Centenary celebrations
2016 will see our lovely old school turn 100. We are already excited about what we can do to celebrate and the P&C is forming a committee to work on ideas. The first meeting will be held on Thursday 26 March at 7pm in the staffroom. There is an open invitation to attend this meeting so please come along and help us plan great 100 years events.

School app
The School and the P&C are excited about exploring the opportunity of a joint venture, Frenchs Forest Public School smartphone App. There are lots of ideas as to how we could use technology to streamline communication through an App including:

- The Forest Focus
- School calendar
- Photos and videos of events
- Gathering of ideas for improvements
- Welcome pack for new families
- Fundraising event ticket sales
- Online ordering possibilities
- Showcasing School / P&C initiatives
- Grounds and Garden maps and focus areas
- Reminders before mufti days / carnivals
- Staff and P&C contacts
- And lots, lots more!

A prototype version to spark initial discussion will be presented at the P&C meeting at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 5 May in the staff room. If you can't make the meeting, please email your ideas to ffpspandcsecretary@gmail.com and we will include in the discussions. The possibilities are endless and we would love to get your ideas and feedback.

Primary ethics
I have had an inquiry about offering primary ethics to students who are currently in non-scripture. Please find information below:

The ethics curriculum is approved by the Department of Education to be delivered per stage, and the classes are conducted as a ‘community of inquiry’. We require a minimum of 6 children to support the discussion-style class and a maximum of 22. To offer ethics classes in a school, we require at least 2 volunteers; an ethics co-ordinator and at least one ethics teacher.
The co-ordinator liaises between the school, Primary Ethics and the ethics teachers and organises the necessary compliance paperwork and training for the teachers. The teacher(s) facilitate the weekly class(es), must complete the necessary checks and training and be available every week for a minimum of 1 year.

For further information please visit the website at www.primaryethics.com.au. To move forward we need parents who are interested in taking on these roles. Please contact me if you are interested in co-ordinating or teaching ethics at school.

Gail Smith Principal

Coming events

Monday 23 March  Young Leaders’ Day for Year 6
23-25 March  Parent teacher interviews
Thursday 26 March  School Athletics Carnival K-6
Saturday 28 March  Election cake stall
Thursday 2 April  Easter Hat Parade 2.15pm
Last day of Term 1

Focus for parents

Personal Best

Children at Frenchs Forest School are encouraged to do their personal best in all areas of school life. Our children are all individuals and, as such, personal best will look very different for each child. Our school merit procedures begin by recognising personal best and PBs are awarded to children for a range of reasons to acknowledge their efforts. What comes easily to some children will be a big step to others.

We always encourage children to acknowledge differences, accept others and celebrate achievements together.

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this term is:

| Weeks 1 and 6 | Am I prepared for school? |
| Weeks 2 and 7 | Politely greet and respond to all |
| 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 1 Weeks 6 and 7

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS
Ella M, Ben C
**Administration News**

**Permission Notes**
Please ensure that when returning permission notes, one is filled in for **each** child.

**Linda Lyell**
Administrative Manager

**SRC News**

The Frenchs Forest Student Representative Council has sat twice so far this term to discuss and determine which charities our school will support this year. This is done in a democratic way, where the children nominate, discuss and then vote on the four charities they will support. Following the nominations, they discuss what they will do to raise money to support the charities.

This year the students have decided to support the following charities:

- **Term 1 March 27** Animal Welfare League
- **Term 2 May 19** Kids Cancer Research
- **Term 3 September 1** Salvos
- **Term 4 12 October** Bear Cottage

**Mrs Robyn Cliff**
SRC Co-ordinator

**P & C News**

**President’s Report**
Thank you to the families who came to the working bee on Sunday 15 March. Your efforts in helping keep our school grounds looking beautiful are much appreciated. Please see items below for upcoming events from your P&C.

**Did you know?** It takes 360 volunteer hours per term to service the canteen, enabling your P&C to provide healthy recess snacks and lunches to your children, keeping them fuelled for a busy day’s learning. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 5 May, 7:30pm in the staff room.

**Sandie Docker**
P&C President
ffpsspandc@gmail.com

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on Sundae Thursday – it was very sticky and very yummy!

**Charlotte Nash**
FFPS Canteen Convenor
ffpsspandccanteen@gmail.com
**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is open this Saturday 21 March from 3:45pm to 4:15pm so please come along and organize your winter uniform as Term 2 is swiftly approaching.

A reminder that the FFPS winter uniform is…
For the girls:
- Winter tunic with either the summer short sleeve blouse OR the long sleeve blouse
- Black tights or short white socks
For the boys:
- Long grey trousers with either the short sleeve polo OR the long sleeve polo

We stock everything above except for the short white socks. We also have track pants to go with our sports uniform for those colder days, bomber jackets, sloppy joes, FFPS raincoats and FFPS scarfs.

If you are not able to visit during our opening times you can complete an order form which is available from the office or download from our FFPS website. Orders are filled each Friday and can be sent to your child’s classroom or available for collection at the office.

Please note that, at the Uniform Shop or if using the order form, payment is by cash or cheque only. Please make the cheque payable to FFPS Uniform Shop.

Opening dates for the remainder of the term 1 are:
- Saturday 21 March from 3:45pm to 4:15pm
- Friday 27 March from 8:45am to 9:15am

**Deb Hishon**  
Uniform Shop Convenor  
ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

**Band News**

This morning, our Performance band has entertained grandparents and friends of FFPS – I’m sure they all enjoyed listening to our talented students! The Performance band will also be performing at this Friday’s assembly, with the Concert band performing next week (Friday 27 March)

Training band members will be experiencing their first taste of “band camp” as such on Sunday 29 March. We wish them a day full of lovely learning experiences and look forward to seeing/hearing all of the improvement that comes from days like these!

Please keep an eye out for the notes for Camp Kedron – hard copies to be handed out to the children. The preliminary paperwork is requested to be handed in ASAP, preferably before Thursday 2 April. All Term 1 fees should be paid by this date.

**Sally Tate**  
Band Convenor  
ffpspandcbband@gmail.com
**Fundraising**

Dates for your diary

- **Saturday 28 March** – Election Day Cake Stall and BBQ
- **Thursday 23 April** – Next Fundraising meeting at 7:30 in the P & C Room
- **Saturday 23 May** – Trivia Night
- **Friday 31 July** – Disco
- **Sunday 8 November** – Christmas Fair

With the **Election Day cake** stall just around the corner it is time to get baking. We need some volunteers to help run the BBQ and sell cakes. Any and all help will be welcomed and appreciated!! Come for an hour or stay for the day.

Our new fundraising goal over the next 2 years is $100K for 100 years of FFPS, in preparation for next year’s Centenary year.

If you have any great fundraising ideas or if you are interested in getting involved and being a part of helping us reach this amazing goal then please contact me. There are many opportunities for you to get involved. You can help us organize and run any of the above activities. Many hands make light work so get involved, come have some fun with us and help us reach our amazing fundraising goal!

**Tonya Richards**
Fundraising Convenor
ffpsandcfundraising@gmail.com

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**WARRINGAH COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

The autumn school holidays are fast approaching and Warringah Council have supplied the school with copies of their Vacation Care brochures. Activities for the autumn vacation include visits to Cockatoo Island, Taronga Zoo, IMAX Theatre, Featherdale Wildlife Park 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.