

Forest Focus

Term 1 Week 8, 19 March 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 20 March

Bulling No Way Day

Social distancing

As per the Department of Education current recommendation, we are practicing social distancing at school. Whilst we are unable to meet as a whole school we can still recognise the children's efforts for being respectful responsible learners. We will continue to hand out blue awards in class once a week and the silver and gold awards will be presented by Mrs Smith in each classroom.

We are fortunate that we have spacious grounds at school which allow the children to spread out and continue to play. Where we can we want to optimise calm and normal routines for the children including break times.

Special awards assembly

School medals and age champion medals will be held over until term 2. We will hand out the swimming ribbons in class as children are keen to get these.

Planning for work if children are not attending school

Teachers are working through a range of options at the moment to see how to best manage this. We are also waiting on advice from the Secretary DoE about the best way to move forward with home learning if children are not able to attend school. If parents are keeping children at home prior to a closure, they should contact their class teacher for suggested home activities.

Warringah Road footbridge update

We have been continuing to liaise with the RMS to relocate the pedestrian crossing away from the Forestway end of the bus parking road. Whilst we would ideally have liked the crossing to come directly off the footbridge, the visibility around the (potentially large number of) parked buses make this option unsafe. There will be a crossing located about 10 meters up the bus road away from Forestway, slowing markings for the buses and footpath including railings to stop bikes and scooters heading down towards Forestway. Work is beginning this week. I have requested a drawing of the plans which I will pass on to the community shortly.

Drop off and Pick up

We are asking parents to limit the amount of time they are in the school grounds at the moment. This means requesting parents to not stay after school for extended times. The play equipment is also closed as we are unable to clean all surfaces.

Easter Hats

Although we are unable to have a parade, children may like to wear their Easter Hat to school on the last day of term.

Gail Smith

Principal

Assembly Award Winners

Term 1 Weeks 6 and 7

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Chanelle K, Kevin T, Shefali S, Emily C, Lachlan W, Charlie A, Indiana D, Anique S, Sofairah G, Nicholas C, Olivia C, Max B, Xavier H

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hugh N, Charlie A

School News

The Big Veggie Crunch

On Thursday 5 March we participated in the Big Veggie Crunch along with 373 other primary schools across NSW. A whopping 30,524 students munched on vegetables together at 10am and a further 11,876 crunched at another time over Vegetable Week. Despite these wonderful numbers they weren't quite enough to break the record this year.

At Frenchs Forest Public School we had 84% of our students eating vegetables as part of their Munch and Move, which is a fantastic result! Let's keep practicing by eating vegetables during Munch and Move and perhaps we can help break the record in 2021!

Live Life Well @ School
Try for 5!



5 serves of vegetables each day

One serve =
1 cup salad
or
1/2 cup cooked veg
or
1 medium potato

Developed by Murrumbidgee Local Health District

Try veggie sticks for Crunch & Sip
(cucumber, capsicum, celery and carrot are great options)

Discover new ways to add veg to your day, visit:
www.tryfor5.org.au



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Administration News

EOI for High School

Expressions of interest for high school in 2021 are due to be returned today.

Term Accounts

There will be a reminder sent out today for any unpaid accounts, in particular text books. Your payment is greatly appreciated.

Lost

One pair of Plantronics headphones (black and pink). Sentimental value.

Linda Lyell

Administrative Manager

P & C News



Fundraising

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As you will know by now, due to risks around Covid-19 and meeting in large groups we have had to cancel our OBSTACOOOL fundraising event. While this is disappointing, we know that the health of our community must be the focus of our attention and our sponsors and vendors have all been extremely understanding. In particular I need to mention one of our sponsors ENERGIZE HEALTH CLUB Belrose who have absorbed some cancellation fees on our behalf. This is very generous of them and we thank them for their gesture of goodwill in this difficult situation. Thank you also to our other sponsors – First National, Ferrovial and LJ Hooker for their ongoing support and understanding.

We are currently working through the refunds for those families that had purchased tickets. These will be available for collection from the office shortly. I will communicate when they are ready for collection.

The loss of income from Obstacool and the subsequent cancellation fees have left a fairly substantial gap in our fundraising targets, however I am working on a few ideas not only to close the gap but also to help boost our spirits!! Stay tuned.....

Pip Bucknell

Fundraising Convenor



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