

# Forest Focus

Term 4 Week 2, 22 October 2020

## 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 23 October	PSSA begins for selected 3-6 students School sport with basketball coach begins
Monday 26 October	P&C meeting and AGM at 7.00pm – all welcome via zoom
Thursday 29 October	Ambassador fundraiser "crazy sport day"
Tuesday 3 November	Assembly for blue, silver, gold awards and medals
Thursday 5 November	Transition 1 for kindy 2021

### Term 4 COVID advice for families

The DoE continues to work with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) to ensure our schools operate in the safest ways possible during the COVID-19 environment. Please see full details here <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School1>

At school we will continue to operate as we have in Term 3 with the lifting of some restrictions.

- Children who are unwell must not be sent to school. Children with flu-like symptoms must be tested for COVID and provide a copy of the results to the school before the child returns
- Children who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to the flu may have their child assessed by a medical practitioner who may notify the school in writing that a COVID test is not required
- Schools will continue to promote safe hygiene practices including not sharing drinks or food and regular handwashing
- Some activities may commence for term 4 with restrictions and COVID safety plans. These include band, singing, interschool activities, excursions, kindy orientation and year 7 transition to high school
- Parents and carers and non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site unless volunteering for educational purposes
- School assemblies are still limited to 15 minutes with no external visitors
- SRE/SEE can occur with restrictions
- P&C meetings and events must be on-line only
- Parent teacher meetings will be on-line or by phone unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion
- Year 6 end of year activities and graduation may be planned in a COVID safe way

- Over the term further advice will be given to schools regarding end of year activities

### Zoo sports day

A reminder that children come dressed in the colours of their favourite sport team or team mascot on Thursday 29 October. Please ensure children's clothing allows for children to participate in sport activities (no onesies please) and is sun safe. Children should wear sport shoes and a broad brimmed hat. The gold coin donation will go to the Taronga zoo.

### PSSA

Competition Eagle-tag for selected students in years 3-6 will commence this week. Please note that our zone has advised parents are not allowed to attend the games.

### Awards

We have 2 assemblies remaining for 2020 where children will be able to receive blue, silver and gold awards and school medals. Children who have enough awards to 'trade up' may do so as this year marks the end of our current award system. We are looking forward to moving forward with a more transparent and equitable system in 2021.

### Kindy 2021

Dates for kindy 2021 transition and orientation have been emailed to prospective families. Please contact the office if you are intending to enrol your child for kindy 2021.

If you know your child will not be returning to FFPS in 2021 please also let the office know.

**Gail Smith**

Principal

## Assembly Award Winners

### Term 4 Weeks 1 and 2

#### SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS



## GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS



## MEDAL RECIPIENTS



## *Respectful Responsible Learner*

I am respectful when:  
I am kind to others



## School News

### Fruit and Veg Month

During September students participated in Fruit and Veg Month. The theme this year was Planet Fruit and Veg where the children explored the world of fruit and vegetables through the lens of sustainability in conjunction with our wrapper free days on Tuesday and Thursday. The children talked about the importance of eating healthy foods in their classes with an emphasis on fruit and vegetables and how they can help their school environment by reducing the amount of waste they produce.

Congratulations to all classes for their amazing efforts. Special congratulations to 1J who brought in an outstanding one hundred and sixteen different types of fruit and vegetables to try during September. They have certainly set the bar high for next year!

Fruit and Veg Month may be finished again for another year but we need to make sure we continue eating a variety of fruits and vegetables every day. Primary school aged children should be eating 4.5 to 5 serves of vegetables and 1.5 to 2 serves of fruit each and every day. Please continue to send the students' daily Munch and Move, incorporate some more fruits and vegetables into recess and lunch and remember to send a wrapper free lunch box on Tuesday and Thursday.

### Matt McCarron

Healthy Food Co-ordinator



## Administration News

### Online Enrolment

The NSW Department of Education will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday 26 October 2020.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for parents to submit an enrolment application online. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android via the school website.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW

We encourage parents to complete the application to enrol online. If, however, parents do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the office or can be downloaded from the school website.

## P & C News



### **President's Report**

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In all the change this year, P&C has become more important than ever as a voice of the school community in steering the changing experiences for our children and families in the months and years to come.

I encourage you, come along to the P&C meetings. Our AGM is this Monday night, 26 October at 7.00pm via Zoom. (Please see notes for Thursday for zoom details). At this important meeting we set our 2021 goals for contributions to the school – what do you, the community, want to see?

At this meeting we also appoint new position holders for the 2021 year – the invaluable people who volunteer an hour or 2 of their time every week to oversee the delivery of the above goals.

We are still seeking nominations for the crucial roles listed below – please consider if you can take one on:

Assistant Treasurer

Vice President

Band Convenor

Environment Convenor

Not for you? - The amazing people who take on these roles still need your support during the year - volunteering for an hour in the canteen, uniform shop, BBQ and so on. Together we all play a part in the opportunities our children experience.

Can't wait to see you on that zoom screen!

**Julie Figgis**

P&C President 2020