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## **Forrest Primary Principal's Report P&C Meeting Week 9 Term 4 2023**

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all our parents and carers who came to help at our working bee on Sunday 19 November. Despite the heat there were many parents, children and teachers who worked hard to remove weeds from around the school and many rocks! We can now move onto the next stage of installing irrigation and tan bark in our Indigenous Garden. Thanks to the P and C for your contribution of snacks and drinks to sustain us during the morning.

### **Enrolments**

We currently have 553 students enrolled from P-6.

Enrolments for 2024 are still coming in. To help with planning for 2024 we urge all families to keep us updated with their plans for 2024. We have asked that parents please complete this online form as soon as possible if they are leaving the school.

<https://forms.gle/SLo2Pr369FTpwW3G8>.

### **Staffing Update**

This term we have welcomed Liz Bujaroski who is acting in the School Leader B position while I am acting in the principal position. Liz comes to Forrest with a wealth of leadership experience across multiple schools in Canberra. Liz is settling in well and enjoying meeting and working with many families through her role as Disability Education Contact Officer.

I pleased to announce that Belinda Kowalski had won a Teacher Scholarship to complete her Masters in Teacher Librarianship. This means that Belinda can now move into the teacher librarian position at Forrest for 2024 onwards. This position is a Directorate funded position and the person in the role must have or be studying a Teacher Librarian qualification.

We are also currently recruiting for a School Secretary to join the administration team. The successful applicant will join the team in January 2024 and will have responsibilities in the front office including the school newsletter and maintaining the school website.

### **2024 Classes**

We will have a 'meet the teacher' afternoon on Tuesday 12 December for students to meet their new teacher for 2024. We hope that there are no changes over January, however schools are dynamic places with lots of moving parts so we must always share this information with the caveat that it could change. Parents will be informed between 22-29 January 2024 if there are any changes to classes or teachers.

### **Semester 2 Academic Reports**

Semester 2 Academic Reports will be emailed home on Friday, December 8th.

Please take the time to review the Semester 2 Academic Reports carefully. We encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions or would like to discuss specific aspects of the report.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in the academic journey of your child. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and working together to enhance their educational experience.

## **Pupil Free Days 2024**

From 2024, there will be 4 student-free days for ACT public schools. These are the first day of each school term:

- Term 1, Monday 29 January 2024
- Term 2, Monday 29 April 2024
- Term 3, Monday 22 July 2024
- Term 4, Monday 14 October 2024.

We use student-free days for staff development, enabling us to plan in a student-free environment. Student-free planning days have been expanded from 1 to 4 days from 2024 as part of our new Teaching Staff Enterprise Agreement which prioritises better teacher workloads for educational leadership, teaching and learning.

The staff and leadership team at Forrest wish all our families a restful break and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in 2024.

Kind Regards  
Laurel Rodrigues  
Principal