

TERM 4 Monday 11 December 2017

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tues 12 Dec	Yr 3-6 Presentation Day, 9.30am	Fri 15 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 for students
Tues 12 Dec	Last day of Canteen	Tue 30 Jan	Yr1-6 Commence Term 1 for 2018
Wed 13 Dec	Student reports home	Fri 2 Feb	Kindy 2018 Starts school
Thur 14 Dec	Stage 2 and Stage 3 Picnics	Tues 6 Feb	First day of School Banking
Fri 15 Dec	Forest Idal		

## Principal's Message

#### **CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING**

It was absolutely delightful to share the celebration of learning with the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students and their teachers last week. I am sure that the parents who attended would agree that the assemblies were a joy to watch as each child was acknowledged for their individual talents, improvements or achievements. The choral, speech and musical interludes were just fabulous.

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner was organised by our Year 6 parents and what a wonderful night it was for the children. They enjoyed dinner and disco run by Lulu's dad Scott Ehler who kept the boys and girls and the teachers on the dance floor most if the night. The function room at the RSL was beautifully decorated.

The Year 3- 6 Sports Assembly last Friday celebrated the wide range of achievements and efforts made by our students in both sport and dance. So many children, besides the trophy winners, demonstrate 100% effort, attitude and commitment to their sports and I extend a hearty thank you in acknowledgement of their great sportsmanship.

Our guest speaker, NSW Blues cricketer Mickey Edwards, shared some valuable messages to our aspirational sports stars stressing the need to maintain a focus on their education, and the fact that he was not an outstanding or celebrated athlete at primary school, but his persistence and readiness to practice and try his best paid off. As he began to grow in late teenage hood, his skill set seemed to come together to enable him to participate at an elite level.

Other outstanding presentations last week were the Years 5 and 6 Kodu presentation to parents, which was very engaging and impressive. Mrs Stanley has been introducing game design with our Stage 3 student where they demonstrated their game design. *Kodu* can be used to teach creativity, problem solving, storytelling, as well as programming. It is free and can be used at home, but only on windows operating system.

#### **CONCERT VIDEO**

After the long wait, it was so disappointing that some of the Cast A DVDs seem to freeze at the 40 minute mark. Skyline Video Production group was very quick to apologise, and will be replacing all the Cast A DVDs so please return your set to the school office this week if you need a replacement.

#### A REWARDING 2017

I can truly say how proud I feel at the enormous range of achievements efforts, progress, successes and challenges experienced by both our students and teachers this year.

A very busy, but rewarding year at Forestville Public School. Our staff are gold!

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding job our staff here at Forestville do each and every day. Our school leadership team of Mrs Wellings, Mrs Howe, Mrs Cordaiy, Ms Costa, Mrs Lodge, Mrs Infante, Miss Fergus and Mr Ellis are an exemplary team that have so capably led and supported teachers, learning programs, students and families this year.

Our stellar teaching team of classroom and support teachers are full of energy and ideas. They constantly reflect on improvements to practice and organisation. Their collaboration and support of one another is outstanding. The unwavering dedication they bring to our children, and to public education, makes them a staff second to none!

Behind the scenes in the school office, in sick bay and the school grounds, our administration team keeps school life running smoothly. I know the teachers, and I am sure parents and children, appreciate the efficiency, the friendly readiness to help, and the extra care provided by our administration team. They show initiative and work hard to ensure families are well informed.

As the year comes to a close I extend sincere thanks to our teaching, admin, support and cleaning staffs as they work together for the Forestville community.

#### ADDITIONAL THANKS

As a community we were challenged this year and the extraordinary display of strength and support for our school was truly overwhelming, and so very much appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge and extend heartfelt thanks to the many parents and volunteers who assist our school on a day to day basis. Whether it is in classrooms, P&C committees, excursions, transporting children here and there for events, your help is invaluable. As teachers we really do appreciate your assistance, but more so-your children do too!

Thank you also to the parents who volunteer as class coordinators - it's a valuable role in terms of keeping us all connected as a community, which is important as our lives get busier and our school grows in size.

The growth and leadership of the parent led "First Class Team" has been a wonderful initiative of the parent body.

This steering group is implementing the school enhancements to take us into 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning spces. This has been enabled through P&C fundraising events and the generosity of donation to the FPS P&C Building Fund which was created this year.

As a staff, we know we may not get it right 100% of the time. The constructive feedback we receive from parents as to what or how we could do things better is appreciated, as we work together to improve and optimise learning experiences for our children and build a rich community learning environment.

To our wonderful children, our greatest natural resource, who's curiosity, energy and quest for learning delights, stimulates and motivates us all to do the best we can. We thank them!

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

Our Lost Property mountain, located outside the Uniform Shop, is once again overflowing with clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles, umbrellas etc. Children and parents are urged to see if long lost possessions are in there before the end of the week when we will donate to charity or into our second hand supplies.

## IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

It's a time of mixed emotions for our Year 6 children as they finish up their primary education, and prepare with both excitement and trepidation for a new school next year. They have formed invaluable friendships over their time at Forestville PS, and the beauty of attending your local public school is that fact that hopefully these friendships can continue in the local area regardless of the high school each of them attends.

For some of our families it is their last year here as their youngest child leaves Year 6. I would like to sincerely thank these families for their long commitment and support of Forestville Public School.

Many have taken key roles across the school over the years and have added such richness to our school community's life. Our final farewell to the Year 6 students will take place on Friday afternoon with the traditional "Clap Out". From 2.30 pm the whole school will form a tunnel to provide a farewell tribute to the Year 6 children, Parents are most welcome to attend.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON AND HAPPY HOLIDAY BREAK

As this will be the last newsletter for 2017, I would like to extend both our thanks and best wishes to the Forestville school community on behalf of the staff at our school. I extend the warmest of wishes to all our families for a merry Christmas season full of joy and happiness, and a relaxing holiday full of relaxation to reenergise for the New Year ahead.

Please keep a community watch on our school over the holiday break. The P&C funded solar energy project will get underway after Christmas with about 90 panels being installed. Vacation Care re-opens on January 8, will be operating on site. Teachers and ground staff will be in and out of the school during the holidays, but in the event of what seems 'undesirable activity' within the school ground, please call the Department of Education's School Security Unit on 1300 880 021.

## 2018

The school re-opens on Monday January 29, 2018. The Year 1-6 students return on Tuesday January 30, and will return to their 2017 class for the first day.

The new Kindergarten children, commence on Friday February 2.

If you require a uniform prior to the commencement of the school term Pickles in Brookvale will re-open 4 January 2018.

Many thanks for your support through 2017

Cathie Ferguson Principal

## Library News



Thank you all for returning your library books. Many, however, are still missing and we need them urgently to complete our end-of-year stocktake. Please keep hunting, especially for the recently donated books. Some of the very young children have been under the impression that they have "bought" the books, not realising that they need to be returned! Students who are leaving our school also need to ensure they have returned all their books.

# Thank you for your co-operation. Hilary Sheriff and Fiona Young

## Office

Information regarding online ordering of student stationary packs will be sent home with your children this week, loaded onto the Skoolbag app and put on the school website. Please look out for this information.

## **Debating News**

## **Debating end of year party**

We are holding a party for all students who have participated in debating this year, including the Premier's Debating Challenge and the Friendly debates. It will take place in 4W on Tuesday 12th December at 8:15am. We will be providing treats for the students, so please inform us of any allergies or intolerances.

## Mrs Wu and Miss Kettlewell - Debating coordinators

## **Band News**

#### **Thank You**

As this is the last band news for the year, we would like to thank our conductors, Christine Young, Tim Collins, Mark Stevens and Emma Hunt for all their hard work with our bands this year. Thank you also to Mrs Mackenzie, Ms Kettlewell and Mr Williamson for looking after our band members, helping out at band rehearsals and for giving up their own time for all our performances. A very big thank you to everyone on our band committee who has made our band program run so smoothly this year. Lastly, thank you to all the parents who volunteered throughout the year, it was very much appreciated.

## **Training Band 2018**

A number of parents left whether they needed to hire an instrument blank on their registration form. We have sent emails to these parents but a number of you have not responded. Can you please let us know ASAP if you need to hire an instrument as there will be no guarantee that an instrument will be available for your child's first band rehearsal.

## **Returning to Band in 2018**

We are still waiting to hear from a number of parents on whether their child is returning to band next year and if they still need to hire an instrument. Can you please either return the "returning to Band" form to the band box in the office or email <a href="mailto:fpsbands@gmail.com">fpsbands@gmail.com</a> ASAP.

#### **Hired Instruments**

All hired instruments that need to be serviced will be collected by Ben Dickson Instrument Repairs on Wednesday morning. If you are in TB or IB and are not keeping your instrument over the holidays and have not handed your instrument in at the last rehearsal, can you please ensure it is returned before Wednesday morning. CB instruments will be collected at the Tuesday afternoon rehearsal.

## **Upcoming Events**

Date / Time	Event	Band / Venue
Tuesday, 12 December	Years 3 - 6 Presentations	СВ

If you need to contact any of the band committee, please email <a href="mailto:fpsbands@gmail.com">fpsbands@gmail.com</a>

#### **Band Committee**

## Run Forest Run: Sunday, 18 March, 2018

Early Bird registrations will shortly open for our school's annual fun run, Run Forest Run. Visit our Facebook page, register your interest and be the 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. And we can let you know when Early Bird registrations open.

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** 

## Strings





#### UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am - Senior Strings Perform – Year 3-6 Presentation Day Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Senior Strings - End of Year Christmas Party! (last rehearsal)

#### 2018 START DATES

Senior Strings – 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal – **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – 7.45am (week 1), Hall. Junior Strings – 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal – **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – 3.10pm (week 2), Hall. Beginner Strings – 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal – **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – 7.50am (week 2), Hall.

## Forestville Primary OshCare

Dear Parents and Carers,

<u>Click here for the Vacation Care Program</u> 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.

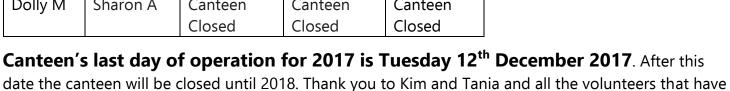
Please note the daily \$55 charge and excursion charges are eligible to be deductible by Childcare Benefit.

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

## Forest Bites Canteen

## **Volunteer Roster for week 10 (term 4):**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 <sup>h</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
Dolly M	Sharon A	Canteen	Canteen	Canteen
		Closed	Closed	Closed



## Volunteers

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

\*Note contact details for the canteen managers:

helped to run the canteen in 2017.

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

Kim Egelton (Wednesday, Thursday) 0412 254 310

## **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 <a href="mailto:help@munchmonitor.com">help@munchmonitor.com</a> or call 1300 796 190 or visit us in the canteen.





## P&C

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I wanted to take a moment to thank those families that have supported the P&C and the school during 2017.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time to work in the canteen, band committee (including Strings group), second hand uniform sale, class helpers, class parents, school banking, working bees, covering books, helping with fundraisers (Fun Run, Entertainment Books, and Christmas Trees) and social events (Disco, Grandparents' Day and the Trivia night), helping at sporting carnivals and attending excursions.

A special thank you to Kim E and Tania L who work so hard in the canteen and go above and beyond their paid responsibilities. Thank you to Carolyn M and Renee H who keep the canteen up and running. Thank you to Tania L, Michael R, Christine, Tim, Sarah C, Pip B and your Band/String committees for offering such great programs for our children. I hope that Tania and Michael still stay in touch as their youngest child(ren) move on to high school. Thank you to Sue R for organising our class parents and sending out the numerous emails throughout the year.

Thank you to Jessie O, Vanessa R and Michelle B and your team of volunteers for enabling school banking to be available to our students. Thank you to Sarah B for organising the Entertainment Books.

Thank you to the team of Year 1 parents for organising the School Disco. Of course I couldn't forget Scott, Amy and Kathy who always do such a great job entertaining the kids.

Thank you to the kindy parent team of volunteers for organising the Christmas Tree sale last weekend. Thank you to the First Class Infrastructure Committee for their hard work in investigating options and opportunities to align our school with best practices. In particular, I thank Scott L, Elvira B, Tanya L and Garry B.

Thank you to my fellow P&C Executive for all your hard work in ensuring the P&C runs smoothly and efficiently, Emma T, Ken R and Elvira B.

A big shout out to everyone who got involved in the Fun Run this year. What a great event it was. Thank you for entering, volunteering and participating in the fair. What a great team led successfully by Takeko and Sally B. Planning for 2018 is already under way and we still really need parent volunteers from next year's Year 3 and 4 to organise the Fair. Save the date – Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Thank you to Cathie Ferguson, Louisa Wellings, Cathie Howe and their team for working so successfully with our parent community to deliver a great learning environment and a school that genuinely cares for our children.

A big farewell to those families leaving the school this year. Thank you for your support and contribution during the time your children were with us at Forestville. We wish you well.

So what did we do with all that money we raised, I here you say:

- The air-conditioning was finally installed in all Primary classes at the beginning of the year. The next rollout stage has been approved and we are now fitting out the Kindergarten Block, followed by the Year 1 Block (J Block).
- You may have noticed that the J Block has had a new roof put on and Solar panels are being fitted to that to help power the air-conditioning.
- You will have read in the last few weeks of newsletters that the first flexible learning space is underway and it is hoped that it will be ready for the children's return in 2018.

- We also purchased more ICT assets for Stage 2.
- We also paid for the synthetic grass near the office.

On behalf of the P&C Executive I would like to wish all families and Staff of Forestville Public School a Merry Christmas and I look forward to another successful year in 2018.

## **Michelle Joosse**

## **President**

Forestville Public School P&C Association.

## Class Awards

## Week 8

2M-Yellow	Alexander	Beautiful manners and the responsibility he always shows at school
	Alesha	Showing enthusiasm with problem solving during mathematics lessons
	Jessica S	Always showing a positive growth mindset in learning activities
2Z-Green	Lily	Excellent narrative based on 'The Tunnel' where she used beautiful adjectives and speech marks
	Zac	Amazing acrostic poem on 'Water'
	Connor	A wonderful general knowledge of places around Australia during class discussions
3W-Red	Oliver	Commencing activities quickly and for becoming a multiplication wizard
	Adriana	Always putting 100% into all tasks and demonstrating she is ready for Year 4. Well done!
3A-Blue	Alice	Enthusiastic participation during our Lorax unit and her fabulous effort when peforming different Characters from the book
	Jack	For his creativity, use of wow vocbulary and variety of connectives during a big write about the next chapter of the book "The Girl and the Bicycle"
	Lulu	For her detailed and descriptive writing piece identifying the changing environment in "The Lorax" book
<b>3S-Yellow</b>	Nellie	Demonstrating good comprehension skills when answering here, hidden and head questions
	Freddie	Consistent hard work in class and facing challenges with a positive attitude
	Aydin	His quick recall of multiplication facts and setting high expectations for himself during speed tests
3H-Green	Aaron	Drawing an interesting picture of his Christmas elf, and writing an exceptionally detailed character description to go with it.
	Finlay	Writing an excellent character description of his Christmas elf and drawing a detailed picture to go with it.
	Jess	Collaborating well with his team to create a Christmas tree made from newspaper.
4C-Red	Emily	Always demonstrating a growth mindset and working consistenly hard with all tasks
	Sam	Persevering with addition and subtraction questions and improving his understanding
	Griffin	Reading accurately and capably answering comprehension questions during English lessons
	Patrick	Reading fluently and answering literal and inferential questions with accuracy during reading group work
	Wilson	Listening carefully and completing tasks to improve his understanding of fractions and decimals
4W-Yellow	Jack	Predicting the future of the town of the Lifted Lorax whilst using descriptive vocabulary
	Kaia	Making insightful contributions during Bounce Back lessons
	Milly	Being a terrific helper in the classroom and completing jobs unprompted
	Муа	Using her mental maths strategies effectively during a game of Saucy Sixes
	Mitchell	Improved handwriting and presentation skills in all Key Learning Areas
5H-Blue	Annabelle	Outstanding effort in all science activities
	Ollie	A convincing and well structured Antarctica persuasive text
	Ryan	Forming well explained opinions

#### CLASS AWARDS CONTINUED...

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5JP-Yellow	Rod	Trying to adopt a growth mindset during ICT lessons
	Brock	Being our Ict expert
	Max	Managing to complete tasks even with a fractured wrist
	Ava	Working hard to create an amazing Antarctica world in Minecraft
6C-Red	Kim	Persevering and displaying a growth mindset while coding a game in Kodu
	Chloe D	Persevering and displaying a growth mindset while coding a game in Kodu
	Ava	Working hard to create an amazing Antarctica world in Minecraft
6M-Blue	Kyra	Always quietly and conscientiously completing all tsks to a high standard
	James J	Answering the 'big questions' about Anrctica confidently based on his research
	Isla	Presenting a well written slideshow answering the 'big questions' about Antarctica
<b>6E-Yellow</b>	Cam	Always contributing with insightful comments during geography and science.
	Alexis	Choosing good books to read and achieving strong comprehension marks as a result
	Zoe	Being on task and making the most of her time in class

## **Community News**

## Raw Performing Arts

Acrobatics classes will be held at the Forestville Youth Centre on Monday afternoons next year.

Term 1 commences on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The classes offered are:

Pre-School / Kindy - 30 minutes, Year 1 / Year 2 - 45 minutes,

Year 3 / Year 4 - 45 minutes & Year 5 / Year 6 - 45 minutes

Times will be confirmed in early January.

Cost per class:

30 minutes \$10.00

45 minutes \$13.00

If you are interested in having some fun, learning some new skills or mastering your tricks, please contact Sarah

on sarahnormet@gmail.com

These classes are very popular and spaces

are limited so please book now!

Dear parents,

*Workshop for Genius* will resume in January to entertain your child or children during holidays at the Forestville Community Arts Centre, from 9am to 12pm.

Workshop for Genius are one-of-a-kind and playful workshops dedicated to boys and girls aged 9 to 12.



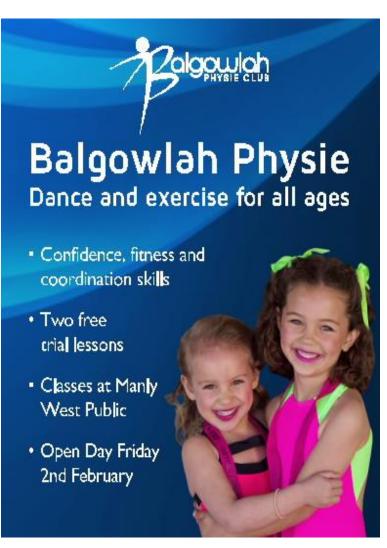


This summer, we are proposing a new program of workshops, essentially composed of woodworking projects (both individual and in group), combined with some electrical installations and even more!

For more information and booking inquiry, please check out our website and contact us:

- > www.workshopforgenius.com
- > workshopforgenius@gmail.com

I look forward to welcoming your genius, Nicolas





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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

Piano teacher: Mrs. Terume Vikas

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!







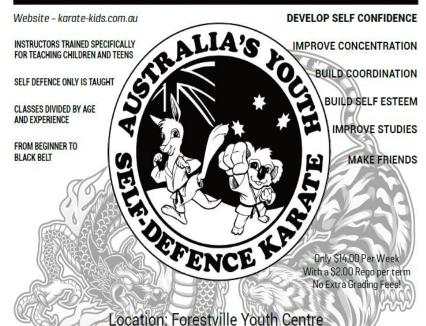
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Lionel Watts Oval
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## **AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH PRESENTS**

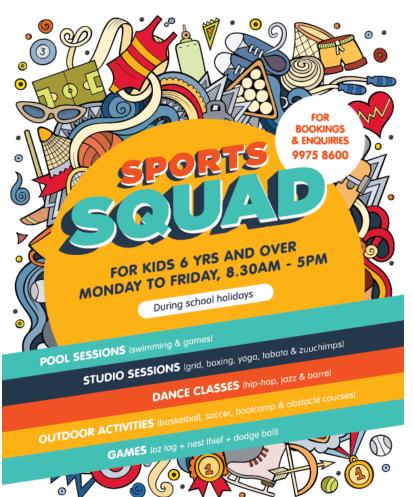
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For boys and girls Ages 5 - 16 In Sydney Since 1994



Melwood Ave. behind Forestville RSL Classes are every Sunday for 10 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Sunday, 4 February, 2018 New Students can also join on: Sundays, 11 Feb., 18 Feb.





Come and Try Rugby Centre

Forest Rugby Club War Memorial Playing Field Melwood Ave Forestville

Boys & Girls 5 to 10 years old

**DATE AND TIME**Friday Nights 6.00pm to 7.00pm
February 16th & 23rd March 2nd & 9th - 2018

\$50 includes ball, cap, drink bottle



