

Forest Focus

Term 3 Week 3, 13 August 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...

Thursday 13 August	Robotics for years 1-3
Monday 17 August	Class Speak Out
Thursday 20 August	Robotics for years 1-3
Monday 24 August	Grade Speak Out
Tuesday 25 August	Short assembly for awards (students only)

Speak Out

Just a reminder that the children will be presenting their Speak Out speech in class next week from Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August. They should be prepared to deliver their speech on the Monday and class winners will be notified by the end of the week.

Grounds update

All classrooms at the Warringah Road side of the school are having new "hush" windows installed courtesy of Ferrovia York as part of the road upgrade requirements. These rooms have also had mechanical ventilation systems installed. Year 3 have just moved back into their classrooms and report that it is very quiet and peaceful in there!

The COLA is complete – we are waiting for good weather to finish the new drainage system running across the oval from the COLA to the stormwater pit.

Gardens outside the hall have been weeded and planted out and will be looking fabulous when everything grows. The possum won't know himself....

Kindergarten 2021

Parents enrolling their children for kindy 2021 are asked to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible so we can start to plan kindy classes for 2021. Enrolment forms are available on the website or in hard copy from the office.

Before and After School Care

Further to information going home last week some parents are interested to know a little more about the tender process and how providers for government schools are selected. Briefly, the Department of Education manages all the assets belonging to the school including managing

the leases of our building and grounds. Both our Long Day Care (MAD) and Before and After School Care are on a Department lease and when this lease expires the availability must go out to tender. The school (principal, community rep and staff member) meets with the assets team to determine what they are looking for in a service (the criteria). This information is then posted on the NSW government eTendering website and interested parties complete a tender application addressing the criteria. The applications are all assessed by the school and assets team (this is a very time consuming process) and the successful tender is calculated by a point scoring system. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are then notified.

Gail Smith
Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this fortnight is: I am responsible when I play safely.

Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Weeks 3 and 4

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Max S, Tomas L, Charlie T, Holly L, Cruize L, Ellis M, Liam H, Rylee H, April E, Lily B, Daniel A, Thomas M, Amelie S, Ella F, Samuel E

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Miraya J, Laura C, Henry C, Leeroy H, Holly L

MEDAL RECIPIENTS



School News

National tree day was celebrated at Frenchs Forest School thanks to Wendy and Daniel from Forest Tree Service who donated additional plants to our new front garden entrance. Year 5 ambassadors Katelyn, Cruize, Amelia, Alexander, Abi and Ellis helped Wendy & Daniel with the planting. Thanks to Forest Tree Service and Mrs Davies who runs this leadership program.



2020 Tell Them From Me Surveys

This term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over term 3 and early term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ffps>
The survey is available in 23 languages.

If you do not want your child to participate please email the school frenchsfor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Administration News

Term Accounts

The term 3 accounts were emailed to families last Thursday. Please ensure the textbook payment is made as soon as possible. Thank you.

Linda Lyell

Administrative Manager



Canteen

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Please check when you are placing an order on School24 that you select the right time slot for your order i.e. recess order or lunch order. If you are ordering recess for your child, please remind them that they need to go to the canteen to collect their order. Please note that penne bolognese is available to order on Monday's and Wednesday's only. Homemade Anzac cookies will be available every canteen day next week for \$1.00.


We are looking for a new Canteen Convenor. The role of the Convenor is to act as liaison between the school, the P & C and the Canteen Committee. You will need to attend P & C meetings twice a term, write a piece for the Forest Focus as needed and organize a canteen committee meeting each term. Being part of the P & C gives you great insight into how the school functions and is a great way to meet other parents from across the year groups. The canteen plays a vital role in school life. With a small but dedicated committee to support you, this role is very rewarding.

If you are interested about learning more, please contact ffspandccanteen@gmail.com.

Charlotte Nash

Canteen Convenor

Live Life Well @ School
BREAKFAST IS THE BEST ROUTINE



Breakfast is important for a student's blood sugar levels. It helps them to concentrate while learning, moderate behaviour and have the energy to engage in physical activity.

Breakfast also reduces the desire to snack on high sugar and high fat foods.


Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

For more ideas, search 'breakfast' at healthy-kids.com.au

TIP:

Help kids be in a better frame of mind for school work by discouraging them from eating in front of the TV.



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