

Forest Focus

Term 2 Week 2, 9 May 2024

Principal's Message

What's happening at school?

- ✓ Check the school calendar on the [school website](#) or the [School Bytes Parent Portal](#)
- ✓ Read the notes via email
- ✓ Read the Forest Focus (every fortnight, even weeks)

Calendar highlights...

Friday 10 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 13 May	P&C meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom or online
Friday 17 May	Warringah Zone Cross Country Carnival (selected students)
Wednesday 22 May	Author visit for all children - Belinda Murrell
Friday 24 May	Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Athletics Carnival 2:00pm

Use the links below to access our school calendar (also accessed through the parent portal)

[Full Screen School Calendar](#)

[iCal file](#)

Whole school communication sent in the last fortnight (not all emails may pertain to your child)

Date sent	Email Subject	Sent to
05/04/2024	Outstanding Term Accounts	Whole school
11/04/2024	Changes to Sport, Library, Music and Technology Days in Term 2	Whole school
11/04/2024	School Photograph Orders – No late fees for 7 days	Whole school
11/04/2024	Cryptosporidiosis	Whole school
11/04/2024	Share our Space School Holiday Activities	Whole school
11/04/2024	P&C Fundraising Annual Plan 2024	Whole school
12/04/2024	Reading Pays Off – P&C Fundraiser	Whole school
12/04/2024	Works Notification	Whole school
02/05/2024	Kindergarten Newsletter Term 2 2024	Kindergarten
02/05/2024	Stage 1 Newsletter Term 2 2024	Years 1 and 2
02/05/2024	3W Newsletter Term 2 2024	3W
02/05/2024	3/4J Newsletter Term 2 2024	3/4J
02/05/2024	4M Newsletter Term 2 2024	4M
02/05/2024	Stage 3 Newsletter Term 2 2024	Years 5 and 6
02/05/2024	Maths Enrichment: Year 2, Term 2 2024	Relevant students
02/05/2024	Learning Support – Term 2 2024	Relevant students
02/05/2024	2024 AEDC Parent Letter and Fact Sheet	Kindergarten

Date sent	Email Subject	Sent to
02/05/2024	3D Design and Printing – Years 3 and 4 Term 2 2024	Years 3 and 4
02/05/2024	Uniform Shop Open – Friday 3 May	Whole school
02/05/2024	Mother's Day Breakfast, Friday 10 May 2024	Whole school
02/05/2024	Creative Writing Enrichment: Term 2 2024	Relevant students
02/05/2024	Music Enrichment: Term 2 2024	Relevant students
02/05/2024	Mr McCarron Leave	KM
02/05/2024	Mrs Separovich Leave	2S
02/05/2024	Miss Janssen Leave	2J

Congratulations

In April, NSW Health and the Department of Education awarded our school canteen the Great Choice certificate and badge indicating we meet the requirements for a healthy school canteen. Thank you to our P&C canteen team who are committed to ensuring a healthy school canteen and providing a great range of food choices for our children.

URSTRONG

URSTRONG is a whole school strategy designed to empower children with friendship skills to create communities of kindness in schools. Our school will be participating in this exciting program beginning next week. Further information about this program is attached to this newsletter. Parents are encouraged to become familiar with the program and the language we will be using.

The URSTRONG program encourages parents to be involved and the facilitators send through helpful snippets of information which will be published in the newsletters moving forward. Please follow the links in the snippet below to create your parent account and access all the wonderful (and free) resources.

It is so difficult, as a parent, to watch your child endure an unhealthy, complicated, or up-and-down friendship. It's heartbreaking and sometimes we feel so helpless.

*Our **Friend-o-Meter** is an easy, kid-friendly way to talk to your child about how they're feeling in their friendships and the important differences between healthy and unhealthy friendships. You could ask your child, "Where is your friendship with [their friend's name] on the Friend-o-Meter? Show me." We have found this to be the most effective tool to get kids really assessing the health of their relationships.*

When the time is right, do this activity with your child. It will walk you both through a conversation about the Friend-o-Meter and kids LOVE the "cool" flowchart. Give it a try!

*Yours in friendship,
The URSTRONG Team*

P.S. Don't forget about our Language of Friendship Video Series. Session 7 is all about Dealing with an Unhealthy Friendship!

Gail Smith
Principal

Assembly Award Winners

Term 2 Weeks 1-2

Congratulations to the following students.

GREEN AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kei T, Evan C, Archie D, Everly L, Adriana S, Sam H, Vasavi C, Eliza B, Harry R, Amelia H, Claire H, Oliver F, Sophie S, Finlay G, Will W, Lachlan L, Julian M, Ethan Z, Liv P, Kai X, Indi R, Matteo L, Cindy M-W, Indiana A C, Vivienne S, Bob M, Aria F, Alejandro H N, Sarah L, Blake R, Zoe F, Alice G, Patrick D, Amelia C, Kaira B-J, Charlie A, Harper W, Harry F, Kieran O'L

MATHLETICS SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Vasavi C, Jenna L, Max S

MATHLETICS GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT

Vasavi C

LRC News

Author Visit

I am very excited to announce that on Wednesday 22 May we will be visited by the author Belinda Murrell. She is a Sydney-based author who has published more than 35 books. Belinda grew up in a family of storytellers and is passionate about sharing her love of books and writing with children. Students will attend sessions in stage groups with their class teachers.

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 can be collected from Mrs Brandt. If your child already owns one of Belinda's books make sure they bring it along to be signed too.

PRC

The Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway and we have several students who have already 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 Friday 23 August.

Scholastic Book Club

Your child should have brought home the latest book club magazine. If you would like to place an order please do so online before Friday 17 May. With all purchases made we receive a small commission that we use to help keep our library resources up to date.

Happy reading.

Nicola Brandt

Teacher/Librarian

Live Life Well @ School



Walk Safely to School Day

Friday
May 10

- Participate in the annual community event to promote physical activity, support road safety and reduce emissions.
- Don't live within walking distance of the school? Park the car at least 10 minutes away from the school and join in on the event.

For more information visit www.walk.com.au/WSTD



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