing program, excellent dedicated teachers and school staff, supportive parents and increased resources funded by the school and the P&C.



Please join us at school on Thursday 17 October at 8.00am for an in depth look at our results with an opportunity for questions and comments. This session will be run by Matt Philips and MJ Broomfield.

Musical success

What a wonderful way to end the term with fabulous performances from our choir and band. The choir performed at the Sydney Town Hall in the Primary Proms joining a mass choir and musical items from schools across Sydney. Many thanks to Mrs Davy for her organisation and passion. The performance band played in the Battle of the Bands on Sunday and was awarded the John Speight Encouragement Trophy. They were just amazing. Thank you to Kinsey, Sally and Diana and all the supporting parents.

Gail Smith

Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this fortnight is: I keep my space tidy

Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Weeks 8 and 9

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS
Ethan Y, Aleisha F, Georgia C, Eleanor A-D, Rafael R, Ethan M, Oliver H, Emma C

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS
Isabella P, Ethan Y, Georgia C

MEDAL RECIPIENTS
Imogen Lo, Imogen Li, Benjamin H, Isabella P, Kai C, William C

School News

NAPLAN Results Parent information Session

Parents are invited to join us for an information sharing session to explore our 2019 NAPLAN results and hear about our school trends.

When: Thursday 17 October 8:00-8:30am

Where: The Library

Presented by Mr Matthew Philips and Mrs MJ Broomfield

Blue Day Fundraiser

On Thursday 24 October we will celebrate Blue Day. Children are invited to bring a donation and come to school dressed in blue. This day will enable us, as a school community, to recognise the achievements of Khyiah G and Hugo R reaching the Nationals in their chosen sports and

support them as they compete at that level. Congratulations Khylihah and Hugo. Frenchs Forest PS families are very proud of you!

Crazy for Cancer

What a fun day everyone had dressed up crazily to raise money for the Cancer Council. We raised an amazing \$864.50 which is a tremendous effort for our little school.

Liz Davies

Ambassador Co-ordinator



P & C News



President's Report

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Special Invitation - P&C AGM at 7.30pm on 28 October

At FFPS P&C our sole purpose is to benefit ALL children who attend our school. As a school community we want to enable every child to become the best they can be. To this end we fundraise for additional rich literature and technology resources as tools for teachers to engage young minds in core learning. We strive to foster community and belonging involving family through the discos and events. We also work to provide many extracurricular benefits that are not always readily found outside of school, like a safe place to practice money skills at canteen, hands on green space in garden club, access to the many benefits of music with the band, and the family friendly uniform shop.

Your P&C is run by volunteers, specifically so that every possible cent goes to the kids. Without our amazing volunteers nothing mentioned above would be possible.

As we move into term 4, I invite you to our Annual General Meeting. The meeting will formally thank all our volunteers for the past year in review and vote in vacant positions for the upcoming year (always followed by some great food to celebrate!).

- If you have volunteered in any capacity over the past year – perhaps an hour at a BBQ, a shift in the canteen or uniform shop... I encourage you to come and be thanked.
- If you can contribute approximately an hour of your time each week (can be after hours), I encourage you to consider nominating for a role. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, carers, all welcome. We currently desperately need Treasury/Bookkeeping and Fundraising Volunteers.
- The P&C meets on Monday of week 3 and week 8 each term at 7.30pm in the staffroom. You do not need to hold a role to attend, in fact community input is key to the best decisions.
- Have less time? You can still be a valued member of the team. There are many ways to contribute.

If you would like role descriptions or any other information, please don't hesitate to email or approach me in the playground. Hope to see you all at the AGM.

Julie Figgis

P&C President



Canteen

ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com

Important changes to Ordering

Please note: At the beginning of Term 4 we will be completely online for lunch orders – If you aren't already on School24, please follow these easy 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**'.

Please make sure you receive a confirmation email from School24 when you place an order – if you don't receive one, your order has not gone through. If you have any trouble with your order, you can call School24 directly on 02 8041 1132. On the very rare occasion that School24 goes down completely, we will accept lunch bag orders.

Charlotte Nash

Canteen Convenor



Band

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Congratulations - Our amazing Performance Band rose to the challenge to collect the John Speight Encouragement Trophy at Battle of The Bands last Sunday, conducted by Kinsey Alexander. It was a close finish with Balgowlah North Public School and we are super proud of their performance both on and off the stage.





Music in the Forest – On Friday 13 September, FFPS hosted their very first concert, inviting Belrose and Narrabeen Lakes Public Schools to bring their senior bands for a non-competitive evening of music. All bands played exceptionally well and thank you to our Band Conductors, Kinsey Alexander and Ben Swatton, the Band Committee and the Performance Band parent volunteers for all their hard work and donations to make this event such a success. We raised \$530 from the BBQ and gold coin collection at the door!

Training Band 2020 – Thank you to those who braved the rain and came to Training Band 2020 Information Night. Application forms are being sent home today to all current Year 2's and interested children in Years 3-5. Blow Tests will be held during your child's music class in Week 2 of Term 4 so we need all application forms returned strictly by 18 October (Friday, Week1). Please email ffpspandcband@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events – important dates for your Term 4 calendar

What	When	Who
2020 Training Band Blow Tests	Week 2 music lessons During school hours	2019 Years 2-5
Concert Under The Stars	Friday 6 December 5 pm At school	ALL BANDS
Christmas Carols	Saturday 7 December Frenchs Forest Anglican Church	Intermediate and Performance Bands

*Assembly dates for each band will be confirmed in the Term 4 Band Newsletter

Thank you to all our families for their support and assistance this term.
Wishing everyone a restful Spring break.

Sally Postma and Diana Turner
Band Convenors