

# Forest Focus

Term 3 Week 2, 1 August 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 5 August	Class Speak Out all week P&C meeting library 7.30pm
Wednesday 7 August	Primary Proms Daintree Concert tickets on sale
Monday 12 August	Grade Speak Out Zone Athletics Carnival
12 – 15 August	2S parent teacher interviews
Wednesday 14 August	Book Fair sales
Thursday 15 August	Book Fair sales
Friday 16 August	School Tour

### Administration Building

You will be aware the staffroom hot water system burst the first weekend of the holidays, flooding the entire administration block. Most of the damage was carpet in the offices with the staffroom and storeroom most affected. We are working closely with the Department of Education to get new carpet as soon as possible and restore the offices to their normal functioning capacity. I would like to thank the community for your understanding and flexibility as we continue with our daily operations in the temporary location in the library.

### Speak Out

We are looking forward to our Speak Out competition this term. Students are required to prepare a speech and present it to their class. They should be prepared to deliver their speech on Monday 5 August. Class winners will be notified by the end of that week. This year's topic is *If I could plan the future.....*

### Father's Day Stall and Stage 1 Excursion

Thank you to the fund raising ladies for organising the Father's Day Stall for Thursday 22 August. Stage 1 will be on their Powerhouse Museum excursion on this day. Nicole Christie has offered to set aside some gifts and run the stall on Friday 23 August for these classes.

### **Cubby House Before School Care Supervision**

Every morning children attending our before school care with Cubbyhouse are escorted to the playground to join their friends at the 8.40am bell. The Cubby staff, who have a duty of care until 9.00am, will continue their supervision alongside teachers in the playground until this time. During this period of Cubby and school supervision, all serious incidents are to be directed to the teachers wearing the hi-vis vests.

**Kylie Davidson**

Relieving Principal

## ***Respectful Responsible Learner***

The focus for this fortnight is: I own my own behaviour

## ***Assembly Award Winners***

### **Term 3 Week 1**

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS
Jakob B

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS
Imogen L

## ***School News***

Congratulations to Hugo R who won the multi-class cross country and will be going to the Nationals and to Khylihah G who has been selected in the Sydney North Rugby team.



## LRC News

What an exciting start to Term 3 we have had! The library is rather busier than usual with the space currently shared with the admin team and being used as a staffroom while downstairs is being repaired. The students have coped very well with the changes to the library and are still able to borrow books as usual.

### Author Visit

On Thursday 25 July we had a visit from the author Anna Fienberg which was fabulous. Anna spoke to all our students about her books, how she became a writer and how she uses real life experiences to help gather ideas for her books. She suggested that the students might like to keep notebooks at home to jot down great story ideas or funny things that happen which they could use to write stories of their own. Anna also spoke about the importance of reading regularly and described it as "like going to the gym for your imagination".



### Visit from Making a Difference

We invited students from Making a Difference long day care to join us in the library. They enjoyed having a book read by teachers and our lovely kindergarten students.



### Book Fair

We will be holding our annual book fair in Week 4. Students will be able to preview the available books on either Monday or Tuesday of that week with their class teachers and we will be open for sales from 8.30am to 4.00pm on Wednesday 14 August and 8.30am to 11.30am on Thursday 15 August. Parents are very welcome to join their children to view and purchase books during those times.

### PRC

August sees the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019. 161 students have now completed the PRC. Congratulations to each one of them. If your child has not yet finished the challenge, please ensure they finalise their reading log online before Friday 30 August.

## Family Browse and Read

While the admin block is being repaired, the library will not be open for family browse and read sessions on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons. Once the library is back to normal we will reinstate these times.

**Nicola Brandt**

Teacher/Librarian

## P & C News



### ***Vice President's Report***

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### **A very special thank you**

The P&C are delighted to have taken delivery of a new fridge and freezer in the last week. These will be absolutely invaluable for use in future fundraising events. This necessary purchase has been made possible by the generosity of one of our wonderful parents, Joanne Hodgson. Joanne was able to access a huge discount via her colleague Greg Fitch for which we are incredibly grateful. When necessary purchases are made, the P&C try to keep costs to a minimum and we'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to both Joanne and Greg for their assistance in this purchase.

### **You're invited**

Our next P&C meeting is on **Monday at 7:30pm in the school Library**. If you've not attended a meeting before, or have attended previously but not for a while, you are most welcome to join us. The meetings usually run for an hour and are a wonderful opportunity to find out what's happening within our school. Fresh, delicious snacks and hot drinks provided.

The Principal's report is always of great interest; Mrs Smith gives an insight into the school's teaching program and changes/improvements the school are making to give our children the very best education and school experience possible. We hear about new teaching tools and learning support provisions for the children, professional development opportunities for the teachers, upcoming school activities and events such as author visits and open classrooms as well as grant applications for additional/improved facilities.

During the meeting, discussions are informal and everyone is invited to participate, however, there is no obligation if you would prefer to come along and listen. The opinions, input and ideas of our community are key to the successful operation of the P&C; these meetings are a great opportunity to share yours and make a difference to your children's school. We hope to see you Monday!

**Katie Austin**

P&C Vice President





## **Canteen**

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Can you volunteer for a canteen shift? Lending a hand in the canteen ensures that we can keep the canteen running, serving our children three times a week. If you can spare a couple of hours and help out even just once a year, this would go a long way towards ensuring the canteen is sufficiently staffed. Please give volunteering a go by contacting [ffpspandccanteenroster@gmail.com](mailto:ffpspandccanteenroster@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

Unfortunately, we are not able to add any new menu items this term as we just do not have enough help to keep making home made products.

**Charlotte Nash**

Canteen Convenor



## **Uniform Shop**

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We need you....

The uniform shop is in absolute need of a Store Manager. Please drop your resume in the silver letter box if you can spare about 3-5 hours. This is a paid position.

If you have excellent financial skills and would like volunteer work, please get on board as our Treasurer, we are looking for a person to support us.

**Seema Sriram**

Uniform Shop Convenor



## **Band**

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### **Welcome back**

Great to see to all our band students refreshed and keen to learn again, especially those taking on the new Stage Band on Friday mornings. We have a wonderful program planned for Term 3.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Ben C (French Horn) who attended State Music Camp at Narrabeen recently. This is a six-day residential camp open to students in Years 5–12 currently enrolled in a NSW Public School. The aim is to promote excellence in all forms of music making and provide gifted and talented students with music extension experiences. We look forward to hearing all about it Ben!

**Dates for your diary:**

## Training Band

- 30 August - Assembly

## Intermediate Band

- 16 August - Assembly
- 30 August - Forest Festival of Lights at Forest High School.

## Performance Band

- 30 August - Forest Festival of Lights at Forest High School.
- 13 September from 5.00pm "Music in the Forest" at Frenchs Forest Public School
- 20 September -Special Awards assembly
- 22 September - Battle of the Bands competition at North Balgowlah Public School  
10.00am– 2.00pm

## Stage Band

- 13 September - Assembly

**Sally Postma and Diana Turner**

Band Convenors

**Frenchs Forest Public School**

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