

# Forest Focus

Term 4 Week 8, 3 December 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...

Monday 7 December	Workshops begin
Wednesday 9 December	Year 6 celebrations
Friday 11 December	Christmas themed clothing for Christmas 'recording'
Monday 14 December	Mufti fun day, sausage sizzle and frozo
Tuesday 15 December	Year 6 rainbow warriors colour event
Wednesday 16 December	Last day of 2020

### Thank you to our parent groups

On Monday evening we had our last P&C meeting for the year, on zoom. Our meetings are short, respectful and productive with the conversation always around ensuring our children get the best possible primary experience at FFPS. I do encourage families to get involved in the P&C in 2021 (...you can zoom in your PJs and no one knows...)

I would like to say a particular thank you to Julie, our president, who with her executive team this year has managed to navigate all that COVID required of us. Thank you also to our committee convenors and members who keep our services running so well. Our P&C runs band, canteen, fundraising and uniform shop whilst supporting the school with our website, food garden, grants and ongoing financial commitments to books, technology, student leadership, workshops and year 6 events.

### Christmas recording

This year we will be conducting our Christmas concert in a unique way. Each class will be recorded signing to "Little Drummer Boy", then a whole school recording will be compiled by Mrs Davies to send out to all families. We will also put this up on our school website and Facebook page. If you do not want your child to participate in this recording please let the office know before Friday 11 December.

### Looking to 2021

I am pleased to let our community know that we will be able to give parents information about classes and teachers before the holidays. This will mean a strong and quick start to 2021 as we can move in to our new class groups on day 1. Next Thursday we will send this information home.

In forming classes, teachers sit together and look at friendships and academics with an aim to get a balance of both in every class for every child. Teachers have done a comprehensive handover this week, to ensure continuity of learning and social/emotional development. Early next year we will ask parents to meet with their child's new teacher to ensure we have up to date information.

We farewell Mrs Paptic and Mrs Raad who are expecting babies over the holidays and look forward to the return of Mrs Davy (music). Mrs Warrington who has been working with year 6 will also be leaving us. All other staff remain the same for 2021.

### New families

We have a number of new families joining us next year and I am keen to give them details about the grade Facebook groups so they can 'get to know families' over the holidays. Can I ask all Facebook admins to please rename their groups in the following format "frenchs forest public school year x 2021".

### Student leaders

Contratulations to all year 5 children who ran for leadership and to those who have been selected as our 2021 leaders.





**Gail Smith**  
Principal

## *Respectful Responsible Learner*

I am respectful when: I include others

## *P & C News*



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

[ffpsandcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ffpsandcpresident@gmail.com)

What a year. As 2020 draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our school community. I have seen great patience and resilience from parents and students alike, pushing through frustration to rise above and meet the challenges.

I'd like to thank this year's P&C executive, convenors and sub-committees for their tireless efforts. I'd also like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who managed to still find a little time to give when they could. It's because of you we can do what we do.

I'd also like to thank the school staff with whom we as a P&C work so closely. We are grateful that FFPS is a place where our children are taught not only reading, writing and maths, but inspired, challenged and guided by teachers but who are helping shape our children into the best version of themselves they can be.

As I look ahead to a fresh 2021, there are still a few vacant spots in our team. We cannot provide all our services without people in these roles. Please consider if you or anyone you know can help with any of the below next year. It really is a rewarding experience.

**Assistant Treasurer 2** – Volunteer Role - Enters transactions into Xero and CommBiz (such as weekly uniform sales totals, supplier invoices/payments). Xero software is very user friendly, and training provided. Valued member of the treasury team. Works closely with other role holders. Attends P&C meetings.

**Band Convenor** – Volunteer Role - Oversees the Band program. Facilitates Band sub-committee meetings once a term. Reports to P&C meetings.

**Environment Convenor** – Volunteer Role - Oversees the Garden Club program, Facilitates Environment sub-committee meetings once a term. Reports to P&C meetings.

**Canteen Manager** – Paid Role - 3 days a week – Please email [ffpspandcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ffpspandcpresident@gmail.com) or [ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com) for more information.

Wishing you all a wonderful break.

**Julie Figgis**  
P&C President



**Canteen**

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Hi Frenchs Forest families. My name is Tara Howard and I have put my hand up to volunteer for the role of Canteen convenor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Charlotte Nash for all her hard work over the many years in this role. I think you will all agree with me in saying that she has done such an outstanding job.

Sadly, I must advise that early next year we will also farewell the lovely Carrie in the role of canteen manager. With that in mind, we are now recruiting.

### **Canteen Manager Position Available**

Looking for a stress free job that fits in with school hours? Well, Look no further! We are currently seeking a new face to join our wonderful and supportive canteen committee, in the role of Canteen Manager. The position is 3 days a week during school terms. You will report to the President and Canteen convenor. Your key responsibility is to manage the day to day operations of the school canteen. This includes but not limited to:

- Working collaboratively with all canteen committee members
- Providing leadership to canteen volunteers
- Planning and monitoring service
- Food preparation
- Health and safety within the canteen
- Basic money handling/ record keeping
- Ordering, purchasing, and checking supply deliveries
- Attending canteen committee meetings

You will hold or be willing to gain the following:

- Food Safety Certificate - very simple, online, takes 30minutes

- Working with children check - mandatory when working alongside children  
Experience in food or hospitality is advantageous. Training/handovers will be provided.

I am really looking forward to working alongside you, so please, enquire and send your resume through to the below email addresses:

[ffspandcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ffspandcpresident@gmail.com) and [ffspandccanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ffspandccanteen@gmail.com)

On behalf of the canteen committee, have a wonderful Christmas - be merry, be safe and eat well.

**Tara Howard**  
Canteen Convenor



## **Band**

[ffspandcband@gmail.com](mailto:ffspandcband@gmail.com)



Performance Band 2020



Intermediate Band 2020



Training Band 2020



## Fundraising

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**The FFPS P&C Fundraising Auction is now LIVE!**




We have over \$4000 worth of amazing products and services to choose from, all to be bought at bargain prices. The highest bidder WINS! Grab some Christmas presents, something to pamper yourself, or activities and toys to entertain the kids over the summer holidays.

There's school holiday Workshops from My First Gym, Big Music Rock Camp and Bricks 4 Kidz; Health and Wellness packages from Energize, Noble Nutrition, Carlile Swimming, Warringah Aquatic Centre, Noble Physiotherapy and Little Big Warrior kids' yoga; there's also skin care products, jewellery, kids' toys, LEGO, food vouchers, homewares and even an accommodation package from Crowne Plaza Terrigal.

**All items have been generously donated by local businesses and school families, so that every dollar raised can purchase essential literacy and technology resources for our school. Head on over to <https://www.myminiauction.com/ffps> to participate – you don't need to sign up or create an account – just enter your details so we can contact you when you win!!**

**Other Xmas Gift Ideas:** If you are still stuck for Xmas gift ideas you could always purchase an online **Entertainment Book** package for your loved ones using our Fundraising link <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/200y050>




Support Frenchs Forest Public School to raise extra fundraising dollars this festive season.

**A time for giving & getting together**

**Support us & buy today**

Get into the holiday spirit & buy an Entertainment Membership to help us raise an **extra \$10** or **\$20** on top of the **20%** we already receive!



Help us reach our fundraising goals. For a limited time **we receive extra** fundraising dollars.

<b>We receive \$24</b> from a Single City Membership. That's our regular \$14 + an extra \$10!	<b>We receive \$44</b> from a Multi City Membership. That's our regular \$24 + an extra \$20!	<b>We receive \$66</b> from a Multi Plus Membership. That's our regular \$46 + an extra \$20!
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**Support us & buy today**

Entertainment Memberships are packed with thousands of incredible savings on dining, activities, travel & shopping. Up to 50% off and 2 for 1 deals in your city and across Australia and New Zealand.

<p>Single City <b>\$69<sup>99</sup></b> 1 Year</p> <p>Discover all the best savings in your city</p> <p><b>\$14</b> to our fundraiser</p>	<p>Multi City <b>\$119<sup>99</sup></b> 1 Year <b>MOST POPULAR</b></p> <p>Enjoy savings across Australia, New Zealand and Bali</p> <p><b>\$24</b> to our fundraiser</p>	<p>Multi Plus <b>\$229<sup>99</sup></b> 2 Years <b>BEST VALUE</b></p> <p>2 years of savings across Australia, New Zealand and Bali</p> <p><b>\$46</b> to our fundraiser</p>
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Get together to eat, play & have fun these **summer holidays**

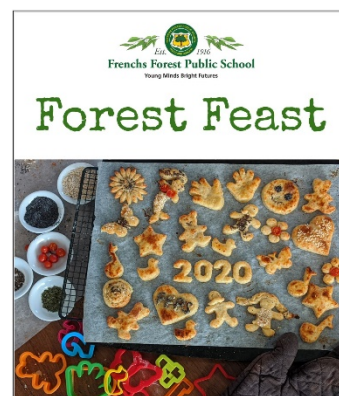
LOOK HOW MUCH YOU CAN SAVE!

<p><b>Takeaway lunch for 4</b> Member offer: 25% off Savings: Up to \$40</p>	<p><b>Family cinema pass</b> Member offer: Special offer Savings: Up to \$40</p>
<p><b>Activity with the kids</b> Member offer: 2 for 1 Savings: \$16.50</p>	<p><b>Meal and food box delivery</b> Member offer: 25% off Savings: Up to \$80</p>

How much you could save in a day with an Entertainment Membership\* **Up to \$176<sup>50</sup>**

And there are a limited number of **Forest Feast cookbooks** left which would make great Xmas gifts for family members. Why don't you make up a hamper with the cookbook and the ingredients to make your child's recipe?

**ON SALE for \$20 each** until stock runs out.



**Fundraising in 2021:** I have my fingers crossed that we will be allowed to do some more social fundraising events next year – kids discos, Trivia Night, Gingerbread House event etc. If anyone is available to be on a Fundraising committee for 2021, I would LOVE some help to brainstorm

ideas and assist with planning the events. Please drop me an email if you are able to help next year on [ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com)

**Pip Bucknell**  
Fundraising Convenor

 Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to pack a Christmas lunch box.

This bright and colourful Christmas themed lunch box is delicious and ticks off all 5 food groups. It includes:



- [Chicken and couscous salad](#)
- A yoghurt tub
- Diced watermelon
- Cucumber and cherry tomatoes
- [No bake cookies](#)
- Water

For more recipes, ideas and lunch box inspiration visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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 Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to make healthy party food.

Celebration season is upon us – but party food doesn't have to be unhealthy. Fruit and veg are bright and colourful and make the perfect ingredient for special party foods. Try these fun ideas:

- Watermelon fruit salad bowl
- Pita bread Christmas trees
- Frozen yoghurt pops
- Watermelon cookie cutter shapes
- Banana and strawberry candy cane



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