



IT'S THURSDAY

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last day Term 2	Friday 26 th June	School returns Tuesday 14 th July
Pie Drive	Return orders by 17 th July	
Whole School Assembly	Friday July 17	Commencing 9.15am
District Athletics	Monday 20 th & Tuesday 21 st July	
Years 6 & 7 Art Show	Wednesday 22 nd July	3pm-6pm - Hall
First School E –Newsletter published	Thursday 23 rd July	Registered families will receive an email link
Parent / Teacher Conference Afternoons	Tuesday August 4 and Wednesday August 5th	Years 1-7 Classes
Year 6 camp at Tallebudgera	Monday 27 th July returns Friday 31 st July	
Year 1 – Brisbane Forest Park	Thurs 6 th , Tues 11 th & 18 th August	PAYMENTS DUE BY 30th JULY
RNA Show Holiday	Wednesday August 12 th	
Pupil Free Day	Thursday August 13 th	
Year 3 – Tony Bones	Monday 10 th August	Hall
Year 6 – TIE – ‘The Impro Show’	Monday 10 th August	Hall

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Farewell and Thanks to Mr Rowe

Tomorrow marks the final day of service to Forest Lake State School for our School Grounds and Facilities Officer Mr Jon Rowe. Mr Rowe is taking extended leave until May 2010 and if all things go to plan, he hopes to then move into retirement up in scenic Tambourine Mountain.

Mr Rowe is very well known and respected by all in our school community. He has served our school with great diligence since the early FLSS days of the mid-1990s. In this period he has overseen a vast transition in our school campus with many new facility developments along the way. I sincerely thank him for his

great service and wish him all the very best in the new endeavours he will be pursuing.

In other staffing news, it's great to be able to welcome Mrs Sandy Ellis back to office duties next semester. Thank you to Mrs Margaret Kehoe who did a great job in Sandy's absence. Year 2B teacher Mrs Lynn Jones will be taking long service leave for the duration of Term 3. Her replacement teacher will be Mrs Erina Forgiore (Mon-Wed) who will be sharing teaching duties with Mrs Maria Grainger(Thurs-Fri).

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Yesterday, all year 1 to 7 families should have received individual Student Reports for Semester 1. As a follow up to this reporting process, parent/teacher conference afternoons will again be conducted in the fourth week of next term on Tuesday

August 4th and Wednesday August 5th. Keep an eye out for parent information and booking slips which will be sent home on the first day of next term.

Prep 2010

From July 14, families of children entering prep year in 2010 can collect enrolment forms and information packs from the school office counter. A detailed Prep Information Evening for parents will be conducted on Wednesday November 11th.

Resource Contribution Invoices

All school families will receive their Semester 2 Resource Contribution Invoices on Tuesday July 14th. We rely on your payment of this contribution to continue providing classroom resources and technology facilities of a significantly higher standard to the base government provisions. This contribution payment also includes Semester 2 school and home login access to the very popular and educationally beneficial maths website 'Mathletics' for your child. Many thanks in advance for your payment contribution.

Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

Inter-House and District Athletics

Congratulations to all our student competitors who participated in last fortnight's Inter-House Carnivals. A special well done to the winning house Banksia. In this newsletter we've listed the students who achieved selection to represent FLSS at the District Athletics Carnival to be held over two days in the second week of next term. Best wishes to all our competitors and keep training hard!

Our last printed "It's Thursday"

This is the final edition of It's Thursday that will be mass circulated in print form. For economic, environmental and quality reasons the newsletter will be published electronically and posted on our school website www.forelakess.eq.edu.au fortnightly, commencing next term. We've had a remarkable response to our appeal for families to register their email addresses to receive their newsletter, with 782 out of 831 school families registering their details with us so far. Please refer to the information in the banner box on the front page if you still need to register your email address.

With regards
John Faragher
Principal

POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at our school. Wages are paid at \$22.30 per hour and the hours of work will be up to an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon on a roster system.

School Crossing Supervisors may be required to work five days per week in *all weather conditions*.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Queensland Transport appointed doctor.

Holding a positive notice CCYPCG Blue Card for child related employment. Application and payment will be organised by Queensland Transport.

Application forms are available from the school. Completed applications should be returned to:

Private and Confidential
The Principal
Forest Lake State School
Kauri Place
FOREST LAKE 4078

Applications close at 3.00pm on 16th July 2009.

For further information phone the school on 3714 1222

DISTRICT ATHLETICS TEAM 2009

9 year olds – Ava Cross, Sarah Morrow, Joshua Moore and Brayden Wilson.

10 year old girls – Tylah Rongo, Hang Nguyen, Claire Morley, Gabby Collingwood, Jenifer Lopez, Sulesa Salesa, Madison Kelsall and Emma Bentley.

10 year old boys - Brandon Macdonald, Carlin Wendt, Chandlar Brittain, Charlie Ellis, Blaid Pakura, Taine Foley, Zion Semeri and Balraj Singh.

11 year old girls – Chloe Kelsall, Zheyann Luatutu, Alex Oancea, Shelly Chae, Madalyn Mechler, Eloise Dunn, Jessie Woehrle, Danielle Rodgers, Maria Dinh and Renee Ryan.

11 year old boys - Roman Brittain, William Tamas-Cao, Ben Kuner, Baley Row, Stuart Todd, Joshua Connor, Joseph Jacobs, Jordan Itamua, Glen Walker and Andy Ly.

12 year old girls – Chloe Connors, Emma Gordon, Brooke Pakoti-Steward, Jodie Church, Jessika Stacey, Aldrinna Tuala, Emma Raisin, Taylor Batkin, Maddison Visini and Holly McMullen.

12 year old boys – Lachlan Cook, Luke Jamieson, Kurt Enkera, Lachlan Baynes, Mitchell Kuner, Joshua Carter, Jim Henjak, Kevin Nguyen and Michael Green.

13 years old girls – Samantha Inglit and Meripa Samuelu.

13 years old boys – Perry King, Jarryd Wenlock, Jake Morrison and Nick Thompson.

CONGRATULATIONS

Joshua Connor, 6B, will be competing as an individual in the State Competition for Men's Artistic Gymnastics at Chandler in the school holidays. Congratulations, Joshua on this great achievement. Also congratulations to **Jake Gardner 6D**, made it in the Inala District Boys Softball Team. Well done and good luck.

THURSDAY'S THOUGHT

We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to someone too. Helen Hayes

FUNDRAISING NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We still have Entertainment books available. The books are \$60 and are jam packed with savings. More request forms are available from the tuckshop and the office.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

All outstanding chocolate money is due back now. Thank you to those who have already sold a box of chocolates and returned their money. If you have not yet done so, please return payment ASAP. Ensure your child's name and class are clearly marked and place in a snaplock bag (these are available at the tuckshop). Place the money into the lock box at the tuckshop. Everyone who sells a box will go into the draw to win a new bike. Plus we have an individual highest seller prize! \$150 Coles/Myer Gift Voucher.

PIE DRIVE

We are holding a Homestyle Bakery Pie Drive. You will receive an order form with this newsletter or pick one up from the office

or tuckshop. The order forms need to be returned by Friday 17th July. These pies are delicious. Please ask family and friends if they would like to order as well. We are offering a prize (yet to be decided) for the family with the most orders. The delivery date will be Wednesday 22nd July.

LIP BALM DRIVE

We still have lip balm available – there are order forms at the office and tuckshop. They cost \$3.50 each or \$3.25 each for orders of 4 or more. Help to keep chapped lips at bay and support your school at the same time. The Lip balm contains 30+ sunscreen and is water resistant for 4 hours.

Thank you for your support

STUDENT AWARDS

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

SEP - Leaders for W/E 12/6/09

Clinton Sanders, Jessica Luong, Joshua Wilson, Jill Nguyen.

Leaders for W/E 19/6/09

Adrian Streat, Clinton Sanders, Duy Le, Joshua Ofahengaue, Stephen Bargewell.

SEP AWARDS - Duy Le SEP5, Jacob Fisher SEP4, Joshua Mareales SEP3, Connor Robb SEP2, Dylan Stafford SEP1.

Hailey Davis SEP5, Cooper Ryan SEP4, Flynn Tom SEP3, Trevor Pham SEP2, Douglas McDonnell SEP1.

Year 1: Andy Dang, Adele Tui-Whittaker, Lauren Veeren, Mitchell Wiseman, Barend DeLange, Ammie Hunter-Bowell, Lawson Grey, Sanvi Mehta, Haley Webber, Jack Tang, Nathan Nguyen, Mia-Lee McLean, Lachlan Sutor, Bridie Molloy, Rhys Bullingham, Isabella Ellis, Tina Nguyen, Richard Lee, Alistair Blackburn, Jayden Melksham, Jessie Ha, Tobie Watts, Blake Friels, Xanthe Watson, Dylan Gower, Rashmi Kahawatta, Oliver Bajaj, Nicholas Wright, Vinny Nguyen, Grace Bagoly, Andrew Kruger, Lucas Manton, Lily Holman, Zac Trevanion, Coden Mills and Ryan Montague.

Year 5: Sheridan Brazel, Dylan Bui, Raymond Nguyen, Isabella Visini, Kiana Rameka, Eli Megson, Andrew Carlton, Balraj Singh, Trent Dreyer, Kaytlyn Ronan, Nicole Chiou, Cory Melksham, Adainy Matthews, Callum MacDonald, Chantell Mathison, Alex Campos, Tylah Rongo, Hang Nguyen, Gabrielle Wise, Jenifer Lopez and Helen Nguyen.

Year 7: Raymond Truong, Jodie Church, Brooke Midkiff, Brooke Pakoti-Steward, Maddison Visini, Kristen Williams, Maddi Ellis, Abby Tate, Darcy Molloy, Cassie Abrahamson, Meripa Samuelu, Ja'd Webster, Brad Vang, Mona Moore, Perry King, Melissa Cunningham, Luke Jamieson, Kayla Tobeck-Greenlees, Phung Le, Hamil Desai, Holly McMullen, Taliah Revelo, Chloe Connors, Shannon Arakua, Taylah Woehrle, Nathan Pastrikos, Spencer Buckingham-Clegg, Emma Gordon, Jacob Kemp, Alex Beckman, Melinda Vaasili, Tony Macdonald, Samantha Inglit, Michaela Venter, Connor Howells, Alena Sivcevic, Abby Furminger, Casey Bosgra, Eugene Ofori, Chris Clayton, Juhee Lee, Jesse Uhlmann, Michael Hannant, Luke Askew, Kurt Enkera, Mitchell Kuner, Kevin Nguyen, Talia Hobbs, Ryan Zechowski, Alex Manson, John Schulze, Nathan Poulsen, Cassidy Scatchard, Callum MacDiarmid, Shannon Daly, Nash Symonds, Tamara Rieck, Taylor Batkin, Emma Jesberg and Cameron Watson.

NEWS FROM OUR GUIDANCE OFFICER

I have just become aware of the **'Talk To Your Kids' Website** and wanted to share it with you.

Did you know? One of the top five reasons children call Kids Helpline is because of a breakdown in family relationships and communication.

'Talk to your kids' website, developed by Optus and Kids Helpline includes a range of practical and straightforward information, tools, and tips to help bring your worlds closer together. It covers topics such as;

Sexting- What is sexting, why kids may do it, what are the consequences, what to look for and what to do if your child is a victim of bullying.

Bullying- Covers symptoms, tips for talking to your child and where to go next

Cyber bullying- Covers symptoms, tips for talking to your child and where to go next.

Abuse- An overview of child abuse, possible symptoms, what to do if you suspect your child has been a victim and links to child protection services.

Mental Illness- An overview of symptoms of mental illness, what to do if you suspect your child is suffering from a mental illness and everyday tips for stress reduction.

Technology- An overview of MSN, Internet Safety and Text Speak. How to help- Tips for helping your child develop the necessary skills to deal with problems independently.

Closing the Gap- Tips on how to modify your approach to communication, to make it easier to talk with children.

Conversation Starters- Links to popular websites for particular age groups so that you can discuss their interests with them.

Translator – to help you understand common kids-speak.

Link: <http://www.talktoyourkids.com.au/>

All good wishes

Debra Mainwaring-Betts

School Guidance Officer

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This term, two year 4 classes have had fun learning the Gallopede and the Circassian Circle which are two bush dances I have taught them. They are great for exercise, as well as being a lesson on how a man should treat a lady. Other Year 4 and 5 classes have had my assistance with Reading or Maths groups. Two Year 6 classes have allowed me to join them for Language, SOSE and Art, and we've had fun with a couple of my challenging Maths or Language puzzles just before the lunch breaks after working hard. Last week one of the classes had a lesson from the Mind Your Mind book, connected with the You Can Do it Program. This encourages us to be careful with our thought life. Negative thoughts are often the loudest voice in our head and thoughts cause feelings that can then trigger negative behaviour. So, if we find ourselves thinking negatively, and don't stop and listen to the gentle positive voice in our head, and learn to rationalize our thinking, we won't stop our negative behaviour, and keep suffering the consequences.

Lyz Dozzi

School Chaplain

Included in this fortnight's newsletter: Pie drive order form