

# Forest Focus

Term 3 Week 2, 30 July 2020

## *Principal's Message*

### *Assembly*

The DoE has given schools permission to run short assemblies for staff and children. We plan to run a short assembly every second week to hand out blue, silver and gold awards. We hope by Term 4 we will be able to hold our regular assemblies and have parents join us. We are holding off on medals until Term 4.

### *Ambassadors*

What a wonderful job our year 5 and 6 ambassadors are doing as they welcome children to school every morning at the Sorlie Place gates. Thank you to the children for their bright welcoming smiles and for serving their school so willingly.





### Counsellor

A warm welcome to Mrs Catherine Walker who will be with us every Thursday as our school counsellor. Catherine may be contacted through the office or confidentially through me.

### Awards

2021 will see the beginning of our new award system. Staff are currently developing the criteria for the new awards: I will share this with the community shortly. Thank you to year 5 students who are trialling our new medal procedure alongside the current award system. They are a fabulous group of children to work with.

### Teacher professional learning

On school development day teachers began working on a face to face and online course around supporting children with Dyslexia. The course run through Online Training (OLT) is one of a suite of courses for special educational needs and is proving most interesting and useful.

### New OSH provider

The tender process for our before and after school care provider is complete and whilst we sadly say farewell to Cubbyhouse we are pleased to welcome Primary OSHC as our new provider. Primary OSHC are a local provider and will begin in Term 4 this year. More information will be coming shortly. Thank you to our parent rep (Shelley) who gave up 2 days to work through the tender documents with us.

### Interschool sport update Years 3-6

Sydney North sport have cancelled all zone, area and state sport for the remainder of the year and have left it up to individual schools to decide about local PSSA competitions. The majority of schools in the Northern Beaches are not going to run PSSA winter sport but begin with a summer comp. A small number of schools are going to participate in a reduced winter season, however we have decided it is unnecessary to put our children and staff at any increased risk that would come with an interschool competition at the moment. We plan to do skills and games over the first part of term 3 then begin trials for a summer comp to hopefully begin in term 4.

**Gail Smith**

Principal

## ***Respectful Responsible Learner***

The focus for this fortnight is: I am responsible when I use my voice.

## ***Assembly Award Winners***

**Term 3 Weeks 1 and 2**

<b>SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS</b>
Lola K-H, Luis H, Angus N, Laura C, Henry C, Leeroy H

## ***Administration News***

### **School Photos**

School Photos are scheduled to be taken by Advancedlife on Thursday 10 September.

It is preferred that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. If you are unable to order online, please have your child collect an order envelope from the school office.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code.

**Order now – go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code NJJ J33 YNF**

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

If you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact Advancedlife at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

### **Kindergarten 2021**

If you have a child due to start kindergarten next year, please complete an enrolment form which can be found on our website or collected from the school office.

### **Annie Peake**

Administrative Officer

## ***LRC News***

The start to Term 3 in the library has been busy. We are very pleased to see that the students are borrowing more regularly and have been remembering to bring in their returns on time. Please continue to remind your child to pack their library bag on their allocated library day.

### **PRC**

August sees the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020. 128 students have now completed the PRC. Congratulations to each one of them. If your child has not yet finished the challenge, please ensure that they finalise their reading log online before Friday 28 August.

### **Book Fair**

Due to the current restrictions on having visitors on site, we will not be holding our annual book fair in Term 3. We have tentatively booked a new date in Term 4 but if restrictions continue we will unfortunately have to cancel it for this year.

### **New Books**

We have just put over 150 new books out on the shelves of the library. They are a mix of fiction and non-fiction and there are titles to tempt Kindergarten all the way up to Year 6. Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson for covering all these books to help protect them and ensure they last for years to come.

### **Nicola Brandt**

Teacher Librarian

## ***School News***

### **Maths Enrichment**

In Term 2, year 5 and 6 students in the Maths Enrichment group participated in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) assessment. The CAT is a challenging problem-solving competition run by the Australian Mathematics Trust which encourages students to solve real world problems by developing informal algorithms and applying them to test data.

Congratulations to the students in the group for achieving some excellent results including 5 distinctions: Ebba C, Katrina G, Nikhalya S, Ilya S and Ankita S.

### **Matthew Philips**

Mathematics Co-ordinator

### **Reading Club**

Reading Club is an initiative which is research based to help motivate and engage readers. The initiative began as I wanted to promote engagement in reading.

This semester we have offered Reading Club to a small group of students from years 2-6. The students work both individually and in the small group with our librarian, Mrs Brandt, once a week for 40 minutes.

During this session the students are given the opportunity to discover new authors and broaden their reading choices with a view to encourage a further love for reading. This is not a learning support program.

Parental support is very much a part of the program and parents will be asked to help complete a reading log and comment on their child's reading habits and choices. Mrs Brandt and myself also provide feedback to teachers in order to further support our students.

We are looking forward to another successful program.

### **Frances Separovich**

Assistant Principal



### **P&C Zoom Meeting & Agenda**

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

French Forest Public School P&C Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: French Forest Public School P&C Association's Personal Meeting Room  
Monday 3 August at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2740019628?pwd=THA0WWV1ODI5OXIZMklvUkFCNkJBZz09>

Meeting ID: 274 001 9628

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcmfSjtDzC>

### **Agenda 3 August 2020 at 7pm**

1. Welcome – Julie/ Katie
2. New Memberships – Nicole Christie
3. Ratification of minutes from previous meeting – Julie/ Katie
4. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting – Nicole Christie
5. Actions arising from meeting – Nicole Christie
6. Correspondence in and out and business arising from correspondence – Nicole Christie – New P&C constitution
7. President's Report – Julie Figgis
8. Treasurer's Report – Kylie Walsh and Michael Comer
9. Principal & Assistant Principals' Reports – Gail Smith
10. Fundraising Committee – Pip Bucknell
11. Canteen Committee – Charlotte Nash
12. Band Committee – Di Turner
13. Environment Committee – vacant
14. Uniform Shop Committee – Alison Molloy
15. P&C Website Administrator / Technology – Shelley Allum
16. General Business

Note: Frenchs Forest P & C abide by a Code of Conduct and governing policies that apply to all attendees of P & C meetings and activities. To review policies please go to <https://frenchsfor-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents--carers-and-the-community/parents-and-citizens-association-/policies.html>.





## **Canteen**

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

We are so glad to be open again! Remember you can now order recess online and we have some yummy new menu items – fruit toast, penne bolognese and Chill J. We have also had to change some of our pricing, so please double check you have given your children the correct amount of money if they are buying over the counter.

If you have any issues with School24, please contact them directly on (02)8041-1132 – we cannot resolve technical issues. School24 are very helpful. If you cannot order in time as a result of a technical issue, then we can accept a paper bag/envelope at the canteen.

**Charlotte Nash**

Canteen Convenor



## **Band**

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

Welcome back to Term 3. All bands have returned for normal weekly rehearsals:

**Training Band:** Tuesday 8 – 9am, Thursday 8-9am.

**Intermediate Band:** Monday 8-9am, Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm.

**Performance Band:** Monday 3.15-4.15pm, Wednesday 8-9am.

**Stage Band:** Friday 7.45 – 8.45am.

Kinsey and Ben are delighted to see all of the FFPS band members again and are excited to work on fun new music this term.

Please continue to practice required social distancing when dropping off or collecting your child from the bandroom. If you have any questions, please contact me at the above email.

**Diana Turner**

Band Convenor

## Live Life Well @ School

### Learn to make my own healthy lunch

Teach kids healthy habits for life!

Provide your children with useful life skills for the time previous school routines returns.



1. Prepare ingredients: Wraps, rainbow of fillings of choice chopped and laid out on plates.
2. Demonstrate choosing fillings and wrapping these.
3. Students prepare healthy wraps for lunch from the smorgasbord.
4. Share photos of your creations with your friends.

For more ideas, search 'healthy lunch box builder' at:  
[www.healthylunchbox.com.au](http://www.healthylunchbox.com.au)



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## Live Life Well @ School

### THE POWER OF MINDFULNESS



**Mindfulness is the simple practice of bringing your attention to the present moment. It has been shown to help promote happiness and relieve stress in children.**

**Introduce mindfulness to your child with video story books like:**

- Mop Rides the Waves of Life:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WISH-tCt1Mk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WISH-tCt1Mk)
- How mindfulness empowers us:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzKryaN44ss](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzKryaN44ss)
- Mindful Ozzy Introduces Mindfulness:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k\\_R7R1gIdA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k_R7R1gIdA)



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