

Forest Focus

Term 1 Week 6, 7 March 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 8 Mar	Uniform shop CLOSED
Monday 11 Mar	Year 6 leaders attending the Halogen Young Leaders Day
Wednesday 13 Mar	School photos – sibling photos at 8.30am in the hall
Friday 15 Mar	National Day of Action Against Bullying (student wall display)
Monday 18 Mar	P&C meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm

Congratulations

Well done to our zone swimming team who were great ambassadors for FFPS throughout the carnival. Congratulations to our five successful swimmers, Edie D, Amelia D, Emma M, Imogen L and Rylee H, who now go to the area swimming carnival.

School Awards

Awards form a part of our PBL (positive behaviour for learning) strategy and we are pleased to invite parents to join us on a Friday afternoon for assembly where these awards are given out. Children receive awards in recognition of their work ethic and positive behaviour as they strive to be *respectful responsible learners*.

- 10 PBs (green awards collected in class) may be redeemed for a blue award
- 4 blue awards may be redeemed for a silver award
- 3 silver awards may be redeemed for a gold award
- 2 gold awards may be redeemed for a medal

Green PBs should be handed to the class teacher

Blue and silver awards should be placed in the basket outside the staffroom by Wednesday morning, to be handed out that Friday.

Gold awards require a chat with the principal. Children should write a short reflection of themselves as a respectful, responsible learner before their visit to the principal.

Teacher professional learning

Teachers were excited about attending a learning event at the Apple store on Tuesday afternoon. We spent time with an Apple educator learning about “Clips” and how we could use this app in the classroom to support students’ learning.



Attendance at school

Children are required to attend school Monday to Friday for full days unless there is a pressing reason to be absent. This may include illness, specialist appointments or requested leave approved by the principal. All children are expected to attend school assembly on a Friday as this is an important part of the week where we come together as a community to congratulate students on various achievements and celebrate their successes. Parents are warmly invited to our weekly assemblies.

P&C update

Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting for 2019. A reminder that our next meeting is coming up on 18 March at 7.30pm. We are still seeking a treasurer. Please consider supporting your school in this vital role. The P&C cannot run without a treasurer.

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: Respect

Assembly Award Winners

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SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Cerys N, Elodie S, Max N, Max B, Ruby O, Amelia L, Oliver H, Gordon C, Campbell A, Sam L, Katrina G, Charlie A

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Isabella S, Elodie S

School News



School Safety in Ann Street

Parents are asked not to double-park in Ann Street at any time. It is dangerous to beckon children over to a car on the other side of the street.

Please be aware of the signage in Ann Street as the council rangers will be patrolling this area during drop off and pick up time and heavy fines apply.

No parking: You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.

P & C News



Canteen

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Desperately seeking volunteers

We are finding it progressively harder to fill all the volunteer shifts to keep our wonderful canteen thriving. Many volunteers are no longer available as their children have moved on to high school and the rest of our frequent volunteers are long-time regulars who are doing multiple shifts. The canteen can only continue to function if we have new volunteers - so this is a call out to all families at school: **We are desperately seeking your help!**

It's a great way to be part of the school community

Every year there are around 400 shifts to be filled. Morning shifts run from 9.10am to 11.50am, and afternoon shifts run from 11.50am to 2.00pm. Friday's are the busiest time when we need five volunteers across the day to put together over 120 orders. If someone from every family in the school was able to do just one shift per year (that's around 2 hours per year), this would go a long way towards ensuring the canteen is sufficiently staffed. Mums, dads, grandparents - you are all welcome to volunteer - it's a great way to be part of our school community and the children love to see people they know behind the canteen counter.

Volunteer today!

Please give volunteering a go and let us know when you can help out. Contact the canteen team on ffpsandccanteenroster@gmail.com. Thank you. We appreciate your support.

Online ordering system

Our goal is to move to 100% online canteen ordering as soon as possible. If you haven't already, please follow these instructions to register on School24 and start ordering online:

www.school24.com

Click: **Login/Register**

Select: **Create Account**

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

Select: **Sign up**

Charlotte Nash

Canteen Convenor



Uniform Shop

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It has been an amazing first two weeks as the new Uniform Shop Convener. With the support and experience I have gained from Deb, Fiona and the P & C, I look forward to the smooth operation of the uniform shop.

Polar Fleece Order Form - due Thursday 14 March

Everyone should have received the order form for the polar fleece by now. Please note it is a pre-order so don't miss out and fill in your forms. The price for the fleece remains at \$48. Kindly take a look at the sample in the uniform shop.

Opening hours and advised closures for Term 1 2019

The Uniform Shop will be open on Fridays this term from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop, you can complete an order form which is available from the office or download from our FFPS website and place it in the silver letterbox in the school office foyer. Completed orders will be sent to your child's class.

The uniform shop will be closed this Friday 8 March and orders in the silver letterbox will be filled next week.

The uniform shop will also be closed on Friday 5 April for stocktake.

Second-Hand Uniforms

We have a good collection of second-hand stock, especially winter uniforms, so please take a look at the half priced items at the uniform shop. We welcome pre-loved donations and would greatly appreciate them to be clean and usable for the next person.

Volunteers

The smooth running of our Uniform Shop is dependent on the volunteers. It is run by the P&C and we are always looking for volunteers. If you can contribute an hour on a few Friday mornings, or at least one, it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact us via the above email.

If you have any other queries do reach out to us at the uniform shop or via email and we will do our best.

Seema Sriram

Uniform Shop Convener



Band

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Congratulations to our Performance Band Leaders for 2019 – Conall Q and Ben C. They were chosen by our Band Director for their leadership skills, conscientious behaviour and ability to uphold the school values. Conall and Ben will be responsible for supporting their band at events and competitions as well as assisting the conductor with tasks within rehearsals. Intermediate Band Leaders will be announced by the end of Term 1.

Fees – Families should by now have received first instalment fee notices which are due at your earliest convenience. The committee has agreed to send Band Camp fees in Term 2 after band camp in order to spread the financial burden on families.

Election Day BBQ – Save the date. The Band committee is very excited to be organizing the election day BBQ on Saturday 23 March. We will be calling on assistance from band families to help out. This is a great way to get dads involved, have some fun and fundraise for our fabulous school.

Roles filled – A big thank you to the following parents who are now assisting us in newly created roles. We are very pleased to have you on the team and really appreciate your time and efforts:

- Nicole Quirk - Instrument Registry
- Liz Mathieson - Performance Band Co-ordinator (for performances)
- Sally Cordell – Intermediate Band Co-ordinator (for performances)

We are still looking for a Training Band Co-ordinator. If anyone is keen to be involved we would love to hear from you. Many hands make light(er) work!

Up-coming events for Term 1:

- Training Band's first performance – Easter Hat Parade Friday 12 April at 2.30pm
- Band Camp 6-7 April for all band (Training Band Saturday 6 April only)
- Band Committee Meeting Wed 20 March 7.00 pm in the band room to organise logistics for Band Camp. All welcome!

Sally Postma and Diana Turner

Band Convenors



Davidson
HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT INVITATION 2019

Tuesday 12th March 5.00 -7.30pm

5.00 pm Presentation in school hall

5.30 pm School tours

*Come and see our
fantastic school in
action!*

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