

Forest Focus

Term 3 Week 2, 28 July 2022

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...

1 August Years 5 and 6 students leave for camp at Milson Island

Book character dress up day

Thank you to parents and children who put great effort into dressing up for our special day last week. There were some wonderful costumes and children were excited to share what their special book was.



Congratulations

Euan T competed in the NSW state cross country carnival last Friday and came second! He will be joining the NSW cross country team to represent NSW at the National level in Adelaide in August.



Questions and suggestions

Thank you to parents who used this form to ask questions. Please find responses to 2 questions.

I was wondering if the school was doing something for education week or if we will have a Grandparents Day to donate books and come to classrooms soon?

We are planning a book fair later this term – information is in this Focus. We are holding off on Grandparents Day and open classrooms as we have been advised to do so by the DoE. We are currently sitting at a high level of COVID and our primary aim is to keep teachers, children and of course our grandparents safe.

I would love to see students have the opportunity to see some live theatre at the Glen St Theatre.

Great idea! We will keep an eye out for any productions that would fit with the current themes we are teaching.

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

Gail Smith
Principal

School News

Stage 2 English Enrichment

A small group of Year 3 and 4 students with high potential have been selected to complete a project that will promote an enhanced love and appreciation of reading that will be presented to their peers.

The project will be driven by the students interests and strengths and allow them to explore a range of literature and present their findings in a creative and thought provoking way through writing, art, drama, technology and oral presentations. This will be completed under the guidance of Mrs Bailey on a Wednesday.

Stage 2 and 3 Mathematics Enrichment

The stage 2 and stage 3 Mathematics extension groups will be continuing this term on a Wednesday with Mrs Bailey. The students will continue to complete practice Mathematical Olympiad style papers in preparation for their final 2 Olympiad competitions.

Students explore different problem solving strategies and work in small groups to explain their mathematical reasoning and are encouraged to show their thinking through clear working out. They will also get the opportunity to compete in the Australian Mathematics Competition in week 4.

Reading Club

Reading Club is an initiative which is research based to help motivate and engage readers. The aim of this initiative is to promote engagement in reading.

This semester we have offered Reading Club to a small group of students from years 2-5. There will be a year 2 group, a year 3 group and a year 4/5 group. The students will have the opportunity to work both individually and in their small group with our librarian, Mrs Brandt once a week for 40 minutes. During this session the students will 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

LRC News

It was fantastic to see so many fabulous book characters at our book parade. To continue our focus on reading, Book Week is celebrated from 20–26 August and this year the theme is 'Dreaming With Eyes Open'.

Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair in conjunction with Carnival Books during Book Week this year. It is the first time we have been able to host a book fair in quite a while, so we are very excited to have this event back on the calendar. All books purchased at the book fair earn us commission to help provide new books for the library.

Students will be able to preview the available books on Wednesday 24 August with their class teachers and we will be open for sales on Thursday 25 August 8.30-10.00am and 2.15-3.45pm and Friday 26 August 8.30-10.00am. Parents can join their children to view and purchase books during those times. For those of you that can't make it on the day, online ordering will be available. I will send more details as we get closer to the fair date.

Scholastic Book Club

Another way that we offer access to new and exciting books is through the Scholastic Book Club. Your child should have brought home a catalogue this term with a selection of new books that can be purchased. As with the book fair, this scheme offers opportunities for you to update your home libraries as well as helping us keep the school library stocked with new books. Please know that there is no obligation to order books from either event.

PRC

August sees the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2022. About half of our students have now completed the PRC. Congratulations to each one of them. If your child has not yet finished the challenge, please ensure they finalise their reading log online before Friday 19 August.

Nicola Brandt
Teacher Librarian



Fundraising

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Attention all families: Christmas in August is on the way! Book a babysitter for the kids and head to the Forest Hotel at 7pm on Saturday 20 August to join in the festivities.

Tickets are \$30 each and the price includes Christmas buffet dinner and desserts. We will be offering raffles, games and a silent auction. All proceeds from these additional activities will go towards our P&C Fundraising target for the year to purchase technology and literacy resources for our children.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to source our items for the silent auction and raffles. If you have any contacts (individuals or businesses) that could donate products, services or gift vouchers in exchange for advertising to our school community on the night, please reach out to them! Nothing is too small or too large, and every little bit helps. Please email me if you are able to help. Thank you in advance.

If you are also able to help on the night to sell raffle tickets, run a game or help to set up or pack down please email me to volunteer your time. Many hands make light work!

Pip Bucknell
Fundraising Convenor



Attention all FFPS Parents! Get ready for some festive FUNdraising as we celebrate.....

Christmas in ~~July~~ August

- Christmas Dinner buffet and Desserts included (GF and vegetarian options available)
- Games
- Raffles
- Silent Auction

\$30
per person



Dress Code:
CHRISTMAS ATTIRE
Prizes awarded for Best Dressed



Saturday 20th August 7pm-11pm @ Forest Hotel





Canteen

ffspandccanteen@gmail.com

WINTER MENU INFORMATION – TERM 3 2022

An updated Winter menu was sent home to each family last week. It is also available on our school website, under 'About Our School' – Canteen. Included in the menu are any special events and the last opening day before the holidays.

Please refer to the current menu for available items and correct prices when placing orders. We have several new items on the menu. Chicken Goujon Wraps will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Chicken Burgers on Fridays. Chicken Katsu & Cucumber sushi rolls have replaced Teriyaki Chicken rolls. Messy Monkey (gluten free wholegrain snacks) have replaced Mini Pops. Hot Jacket Potatoes will be available plain or with a selection of toppings.

Children are able to purchase snacks and frozen items over the counter.

Please use School24 for online orders. The cut-off for online orders is 8:30am. Please check you receive a confirmation email of your order. This confirms that the order has successfully been received by the canteen.

At certain times there may be supply issues and some items may not be available. Most times you will notice this when ordering, as the item will not be on the list. If an ordered item is no longer available, a suitable item will be offered in exchange or money refunded. Due to supply issues, lettuce is temporarily unavailable and therefore will not appear as an option when ordering online. As soon as it is available again the option will be visible on School24.

For more information on the Canteen, days of operation, how to place orders, and how to volunteer, please refer to the Canteen section within 'About Our School' on the school website.

Alysia Saxby

Menu Co-ordinator



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