Principal’s Message

What’s happening at school?
✓ Check the school calendar on the app or website
✓ Read the notes via the app or email on a Thursday
✓ Read the Forest Focus (every second week)

Please remember to update your grade for push notifications on the app.

Meet your teacher – Tuesday 9 February
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 – 5pm in classrooms
- Years 3 and 4 – 5.30pm in classrooms
- Years 5 and 6 – 6pm in classrooms

This is an opportunity for teachers to give parents an overview of the class routines, the merit award system, the behaviour expectations and some school administration. Parents who are unable to attend will be emailed a class newsletter with this information.

Please note that this evening does not allow for individual parent chats – please make a time that is convenient to have a meeting with your child’s teacher about any concerns you may have. Teachers email addresses will be on the class newsletter.

2016 Class Organisation

KL  Mrs Lauren Larsen
KS  Mrs Aleen Sarkisian
1D  Mrs Kylie Davidson (Assistant Principal K-2 team leader)
1E  Mrs Elizabeth Davies
1/2M Mr Matt McCarron
2W  Mrs Kathryn Wickham
3B  Miss Kate Butcher
3H  Miss Lisa Huwaidi
4P  Mr Matthew Philips
4S  Mrs Frances Separovich (Assistant Principal 3-4 team leader)
5D  Mrs Sushma Dua
5/6B Mrs MJ Broomfield (Assistant Principal 5-6 team leader)
6M  Mrs Lauren Morton
Science  Mrs Sara Steiner
Music    Ms Fiona Davy
Library  Mrs Claire Peters
School Counsellor  Ms Cliona Mulloy
Administrative Manager  Mrs Linda Lyell
Administrative Officer  Mrs Annie Peake
Administrative Officer /Library  Mrs Judy Wilkinson
SLSO  Mrs Jane McConnell
General Assistant  Mr Duncan McDiarmid and Mr Steve Condon
Assembly
Our first school assembly for 2016 will be on Friday 12 February at 2pm in the hall. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for assemblies on Fridays. At our first assembly, badges will be handed out for Year 6 Leaders (those students who do not hold an elected position).

Every term we will hold a special awards assembly. This will be an opportunity to present school medals, certificates and sporting awards. Allocating dates will give parents an opportunity to plan their schedules to attend these special presentations. Please set aside the following dates for the special awards assemblies:
Term 1  Friday 1 April 2pm
Term 2  Friday 24 June
Term 3  Friday 16 September
Term 4  Friday 18 November

Communication at FFPS
Ongoing and timely communication across the school is important. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, the stage supervisor or myself if you have any concerns at all.

Extra-curricular Timetable

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Remember…
Monday 8 February   P&C meeting at 7.30 – enter through the Sorlie Rd gates
Tuesday 9 February  Parent information sessions
Monday 8 February   Dance for years 4-6 begins
Wednesday 10 Feb    Dance for year 3 begins
Friday 12 February  Chess lessons begin (Years 2-6)

Gail Smith
Principal

Administration News

Student Absences
If your child is absent from school please inform the school as soon as possible. This may be done easily on the school app (go to eForms), or an email to the class teacher, school office or written note.
All late arrivals and early departures come through the school office.

Text Books
The Handwriting text book will be handed to students next week. Please forward your payment of $12.05 if you have not already done so.

Thank you
Linda Lyell
Administrative Manager
Welcome (back) to a new year at FFPS in our Centenary Year. Your P&C, together with the school, are planning some exciting events to celebrate this momentous occasion, so make sure you keep abreast of what’s happening by keeping an eye on the Forest Focus. Also, the teaching staff worked incredibly hard last year to put together an amazing 2016 program of learning for our children encompassing the Centenary theme, so expect some great things to be coming out of the classroom.

Your P&C sub-committees, all volunteers, worked hard in the holidays to make sure our services, like Canteen, Band and Uniform Shop, were up and running for the beginning of the term. Our first fundraiser will be kicking off shortly. It’s an exciting initiative, so I hope you will support your P&C so we can continue to provide equipment and services to enhance YOUR child’s time at FFPS.

Last year we committed to funding rich literature texts, playground enhancements, continued supporting technologies used in the classroom and so much more. Without you, your P&C can’t achieve these things, so however and whenever you can, I urge you to get involved. How much we all put in as a community directly impacts how much we can enrich our children’s learning and experiences at FFPS.

If you would like to get involved, please don’t hesitate to contact me ffpspandcpresident@gmail.com. You will be welcomed with open arms, a warm smile and maybe even some cupcakes.

Our first meeting for the year is on Monday 8 February, 7.30pm in the staffroom. Come along, find out what happens at your P&C and have your say.

Sandie Docker
President (Year 5 Mum)

Your 2016 P&C roles

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For details on the P&C roles please refer to the school website.
Welcome to 2016

The Committee is currently looking for a new Roster co-ordinator. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the school community and get to know other parents. We cannot run our Canteen without the help of our wonderful volunteers. We welcome all volunteers, whether you would like to help regularly or just help for a single shift during term. In addition to the morning and afternoon shifts for the regular running of the Canteen, there are a number of other activities for which the Canteen relies on volunteer assistance, such as baking for Catch up @ Carrie’s or helping with the laundry.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact me at ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com

Casuals wanted
We are looking for two casual employees to support the Canteen supervisor. This role would be a regular casual position, covering unfilled roster shifts, providing emergency cover for volunteers and leave cover for the supervisor.

This is a fabulous opportunity for someone who would like flexibility and the opportunity to work around school hours.

For a detailed job description, please email: ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com

Applications close on 11 February 2016

Charlotte Nash
Canteen Convenor

Uniform Shop

Welcome back. We have had two very busy days for the start of Term 1 and it was lovely to meet all the new families to our school.

The Uniform Shop will be open every Friday for the term, from 8:30am to 9:30am. While our Uniform Shop is run by the P&C and will continue to be staffed with volunteers, we do need a permanent Uniform Shop Manager. We would like to welcome Fiona Bateson to the role. Fiona is no stranger to the Uniform Shop. As one of our school mums, she has been volunteering in the shop for the last few terms so please look out for her on our open days.

If you are unable to get to the shop on a Friday, you can complete an order form which is available from the office or download a copy 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.

**Helpers needed!!**  For all parents, current and new, if you would like to help out in the Uniform Shop please let me know (I can be contacted via the office or at ffspandcuniform@gmail.com). You would only be needed for one or two Friday mornings at the most. It’s great fun and you get to meet other members of our school community. Younger siblings are always welcome too – we have a play corner with toys!

Deb Hishon  
Uniform Shop Convenor

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**Band**

Welcome back to Band 2016. All three bands have now started rehearsals, with a new group of enthusiastic Year 3 students joining the Training Band.

Band rehearsal times are as follows:
- Mondays – Performance Band at 7.30am
- Tuesday – Training Band at 7.30am
- Wednesday – Concert Band at 7.30am
- Thursday – Performance Band at 7.30am  
  Training Band at 8.20am
- Friday – Concert Band at 8.20am

If you are unable to attend rehearsals, please contact Mr Squire or myself via text (I have recently emailed mobile numbers to parents).

Invoices for the year will be emailed next week. Please contact me if you don’t receive these. Term 1 fees include Band Camp (Concert/Performance) and Jam-In day (Training), so prompt payment would be appreciated.

Forms for camps will be issued within the next two weeks (hard copy and email).

Parent supervisors for rehearsals are still needed. The roster is on the band room door. Please feel free to write your name in any gaps or contact me via text (0411 288 335) or email ffpsandcband@gmail.com. I have sent out a number of emails including a tutor list. If you haven’t been receiving them, please contact me. We are looking forward to a fun year.

Sally Tate  
Band Convenor