

Forest Focus

Term 3 Week 6, 29 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...

Thursday 5 September	K-2 athletics afternoon 2.00pm – all parents welcome
Monday 9 September	7.00pm 'gender neutral' uniform meeting in the staffroom 7.30pm P&C meeting in the staffroom
Wednesday 11 September	'Showcase' of student work in the hall – 8.40am – 4.00pm Open classrooms – 3.10pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 12 September	'Showcase' of student work in the hall – 8.40am – 4.00pm
Friday 13 September	'Music in the Forest' band concert – 5.00pm
Friday 20 September	Special awards assembly 2.00pm



Congratulations

What an incredible achievement! Hugo is the 10 years boys multi-class National cross-country champion! We are so proud of Hugo's effort and achievement.

Special awards assembly

Please set aside Friday 20 September for our special awards assembly followed by a school picnic. Awards will be presented for athletics, zone, area and national representation, silver and gold awards and school medals. Following the assembly parents are invited to join us on the oval for a picnic. Please bring a picnic blanket and afternoon tea. May I ask parents to consider that our school supports and promotes healthy eating.

Tell Them From Me Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6pmm4>

School assets updates

Warringah Road footbridge

Last Friday, Mrs Lyell, Michael and Chris (from Assets) and I met with 3 RMS representatives (community liaison, engineer and designer) to discuss our concerns about the proposed crossing from the footbridge into school. We spent an hour discussing our concerns and reviewing their proposed plan. Our concerns and suggestions have been taken back to the RMS for consideration. I will keep everyone updated as more information comes to hand.

The admin building is finally being carpeted and we hope to move back in on Monday. Thank you to everyone who has been understanding of our makeshift arrangements.

4B are pleased to be back in their classroom this week after repairs have been made to the roof following the water damage.

Gail Smith

Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this fortnight is: I will play safely

Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Weeks 4 and 5

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS
Jenna S, Milena M, Amelia L, Miraya J

LRC News

Book Fair

Thank you so much to all of you who made a purchase at our book fair, either online or in person. It was a great success and as a community we spent \$5,045.00. This means that we now have \$1,300.00 in commission to spend on new books for our library. A few students have already

made some great suggestions of new reading material that they would like to see added to our collection.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Friday 30 August is the last date to enter any books into the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019. If your child has not yet finished the challenge, please ensure they finalise their reading log so that they can receive a certificate at the end of the year. Congratulations to all those students who have already completed the challenge for this year.

Nicola Brandt

Teacher Librarian

Administration News

Term 3 Accounts

Term 3 accounts have been sent home today. If you do not receive your account, please let the office know.

Road Safety

Please be mindful of the flashing lights around school zones and keep to the 40kph speed limit.

Linda Lyell

Administrative Manager

P & C News



Canteen

ffpsandccanteen@gmail.com

Please join us at the canteen from 8.15am this Friday 30 August for our Father's Day breakfast. All dads, grandads and other important men in our childrens' lives are welcome. A bacon & egg roll sounds like a great way to start the day!

Please note: We are moving to being 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**'.

Charlotte Nash

Canteen Convenor



Uniform Shop

ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

Store Manager and Treasurer Needed

The uniform Shop is on the lookout for a parent or grandparent who can spare about 3 hours a week to run the Uniform shop. This position is a paid part-time position reporting to the Uniform Convener. Please email us at ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

The position of a treasurer is a volunteer position open to parents who have sound financial skills and can spare a minimal few hours to help with the smooth running of the uniform shop.

Seeking Volunteers for Friday Mornings (8:30-9:30am)

Our Uniform Shop is run by the P&C and is staffed with volunteers. If you are able to help one or two Friday mornings a term for one hour or as much as you can manage, it would be greatly appreciated! Younger siblings are always welcome too – we have a play corner with books and toys.

Uniform Shop Orders

If you are not able to get to the shop on a Friday, 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 at the front office. Orders are filled each Friday and can be sent to your child's classroom or available for collection at the office.

Thoughts on a Gender Neutral Uniform

We would love to hear your views on gender neutral uniforms on 9 September. Meet us in the staffroom at 7.00pm for a chat before the P&C meeting.

Stocktake Closure

The Uniform shop will be closed on Friday 13 September for stocktake. The orders will be filled the following week.

Seema Sriram

Uniform shop Convener



Fundraising

ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com

Father's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Father's Day stall last week. We hope all the dads and other special men enjoy their presents as much as the children enjoyed picking them. The children were so excited to choose their own gifts. A special thanks to Carolyn Condon who pretty much organised this event (and the Mother's Day stall) single handed. You're a star CC!

Obstacool

Obstacool is just around the corner! Lock in the date - Saturday 21 September 9am - 1pm. Early bird tickets are \$20.00 and are available now by booking via your School24 account or by popping cash in the silver letterbox. Tickets on the day will be \$25.00 - cash and card accepted. Get in quick to secure your spot – notes will be coming home soon. In the meantime, if you want to book in, just pop your money in an envelope into the silver letterbox stating your child's name(s) and which wave they'd like to run in – 9.15am, 10.30am or 11.45am.

Obstacool is a huge inflatable obstacle course designed for maximum fun! Anyone ages 4+ can partake. There'll be a bbq for a bacon and egg brekkie and a cake stall for those of you with a sweeter tooth. There'll be a bouncy castle, kindifarm, beautiful stalls for a bit of shopping, face painting, games, books for sale, even a fire truck or two to entertain those wannabe fire fighters.... What's not to love?!

If you would like to hold a stall, please drop us a line to the email address above. All stalls are \$30.00.



We are in huge need of volunteers and donations from you, our parents and school community, to make this event a success. Please logon to Signup to see what you can do (link below):

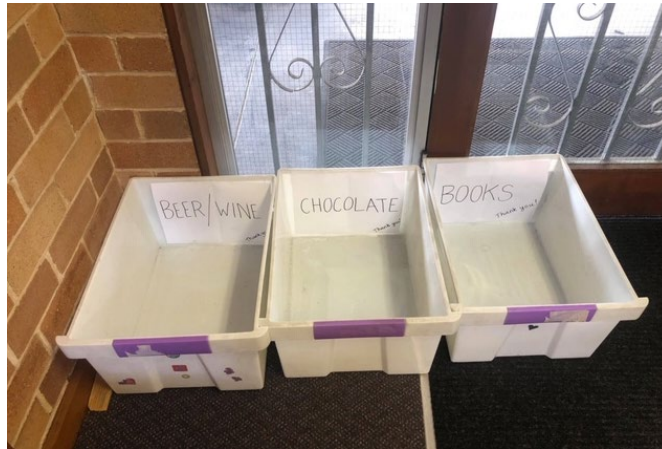
We're using [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) for our fabulous volunteers...

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Signup on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com): <https://signup.com/go/sPyQmSM>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like – we need everything from your time to food and drinks donations ☺
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com).

Note: [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact us and we can sign you up manually.

There are also boxes in the office where we'd love you to leave donations of chocolate, wine (children not to deliver please) and good condition second hand books. Every little bit helps so please don't be shy at coming forward.



We really can't run these events without your help.

If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kelly-Ann Ferrie and Nicole Christie
Fundraising Conveners



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