

Forest Focus

Term 1 Week 2, 6 February 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 10 February	P&C meeting in the library (enter through the Sorlie PI gate)
Tuesday 11 February	Meet the teachers
Friday 14 February	PSSA interschool sport competition (Years 3-6) begins

Class groups and teachers

Classes will be organised in two teams as follows:

K-2 team

KH	Miss Harriet Hodge	(harriet.hodge@det.nsw.edu.au)
KL	Miss Lisa Huwaidi	(lisa.huwaidi@det.nsw.edu.au)
1J	Miss Jemma Morris	(jemma.morris2@det.nsw.edu.au)
1M	Mr Matt McCarron	(matt.mccarron@det.nsw.edu.au)
2S	Mrs Frances Separovich	(Assistant Principal and team leader) (frances.separovich@det.nsw.edu.au)

3-6 team

3P	Mr Matthew Philips	(matthew.philips@det.nsw.edu.au)
3W	Mrs Kathryn Wickham	(kathryn.wickham@det.nsw.edu.au)
4P	Mrs Angela Papic	(angela.nowland3@det.nsw.edu.au)
4/5B	Mrs MJ Broomfield	(Assistant Principal and team leader) (mary-jane.peel@det.nsw.edu.au)
5/6D	Mrs Liz Davies	(elizabeth.joy.davies@det.nsw.edu.au)
6M	Mrs Lauren Morton	(lauren.morton4@det.nsw.edu.au)

Music	Mrs Natalie Raad	(natalie.stepanian1@det.nsw.edu.au)
Creative arts	Mrs Rebecca Bailey	(rebecca.bailey39@det.nsw.edu.au)
Learning Support	Mrs Sara Steiner	(sara.ward@det.nsw.edu.au)
Library	Mrs Nicola Brandt	(nicola.brandt1@det.nsw.edu.au)
Executive support	Mrs Aleen Sarkisian	(aleen.sarkisian@det.nsw.edu.au)
School counsellor	Mrs Sarah Jackson/Mrs Tanya Lancaster	
Administrative Manager	Mrs Linda Lyell	(frenchsfor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
Administrative Officers	Mrs Annie Peake	(frenchsfor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
	Mrs Judy Wilkinson	(frenchsfor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

SLSO
General Assistant

Mrs Jane McConnell, Mrs Niki Warrington
Mr Steve Condon

Meet the teachers

Parents are invited to attend the meet the teacher session next Tuesday 11 February.

Kindergarten parents will meet in the kindy classrooms at **4.00pm**

1J, 1M and 2S will meet in the classrooms at **4.30pm**

3P, 3W, and 4P will meet in classrooms at **5.00pm**

4/5B, 5/6D and 6M will meet in classrooms at **5.30pm**.

Year 5 parents are invited to meet in Mrs Davies room at 6.00pm for an overview of the student leadership program.

Sport Uniform

Monday – Years K-6 full school sport uniform

Wednesday – Years K-2 sport uniform with house coloured t-shirt

Friday – Years 3-6 sport uniform with house coloured t-shirt or PSSA uniform

Interviews and reports

Whilst parents are encouraged to meet with their child's teacher at any time throughout the year, we also offer scheduled interviews. A booking request will come home prior to the interviews. Dates will be as follows:

Monday 16 March to Thursday 19 March - Year 3-6 interviews

Monday 18 May to Thursday 21 May - Kindy – Year 2 interviews

Reports on student progress will come home at the end of terms 2 and 4. Parents may wish to speak to their child's teacher about the reports and may make a time to do so. Contacting teachers by email is the preferable way to make a time to chat.

Open school events

Open classrooms:

Tuesday 31 March 8.40am-9.10am (prior to the special awards assembly)

Tuesday 23 June 8.40am-9.10am (prior to the special awards assembly)

Wednesday 23 September 8.40am-9.10am

School showcase in the assembly hall:

Wednesday 23 September and Friday 25 September

Grandparents morning

Thursday 24 September 9.15am – 10.30am

Assembly

This year we are trialling a move to Tuesday morning at 9.15am for our weekly assembly. The reason being we need to give the 3-6 teachers more time on a Friday to teach, particularly maths and English programs where there is a need for these subjects to be taught 5 times a week.

We understand this move will not suit everyone however we are keen to give it a go for the year.

Our first school assembly for 2020 will be on Tuesday 18 February at 9.15am in the hall. Parents and friends are warmly invited to join us for assemblies.

Every term we hold a **special awards assembly**. This is an opportunity to present special certificates and sporting awards. Allocating dates may give parents an opportunity to plan their schedules to attend these special presentations. Please set aside the following dates for the *special awards assemblies*:

Term 1	Tuesday 31 March at 9.15am
Term 2	Tuesday 23 June at 9.15am
Term 3	Tuesday 15 September at 9.15am
Term 4	Tuesday 24 November at 9.15am

Students with allergies

Please note that we have students with severe allergies to nuts at our school. I am requesting students not to bring nuts or nut butters to school. I appreciate parents' support in keeping all our children safe and well.

Celebrating birthdays at school

There are two preferred options for celebrating children's birthday at school. The first is to pre-order frozos from the canteen. This can be done by contacting Charlotte Nash through the P&C canteen email ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com.au giving 48 hours notice please. The frozos will be delivered to the classroom at lunchtime for the children to enjoy. The second option is to bring ice-blocks to school at 3.10pm. We ask that lollies and cakes are not brought to school as they do not fit within our school and P&C healthy eating strategy. For more information on the healthy eating strategy please see the canteen information on the school website.

Learning support and enrichment

Learning support and enrichment will begin shortly. Letters will come home to confirm student places in these groups.

Extra-curricular opportunities

Frenchs Forest School offers many extra-curricular opportunities for students. We aim to provide a stimulating school environment where all children can explore and develop interests and passions. An overview of extra-curricular opportunities sent as a separate note next week.

Swimming carnival

A huge thank you to the parents who came along and tirelessly helped us run a great swimming carnival last Friday. We saw some fabulous swimming and exuberant cheering! Entry forms for the zone carnival will come through shortly and we will let the children know who will be representing FFPS at the zone. The date for the zone carnival is Monday 9 March.

Gail Smith

Principal

Administration News

SkoolBag App

A reminder was sent home yesterday for parents to subscribe to your child's new class group for 2020 (select Groups – Add/Remove Group) to ensure you receive emails and notifications relating specifically to you.

If you have recently changed your address, phone number or any contact details, please notify the school through the Skoolbag App (select Eforms-Change of Details) or contact the office directly.

Health Conditions

If your child's situation has changed regarding their health, please notify the office.

School News

Munch & Move

Frenchs Forest students and teachers will begin our new Munch & Move initiative on **Monday 10 February 2020**.

Munch & Move is a set time for students to refuel on fruit or vegetables, to rehydrate with water and to move their body and re-energise their mind. Research shows that students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

Each day students are asked to bring a small container of fresh fruit or vegetables to munch on when their class has a short Munch & Move break mid morning. Fresh fruit and/or vegetables only please.

Please contact Mrs Broomfield if you require further information.

mary-jane.peel@det.nsw.edu.au





President's Report

ffpspandcpresident@gmail.com

Welcome to 2020! I'm excited in anticipation of great things happening this year. There's never been a better time to come along to the P&C. I encourage you all to join me at our first meeting on Monday 10 February. Better still, come along to one of the upcoming sub-committee meetings. Look forward to seeing you there!

Julie Figgis

P&C President



Canteen

ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com

Please remember to change you children's classes on School24 and to check for your confirmation email after ordering. Please note that OKF's are no longer available.

At the end of last year our canteen was assessed and we are excited to say that we are meeting the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and are now listed on the NSW Healthy School Canteens list. We are very proud of our achievements in the canteen, which couldn't be done without our amazing Manager, Carrie Bridger, our dedicated committee and our wonderful volunteers. Thank you.

We are always ready to welcome new volunteers to the canteen. Please contact our roster co-ordinator on ffpspandccanteenroster@gmail.com if you can help for a morning shift (9.10-11.50am) or afternoon (11.50am-2pm) or all day. We would love to see you.

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



Fundraising






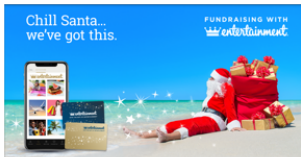
ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com

Welcome to 2020! We have some very exciting fundraising events planned this year – some of your old favourites are back and we will introduce some new events that should be a big hit with the children. We are still looking to form a Fundraising Committee to help with the planning of the events, so please email me on ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com if you can help or even if you would like to get involved only with a specific event. The first fundraising committee meeting will

be held on Monday 17 February at 7.30pm in the parent room opposite the uniform shop. Entry via Sorlie Place gate.

Why do we need Fundraising?? The money we raise through our fundraising events pays for important things like updating our school technology, buying new computers, iPads and classroom technology, rich literature items, the Leadership Program, the end of year workshops, the Year 6 dinner and any family aid that is needed. This year we will introduce a Fundraising Tracker so we can all see how well we are doing in reaching our goals. You will be able to see this on the noticeboard near the school hall.

What have we got planned? So far, we have locked away the following:

<div>Pancake Day</div> <div></div> <div>Pancakes for recess on Shrove Tuesday</div>	<div>Obstacool</div> <div></div> <div>Sunday March 22nd Obstacool and Fair</div>	<div>Mothers Day</div> <div></div> <div>Mothers Day Stall Thurs 7th May</div>	<div>Trivia Night</div> <div></div> <div>Trivia Night, Auction & Grown-ups Disco Saturday August 15th</div>
<div>Fathers Day</div> <div></div> <div>Fathers Day BBQ Aprons 4th Sept</div>	<div>Halloween Disco</div> <div></div> <div>Spooktacular Disco Friday 30th October</div>	<div>Gingerbread House Event</div> <div></div> <div>Decorate your own Gingerbread House for Xmas! Fri Dec 11th</div>	<div>Entertainment Book Drive</div> <div></div> <div>Entertainment Book Xmas Gift reminders</div>

Some other small events may be added along the way depending on volunteer numbers and availability. If you have a specific idea that you would like to table, email it through! Make sure you are following the [Frenchs Forest Public School P&C Facebook page](#) for updates and reminders about each event.

Pancake Day is our first event of the year – notes need to be back by Thursday 20 February. If anyone can help on the day (9am-11:30am) please let me know.

Pancake Day 25th Feb



Maple Syrup, Strawberries & Cream

Chocolate Spread & Banana

Ricotta, Honey & Cinnamon

Enjoy pancakes for recess on Shrove Tuesday 25th Feb and help raise much needed money for our Literacy Fund!

\$5.00 per person (3 mini pancakes per serve)

Choose from:

- Maple Syrup, Strawberries & Cream OR
- Chocolate Spread & Banana OR
- Ricotta, Honey & Cinnamon

All orders must be placed via notes into the silver letterbox by Thursday 20th Feb. No sales will be made on the day. Pancakes will be delivered to classrooms via canteen baskets.

Gluten Free available, other allergies/intolerances please email ffspandcfundraising@gmail.com and I'll see what I can do!
Don't worry – the chocolate spread is nut-free.

Obstacool and Fair is also on the way – let's hope it doesn't rain this year!! This is our major event for Term 1 and includes a giant inflatable obstacle course for school aged kids, Bouncy Castle, face painting and Kindi Farm for the little kids, and market stalls and food for everyone! More info will be coming soon about tickets and volunteers. If anyone has a side hustle/ family business and would like to have a stall at the Fair email me on ffspandcfundraising@gmail.com

and I will add you to the list. Stalls are \$30 each and any profit you make on the day is yours to keep.



The poster for OBSTACOOOL Obstacle Courses for Kids features a vibrant purple and yellow background with white stars and colorful triangles. At the top, five circular photos show children participating in various obstacle course activities: crawling through a tunnel, jumping over a hurdle, climbing a wall, and running through a water pit. The title 'OBSTACOOOL' is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font with a red outline. Below it, the text 'OBSTACLE COURSES FOR KIDS' is written in a smaller font. The event date and time, '22nd March 2020 9.00am ~ 1.00pm', are highlighted in a red banner. The location, 'Frenchs Forest Public School', and the address, 'Ann St, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086 (enter Sorlie Rd)', are listed below. A green starburst graphic on the left side of the poster advertises 'Early Bird \$20' tickets, noting a 1.5% CC surcharge plus 30c via school 24. To the right of this, a purple box contains information about ticket sales: 'Prior to the event, tickets will be sold via School24 or you can pay cash into silver letter box. Pre-event tickets are \$20 each. On the day you can pay cash or card and tickets will sell for \$25.' Below this, a blue box lists the event schedule: '1st wave 9.30am: Open school age', '2nd wave 10.30am: Open school age', and '3rd wave 11.30am: Open school age'. To the right of the schedule, a yellow box advises: 'Please arrive 15-30min before your wave to warm up and collect your wrist band'. A white box below the schedule states: 'Waves last for 45min with unlimited runs during that time'. At the bottom of the poster, a row of logos for sponsors is displayed: firstnational REAL ESTATE, ferrovia, LJ Hooker, energize, and a circular logo for the Frenchs Forest Public School Foundation. The text 'A CENTURY OF QUALITY EDUCATION' is written above the school's crest, which features a tree and the motto 'TRUTH AND HONOUR'. The years '1916' and '2016' are flanking the crest, and the tagline 'Young Minds Bright Futures' is at the bottom.

OBSTACOOOL
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9.00am ~ 1.00pm

Frenchs Forest Public School
Ann St, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086 (enter Sorlie Rd)

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(1.5% CC surcharge plus 30c) via school 24

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- **Kindi-Farm** • **-Bouncy Castle** • **Games**
- **-BBQ** • **Cake Stall** • **Variety of stalls**

firstnational REAL ESTATE **ferrovia** **LJ Hooker** **energize** **FRENCHS FOREST PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

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A CENTURY OF QUALITY EDUCATION
1916 2016
TRUTH AND HONOUR
Young Minds Bright Futures

Looking forward to a great year.

Pip Bucknell

Fundraising Convenor



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