



IT'S THURSDAY

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Victorian Bushfire Appeal collection last week. We raised

\$1800

Well done everyone!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3 CSIRO Weather & Climate	19 th & 20 th February	19 th Feb for 3C, SE4, 3D and 3A 20 th Feb for 3B and 3E
Year 5 Camp	22-24 April	Deposit Due 20 th February
Year 7 TIE: "Hot, Hot, Hot"	23 rd February	12.00pm in hall
Year 7 Canberra Excursion Parents Info Evening	Tues 24 th February	6.00pm-7.00pm School Resource Centre
Year 2 AVAPetPEP	Thursday 26 th February	No Cost
Year 6 TIE "The Best I Can Be"	Thursday 26 th February	Payment Due 19 th February 2.00pm in hall
Year 6 & 7 Sport starts	Friday 27 th February	All Year 6 & 7 students will participate in either Inter or Intra- School Sport Activities.
P&C Disco	Friday 27 th February	Prep-Yr 3 6.15-7.30pm Years 4-7 7.45pm-9.00pm Please note change of finishing time for Years 4-7 Disco
P&C Annual General Meeting & Monthly Meeting	Tues 10 th March	7.00pm in School Staff Room
School and House Captains Induction Assembly	Friday 13 th March	This Assembly will also launch our 2009 Active School Travel Program
Our first "WALKING, WHEELING, WEDNESDAY"	Wednesday March 18 th 7.30am-9.00am	Join in the fun at the Woogaroo St School Entrance area!
School Photos	Wednesday 29 April Thursday 30 April	Years 5-7, bands, choirs, sport Prep - year 4 and SEP

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent/Teacher Meetings

This week's Parent/Teacher Meetings were very well attended across all year levels participating. Thank you for making the time to attend these important sessions. Our class teachers appreciate the information you have been able to provide us

that will assist in providing your child with a learning program that caters for his/her specific needs. If you weren't able to make it to these meetings or wish to meet again with your child's teacher, please contact the main school office (37141222) with your request for a meeting time. We'll convey your request to your child's teacher and negotiate a mutually suitable meeting time.

Active School Travel

As I advised late last year our school has been selected as one of 21 schools to be part of Brisbane City Council's Active School Travel Program in 2009.

Active School Travel is all about reducing traffic congestion at the school gate and improving road safety. It is a positive campaign to promote clean and green, active and healthy school travel modes such as:

- walking
- cycling
- carpooling
- public transport

Brisbane City Council's Active School Travel mascot, ROADSTAR, will be visiting our school assembly on **Friday March 13th** to launch the Active School Travel Program and conduct a road crossing drill. Remember, that as adults, we lead by example so it's essential that we also do the right thing EVERY TIME we cross the road! The school travel survey results you kindly completed last November are back and showed the following for FLSS:

20% of students **walked** to school; 4% **cycled** to school; 2% **caught public transport** to or from school and 5% **carpooled**. A huge **69%** of students however, **travel as sole passengers in their family car**.

If everyone walked, cycled, carpooled or caught public transport even part the way to school, **just one day a week**, our school would become a safer, less congested place for our children.

Our first Active School Travel initiative this year will be **Walking Wheeling Wednesday** when we will be challenging everyone to leave the car at home or only drive part the way to school on Wednesdays. Look out for our first Walking Wheeling Wednesday on March 18th and become an Active Traveller!



School Discos

Our first School Disco for 2009 will be held next week on Friday February 27th. The discos are organised by our P&C Association under the direction of our hard working Fund-Raising Coordinator Margie Nightingale. The four discos that we stage each year contribute significantly to P&C funds which go directly towards improving student facilities. We require both parental and staff assistance to supervise and assist in the canteen. Any time you can give us is greatly appreciated. Let us know if you're available by contacting the school office (37141222). Without your assistance the discos are at risk of cancellation as was the case on one occasion last year.

Please note the following key information regarding our discos:

- In 2009 the Years 4-7 Disco **will conclude at 9.00pm** not 9.15pm. The finish time has been brought forward by 15 mins to encourage more parent and staff volunteers to stay to the end of the evening when we usually require the most assistance.
- Prep students attending the P-3 Disco must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver for the duration of the disco session.

- Only students currently enrolled at FLSS can attend our school discos.
- Students must be collected at the conclusion of the disco from the main Hall Entrance Foyer by a responsible adult. Students won't be released to walk to cars.

School Dress Code

One of the strengths of our school is the consistently high standard of our students wearing the correct school uniform each day to school. It contributes greatly to your children's personal pride in both themselves and their school. Lately we've noticed this standard has started to slip. They're only little things but they make a big difference to the overall appearance of our students. The main areas that need to be improved are:

1. **Hair Colouring:** It's a breach of the School Dress Code for students to wear clearly unnatural hair colouring whether it be in streaks, patches, lettering or other patterns.
2. **Makeup:** It's a breach of the School Dress Code for students to wear any type of makeup to school. This includes coloured sun protection cream, coloured nail polish, false eyelashes, lipstick, eye liner, false fingernails and any type of temporary tattoo.
3. **Jewellery:** The only jewellery students are permitted to wear to school is one wristwatch. If students have pierced ears they are required to wear one pair of low profile ear studs whilst in school uniform. Rings, bangles, earrings/pendants, necklaces and medallions are not to be worn.
4. **Hair Accessories:** All ribbons or elastic bands must be of a similar colour to the formal and sports school uniforms which are teal, yellow or white. Hair is to be tied back at all times.
5. **Coloured Footwear and Socks:** All shoes and socks worn to school should blend with the uniform. "Loud" unrelated colours are not to be worn. We request the wearing of white socks and black shoes with the dress uniform and predominantly white sports shoes with the sports uniform.

A condition of enrolment at Forest Lake State School is that students adhere to the School Dress Code which is accessible via the school website.

We want **all** our students to look their best at all times. Please keep a close eye on what your children are wearing to school each morning. Please contact me if you require any more information or clarification regarding our school dress code.

Our Students in the Public Eye

Anytime you observe FLSS students behaving in an inappropriate manner in public, particularly around any of the Forest Lake Shopping Centres, please call me a.s.a.p. through the school office 37141222. We're very committed to preserving the good reputation of our school. Students found to have misbehaved in a manner that brings our school into disrepute whilst in uniform in the public domain, are subject to consequences as outlined in our school behaviour plan which is accessible via the school website.

With regards
John Faragher, Principal

GOLF TRIALS

Students need to be 12 years or younger by 31 December 2009.

Trials will be at Gales Golf Course (299 Wilruna St Wacol) on Tuesday 10 March from 8.30am.

Nomination and Green fees = \$11.00

Requirements: all golfing gear and neat playing attire, water bottle, sunscreen and hat and lunch (lunch may be purchased at the club)

Handicap limits: boys 0-16 and girls 0-45

Nomination form is available from the office (Kay Hogan).

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Allison Masuch (7C) represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival last Friday (13th February). Allison was runner-up for Age Champion for her age group. Well done, Allison, you represented our school very well!

Allison will go on to the Regional Swimming Carnival 04 March.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on Thursday 6 August 2009. The competition is open to students in Years 3 to 7. The competition is voluntary and is designed for more able students in mathematics who need an additional challenge. The cost of participation is \$6 per child. If you would like your child to participate, permission forms and payment details are available through your child's teacher or the school office. All entries **MUST** be received by the end of Term 1 (before the Easter holidays).

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be starting on **Thursday 26th February** at **8.20am** in the Music Room.

THANK YOU – RETURNING OF PRAM

I would like to thank whoever was kind enough to hand my pram into the office on the afternoon of Friday 6th February, after I accidentally left it behind in the Kauri Place car park. Thank you very much, I appreciate it, you are a very kind and honest person.

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award on assembly:

SEP STUDENT LEADERS: Hailey Turner-Davis, Duy Le, Adrian Streat, Treybian Burton, Jessica Luong, Joshua Wilson.

SEP: Marco Villetti, Patrick Keegan, Joshua Close, Katarina McGrath, Hailey Turner-Davis, Duy Le.

YEAR 2: Daniel Morrow, Lachlan Delchau-Jones, Tayla Muriwai, Harley Somer, Tegan Ngo, Joshua Jamieson.

Year 5: Kieran Stubbs, Nicole Chiou, Ethan Piper, Alex Newitt, Ammi Bella, Louisa Stacey, Chris Mobbs, Gabrielle Collingwood, Andrew Komonen, Xanthe Walmsley, Cameron Quinn.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open Monday and Fridays 8.45am to 10.45am.

HOME FOLDERS: My apologies for the delay in delivery of these, a combination of the first year of these being on the book list and therefore unknown as to the quantities that would be needed and the delay by the manufacturer, has

caused a problem in availability. At the time of this going to print I should have had our third shipment in and most pre paid orders would have been delivered except prep and SEP and orders placed on Monday. There is another shipment due in next week which should cover any outstanding orders and enough stock for those of you who have not pre-ordered. The best day to pick one up would be Friday. Thank you for your patience.

Sports uniforms are now in stock, with more arriving in 3 weeks time. These have increased in price due to the fall in the Australian dollar.

Sports Shorts - \$18.00 Polo Shirts - \$25.50

Current list of goods unavailable:

Size 10 Sports Shorts – approx 3 weeks

Chair Bags – 1 week

Small Bucket Hats – approx 1-2 weeks

Size 2-7 logo socks – 2 weeks

Home Folders – 1 week

WINTER UNIFORMS: Winter uniforms will be arriving in Mid-March. These will also be increasing in price. The winter uniform price list is now available if you want to come in and collect one. They are on the counter so if there is a bit of a line up, do not hesitate to come to the counter and pick one up. I have a few winter articles from last year which you can purchase for the old price, but be warned I do not have all sizes available.

Rain ponchos are in stock in small, medium, and large at \$15 each. I also have 2 ladies size ponchos available; these are \$20. The ponchos are large enough to cover the children's schoolbags.

2ND HAND: There are black band pants and white shirts available for sale.

LIBRARY BAGS: The library is no longer selling library bags. I will be selling them in the uniform shop. These should be available in approx 2-3 weeks as they have to be printed.

If you cannot make it into the shop you can order by credit card over the phone and I will deliver the items to your child's classroom. If you are phoning through an order could you please phone after 10am, as it is very busy first thing in the morning. (Phone 3714-1256)

Lay-by, EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available. If you are paying by cheque, I have to clear the cheque before you can take the goods.

THURSDAY'S THOUGHT

Tolerance and celebration of individual differences is the fire that fuels lasting love.

Tom Hannah

COMMUNITY NEWS

QUEENSLAND LIONS SOCCER CLUB, RICHLANDS requires the following:

Girls and boys aged 6, 7, 8 and 10 for small sided games.

Girls aged 14 and 15 for under 15 girls' team.

Boys aged 15 for under 15 boys' team.

Boys aged 16 for under 16 boys' team.

Please phone Kathy Morcus on 3712 3310 if you are interested.

Included in this fortnight's newsletter: Nil