

Forest Focus

Term 4 Week 8, 25 November 2021

Principal's Message

What's happening at school?

- ✓ Check the school calendar on SkoolBag
- ✓ Read the notes via the app or email on a Thursday
- ✓ Read the Forest Focus (alternate Thursdays)

Remember...

Thursday 2 December	Year 6 graduation on the oval at 9.30am
Saturday 4 December	Election Day BBQ and cake stall at FFPS
Tuesday 7 December	Year 6 dance, lunch and water play
Thursday 9 December	Kindy 2022 orientation 9.30am
Thursday 16 December	Last day of 2021. Year 6 guard of honour at 3.00pm

School resumes for students in years 1-6 on Tuesday 1 February 2022. Kindergarten students start on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

Photographic Art Competition

During our 'learning from home' time students participated in a photographic art competition. They produced some outstanding results which I am pleased to share.

P&C update

We had our final P&C meeting for 2021 on 'teams' on Monday evening. Thank you to all parents who gave their time this year to keep our P&C operations running smoothly. Congratulations to Dave Tuckwell who has taken on the role of P&C President for 2022 (and beyond).

Awards presentation to students

As schools continue to sit under restrictions around assemblies and parents on site, yearly awards will be presented to students in stage groups, with a recording made available to parents. As well as an English and Mathematics award for the highest achieving students in years 1-6, all children K-6 will receive an award in recognition of their 'educational and social' development during the year.

Year 6 awards will include School Dux, Jill Oakley Art Award, Darryl Mann Band Award, School Citizenship and Sportsman and Sportswoman (taken from the three carnivals only).

Responding to our community

Please use the google form (link below) to make suggestions or ask questions.
<https://goo.gl/forms/AO8xovhVp9tZ28EY2>

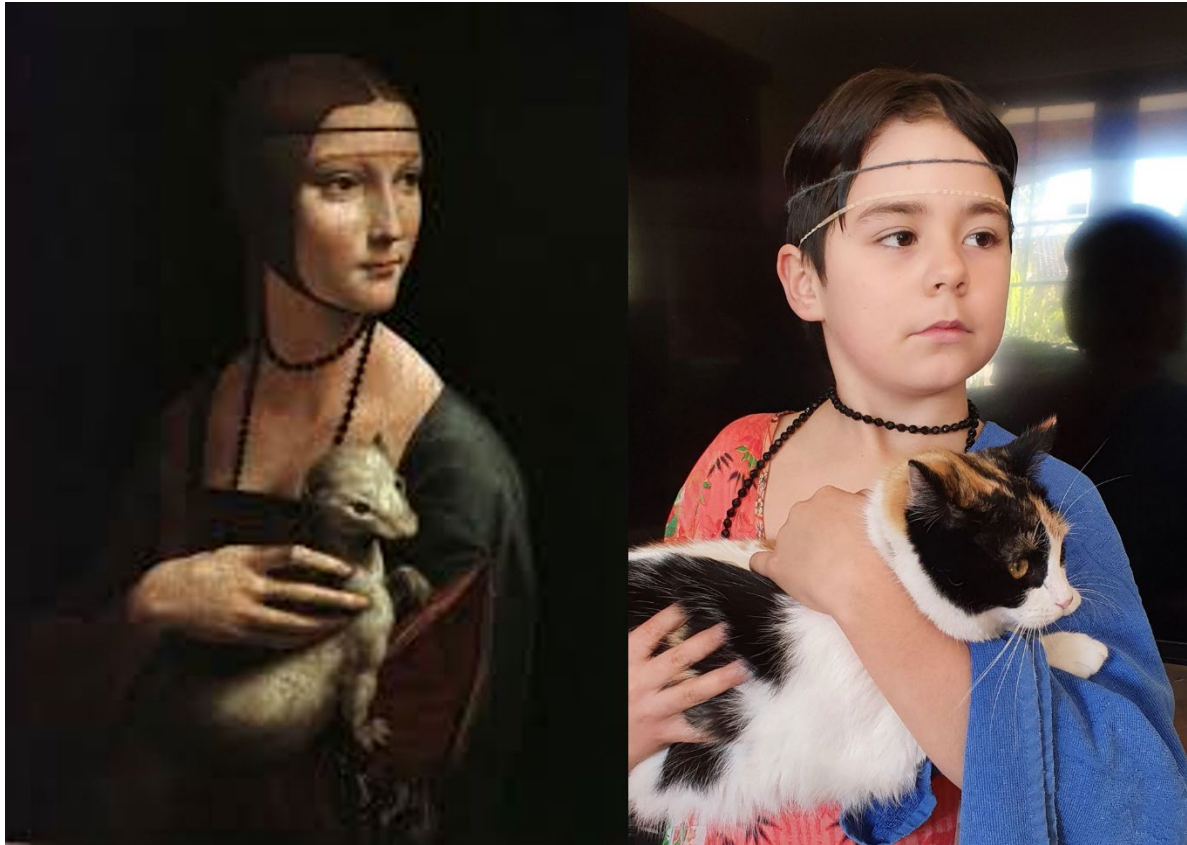
Gail Smith
Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

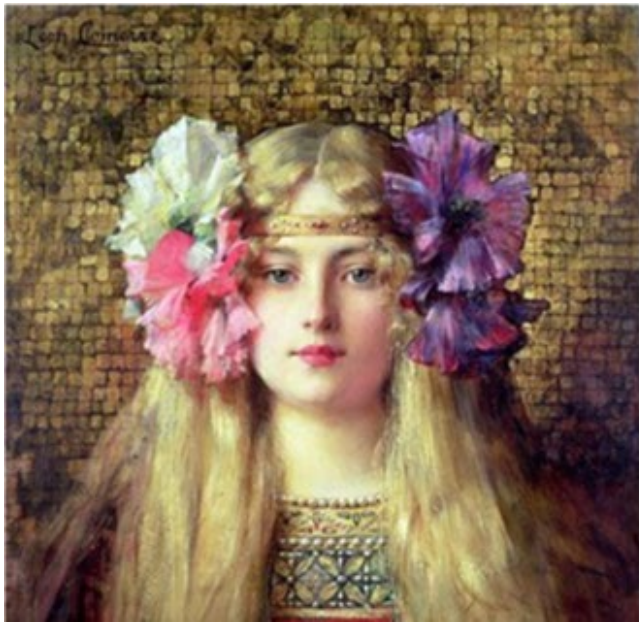
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School News

Photographic Art Competition







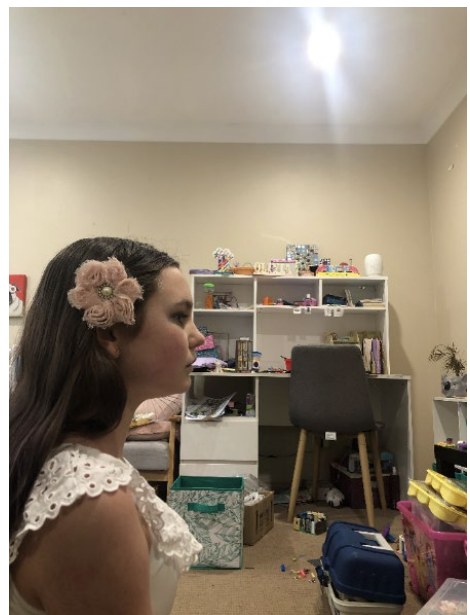
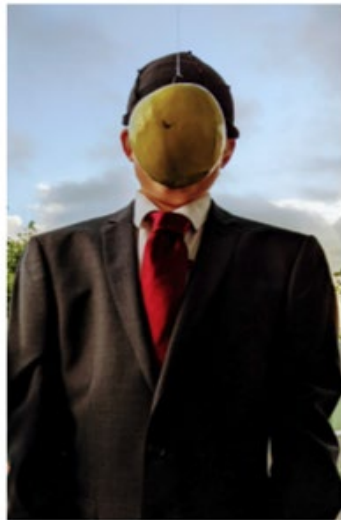


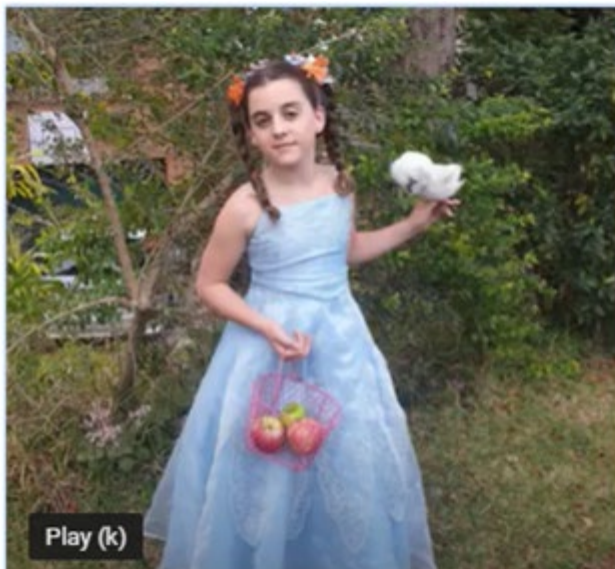
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LRC News

THANK YOU! I had a delightful morning this week selecting books for our school library from Scholastic Book Club. I was able to select 34 books valued at \$620 for free thanks to all your book orders over the last few weeks. It is such a great perk of my job picking books that the students will enjoy and I had a long list of suggestions from students that now is a bit shorter so thanks again.

For those of you still waiting for your Scholastic Books, they are on their way and will be delivered to classrooms as soon as they arrive. If you ordered a book as a surprise gift then it will be waiting for you in the office. If you did not order this time then don't worry, a new catalogue will be out in Term 1 2022.

As the end of the year approaches, all library books need to be returned so I can undertake our annual stocktake. Please encourage your child to locate and return ALL of their library books by the end of Week 9 – Friday 3 December at the very latest. The library will be closed during Week 10 and 11. In the event of anything being lost or misplaced, please contact the library or office staff so that our records are up to date.

I hope your child has enjoyed reading books from the library this year and I am looking forward to helping them continue reading for pleasure next year. Thank you.

Nicola Brandt

P&C News



Uniform Shop

ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

Donating pre-loved uniforms

We accept (good condition) donations of the following items to sell online:

- Old-style white polos, both short and long sleeve
- Track pants
- Sloppy Joes
- Polar fleece
- Bomber jackets
- School backpacks
- Hats
- Raincoats

We do not sell pre-loved grey shorts/ pants, girls winter tunics, or girls short or long sleeved blouses.

Alison Molloy

Uniform Shop Convenor



Fundraising

ffspandcfundraising@gmail.com

Xmas Photo Mini-Sessions

Thank you to everybody who participated in our Xmas photos fundraiser. Despite the weather forcing us inside the Hall we still created two magical scenes, and managed to raise \$1,700 to put towards our fundraising target.

Thank you so much to Bonnie Maher for her wonderful photography skills and to Julie and Katie for assisting with the decorations.



Election Day 4 December

The compulsory local elections are looming and we will be holding a BBQ, Cake Stall and Fresh Lemonade stand to feed the hungry voters. This is the one and only event in 2021 that we have asked for volunteers in person so PLEASE sign up for an hour or more on either the BBQ <https://signup.com/go/nUEdLVL> or cake stall <https://signup.com/go/ysrSSnm> and help to take some of the load off the usual team of volunteers.

We will also need LOTS of cakes, slices, biscuits and other sweet treats for the cake stall so get your chefs hats on and start baking!! (well, maybe not quite yet but you could start to plan 😊). If you are able to contribute to the cake stall, please send me an email so I can communicate the drop-off details next week.

A BIG **THANKYOU** goes out to Michael Buckley and the team at First National Frenchs Forest for supporting our Election BBQ and helping to purchase our ingredients – we appreciate your ongoing contribution to our fundraising efforts!



Gingerbread House Fundraiser

There's just one week left to purchase your Gingerbread houses through our link https://bit.ly/FrenchsForestPublicSchool_gingerbread_house_fundraiser

And then enter our competition to WIN one of three \$100 vouchers kindly donated by Forestway Shopping Centre. You've got to be in it to win it!! Please send our link far and wide to friends and family who may want a Gingerbread House to maximise our fundraising efforts.



Frenchs Forest Public School P&C is excited to announce the Inaugural

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Proudly supported by  **Forestway Shopping Centre**



Traditional



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Biggest Fail

Purchase your Gingerbread Folk House kit through our Fundraising link [here](#) by November 30th



Original kit \$39.99



Gluten Free \$39.99



Chocolate kit \$39.99



350g lollies \$5.00



FLAT RATE Express Post shipping \$5 per order

Then send a photo of your completed Gingerbread house to ffpspandfundraising@gmail.com by 8pm December 9th with your contact details and which category you are entering. Winners will be announced on Friday December 10th with prizes awarded to the winner of each category.

The winner from each category will receive a \$100 voucher to spend at Chargrill Charlies &/or Guzman y Gomez @ Forestway Shopping Centre




If you have any questions about Fundraising, please send me an email.

Pip Bucknell

Fundraising Convenor

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