

# Forest Focus

Term 4 Week 6, 21 November 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...

Friday 22 November	Last 'regular' assembly for 2019
Tuesday 26 November	Choir to sing at Forestway shopping centre 11.30am
Wednesday 27 November	Kindy 2020 Orientation 9.30am
Thursday 28 November	K-2 games afternoon – parents welcome
Friday 29 November	Special awards assembly 2pm School Disco K-2 4.30, 3-6 6.00pm
Monday 2 December	Final Multisport session for the year 7.30pm P&C meeting in the staffroom
Tuesday 3 December	High School Orientation for public HS
Thursday 5 December	Presentation morning 9.30am
Friday 6 December	Year 6 "fun afternoon" for whole school (mufti) Buddy picnic on the oval 3.30pm Concert under the stars (band and Japanese drums) 5.00pm
Monday 9 December	Workshop week
Wednesday 11 December	Year 6 Dinner Dance 6.00pm
Monday 16 December	Whole school picnic day (sports uniform and sandals/sneakers)
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Concert 2pm (doors open at 1.45pm)
Wednesday 18 December	Last day of school for students Talent Quest Year 6 final assembly (2.20pm) and guard of honour (3.00pm)

### Special Awards Assembly

Please join us on Friday 29 November at 2.00pm for our special awards assembly where we will be handing out the following awards:

- Kindergarten Graduation Certificates
- School Medals
- Maths Olympiad top achievers (Brandon, James, Bryan, Katrina and Toby)
- ICAS mathematics top achievers (Nikhalya, Emma, Toby, Bryan, Ben C, Gauravdeep, James, Rachael, Brandon and Katrina)

- ICAS English top achievers (Kiara J, Cordelia, Gauravdeep, Nikhalya, Katrina, Edie, Charlie, Ben C, Owen B, Dean, Liam)
- Area athletics patches
- Silver and gold awards

Please note we have decided not to hold the family picnic after the assembly as we have the disco that afternoon.

### **P&C Disco**

Don't forget to come along to the Christmas Disco on Friday 29 November. K-2 are at 4.30 – 5.30, then 3-6 are at 6.00 – 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come for the BBQ in between sessions at 5.00pm. Notes have gone home in hard copy in bright orange and are also available on Skoolbag or from the office.

### **Presentation morning**

Parents are warmly invited to attend our annual presentation morning on Thursday 5 December at 9.30am. Parents whose children are receiving an award will be sent an invitation (via students in an envelope). Please join us to celebrate the end of primary school for our year 6 students as they graduate.

**Gail Smith**

Principal

## ***Respectful Responsible Learner***

The focus for this fortnight is: I am happy for others

## ***Assembly Award Winners***

### **Term 4 Weeks 4 and 5**

#### **SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Kyla E, Luca N, Martha B, Charlotte T, Ruhan V x 2, Zach R, Liam P, Blake R, Thomas C, Annalise S, Elodie S, Charlotte H

#### **GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Bo Chambers, Nikhalya S, James K

## ***School News***

As we prepare to send our year 6 children off to high school Mrs Davidson has been working with the children to prepare a range of activities that will help the children **celebrate**, say **thank you**, **remember** and say **goodbye**.

Celebrate

- Graduation Ceremony – Thursday 5 December. All year 6 are announced and awarded their graduation certificates at the annual school presentation day.

- Dinner dance – Wednesday 11 December. Year 6 decorate the hall and enjoy dinner with the staff and then a disco concluding with a parent photo opportunity and an exit through a parent guard of honour.

Thank you

- FFPS fun day – Friday 6 December. Year 6 will organise fun activities for the K-5 students as they say thank you to the school for their primary years. All children will wear “play” clothes for this special day.

Remember

- Photobook with memories and photos from the children’s time at FFPS. Parents will purchase this book.

Goodbye

- On the final day of the year there will be a year 6 farewell assembly followed by the traditional guard of honour where year 6 students walk through an arch of K-5 students toward the bell where they will ring it signifying their leaving of FFPS and their primary school years. Tissues will be required for this event. Wednesday 18 December.



Year 4 Surf Education Programme at Freshwater Beach



## P & C News



### **Band**

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The first of our performance events is coming up tomorrow in assembly.  
Please note confirmed arrival times now for 28 Nov and 1 Dec.

Scheduled performances and events for Term 4:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday 22 November	Intermediate	Assembly – school hall	2 pm
Thursday 28 November	Training	Pittwater High School	Performance 7 pm. Arrival time 6.30 pm
Friday 29 November	Performance	Special Awards Assembly – school hall	2 pm
Sunday 1 December	Performance	Pittwater High School	Performing at 3 pm. Rehearsal beforehand. Arrival time 1.45 pm for 2 pm rehearsal
Friday 6 December	All Bands	Concert Under the Stars – school	5 pm
Saturday 7 December	Intermediate and Performance	Carols in the Forest – Frenchs Forest Anglican Church, Bantry Bay Rd	Arrival 6.30 pm Performance approx. 7.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>	<b>Hired instrument return – all hired instruments</b>	<b>Band room</b>	<b>8-9 am</b>

We are **still** looking for some helpers for next year to fill the roles of Secretary and “Parent on the Ground”. If you are interested in being involved in a dynamic and rewarding band program with plenty of support then we would love to hear from you.

**Diana Turner**

Band Convenor



## **Fundraising**

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As we reach the midpoint of Term 4, we would like to bid you farewell as your Fundraising Conveners. As of now, we are handing the reigns over to the wonderful Pip Bucknell.

Pip has Lucy in year 1 and Hugo will be starting kindy in January 2020 and she's super excited to be taking over fundraising activities next year.

On our way out, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to a few people - firstly, to our fabulous committee – Carolyn Condon, Katie Austin, Karyn Smedts, Zoe McKinstry, Kim Osborne, Louise Reeson and Georgina Turner. These ladies have worked tirelessly these past couple of years to help us bring you fundraising events to raise money for our wonderful little school. We are very proud to have raised the best part of \$50,000 during our time as conveners and we wish Pip all the best with her endeavors going forward.

We would also like to thank the P&C President Julie Figgis, Vice President Katie Austin and the rest of the committee in general for their support over the past couple of years.

Finally to our beautiful Principal, Gail Smith (and her shoes) and all of the staff – thank you for your continued support. You have been a pleasure to work alongside and we look forward to seeing you all in a 'non-official' capacity from now on.

A quick reminder that our last event is the end of year School Disco on Friday 29 November. Notes were sent home last term so please get permission slips in before Tuesday 26 November so we can make sure we have enough sausages to feed everyone.

Going forward to next year, Pip will need your help! Fundraising does not happen on its own and our children don't get the benefits of our fundraising efforts if there are no fundraising events to raise the money in the first place...

If you would like to help Pip with fundraising in 2020, please do get in touch. She would love to have you onboard.

See you around the grounds and again, thank you for your support during our time as your Fundraising Conveners.

**Kelly-Ann and Nicole**

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