

The Forrestfield Advocate

Keeping our community informed and connected.

Term 3, Week 6 2025



Proud

Virtue Focus: Fair (Weeks 6–10)

This term, our school-wide virtue focus is on being Strong. We're encouraging students to show persistence, resilience, and a commitment to doing their best – especially when learning gets tricky. Staff are recognising these positive behaviours with PUG points, which highlight and recognise students who show determination and a strong attitude towards learning.

National Pyjama Day – A message from the P&C

A huge thank you to all the students, staff, and families who took part in National Pyjama Day. It was such a fun and meaningful way to raise awareness for children in foster care. We loved seeing everyone come to school in their cosiest PJs, and we're proud of the generosity shown across the school. Your gold coin donations will go directly to The Pyjama Foundation, helping provide learning support and positive relationships for children who need it most. The P&C is always so proud to support events like this that bring us together and show how Forrestfield families lead with heart. Thank you again for getting involved and for proving that kindness, comfort, and community go hand in hand!

Book Week Parade – Friday 22 August

Last week, we celebrated Book Week with a variety of fun and engaging activities that brought our love of reading to life. Students participated in class book reads, designed creative bookmarks, and took part in the popular "Guess the Teacher's Favourite Book" activity. Buddy class reading sessions were a wonderful way for students to connect and share stories across year levels. The highlight of the week was our much-loved annual Dress-Up Parade. We were thrilled to see so many fabulous and imaginative costumes as students and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters. It was a joyful end to a week full of reading, creativity, and community spirit! A special mention to Bruce Bogtrotter for that unforgettable chocolate cake moment.



What's Coming Up?

ROOM 13 CLASS ASSEMBLY
Friday 29th August

FATHERS DAY STALL
Thursday 4th September

TEACHER ASSISTANT DAY
Friday 5th September

ROOM 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY
Friday 12th September

INTERSCHOOL – JUMPS & THROWS
Wednesday 17th September

INTERSCHOOL – SPRINTS & TEAM GAMES
Friday 19th September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Friday 26th September

Athletics Week

Wednesday's jumps and throws, along with Thursday's athletics carnival, made for a fabulous two days! Students showed fantastic sportsmanship and participated with enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the events. We are proud of you all. A big thank you to the P&C for their ongoing support, and to all the spectators who came down to cheer — your presence made the day even more special.



Year	Champion Boys	Runner-Up Champion Boys	Champion Girls	Runner-Up Champion Girls
1	Jasper	Ethan	Mercedes	Lily Anna/Riley
2	Krishna	Juke	Abbey	Ivy-Grace
3	Charlie	Riley	Aiya	Evie
4	Samuel	Jayce	Amelia	Sienna
5	Deakan	Karsen	Loumaine	Evie
6	Semesa	Harley	Grace	Chloe/Senasha



1ST PLACE HAWTIN

2ND PLACE HALE

3RD PLACE FORREST

Welcome to Our New Staff

We're excited to welcome two new Education Assistants, Ivonne Ivonne and Patrick Stacey, to our Forrestfield team! They'll be working closely with students across the school to support learning and wellbeing. Please join us in making them feel welcome.

The Resilience Project – Webinar Recording

Thank you to the many families who joined us for The Resilience Project webinar on building resilience at home. The session explored ways to practise Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness (GEM) together as a family. If you missed it, the recording is still available until 31 August—please reach out to the office for the link.

Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser – Icy Poles

Our Year 6 students have been working together to raise funds for their end of year graduation celebrations by selling icy poles every Thursday after school. It's been fantastic to see their teamwork, responsibility, and enthusiasm on display and we thank our school community for supporting them! This fundraiser not only helps make graduation special but also shows how united our students are when working toward a shared goal.



Good

Creative, Caring & Good in the Arts

Our students have been diving deep into their imaginations with ocean-themed art projects that celebrate creativity and care for the natural world. Using paper weaving, fishbowl scenes, and colourful sea creatures, we're exploring the beauty of Australia's oceans. A special thank you to Dr Lauren Peel (daughter of Mrs Peel!) for inspiring us with her book *Ozzie Oceans*, which brings marine life to life through playful alphabet shapes. Through these artistic adventures, we're learning to express ourselves while showing respect and appreciation for the world around us.

Teaching Sprint Focus: Activating Prior Knowledge

Each term, our teaching team focuses on a professional learning goal to strengthen classroom practice. This term's focus is "Activating Prior Knowledge" – a strategy that helps students connect what they already know with new learning. We're using structured approaches like Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) to make sure every child is set up for success.

New Assembly Feature: Student Work Showcase

We've introduced a new tradition at our school assemblies! Each fortnight, two students from every class are selected to share a piece of learning they're proud of. This special segment gives students a chance to stand in front of the school and have their work displayed around the school. It's been wonderful to see the confidence and pride this has inspired in our learners.

Arts Department

We're splashing into creativity with ocean-inspired art using paper weaving, imaginative fishbowls, and brand-new sea creatures—plus a special inspiration from the amazing Dr Lauren Peel, daughter of Mrs Peel! Her *Ozzie Oceans* book shows Australia's sea life in fun alphabet shapes, and we'll be exploring those shapes and colours to spark our own underwater art adventures!

Science

The focus for this term is Physical Science. Physical sciences is the study of non-living things, including matter, energy, forces, motion, and how they interact. It helps students understand the rules and patterns that explain how the physical world works. Students have started exploring and investigating how sound and light travel, as well as the various ways that heat is transferred. We recently celebrated Science Week with some fun break time experiments:

Monday – Elephant Toothpaste

Tuesday – Rocket Ships

Wednesday – Oobleck

Sustainability

This semester in Sustainability, students have been learning where food and natural fibres come from, how they are produced, and the journey they take from farm to plate. Students have been exploring sustainable practices, the importance of resources, and the role food and fibre play in our daily lives. As part of the unit, students will also have the opportunity to prepare, cook, and enjoy simple recipes that they can easily recreate at home



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