

Forest Focus

Term 1 Week 8, 21 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 22 March	No Assembly today – setting up for election
Saturday 23 March	Election day BBQ and cake stall
Tuesday 26 March	Circus incursion
Friday 29 March	No Eagle Tag – fields closed by Council
Thursday 4 April	Grandparents morning
Friday 5 April	Uniform shop closed for stocktake
	No Eagle Tag – fields closed by Council
	Special awards assembly 2pm
Wednesday 10 April	Cross country carnival (years 3-6 and eligible year 2)
Friday 12 April	Eagle Tag resumes
	Easter Hat Parade 2.15pm at the shopping centre (K-2)

Invitation to grandparents

All grandparents and grandfriends are warmly invited to join us on Thursday 4 April to visit the children's classrooms, visit the library to donate a book and enjoy morning tea in the hall. Grandparents are asked to meet in the school assembly hall at 9.15am where they will be welcomed by the principal and guided to classrooms by our very proud ambassadors. Grandparents may take their own and 'adopted' grandchildren to visit any and all classrooms and the library. Morning tea will be served in the hall at 10.15am. Teachers understand that there are several children whose grandparents will not be able to attend and they will make them feel special; they may join other groups and participate in visiting classrooms and the library.

Practice, resilience and perseverance

Next Tuesday the children and teachers will be participating in a hands-on "circus" experience.

'We'll explore how Practice, Resilience, and Perseverance helps us to achieve amazing feats. This unique blend of Physical Education and Performing Arts, as well as values and resilience education, will captivate and engage your school community. 'RESILIENCE + PERSISTENCE and promoting a CAN DO ATTITUDE in your school.

Special awards assembly

Families are invited to join us on Friday 5 April at 2pm in the assembly hall for our first special awards assembly for the year. The following awards will be presented:

- Silver and gold awards
- School medals
- Swimming ribbons
- Swimming age champion medals
- Warringah area representation swimming and sporting patches

Maths lessons



Update on access into school from the footbridge

Parents may have noticed a fence is being constructed from the end of the footbridge to a new ramp where pedestrians are being requested to cross over the bus road. After lengthy discussions with the company installing the fencing we understand the following. Access from the end of the footbridge that would lead to direct access into school has been denied to us by the RMS due to a safety concern that the new bus road now has a rise in it that obscures vision for the pedestrians and buses. Looking at the road this is true. We are still in discussion around safety of crossing the road further down, asking that the RMS consider the proximity to Forestway. We will keep the community informed of developments as they come in.

Bullying – no way



Frenchs Forest school children joined thousands of children across Australia to stand up for the right to be bully-free, writing positive messages in their handprints for everyone to read.

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

Term 1 Weeks 6 and 7

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hugh N, Justin T, Ellis M, Liam H, Thomas M, Lilyanne B, Lily B, Leeroy H, Rafael R, Rory Z, Harley C, Lucas P, Georgia P, Rene dP, Conall Q

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Cerys N, Lucinda T, Sofia dP, Lilyanne B, Lily B

P & C News



President's Report

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Thank you to all those who attended the P&C meeting on Monday. Your time and input is appreciated. We had a really good turn out and the discussion in the room was a joy to be a part of.

I would like to thank and introduce those who joined me in being elected into roles:

Treasurer - Azeema Sohail

Sponsorship and Grants - Louise Reeson

Fundraising co-convenors - Nicole Christie and Kelly-Ann Ferrie

We join those elected in the AGM and last meeting:

Vice President - Katie Austin

Secretary - Amanda Morey

Canteen convenor - Charlotte Nash

Band co-convenors - Sally Postma and Diana Turner

Uniform shop convenor - Seema Duraiswamy Sriram

Congratulations FFPS, you have an amazing team working for you!

We are still looking for an Environment convenor. The environment committee endeavours to inspire our children, by example, that being responsible caretakers of the world (and community) we live in, is a simple and rewarding part of everyday life. Primary activities are the running of Garden Club as an extracurricular fun lunchtime opportunity for all FFPS students. Taking care of the school community garden beds, worm farms and composts that form the core of the club. Helping promote environmental initiatives within the school. If this is something you want to be a part of in any capacity, please don't be shy in coming forward.

At the meeting we discussed and approved a number of upcoming projects and opportunities. I can't wait to see what next term brings as we start on these and more!

Julie Figgis

P&C President 2019



Vice President's Report

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Following a fantastically constructive P&C meeting on Monday evening, we are excitedly looking ahead to a wonderful and productive year, with a truly dedicated team. I would like to congratulate Julie Figgis on becoming our president, I believe great things lie ahead for our P&C.

State Election Fundraiser

The State Election is this Saturday 23 March. Our BBQ and Cake Stalls will be set up first thing so spread the word that FFPS is the place to vote! Excitingly, we will also have a soft serve ice cream stand, perfect for the warm day that's forecast! We are still short a number of volunteers for sessions on both the BBQ and the cake stall, so please email the VP email above if you're able to offer a little of your time once you've been in to vote.

We know how well the school performs for bake sales and I can't wait to see all of your delicious treats. Please deliver baked goods to the canteen on Friday afternoon or to us on the stall before 9am on Saturday.

P&C Fridge

The events that the P&C run often require the use of a fridge and unfortunately our old one has reached the end of its working life. We need to replace the fridge/freezer with a new one (unfortunately not second hand due to food safety) and are asking our community if anyone has contacts within the appliance industry who might be able to source one. Perhaps old floor stock, or cosmetic damaged goods as it doesn't need to be pretty! Please email on the above address if you are able to help in any way.

Katie Austin

Vice President



Canteen

ffpsandccanteen@gmail.com

Hot Cross Buns will be available every day for morning tea for \$1.00. Yum!

Please make sure you receive a confirmation email from School24 when ordering online. If you do not receive an email, then your order has not gone through.

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

ffpspandcband@gmail.com

Election Day BBQ

This event is only two days away and we still need a few volunteers for the 1-3 pm timeslot.

Thank you to all those parents who have already put up their hands. We really appreciate your time and because of you this event is likely to be a wonderful fundraiser. If you can assist (and vote at the same time!) please email Sally at ffpspandcband@gmail.com

Band Camp is coming up on 6-7 April

Permission forms were emailed last week and are due now if your child wishes to attend.

Please post them in the silver letterbox or email ffpspandcband@gmail.com if you have not received yours. Band Camp invoices will be sent in Term 2 so no payment necessary at this stage.

Band Tuition and Hire Fees

Instalment 1 fees are due now. Please ensure these are paid as soon as possible.

Upcoming event

Band Camp 6-7 April (Training Band 6 April only)

Training Band is performing at the Easter Hat Parade – Friday 12 April 2.30 pm

Sally Postma and Diana Turner

Band Convenors



Fundraising

ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com

We are very excited to be your fundraising convenors again this year. Last year saw us raise over a whopping \$32,000 for our kids - and this year, with your help, we're hoping to make great things happen again!

Please watch this space for upcoming events, we will let you all know what's on the agenda for the upcoming year very soon.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas you'd like to share, please give us a shout.

Kelly-Ann Ferrie and Nicole Christie

Fundraising Convenors



INFORMATION FOR BUS TRAVELLERS

It is a condition of use that students tap on at the start and tap off at the end of each trip with their Student Opal Card. This is important to ensure accurate patronage data is recorded. This data is used to plan school special and regular route bus services and assists State Transit in ensuring adequate capacity is provided, so students can travel to and from school safely.

Current statistics indicate that many students have failed to tap on or off the Opal readers when travelling. If students do not tap on and off then the school bus service may appear under-utilised and be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 131500 or apply online at <https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students>

WARRINGAH COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Bookings for the Autumn 2019 school holiday program open at 7.00am Monday 25 March. You can use the new online booking system – vacationcare@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au – or pick up a brochure from the school office.



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