Principal’s Message

Your school, your community
Don’t forget the Disco this Friday! K-2 5pm-6pm, 3-6 6.15pm-7.30pm

Grandparents Day is on Thursday 27 March. An invitation with a map and program of events has been emailed to families today – please pass this on to our grandparents. This year we will be incorporating our first SRC fundraiser, holding a Teddybears Picnic for children, grandparents and teddies. Children are asked to bring in their teddy and a gold coin, raising money for Bear Cottage (Children’s Hospital Westmead). Parents may like to send in a lunchbox snack for the grandparents to share with the children during their picnic. To conclude the day staff will hold a morning tea in the staffroom for grandparents.

School administration systems
Thank you to all our parents who have been so patient and understanding with our new administration system and the issues we have had around our school accounts and receipting. We have contacted the people who are ‘fixing’ the problems to let them know there are issues with parent names and addresses on accounts and school waivers for families with more than one child.

Tree mapping
Following new DEC requirements around trees in schools the following work is currently being undertaken. An arborist will inspect all trees in and around buildings and in areas where students and staff congregate before and after school and during recess and lunch. The arborist will identify any trees that pose a risk because of their location and condition and remediation works will be carried out over the coming months. I will keep our community informed of any upcoming tree work.

Using electronic devices at school
As we move towards wireless capability across the school (upcoming school holidays) it is timely that our school community begins to think about the use of electronic devices at school. I would like to put together a focus group of parents and staff to look at developing a policy around devices at school. If you are interested in being part of this group would you contact me at gail.margaret.smith@det.nsw.edu.au

Safety in the carpark
To keep our children safe when walking between Forest Kids and the carpark, we are installing safety fences around the perimeter of the staff carpark. We are requesting children walk with their parents on the footpath around the staff carpark and stay on the building side of the safety fence, particularly as we come into winter and it is dark by 6pm.

Community update on connectivity and network enhancement around the new Northern Beaches Hospital
NSW Government Transport representatives have been doorknocking all residents local to the new hospital with proposed road upgrades. Please have a look at the flyer and website and have your say during this consultation period. Further information is available at rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects (search for Northern Beaches Hospital)

Play equipment
A reminder that the play equipment has been purpose built for school age children. It is not advisable to allow toddlers to play on the large equipment. The small equipment is appropriate for toddlers.

Gail Smith  Principal

Coming events
Friday 21 March  Disco
Thursday 27 March  Grandparents morning 10.00am -11.30am
Friday 28 March  No PSSA or Eagletag
Sunday 30 March  Working Bee at school (2pm)
Monday 31 March  Young Leaders Day (Year 6)
Monday 31 March  Years 3 & 4 excursion
Monday 31 March  Parent/teacher interviews
Tuesday 1 April  Parent/teacher interviews
Wednesday 2 April  Parent/teacher interviews
Thursday 3 April  Parent/teacher interviews
Friday 4 April  K-6 cross country carnival 11.35 am (no assembly)
Monday 7 April  Years 5 & 6 excursion to IMAX
Thursday 10 April  Athletics Carnival K-6
Friday 11 April  Easter Hat Parade (K-2) 2.10pm at Forestway shops (no assembly)
Friday 11 April  Last day of Term 1

Congratulations to our Assembly Award Winners in Term 1, Week 6

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James H

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Ruby B, Joshua M, Lauren B, Ruby G, Robert J

MEDAL RECIPIENTS
Caitlin A

Library/Resource Centre News

Grandparents’ Day Donate – A – Book
The LRC will be holding a Donate-A-Book in the Library on Grandparents Day, Thursday 27 March. This is a great chance to see some of the new titles that the Library has sourced.

For the cost of a small donation, either $5 or $10, your child will be recognized as having donated the book to the Library with a name plate on the opening page. They will also have the pleasure of being the very first child to borrow and read the book. It’s a lovely way of tracking your child’s time at FFPS and the children take great pleasure in the recognition as well as the reading!
Please come and pay us a visit after 10.00am next Thursday 27 March.

Claire Peters
Teacher Librarian
Make a Sandwich Day
Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped throughout the day to make this event possible. It was a busy but delightful day with 250 sandwiches made. Lots of children tried new things and the playground was relatively quiet as they sat and happily munched away on their creations at lunchtime.

Committee Roles
The role of Committee Convenor/Co-ordinator remains vacant. If you are interested in taking on this role or have any questions regarding the committee and our responsibility within the P&C, please feel free to contact Neroli Greenland.

We would like to introduce you to our new roster co-ordinator, Kelly-Ann Ferrie who has a son, Cooper, in Kindergarten and has kindly taken on this role. If you would like to contact Kelly-Ann with regard to volunteering, her details are below.
T: 0404 612 689
E: paraplanning.australia@gmail.com

We would like to pass on our grateful thanks to Sandie Docker who has managed the roster so efficiently (and with much humour) for the last couple of years. Thank you Sandie.

Neroli Greenland
Canteen Convenor
T: 0402 814 574
E: neroli.g@optusnet.com.au

Uniform Shop News
Our uniform shop is open this Saturday, 22 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 either long or short sleeve shirts may be worn in winter by both boys and girls. Girls may wear black tights or short white socks with the winter tunic and the boys are required to wear long trousers. All are available at the Uniform Shop. We are now stocking great FFPS raincoats for those wet days and have some lovely warm 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 ensure your order form is the current 2014 form as there have been some small stock and price changes from 2013.

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 Mar 22 from 3:45pm to 4:15pm
- Friday Mar 28 from 8:45am to 9:15am
- Friday April 11 from 8:45am to 9:15am

Deb Hishon
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
**F.F.P.S Working Bee Reminder**

**When:** Sunday 30th March 2014  
**Where:** Meeting outside the canteen  
**Time:** 2pm – 5.00pm

Come and enjoy a rewarding family afternoon working in our school grounds and on some areas needing a bit of TLC.  
**Refreshments for all the busy workers will be provided and please join us for an opportunity to socialise at the BBQ afterwards.**

**We will be working on the grounds & gardens around the school entrances:**  
- Barrowing/ mulching  
- Litter picking/ pruning  
- And as always - weeding

**What to bring:** Gloves, tools, secateurs, sun lotion, repellent, wheelbarrows and the whole family. Kids are welcome to bring scooters, trikes/bikes along for a play, but it would be nice if they did a little gardening too. (Don’t forget to wear your old clothes and proper footwear)  
If it is very wet we will have to postpone but the forecast is looking promising so far.

**Contact:** Judy Gombos 9452 4774 or Mishell Currie on ffspandc@gmail.com or on 0424 958 515

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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 Nikki Webster Dance Studio, Taronga Zoo, Luna Park, Reptile Park, Teppanyaki Restaurant 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.
Rotary Club of Belrose

EASTER EGG HUNT

Lindt
MASTER CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1845

WHEN: SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
10am - 12pm

WHERE: DAVIDSON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
Cnr Kambora Ave & Borgnis Street, DAVIDSON.

Bring your children, 12 years and under, for an EASTER EGG HUNT for Lindt Easter Eggs and to climb on a fire truck.
Enjoy coffee & tea, cold drinks & a sausage sizzle.

ENTRY:
• COFFEE & TEA $2.00
• SAUSAGE SIZZLE $3.00
• BACON & EGG ROLL $3.50

100% of monies raised will be shared by Davidson Rural Fire Brigade and a local children's charity.

Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-5yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict
Chatswood Weds/Tues 10-11:30 am, 7:45-9:30 pm

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (4-6yrs)
Supports to encourage desirable behavior and manage persistent misbehavior
Chatswood Tues/Thurs 10:30-1 pm, 7:00-9:30 pm

NEW Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PTT) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective parent-child relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood 20/6/20 7:00-9:30 pm

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescent's needs & behavior.
Chatswood 19/6/20 7:30-9:30

Toddlers Workshops (3-5yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 16/5, 10/6 & 15/6 9:30-11:00 am

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimism thinking & coping skills
Chatswood 26/6/20 7:00-9:30 pm

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
Learn how to maintain a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood 22/7/20 7:00-9:30 pm

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)
• Understanding Your Toddlers/Children & Teenagers
• Transition to School
• Transition to High School
• Triple P Session Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
• Communicating with Kids
• Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
• Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

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