

Forest Focus

Term 1 Week 2, 4 February 2021

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 8 February Year 5 and 6 to Aussie Bush Camp
P&C meeting via zoom – everyone welcome 7pm
Friday 19 February PSSA interschool sport competition (Years 3-6) begins

Class organisation

Kindergarten team

KP	Mr Matthew Philips (team leader)	matthew.philips@det.nsw.edu.au
KH	Miss Lisa Huwaidi	lisa.huwaidi@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage 1 team

1J	Miss Jemma Morris	jemma.morris2@det.nsw.edu.au
1/2M	Mr Matt McCarron	matt.mccarron@det.nsw.edu.au
2S	Mrs Frances Separovich (team leader)	frances.separovich@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage 2 team

3W	Mrs Kathryn Wickham	kathryn.wickham@det.nsw.edu.au
4B	Mr Ryan Rogers	ryan.rogers20@det.nsw.edu.au
4M	Mrs Lauren Morton (team leader)	lauren.morton4@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage 3 team

5D	Mrs Liz Davies (team leader)	elizabeth.joy.davies@det.nsw.edu.au
6H	Miss Harriet Hodge	harriet.hodge@det.nsw.edu.au

Music	Mrs Fiona Davy	fiona.davy2@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
Multisport	Mrs Aleen Sarkisian	aleen.sarkisian@det.nsw.edu.au
School Counsellor	Mrs Catherine Walker (contactable via the office or Mrs Smith)	

Business Manager Mrs Linda Lyell
Administrative Officer Mrs Annie Peake
Admin Officer/Library Mrs Judy Wilkinson
General Assistant Mr Steve Condrón

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Meet the teachers

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are holding individual meet the teacher interviews throughout week 4 (week starting 15 February). Interviews will be held in classrooms and are an opportunity for parents to provide teachers with any information you feel is important for your child's learning and wellbeing at school. Prior to interviews, each teacher will send home a class newsletter giving an overview of the class procedures and learning for the term. Parents who are unable to come onsite are welcome to contact the teacher to make a time for a phone call or zoom meeting.

Open school events

We are hoping that as restrictions around parents coming on to school grounds eases, we will be able to hold our usual open school events. I will keep parents updated on this as the year progresses.

Assembly

Assemblies will continue on a Tuesday morning every even week for students only at this stage. Children receiving "Green" awards will have their name published in the Forest Focus.

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

If parents would like to celebrate children's birthday at school, frozos may be pre-ordered from the canteen. This can be done by contacting Tara Howard through the P&C canteen email ffpsandccanteen@gmail.com.au giving 48 hours notice please. The frozos will be delivered to the classroom at lunchtime for the children to enjoy. 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.

Ethics

We are currently looking for an ethics co-ordinator and ethics teachers so we can continue this program. Please contact the office if you are interested. At this stage all children enrolled in ethics will be asked to nominate an alternative group. A separate note has been sent home on Skoolbag today.

Skoolbag

Please subscribe to your child's class so you can receive school information. When you click on your class the app will ask you to request access to that group. Click request and Mrs Peake will approve your request. Any problems please contact Mrs Peake.

Please note that Facebook and WhatsApp grade groups are for social purposes and are not the source of school communication. All parents are invited to join their grade Facebook group – please contact the office if you are having trouble finding your group.

School leaders 2021

Congratulations to our elected leaders – school captains, vice-captains and house captains.



Uniforms

A very big thank you to our uniform committee and parent helpers who made the transition to our new uniform so smooth. The children look fabulous and are excited to be in the new shirts and green bottoms. A reminder that we are in a 3 year change over period so we will have a mix of old and new uniforms.

Sport days for everyone are Wednesday and Friday. On Friday children are requested to wear their house coloured polo shirts (except PSSA children). All house shirts must have a collar and sleeves – the uniform shop polo is the preferred one.

School24

School24 is an online ordering platform for schools. At Frenchs Forest Public School we use *School24* for our canteen, uniform shop, volunteer roster and events.

Getting started with *School24* is easy.

1. Go to www.school24.net.au

2. Register (first time user) or log in
3. Use the **school ID 2517963**
4. Complete your details
5. Choose which service you require – canteen, uniform, Volunteer or events.

For further information contact:

FFPS canteen: ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com

Uniform shop: ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

Gail Smith

Principal

Administration News

Change of Circumstance

If you have recently moved house, changed phone numbers or email address please notify the school office.

Also, if your child's health plan has altered in any way, please provide me with updated information.

Annie Peake

Administrative Officer

Library News

We are looking forward to another busy year in the library. We are keen to get the students into the borrowing and reading routine quickly to help encourage a love of reading. As the library teacher I am always on the lookout for new books to buy for our library and I particularly love getting recommendations from the students themselves.

Your child's class teacher will let you know when their class will visit the Library each week. Please remind your child to pack their library bag and any books to return, so they can bring home new books each week.

We are currently planning an author visit for Term 2, a book fair and a book parade for the year ahead. Hopefully COVID won't spoil our plans this year!

The Premier's Reading challenge begins on 1 March and concludes on 20 August and we hope to have a huge response as we did last year. I will send further details about the challenge soon.

I look forward to seeing your child in the library soon.

Nicola Brandt

Library Teacher



Fundraising

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Fundraising

After a comparatively quiet year for Fundraising in 2020 I am hoping that the rules will relax a little and we will be able to host some exciting, different and social events in 2021.

First off the rank will be a re-run of the very popular **PANCAKE DAY!** Please place your orders via School24 by Sunday Feb 14th, or email me on ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com if you do not have an account (however, I will be running many of my events through School24 this year so maybe worth signing up).



Pancake Day is BACK!

Maple Syrup, Strawberries & Cream

Chocolate Spread & Banana

Ricotta, Honey & Cinnamon

Pancake Day 16th Feb

Enjoy pancakes for recess on Shrove Tuesday 16th 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 School24 by Sunday 14th Feb. If you do not have School24 please email your order to ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com. No sales will be made on the day. Pancakes will be delivered to classrooms via canteen baskets for recess.

Gluten Free available, other allergies/intolerances please email ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com and I'll cater for you too!

Don't worry – the chocolate spread is nut-free.

If you are able to volunteer on the day to help cook/ pack/ deliver the pancakes between 9am and 11:30am please email me – the volunteers from last year all had a great time and we simply couldn't have delivered all 600 pancakes without help.

Also, if anyone would be willing to assist me in planning the year's events please let me know. I have been running fundraising by myself for a while, so having a little Fundraising Committee to help me brainstorm ideas and plan events would be a big help. Drop me an email if you can donate your time.

Let's hope 2021 has some fun times in store for Fundraising.

Pip Bucknell

FFPS Fundraising Convenor



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