**Principal’s Message**

**Coming events**

- **Friday 4 September**: Father’s day breakfast at the Canteen from 8.00am
- **Tuesday 8 September**: Years 3-6 Sportspro (wear sport uniform)
- **Wednesday 9 September**: K-2 Sportspro (wear sports uniform)
- **Wednesday 9 September**: Year 5 and 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp 8am
- **Thursday 10 September**: Year 3 and 4 selected students to enrichment
- **Friday 11 September**: Year 5 and 6 return from camp 3.30-4.00pm
- **Sunday 13 September**: Battle of the Bands at Balgowlah North PS
- **Monday 14 September**: Open classrooms 8.40am-9.30am
- **Tuesday 15 September**: Cyber safety talk to years 5 and 6 by NSW police
- **Thursday 17 September**: Creature Cookies for sale 50c
- **Thursday 17 September**: Surf Education talk to Years 4-6
- **Friday 18 September**: Sports awards presented at assembly 2.00pm
- **Friday 18 September**: Last day of Term 3

**Term 4 diary dates**

- **Tuesday 6 October**: Students return in full summer uniform (K-2 sports uniform)
- **Thursday 15 October**: K-2 Cross Country Carnival 2.30pm

**Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

Our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. You can access the survey, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:


The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home and parent views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

**Creature Cookies for sale**

Over the term kindergarten and year one children have been learning about how knowledge of animals and their needs can inspire action towards their conservation. Through our engaging learning activities, the students were encouraged to reflect on the needs of our world’s
creatures, and consider ways in which they can support the organisations that care for them. Kindergarten and year one have come together to raise funds for the organisations that visited our school to teach our students about the importance of animal welfare.

On Thursday 17 September the students will be holding a Creature Cookie Stall. Kindergarten and year one children will be contributing a plate of cookies on the day to sell to our student community K-6. Cookies will be 50c each.

School app
I am pleased to let parents know that our school app is up and running! For instructions on how to install the skoolbag app on your phone or tablet device, please follow instructions below. Once installed, please subscribe to your relevant grade/s and the Forest Focus if you would like push notifications. The app will enable parents to easily access the school calendar and newsletters on phones and tablets. There is also an option to submit absentee and change of details e-forms through the app. Please contact the school if you have any difficulties or questions.

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for "SkoolBag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The SkoolBag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
Anita Chin parent maths workshop
We still have a few spaces left for the parent workshop on Friday 9 October at 9.15am. Please contact the office or Gail if you will be attending.

Primary Ethics
Primary Ethics provides an opportunity for NSW public primary school students who do not attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. To facilitate classes we need a volunteer who is available every Friday to teach the classes starting in 2016. Ethics classes teach children how to approach issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver the age-appropriate curriculum. For more information about the role or to volunteer, please go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au and contact Naomi Gaskell (Ethics Co-ordinator) gaskellnaomi@gmail.com

Parking
The school has organised a security guard to man the entry gates to the Ann Street carpark for the mornings for a period of time. We are endeavouring to stop all day commuters from parking so we have space for our parents.

Gail Smith
Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this term is:

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Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Weeks 6 and 7

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS
Callan W, Siaan C, Kiara J, Hayden H, Alexander Y, Sebastian H

MEDAL RECIPIENTS
Lily G, Katelyn G, Toby P, Emily B, Callan W, Siaan C
SRC News

Thank you to all the students for donating to our Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army by wearing red on Tuesday 1 September. We managed to raise $333.00. Such a great effort.

The SRC Committee

P & C News

The P&C have set up a P&C Facebook page to keep you up to date with P&C activities. If you are on Facebook, please 'like' our page so that you can see our updates and remember to 'like' our posts so that they continue to show up in your newsfeed. It would be particularly helpful if you could share posts that we put up to promote our School Fair to the wider community. Thank you for your support for our P&C! The page is called 'Frenchs Forest Public School P & C - click on this link to take you straight there:
https://www.facebook.com/frenchsforestpublicschoolpandc

Canteen

Don’t forget to bring your dad to Father’s Day breakfast this Friday 4 September at the canteen from 8am – 8.45am. Yummy housemade muffins & quiches will be available to purchase, along with toasted sandwiches, yoghurt, muesli cups, tea, coffee and juice.

Charlotte Nash
Canteen Convenor

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is only open one more Friday before the end of term. Don’t forget that students will be required to be back in their summer uniform from the start of Term 4.

The last opening date for Term 3 is:
• Friday 11 September 8.45 – 9.15am

We will be open for the first week of Term 4:
• Tuesday October 6 from 8:15am to 9:15am and
• Friday October 9 from 8:15am to 9:15am

We would like to give a warm welcome to Leanne Heal as our new Uniform Shop Manager. Leanne’s two boys used to attend FFPS so she is very familiar with our school community and excited to be back. Leanne will be taking care of the day to day running of the shop. Please welcome Leanne back to the school - we are very pleased to have her!

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 sent be 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.

Deb Hishon
Uniform Shop Convener
Band

The past couple of weeks have seen all of our bands performing before appreciative audiences, both at school and in public. All members have shown great musical ability, whether as a solo or as part of the band. We thank all of those members who have participated in these events and hope that you have gained more confidence from performing in public!

Our Concert Band played outside on a covered stage at the Belrose Home Show last Sunday, which is a different scenario to the usual show inside the Hall! They contended with sun and some wind but were well received by a great crowd.

The Performance band will be again try to bring home the shield (and prizemoney) from the annual Battle of the Bands being held at North Balgowlah Public School on Sunday 13 September. The school also has a Trash and Treasure day, so please come along and support our band!

Thanks again to our band parents who have been helping out with supervision in the band room, supplying afternoon tea at the solo showcases and moving instruments and equipment.

UPCOMING Events for Term 4
Friday 9 October - Training band : assembly performance
Thursday 29 October - Performance band : playing outside the Hall for 2016 Kindy Orientation
Friday 13 November - Concert band : assembly performance

Sally Tate
Band Convenor

Fundraising

Fair – Sunday 8 November 2015
The fair is approaching quickly so we are now starting our collection of items for the white elephant stall. Think of a large garage sale. If you would sell it in your own garage sale then we will put it in our white elephant at the fair. We would greatly appreciate some help sorting the white elephant donations, please contact me.
If you or someone you know are interested in having a stall at the fair, please contact me and I will send you some details.
Any questions about the fair or fundraising, please don't hesitate to contact me at ffpsandcfundraising@gmail.com

Tonya Richards
Fundraising Convenor
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 Sydney Trapeze School, Movies at Fox Studios, Botanic Gardens, Monster Skate Park, Circus Factory, Taronga Zoo 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.