

<p>TERM 4 Tel: 9452 5444 Fax: 9975 5037</p>	<p>WEEK 8</p>	<p>Monday 27 November 2017 email: forestvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au web: www.forestvill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Primary OOSH Care: Tel: 0433 474 352</p>
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DATES TO REMEMBER

<p>Mon 27 Nov Choir Showcase Wed 29 Nov Band Night at KHHS Tues 5 Dec Last day for School Banking Tues 5 Dec Family Christmas Picnic Wed 6 Dec Kindy Presentation day, 9.30am Wed 6 Dec Year 6 Dinner dance Thur 7 Dec Year 1 Presentation Day, 9.30am Thur 7 Dec Year 2 Presentation Day, 11.30am Thur 7 Dec Wishing Tree gifts to be collected Fri 8 Dec Yr 3-6 Sports Assembly, 9.30am</p>	<p>Sat 9 Dec Christmas Tree sales Tues 12 Dec Yr 3-6 Presentation Day, 9.30am Tues 12 Dec Last day of Canteen Thur 14 Dec Stage 3 Picnic Fri 15 Dec Forest Idol Fri 15 Dec Last Day of Term 4 for students Tue 30 Jan Yr1-6 Commence Term 1 for 2018 Fri 2 Feb Kindy 2018 Starts school Tues 6 Feb First day of School Banking</p>
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Principal's Message

IN THE NEWS

You may have seen an article in Saturday's Manly Daily about our school being involved in the Minecraft pilot program- the link is here – Page 25, Saturday, 25 November.

<http://newslocal.smedia.com.au/manly-daily/>.

Rob Stokes, the NSW Education Minister, launched the program last week. His Facebook page features one of our student's outstanding work. Year 5 students used their research on Antarctica to build their Minecraft worlds. Oscar's was considered exemplary and was selected to feature on the Minister's Facebook site and it has some positive comments, and had over 4,100 views already!

Great news for Forestville PS, and congratulations to Oscar for leading the way!

Here's the link to the video- <http://bit.ly/2A86Ehu> and it's important to listen to Oscar's explanation. It's inspiring!

FAMILY END OF YEAR PICNIC

To celebrate a successful year all families are invited to attend the End of Year Family Picnic on Tuesday December 5. It is a chance to catch up with other families and staff, before the Christmas holiday break. It will commence about 5pm, just bring your own picnic dinner and rug to the hall area. There will be some picnic tables and also a Jumping Castle provided by our friends at Primary Oosh Care.

FORESTVILLE PUBLIC

Minecraft is moving into the classroom

Popular computer game supports learning

Beverley Hudec

MINECRAFT is coming to school. The education edition of the popular computer game will be rolled out in NSW classrooms.

Forestville Public was one of nine schools selected to trial the pilot project.

Deputy principal Cathie Howe said the multidisciplinary software would be linked to the school curriculum.

"Minecraft Education Edition would be used for specific projects to support learning and digital literacy," she said.

"Children won't be doing it all day, every day."

The school worked on age-appropriate projects. Kindergarten to year 6 have worked on different projects. One kindy class creat-

ed their own virtual fairy tales. The process is a form of transmedia story telling.

Ms Howe said their teacher read traditional fairy tales which they turned into creative interactive stories.

With a story board template, students turned their stories into book form.

"They wrote one or two sentences on a page and created a draft of the picture that added to the story," she said.

"Next they drew and coloured in the picture."

With the help of their year 6 buddies, they typed their stories into the Book Creator App on iPads, took photos of their drawings and added them to their digital book in Book Creator, she said.

Kindy and their buddies, built their fairytale worlds

in Minecraft Education Edition so they could explore, interact and build upon their fairy tales, she said.

The initiative focuses on problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration.

Other classes worked on science and geography concepts; while year 6 recreated Parliament House in Canberra as part of a unit on Government.

Education Minister Rob Stokes said the Minecraft program would be expanded to 10,000 students.

"We are not seeing kids locked in a room by themselves in front of a computer screen instead we are demystifying the use of technology," Mr Stokes said.

The minister said technology could increase engagement in literacy, numeracy, humanities and sciences.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As the end of the year draws to a close the staff would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done by our volunteers. Besides our Scripture and Ethics teachers we have a load of community members and parents who support us with reading programs, classroom activities, canteen, and all of our creative and performing arts programs, as well as our many sports activities and events.

We honestly could not keep up the breadth and depth of our curricula and extra curricula activities without the support of our volunteers, and we are so grateful to each and every person who has assisted in classroom, activity and P&C activities.

The staff is hosting a "thank you" breakfast before the combined Scripture service on Thursday November 30, from 8.15- 9.00am and we do hope our trusty volunteers can join us.

Parents are most welcome to attend the combined Christmas Scripture service on Thursday. It will commence soon after 9.00am.

CONCERT VIDEO

The production company should be delivering the concert videos within a couple of days, so hopefully we will be able to send home by the end of the week.

Many thanks for your support,

Cathie Ferguson

Principal

From the Office

School Accounts: It would be appreciated if outstanding balances are finalised by 11 December.

Home Readers / Resources:

Please return all home readers to school by the end of this week as we need to complete a stocktake of resources. Any other school resources which students may have borrowed can be returned at the same time.

Hats

As the weather is now becoming hotter we would like to ask all parents to ensure students are wearing their wide-brimmed school hat. This hat best protects children from sun damage.

Choral News

This week the Junior Choir and Senior Strings visited St David's Retirement Village to perform for the residents. They both did a fantastic performance and the residents were extremely impressed with the quality of music that they heard. They also mentioned how wonderful it is that our students are provided with so many musical opportunities.

Thank you parents for supporting this excursion, it was a great success and very much appreciated by our local community.



In other news please do not forget the below key dates:

Year 2 Choir:

Monday 27th November – 6:30pm – Choral Showcase Evening

- *Arrive at 6.15pm for brief rehearsal in the music room. Wear full summer uniform.*

Thursday 7th December – 11:30am – Year 2 Presentation Day

Junior Choir:

Thursday 23rd November - Community Visit to St David's Retirement Village.

- *Leaving school at approximately 9.30am and returning around recess time. Don't forget to bring something to share for our recess party afterwards.*

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Friday 8th December - 9.30am - Perform at School Sports Assembly.

- *Wear full summer uniform.*

Senior Choir and Extension Choir:

Monday 27th November – 6:30pm – Choral Showcase Evening

- *Arrive at 6.15pm for brief rehearsal in the music room. Wear full summer uniform.*

Wednesday 29th November - Community visit to Treddinick Village Retirement Home

- *Leaving school at approximately 9.30 and arriving back at approximately 12pm*

Friday 8th December - 9.30am - EXTENSION CHOIR ONLY Perform at School Sports Assembly.

- *Wear full summer uniform.*

Tuesday 12th December - 9.30am - Perform at Presentation Day

- *Wear full summer uniform.*

If you have any questions about any of the above performances please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Emma Hunt

Classroom Teacher & Choral Director

Forries' Report

I am so excited to tell you that the Rotary Christmas Tree has arrived! Please come along to the office to select a label, purchase a gift to match the label and support the Rotary, Anglicare, Bringa (Women's Refuge), Community Health (mental health), St Vincent de Paul and Vincentian House (Crisis Accommodation).

Please return all gifts by Thursday, 7 December. Meanwhile I've been out and about visiting classrooms and band.

"Squark, squark"

Forrie



Uniform Shop

Is managed by Pickles, to order online go to <https://www.picklesschoolwear.com/>

The shop on the school grounds is open: Monday morning 8.45 – 9.15am and Thursday afternoon 2.45 – 3.15pm.

Band News

IB - Monday rehearsal moved to Tuesday (this week only)

In preparation for a combined performance at the Community of Schools concert IB will be rehearsing this Tuesday morning with Training Band at 7.30am. There will be no rehearsal on Monday morning.

CB - Thursday Rehearsal is still on

It is important that all CB members are at the Thursday morning rehearsal following the Community of Schools performance on Wednesday evening as there are only three rehearsals left before their last performance.

Community of Schools

All bands will be performing at the Community of Schools Concert on Wednesday, 29 November at Killarney Heights High School. This concert includes band performances from Killarney Heights Public School, Killarney Heights High School and Forestville. Band members are asked to arrive at 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start in their summer uniform. Sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

Band 2018

As we need to start planning for 2018, can you please return the "Returning to Band" form that was emailed to all band members. Return either to the band box in the office or via email to fpsbands@gmail.com ASAP.

TB and IB Hired Instruments

As these hired instruments were serviced during the September school holidays any TB and IB members who are continuing with band in 2018, are able to keep their instruments during the Christmas break at no extra cost. If you would like to take up this offer, please complete and sign the "Returning to Band" form and return to the Band Box in the office.

Upcoming Events

Date / Time	Event	Band / Venue
Wednesday, 29 November, 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start	Community of Schools	All Bands Killarney Heights High School Summer uniform
Wednesday, 6 December	Kindy Presentations	TB
Thursday, 7 December	Years 1 and 2 Presentations	IB
Friday, 8 November	Sports Presentations	SB
Tuesday, 12 December	Years 3 - 6 Presentations	CB

If you need to contact any of the band committee, please email fpsbands@gmail.com

Band Committee

Strings



If you haven't returned your form yet, please let us know if you are returning for strings next year. Also new beginners for 2018, make sure you have returned your form.

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 29th Nov – Senior Citizens Concert (senior strings with choir) – 10am during school

Thursday 7th Dec 9.30am - Beginner Strings perform – Year 1 Presentation Day

Thursday 7th Dec 11.30am - Junior Strings Perform – Year 2 Presentation Day

Monday 11th Dec, 7.50am – Beginner Strings all groups – Christmas Party!! (last rehearsal)

Monday 11th Dec, 3.10pm – Junior Strings all – Christmas Party!! (last rehearsal)

Tuesday 12th Dec, 9.30am - Senior Strings Perform – Year 3-6 Presentation Day

Wednesday 13th Dec – Senior Strings - End of Year Christmas Party! (last rehearsal)

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Christmas Trees

The Christmas Trees are now ready for pre-order. If you complete your order by **Wednesday 29 November 2017** you will receive a **15% discount** and guarantee yourself a tree! Apparently, it has been an excellent season this year, so we're hoping to be delivered some great looking trees! Please encourage your family and friends to buy their Christmas tree from Forestville Public School this year as all proceeds will go towards the P&C.

You can still buy your tree on Saturday 9th December between 7am and 12pm, but you will pay full price and you will need to get in quick before we sell out!

We have a new online system, click on this link to purchase quickly and securely <https://form.jotform.co/73137260413852>

You can also pay via cash at the school office or sales stands, or with a credit card at the sales stands or by emailing forestvillechristmastrees@gmail.com

[Click here for preorder form](#)

FORESTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

XMAS TREE

SALE

DARLEY STREET STAFF CARPARK

SATURDAY

DEC 9th

7AM - 12PM

\$90 8ft Premium Tree (pre-pay \$77)

\$70 6ft Premium Tree (pre-pay \$60)

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Run Forest Run: 20 March, 2018

Our school's annual fun run, Run Forest Run is now open for registrations of interest. Be first to get access to event information & updates.

With a range of distances to suit the seasoned runner and the novice, Run Forest Run is a great opportunity to test your fitness and support our school. We've got a 2km option for the kids and a 5km and 10km to test the bigger kids!

Register your interest and share our Facebook page! And get training to offset the excesses of the upcoming festive season.

Register your interest now on Facebook and be first to hear about event updates.

Are you keen to help out? Or would you or your business be interested in sponsoring this great community event and important opportunity to contribute to our school? Or are you interested in a stall at the post run fair? Contact us and we'll be in touch to discuss opportunities:

register@runforestrun.com.au.

Run Forest Run Committee 2018

Forest Bites Canteen

Volunteer Roster for week 8 and week 9 (term 4):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 ^h Belinda G	28 th Renee H	29 th Sally W	30 th Angie K Jenique P Jacqeline B	1 st Lucy Q
4 ^h Helen B Tracey J	5 th Jo M	6 th Renee P	7 th Julienne T	8 th Katie F



Volunteers

If you can't make your shift, please contact other volunteers from the list. (2nd page of your roster)

***Note** contact details for the canteen managers:

Tania Laytham (Monday, Tuesday & Friday)
0414 528 534

Kim Egelton (Wednesday, Thursday)
0412 254 310

A quick reminder, that hot food is not available on Fridays. We do however have sushi on Fridays as well as sandwiches. **Sushi orders MUST be in by 8.30am Friday morning.**



MONDAY:
Ham & Cheese Pizza



TUESDAY:
Pasta Bolognese



WEDNESDAY:
Mac & Cheese



THURSDAY:
Butter Chicken

Forestville ID code for Munch Monitor

For those that are not aware, the school ID and password to register for a munch monitor account, is as follows:

School ID: Forestville

Password: munch2087

There is an account keeping fee of \$3.30 (less than a price of coffee) per parent per account per term. If you don't have a credit card then you can top up your account with cash at the canteen between 9 - 9.30am in the morning.

For more information send an email to help@munchmonitor.com or call 1300 796 190 or visit us in the canteen.

Forest Bites Canteen proudly supported by:

THE AGENCY

Andrew Toohey | 0414 808 076

School Banking

With only a few weeks of term left, students who are eligible for School Banking Rewards need to have them ordered by the end of this month in order to receive them before the end of the year. Our last banking morning will be on Tuesday 5th December. If your child is not already banking and would like to, simply pop into your local branch, open their account and bring along their deposit book to our team of volunteers.



Forestville Primary OshCare

Dear Parents and Carers,

[Click here for the Vacation Care Program](#) for the upcoming school holiday period.

The Centre will be open from 7:00am until 6:00pm each day and all meals will be provided as during term time.

Children need not be students of Forestville Public School to attend.

Please note the daily \$55 charge and excursion charges are eligible to be deductible by Childcare Benefit.

An early bird discount of \$5 applies to bookings and payments made before the closure date of Wednesday December 06 2017

Class Awards

Week 7

KI Red

- Aaron Writing an interesting and engaging narrative during our Big Writing session
Teddy Speaking confidently in front of her peers while practising for Presentation Day Assembly
Flynn Writing and creating a brilliant ebook using the ipads

K/1 Purple

- Cameron Excellent concentration when finding the area of objects around classroom
Hayley Always adding detailed illustrations to her writing
Grace Always 'giving it a go' and trying her best in all she does
Sam Excellent punctuation spotting in literacy groups

2M Yellow

- Alicia Excellent work using skip counting to solve multiplication problems
Jessie Fabulous integration into 2M. Welcome to Forestville Public School!
Oscar Amazing effort into writing about a boy who was an astronaut. Go Oscar!

Community News



Come and join Collaroy Turtles Water Safety Swim Program this Summer Season 2017-18.

Registration day is on Sunday 26 November 2017 at Collaroy Rockpool at 8am. The cost to join the program is \$30 for the season which covers for insurance and registration into the program. The program commences on Sunday 3 December 2017 and concludes on Sunday 25 March 2018.

This summer we have an additional opportunity to learn swim and water safety. We are organising a Swim & Survive Summer Camp which are a week of lessons. These will be for children from the age of 5 to 14yrs. The Swim & Survive Summer Camp week will be **Monday 15 January to Friday 19 January 2017**.

If you wish to attend the swim & survive Summer Camp please register your interest at registration day or by emailing us your details to enquiries@waterskillsforlife.org.au. There will be a cost to join the camp activities. We will contact you with further information and to confirm a spot in the swim & survive Summer Camp during early December 2017.

For further information regarding our swim programs please contact us via our email enquiries@waterskillsforlife.org.au or call Noeleen on 0434 218 404 or Tanya on 0438 828 725 and leave message.

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holiday workshops Summer

TIMES	COST		
Drop off from: 7:00am Pick up by: 6:00pm	Non Members	Members	Half-Day
	\$97	\$85	\$60

(MEALS INCLUDED)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
11TH — 22ND OF DECEMBER '17
&
8TH — 29TH OF JANUARY '18

Activities Include: Gymnastics, Trampolining, Foam Pits, Games, Cooking plus age specific activities such as Kayaking, Basketball, Laser Tag, Craft, Origami



Forest Netball Club



Online registrations for the 2018 netball season will open on the 15th January 2018 at

www.forestnc.nsw.netball.com.au

Look out for important registration information on our website or Facebook page early January 2018



Net Set Go - 6-7yrs Skills (Term 2 Sun pm at Melwood courts)

Net Set Go - 8-9yrs (Games Saturday at Curl Curl courts)

Juniors - 10-17yrs (Games Saturday at Curl Curl courts)

Seniors 18 + - (Games Saturday at Curl Curl courts)

(Player age is the age you are turning in 2018)



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NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS (U6-U13yrs) REGISTER FOR FREE!

Returning Players registering before 31 Dec 2017 will receive a Manly 2018 Sea Eagles Membership

REGISTER – Online @ www.belroseeagles.com

WHO – Boys and Girls ages 5 and up

BELROSE 2018 REGISTRATION FEES		
U/6 - FREE	U/7 - \$60	U/8-U/12 - \$140
U/6-U/12 rego includes Jersey, Shorts, Socks, Training singlet & Insurance		
U13-U17 - \$140	U19 - \$225	A GRADE - \$250





**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
MULTI SPORT CAMPS**



- New format, Multi-Sport: Tennis, Soccer, T-ball, Cricket, Dodge Ball and Oz-tag
- Complimentary before and after supervision (Drop-off at 8am available; 5:30pm pick-up)
- **When:** December 18th to 22nd, January 2018; 15th to 19th, 22nd to 25th
- **Cost:** \$55 per day (full day; \$35 half day) or \$250 for the week.
- Call us on 9975 5189 to find out more or simply book on our website:
- <http://www.forestvilletennis.com.au/camps>
- Tennis courts are located on Melwood avenue, behind the oval.
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PIANO LESSONS
*Small Group piano lesson at Forestville PS
(Note: not Keyboard in 2018)*
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We will be using our Special Piano book for Group Piano lessons, after this we will be up to AMEB Piano Examination.

You are welcomes to take one free lesson from now:

Tuesday 1:00-1:45 at School Music Room

Friday 1:00-1:45 at School Music Room

Then join lesson next year 2018

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Piano teacher: Mrs. Terume Vikas

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Cost \$24 for 45 min with FREE Piano book.

Pay by Term, from start to end of the term.

Contact

Send us your child's name, school and your contact number:

Email: je-music@live.com.au

Or SMS: 0424 614 591 (not phone call)

We will answer on the same day!

For more details you are welcomed to watch a lesson and see how it's run!