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)

Centenary – let the celebrations begin…
What an exciting year ahead as we celebrate our 100 years of quality education at FFPS! Our first event will be the birthday assembly for the children. Parents are warmly invited to attend our birthday assembly on Friday 4 March at 2pm in the school hall. 1D will be hosting the assembly and there will a few surprises for the children. This will be followed by Catch-up @ Carrie’s from 3.10pm onwards.

Centenary learning program
To make this centenary year memorable and meaningful for the children, the staff have been developing a program of teaching and learning around Frenchs Forest Public School, from early Aboriginal beginnings to the present day. We have been working with a highly regarded author and historian, Nadia Wheatley, to set the direction for our learning.

We will be working in four time periods over the year and will celebrate the children’s learning at the end of each term with a student led show and tell assembly.

Children will be exploring the time periods through a range of learning activities across the curriculum, including English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Science and Visual art. The four time periods we will be working in are:

Deep Time ……1716- 1788
All that people needed to do was live in harmony with nature and respect the Law of the land.

Belonging to the Land 1788-1900
And as their feet followed Aboriginal pathways through the bush, they began to belong to the land.

Commonwealth of Australia 1901-1946
It meant that the people of Australia started to develop their own unique identity linking them together for their common well-being.

New Australians 1947-2010
The Anglo-Australian culture gradually began to adapt and change.

(Text taken from Australians All by Nadia Wheatley with permission)
Parent volunteers at school
Parents or close relatives volunteering to help at school are exempt from the Working With Children Check unless the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves personal care of a student with a disability. NSW Department of Education schools have a special exemption from the national register. This means that parent volunteers who help at school only need to fill in the working with children declaration for volunteers and 100 point check. This parent volunteer declaration supports our school's Child Protection procedures, but does not provide an official WWC clearance number. The forms are available from the office, website or school app.

Planned Absences
If you know your child will be absent from school for an extended period, please let me know dates and reason for absence. Families taking leave for holidays longer than one week will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave, available from the office.

Remember...
Wednesday 2 March  Zone Swimming (selected students)
Friday 4 March  Centenary birthday assembly 2pm
               Catch-up at Carrie’s

Gail Smith
Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this term is:

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Assembly Award Winners

Term 1 Week 3
SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS
Isaac L, Amelia H

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS
Zach T

Administration News

Term account
The term 1 2016 Statement of Account has been mailed home today. If there were any outstanding items from 2015, it will appear in the opening balance. There is also an item called KLA resources. To facilitate the new maths, history, geography studies the school was able to
purchase the items at a very cheap price (whiteboards, markers, plastic wipe sheets etc.) and it was not necessary to add to your stationery list.

I also wish to draw your attention to the voluntary tax deductible Library Fund. Due to the new finance system, this fund does not appear in the body of the account but as an addition to the final balance. Families wishing to make this valuable tax deductible contribution need to add it to the total account. $80 per family (2+ children) or $45.00 per single student family. These funds are used to purchase critical resources in our Library Resource Centre and is greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Craft
If you have any spare corks at home, please drop them into the office.

Linda Lyell
Administrative Manager

P & C News

President’s Report
ffpspandcpresident@gmail.com

Last Tuesday your P&C had a stand at the Meet the Teacher evening where we gave out refreshments and information. It was lovely to meet so many new parents and reconnect with familiar faces. Hopefully we shed some light on what your P&C do and, if you have any questions about your P&C or about school and you’re not sure who to ask, please do make contact at the email address above. We are here to help.

There is a lot going on in the sub-committees, so make sure you read below to find out just what your P&C volunteers are doing for your school and your children and how you might be able to help.

Next P&C meeting will be Monday 14 March at 7:30pm in the Staff Room. Come along and find out about the amazing things your P&C are doing. I hear the cupcakes at the last meeting were worth coming for.

Sandie Docker
President (year 5 mum)

Uniform Shop
ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

The Uniform Shop will be open every Friday for the term, from 8:30am to 9:30am.
***Girls Winter Trouser Order***
If you're unsure of the sizing, please come into the Uniform shop prior to the order deadline and try a pair on – the trousers will be available in the shop to try on this Friday Feb 19. If you are unable to come into the shop and you wish to try on the winter trousers, they are available at the school office. Please see Mrs Peake. Remember the orders must be made by Thursday Feb 25 via the silver box at the front office. Please include the correct money for your order.

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 the above email address). 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 – we have a play corner with toys!

Deb Hishon
Uniform Shop Convenor

Fundraising
fpspanddfundraising@gmail.com

We look forward to a wonderful year celebrating our school “high on the hill” turning 100 years. At FFPS we have some fun social events throughout the year to help raise funds to keep our classrooms and playground looking fabulous. Being involved in these events is a great way to meet other parents from all the different years of the school community.

I would love to hear from any mums or dads who would like to be involved in planning and helping to run some of these fun events. We will hold a get together in the parent room (next to the Uniform shop). Please enter through the pedestrian gate at Sorlie Place on Monday 29 February at 7.30pm. I have some ideas and hope you do as well. I hope to see you there.

WIN A CAR
This year we are participating in the Northern Beaches Rotary Raffle where the prize is a white Nissan Geneva Micra 4 door hatch. Our goal is to raise enough money from this raffle to buy a class set of laptops for the library.

On Thurs 25 February we will be sending home raffle tickets with all the children. These tickets will be sold for $2 each. If you do not wish to participate please email Lisa at the address above by 24 February.

Kids Paradise at Forestville, have kindly donated gift vouchers for the top 5 selling students. The class that sells the most tickets will be treated to a pizza party! All tickets need to be returned by Thursday 24 March to the silver letterbox, sold or unsold.

Lisa Frew 0418 627 759
Fundraising Convenor
HELPING YOUR 3-6 YEAR OLD CHILD WITH ANXIETY

A SERIES OF 2 WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Session 1:
- What is anxiety?
- What are the symptoms, impacts and causes of anxiety?
- Ways to overcome anxiety
- Things to work on

Session 2:
- What hasn't worked and why?
- Traps to avoid
- Different types of anxiety
- Where to seek help

VENUE: Dalwood Spillsted Service - Dining Room
21 Dalwood Avenue, Seaforth
DATES: Tuesday 1st March AND Tuesday 15th March
(participants must attend both sessions)
TIME: 6.30pm - 9.00pm
COST: $80pp for the 2 sessions

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 8877 5152
These workshops will be run by a qualified and experienced parent educator.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING