

# Forest Focus

Term 2 Week 4, 18 May 2023

## Principal's Message

### What's happening at school?

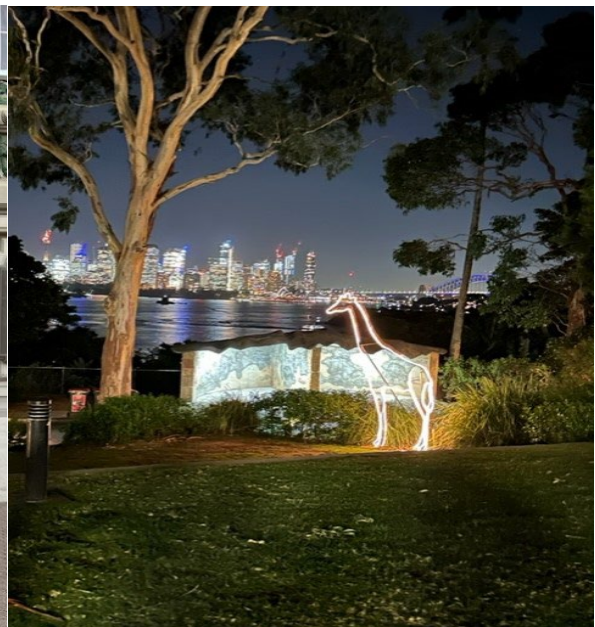
- ✓ Check the school calendar on the app or website
- ✓ Read the notes via the app or email on a Thursday
- ✓ Read the Forest Focus (every second week)

### Remember...

Friday 19 May	Walk Safely to School
Friday 19 May	Warringah Zone cross-country
Friday 19 May	Band Jammin' in the Forest
Saturday 20 May	Band Jammin' in the Forest

### Stage 3 Zoosnooz

Last week Stage 3 had an opportunity to visit the zoo at night and sleep over. What a wonderful experience.



### Zone cross-country

We wish our cross-country team all the best as they compete tomorrow at the zone carnival.



Gail Smith  
Principal

## Assembly Award Winners

### Term 2 Week 4

#### GREEN AWARD RECIPIENTS

Chloe C, Phoebe C, Dathan , Masie McC, Georgie M, Isla P, Charlie W, Kai X, Thea H, Thomas K, Olivia J, Jaxon T, Charlotte W, Gabriella RG, Elsie A, Aram M, Alejandro H-N, Hugo K-H, Charlie M, Sarah L, Eason Y, Violet C, Martha B, Sophie P, Amelia C, Chloe C, Emma C, Jenna L, Bailee B, Jaime C, Grace C, Lea S



## School News

### Years 5 and 6 ZooSnooz at Taronga









### Author Visit

I am very excited to announce that on Thursday 1 June we will be visited by the author Nat Amooore. She is a Sydney based author who has published four fabulous books so far. Nat has a reputation as a fun speaker and a lively entertainer so I am sure the students will enjoy their sessions with her.

If you would like to buy a signed copy of one of her books, please see the attached flyer. Books can be ordered in advance or for up to a week after her visit and will be delivered to school. If your child already owns a book, make sure they bring it in to be signed too.

### National Simultaneous Story Time

We will be taking part in the ALIA National Simultaneous Story Time event on Wednesday 24 May. Every year a picture book by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, bookshops, and many other places around the country. The aim is to promote the value of reading and literacy. At our school we share the book during library lessons and this year the book is *The Speedy Sloth* by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie.

### PRC

The Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway and we already have 50 students who have completed the challenge. This is a great start and I encourage all students to log onto the student portal and record the books they have been reading. The PRC runs until 18 August.

### Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to those of you that ordered books this term. The books will be arriving shortly. I have ordered 20 new books thanks to the rewards system that gives the school a percentage of your order money.

### Nicola Brandt

Teacher Librarian



A vibrant flyer for an author visit with Nat Amooore. The title 'Author Visit with Nat Amooore' is prominently displayed in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Above the title is a small penguin logo. To the right, a photo of Nat Amooore, a woman with blonde hair wearing a green shirt and a patterned apron, is shown. Below the title, three circular frames showcase book covers: 'Secrets of a Schoolyard', 'The Right Way to Rock', and 'Power of Positive Prinking'. A fourth frame at the bottom shows 'We Tomorrow'. Text on the flyer includes '#1 bestselling debut Aussie children's fiction in 2019', '2022 CBCA Notable', and 'WINNER of the 2021 Children's Literature Environment Award for'. A central banner reads 'FREE DELIVERY to your school!'. Below this, it says 'Order SIGNED COPIES of Nat's books...'. At the bottom, instructions for ordering are provided, including a QR code and the contact information for The Children's Bookshop.

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[thechildrensbookshopspeakersagency.com.au/person/amooore-nat](https://thechildrensbookshopspeakersagency.com.au/person/amooore-nat)

The Children's Bookshop will then send the book/s to the school for your child. Alternatively, you can call The Children's Bookshop directly on 02 9571 1897 to order and pay over the phone.

Please note: The Children's Bookshop will endeavor to get books to the school in time for the author/illustrator visit. There are, however, sometimes delays beyond our control and in these cases or in the case of orders within 5 days of the visit the books may arrive after the visit has occurred. Books will either be signed by the author/illustrator or have a signature sticker from the author/illustrator in the front cover. Please direct any queries you may have directly to The Children's Bookshop on 02 9571 1897. Thank you!

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## P & C News



### **Band**

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

Welcome to Term 2 of Band. We have a busy term ahead of us and look forward to sharing with you all the exciting events we take part in. If your child is interested in joining band, or you would like more information, please contact me at the email address above. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

### **Welcome Peter**

A huge Frenchs Forest Public School welcome to our Band Director, Peter Squire. Peter has been on the band scene for many years, including holding the same position previously at Frenchs Forest Public School for over a decade. Peter brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion to our band program. The P&C and the school are excited for Peter to re-join our team. Please join me in welcoming Peter.

### **Dates for your diaries:**

#### **Jammin' in the Forest**

- Friday 19 May 3:10pm-4:30pm (Concert Band only)
- Saturday 20 May 8:30am-5:00pm (both bands)

Jammin' in the Forest (formerly called band camp) involves the children having small group tutorials from a range of tutors, ensemble sessions with Peter (their Band Director) to help improve their skills and having lots of fun with their band mates. At the end of Jammin' in the Forest, the children perform in front of their families and demonstrate the skills they have learnt and practiced. We would like to extend an invite out to all families at Frenchs Forest Public School to come and watch the children's performance at 3:45pm on Saturday 20 May. We are also currently seeking some volunteers for this weekend, please see link below to find out how you can lend a hand: <https://signup.com/go/MaTGcDT>.

### **Instrumental Festival**

- Wednesday 31 May 7:10pm-8:50pm (Concert Band only)
- Monday 5 June 5:00pm-6:40pm (Training Band Only)

The Instrumental Festival is held at Pittwater High School and runs for approximately 13 days. Each ensemble has been given a date and time (above) in which they are given the opportunity to perform three pieces in front of families, friends and children/families from three or four other schools. Once the children are finished performing their pieces, an experienced representative from the Instrumental Festival will approach the band and give them valuable and positive feedback and encourage the children to perform the pieces again, based on the feedback supplied. It is a truly wonderful experience for the children, not only for feedback purposes but to perform and to watch other ensembles.

## School Performance

- Friday 23 June from 2:15pm (both bands)

Both bands will have the opportunity to perform at the special assembly, held in the school Hall. This is a great opportunity for our school community, students and teachers to see how much the children have learnt over the last two terms.

## Bandforte

Last year the Band Committee explored options to streamline and manage our schools band program. Bandforte is a great communication tool in which the Band Committee can effectively collect information, store it and also communicate with band families via the message function.

Messages to families will arrive to your inbox from the following email address:

[noReply@bandforte.com.au](mailto:noReply@bandforte.com.au). Please add this address as a safe sender so important messages don't end up in your junk folder. You are able to reply to messages sent from this email address; you just need to hit reply.

Looking forward to the rest of the term and if you have any questions or queries, please contact me via the email above anytime.

**Tara Howard**

FFPS Band Convenor



## Fundraising

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

## Reading Pays Off

CONGRATULATIONS to all our students who have dedicated time and energy to read and earn wonderful prizes through the Reading Pays Off challenge. ENORMOUS congratulations to Viv S, who raised over \$1000! Prizes are being ordered online and promptly delivered to classrooms. Thank you for your patience during this process.

## Orange Notes

Thank you for prompt delivery of orange notes. The students are excited for Burrito Day (June 20). Please ensure you follow the link provided on the orange note to make a selection regarding burrito ingredients. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Mother's Day and were recognised for all the time, energy and love you put into your family.

**Aleen Sarkisian**

Fundraising Convenor



Live Life Well @ School



- Participate in the annual community event to promote physical activity, support road safety and reduce emissions.



Find out more information on how to get involved [here](#)



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