

The Forestville Flyer

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Term 1 Week 10

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 1 Apr	Kindy 2021 School Tour – 9.30am at Office CANCELLED	Mon 27 Apr	Staff Development Day - No students at school
Thur 9 Apr	Last day of Term 1	Tues 28 Apr	Students return for Term 2
Fri 10 Apr	Good Friday		

Principal's Report

I hope our school community are all well and coping with this difficult situation created by this horrid virus. We are constantly thinking of you all and hoping that you are managing to have some fun together in spite of being unable to go out very often.

We are all very conditioned to our lifestyle and freedom, and when this is significantly curtailed, it is indeed difficult for us all. We must, however heed the governments directives and do what we can to help stem the spread of COVID-19. The school staff will be limited on site from tomorrow. We have now set up our systems so working from home is viable. We do, however, rely heavily on connectivity so please understand if there are delays in correspondence.

This will be our last newsletter for Term 1 as next week we are functioning with a skeleton staff and all students will be having regular contact with their teachers. We will continue to communicate with you via our Skoolbag app. and we welcome contact via email or phone should you need some help or answers.

We want to ensure the wellbeing of all of our students as this is our first priority. In saying this, your wellbeing and that of the staff are also very important. Please use the wonderful communication tools such as Facebook, Zoom, Skype etc to have face to face time with friends and family. This is incredibly important, but please also ensure you are within your child's space when these occur as we need to be aware of cyber safety practices.

We are very fortunate to have the warmth and sunshine to enjoy in Australia, which is great for our health, and we also live in a country where open spaces can be found to walk and exercise in. Take some time daily to find some open space to have some fun and get outdoors.

Principal's Report

I would like to particularly thank all of our essential service personnel, our service industries and teachers. Thank you also for your positive approach to the new learning from home practices we are putting into place. Our children are lucky to have the support and care of so many, especially their families.

COVID-19 Update

Latest COVID-19 (coronavirus) advice from the NSW Government

<https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Department of Education COVID-19 further information page.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus/covid19-further-information>

General information for parents

How should I talk to my child about COVID-19?

You can help your child by remaining calm and reassuring them. Listen to your child and answer their questions as honestly as possible and correct any misunderstandings. This will help them feel informed and understand what is happening.

Stay up to date with the facts from reliable sources so you can keep conversations calm, considered, and constructive. Provide information in words that are appropriate to the age of your child.

Children can be distressed by hearing repeated stories so monitor how much your child is being exposed to television and social media and encourage them to talk to you about what they are seeing and hearing.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Wellings

Principal (Relieving)



From the Office

KINDERGARTEN 2021

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2021 or have any friends with children who may want to enrol in 2021, please contact the school office to obtain an enrolment pack.

SCHOOL TOURS

All school tours have been cancelled until further notice, however we can assist with enquiries over the phone or by email.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have had any recent change of contact details such address, phones numbers or email please update us via the Skoolbag app. Go to eform – Change of Details and submit.

SKOOLBAG APP

Please download the SKOOLBAG app to your device to keep up to date with school newsletters and notifications. **Please make sure you are subscribed to your current Year Group.**

<https://www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>



NSW Department of Education School Updates App

The Department has released a School Updates app. Parents can opt in to receive notifications when public schools have temporarily ceased operations due to adverse weather, bushfires or other emergencies. The app complements the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis.

The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users. Click on the following link to find out more: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

Book Club

If you have ordered any books from the latest Scholastic Book Club brochure, please be advised that we will be contacting parents when they have arrived at the school. The orders will be available for collection from the school office.

School Banking

Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with Coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused until the start of **Term 2**.

Band News



UPDATES

Please keep up to date with any notices from The Band Committee which will come through TeamApp.

BAND FEES

Semester 1 Band Fees are now overdue. If you have not yet paid your fees please do so as soon as possible. You should have received an email with the band fee structure, if you have not received this please contact the Band Committee. Thank you.

NSW GOVERNMENT CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS!

Forestville Band is an approved provider of the NSW Government's Creative Kids Programme. Parents of school age children can claim \$100 per year from the Government to use towards any creative activity including our band fees if you chose. Visit their website <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher> apply for your voucher and forward it to the Band Committee to use towards your unpaid Semester fees this year. We are listed as Forestville Public School P&C Association Incorporated.

REHEARSALS

All rehearsals have been cancelled indefinitely.

Band Committee fpsbands@gmail.com

Strings News



Hello Strings Community

Strings Spectacular Workshop Day has been cancelled until further notice. Please note that Strings Rehearsals will be continuing as normal.

Strings Fees:

Fees are overdue, if you haven't made payment already please do so this week.

Guitar Beginners:

Looking for students interested in Learning Guitar at lunch times (most likely Friday's) to start sometime in Term 2. Contact me for details.

Any questions please contact

Kylie Lake - Strings President

fps.strings@gmail.com ph: 0414 666 711

Uniform Shop

All NEW uniforms can be bought online from Pickles or their store at Brookvale.

ORDER ONLINE

<https://www.pickleschoolwear.com/shop?school=forestville-public-school>

Please note that if order online to be delivered to the school, there is no delivery fee.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Please be advised that the Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be **closed until further notice**. For any urgent items, please contact the school office.

There are hats available at the office for those who need one straight away. The price is \$10.

Any uniform donations can be left at office -..we are low on size 12/14 girls summer uniforms.

Bronwyn Barlin - 0424 513 527

Second-hand Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Canteen

Forest Bites Canteen



Please be advised that the Forestville School Canteen is **closed** until further notice.

Thank you.

Tania Laytham & Kim Egelton
Canteen Managers



Community News



GALLERY 307
ART SCHOOL

Kids & High School
Holiday Program

ONLINE ART CLASSES

Week 1 4-17 April | Week 2 20-24 April



1 Hr Classes | \$25 | Book Online

www.gallery307artschool.com.au
307 Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge

Community News



BEGINNER GUITAR LESSONS

YR 4-5-6

Lunchtimes at school (most likely Friday's) starting in Term 2

Want to learn guitar? We're seeing if we can find enough students interested to start group lessons lunchtime at school. Own guitar required and fees are payable.

Already learning guitar? Come and join our Monday afternoon Guitar Group 3.15-4.15pm.

For further details contact
Kylie Lake: 0414.666.711 or kyl.stings@gmail.com

Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](#) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as easy to freeze and quick and easy recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](#) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](#)

healthylunchbox.com.au



Part-Time Work

1X Permanent Part-Time position – John Colet School – Belrose – 232

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.00am – 9.00am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close: Sunday 12th April 2020