Principal’s Message

Coming events
Friday 5 September  Fathers’ Day breakfast in the school hall at 8.00am
Monday 8 September  Swimming scheme begins for next 2 weeks
Monday 8 September  Sydney North Athletics carnival (selected students)
Thursday 11 September  School Chess Competition (Years 2-6)
Friday 12 September  Speak out assembly 2pm (no other awards)
Friday 12 September  Tea@Tina’s 3.10pm
Wednesday 17 September  Kakadu Concert (Years 3 and 4 Choir)
Thursday 18 September  Community Day (SRC fundraiser for Heart Foundation)
Friday 19 September  Last day of Term 3

Students Return to school for Term 4 on Tuesday 7 October in full summer uniform

Kindergarten 2015

Term 4 is a busy time as we prepare for Kindergarten 2015. Orientation morning is on Thursday 23 October. If you are enrolling your child for next year please pop your enrolment form into the office as soon as possible.

Congratulations Charli…

In week 2 of Term 3, I attended the PSSA swimming carnival in Melbourne. I achieved 7th in the NSW B team medley relay, 6th in the 200 individual medley, 5th in the 100 backstroke, joint 5th in the 50 backstroke and disqualified in the 100 butterfly. I was disqualified for not surfacing before the 15 metre mark.

I’d like to thank the school for the money raised for me. I thought $700 on the Cupcake day was amazing. My friends and I had an awesome time baking and selling them. So, again thank you for making my trip the best it could possibly be.

Charli B 5/6M

Year 5 visit to CARES

On Thursday August 28 we went to CARES (Community and Road Education Scheme) to learn about bike and road safety. At CARES we didn’t just learn about bike safety, we went on bike tracks and watched videos about biking on roads. There was a mini bike track and all the year 5s wish we could go back for another ride! It is really important that we learn about bike safety because in a few years we will be riding on the road ourselves.

Will S and Amy H
Transition to High School

On Monday September 1, the Forest High School captains and vice captains came to our school to talk to year 6 about transitioning into year 7. They talked about the highlights and challenges of high school. We were able to ask questions and they even told us that they enjoy high school more than primary school! I’m sure the whole of year 6 is really excited about next year and are feeling even more prepared thanks to the visit of the year 12 leaders.

Miranda L

Gail Smith  Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this term is:

| Weeks 1 and 6 | Politey greet and respond to all |
| Weeks 2 and 7 | Am I prepared for school? |
| Weeks 3 and 8 | Say please, thank you and excuse me |
| Weeks 4 and 9 | Uniform – am I wearing my uniform with pride |
| Weeks 5 and 10 | Accept differences and encourage others |

Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Weeks 6 & 7

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SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Administration News

Supervision of students at school
Before school there is a teacher on duty from 8.40am as students arrive at school. There is no supervision at school prior to 8.40am. Parents are asked to use Forest Kids for before school care prior to 8.40am.

After school, apart from staff bus duty, there is no staff supervision of the playground after 3.10pm.

Band students should be taken directly to the band room when they arrive at their band time.

Head Lice
We have identified an outbreak of head lice at school. Head lice are extremely contagious. To quickly resolve the problem we are asking all parents to inspect their child’s hair and scalp and treat their child’s hair with a treatment obtained from your local pharmacy. It is important that after using such a preparation as directed, considerable care and time must be taken to comb the hair with a fine tooth comb to remove all the dead eggs and lice.

Re-infestation is always possible, hence the importance of regular examination. A second treatment eight to ten days later also helps to ensure complete elimination. School hats should also be treated.

If all parents follow the above program we feel sure that this problem can be eliminated.

School News

Swimming Programme 2014
The optional swimming programme for students in years 2-6 begins on Monday 8 September at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Students depart school at 12.45pm and need to wear their sports uniform. Please bring a towel, swimming costume, swimming cap (or hair tied back), a long t-shirt and thongs.

Sports Update
The Zone Athletics Carnival was held on Monday 25 August at the Narrabeen Academy of Sport. Frenchs Forest students put on a magnificent display of speed, strength and skill in all the track and field events. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top four in their events:

- Gus D – 1st in 8 Years 100m
- Zed D – 2nd in 11 Years 100m, 4th in 11 Years 200m
- Marcus V – 2nd 11 Years Discus
- Lucy E – 2nd 12 Years Shot Put
- Rocco G – 3rd Junior Long Jump
- Willem S – 3rd 11 Years Long Jump
- Charli B – 4th in 12 Years 800m
- Ethan B – 4th in 12 Years 800m
- James H – 4th in 12 Years 200m
Congratulations also to Gabi L and Halle S who were both willing to step in at the last minute when a team member had to pull out of their event. Good luck to Gus, Zed, Marcus and Lucy who will represent Warringah Zone at the Area carnival on Monday 8 September.

Summer sports trials will begin this Friday. Students will be able to try out for the following sports:

- Eagle Tag – Boys and girls in years 3-4, and girls in years 5-6
- Cricket – Girls in years 3-6
- T-Ball – Boys in years 3-5
- Softball – Boys in year 6

Message from Kevin White

Kevin White from the MightyMite Sydney Kings would like to send a BIG thank you to all the children at Frenchs Forest Public School for inviting him to your school presentation. Sydney Kings will provide any student with 2 free tickets for the first home game on Saturday 11 October. For your free tickets log onto www.sydneykings.com and look for the ‘Junior Dunker’ button.

Operation Art

We are very proud of Sophie Y, Kelly S and Douglas E whose art works were selected for Operation Art this year. This exhibition will open this Saturday 6 September and families are invited to view these art works and others from students throughout NSW. Operation Art is an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Armory Gallery, Newington – Sydney Olympic Park
Dates: 6 September – 26 October 2014
Address: Jamieson St, Sydney Olympic Park
Telephone: 02 9714788 Daily 10:00am-4:00pm
Official Opening: 6 September 2014
Workshops: 9 September-19 September 2014

Philippa Yeats
Specialist Education Teacher

LRC News

Author Visit

I haven’t officially reported on our author visit in week 4 but know that you’ll have heard from your children just how much fun they had with the wonderful Ursula Dubosarsky. It was a great day with Ursula effortlessly engaging all children in the school. The desired result of encouraging reading was definitely achieved if the number of requests for her books is anything to go by.

Book Week Book Fair

Thank you very much to all the marvellous families who supported our Book Week Book Fair. You came, despite atrocious weather and showed an enormous degree of support for the school and the library. We achieved sales of over $4,500 giving us commission in cash in excess of $900 for new resources for the LRC. Thank you once again for helping us achieve this.
Book Week Character Day
Our Book Week character day was also a big success. The children had fun, the staff had fun and, together with the Great Book Swap, we raised $467.50 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This is a very generous contribution from our school community.

Children’s Book Council Book of the Year awards
You might be interested in these awards if you are looking for recommended books. All children in K-2 have spent the first half of term looking at them and were very pleased to see that the titles most in favour with FFPS students were also the titles that won major prizes. Our favourites were The Swap which won Early Childhood Book of the Year, King Pig which won an Honour award and Jeremy which won the Information Book of the Year Award.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
As you all know the PRC is well and truly finished for this year. Well done indeed to all students who finished the Challenge in 2014. Don’t stop reading though as apart from anything else, books read from 1 September 2014 can be entered in the 2015 Challenge when registration opens in March next year. Thank you once again for all the support for our reading and book activities throughout the year and especially in this Book Week term.

Claire Peters
Teacher Librarian

P & C News

President’s Report
The P & C would like to welcome Sally Tate to the role of Band Convenor. Thank you Sally for taking on this vital position.

Sandie Docker
P&C President

Cup of Veg
Thank you to all the parent and Year 6 helpers who chopped and packed and chopped some more for Cup of Veg week. It was a great success with many children taking part and experiencing some new tastes.

Tea @ Tina's
A reminder that the Tea @ Tina’s Reunion is coming up on Friday 12 September at 3pm. Please pass the invitation on to all past families. We would love to see you all there.

Charlotte Nash
FFPS Canteen Convener
**Fair News - Sunday 9 November from 10.00am-3.00pm**

There are a few things you can do to get involved with the fair

1. Please bring in items, in good condition, to be sold at our white elephant stall, books, toys, games, bric-a-brac, etc.
2. If you, the company you work for or your own company would like to donate a prize for either the raffle or silent auction, please drop off any donations to the office in an envelope marked “Fair Donation – Attn: Tonya Richards”.
3. If you, or anyone you know, would like to have a stall at the fair, please call or email me and I will send along the necessary details.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me on 0410 297 556 or at wifie.richards@gmail.com

**Tonya Richards - Fair Co-ordinator**

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**WARRINGAH COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

The spring school holidays are fast approaching and Warringah Council have supplied the school with copies of their Vacation Care brochures. Activities for the spring vacation include visits to the Australian Museum, Taronga Zoo, Luna Park, theatre, movies at Fox Studios and more. Pick up a copy of the brochure with discount vouchers and enrolment form from the office foyer or download a copy from www.warringah.nsw.gov.au