

FOREST LODGE FLYER

Week 5 Term 4 Monday 5th November 2012

CALENDAR

November

- 6 – Scooter Safety talks for Stage 1 students
- 7 – Years 3 and 4 Disco; Years 3-6 Assembly (3/4D), Hall, 11.30 am
- 8 – Backyard League: Festival of the Boot Gala Day at Jubilee Oval Yrs 3-6
- 9 – Multicultural Munch; School's Remembrance Day ceremony
- 12 – Recycling Week
- 14 – K-2 Assembly (1/2F), Hall, 11.30am
- 15 – Student Leaders for 2013 – speeches & elections
- 16 – Student Leaders' Friday Moday in Movember; Waste Free Lunch and Recess Day K-6
- 14 – Kindergarten 2013 Orientation visit
- 19 – Interrelate classes commence (4 Mondays) for Years 5 & 6; Swim School commences (2 weeks); P&C meeting, 7.00pm, Art room
- 21 – Band Presentation Breakfast; Years 3-6 Assembly (3/4W), Hall 11.30am

December

- 3 – International Day of People with a Disability; Camp Quality Puppets
- 5 – K-2 Assembly (2C), Hall 11.30am
- 10 – Year 6 Farewell Disco
- 12 – Recognition Day; Music Under the COLA – Percussion Group performs after K-2 presentation and Jazz Ensemble after Years 3-6 presentation
- 14 – Pupils' yearly reports sent home
- 18 – School Picnic at Clontarf
- 19 – Last day of Term 4 for pupils; Talent Quest
- 21 – Last day of Term 4 for staff

January 2013

- 29 – First day of Term 1 for teachers
- 30 – First day of Term 1 for Years 1 – 6

School Newsletter

Parents are reminded that the newsletter is on our website, along with forms for excursions and general information useful to parents. Paper copies are available from the leaflet rack at the front office and are also sent home to those parents who have requested them.

Paid advertisements (which parents must realise we use as fundraisers, not endorsements) will be attached to the copies on the school website.

Public Speaking Success

On Tuesday the 23rd October, four talented students from Forest Lodge Public School participated in the Inner City and Network 8 Public Speaking Competition held at Lewisham PS. Representing our school in the different stages were: Georgie Roediger (Early Stage 1), Coco Gillies (Stage 1), Piper McCowan (Stage 2) and Luc Claringbold (Stage 3).

The competition was tough but we managed to obtain excellent results with three students receiving highly commended awards and Coco Gillies winning her division. Coco will now go through to the regional finals on 6th November at Canterbury South PS and Luc has just been requested to attend in the Stage 3 section. We wish Coco and Luc good luck!

Congratulations to our wonderful students and their remarkable efforts and thank you to Fiona Sannen for her support.

Years 3 and 4 Disco this Wednesday

This will be held on Wednesday afternoon in the hall straight after school. FLASCA students must sign in before attending and are requested to pay the donation. Pupils may wish to bring a change of clothes to wear at the disco.

The P&C has donated some funds and children attending are asked to make a **gold coin donation** towards the cost of snacks and iceblocks.

The disco concludes at 5.00 sharp. Pupils will only be dismissed when a responsible person collects them (or they return to FLASCA) so please be considerate of the teachers who have remained after school to supervise the disco by arriving on time for the pick up.

CREATE South

There was much excitement last week as four choir members participated in CREATE South. Despite the arduous journey to and from Sutherland for three days, much fun was had. After three days of singing work

shops there was a grand performance at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. Liv Siefert, Berry Fox-Quinn, Ishara Marharjan and Amelie Roediger all sang like angels and Amelie was very excited to sing a solo part in the Barlow/Lloyd Webber song 'Sing'.

Well done to all of the parents who participated in the car-pooling. A great effort by all and thanks also to the choir teachers for all of their efforts throughout the year.

Congratulations also go to the following students who also participated in this event: Rory Furbank and Gabriel Haslam (band), Huon Saul (Visual Arts) and Keionie Harch (drama). Thank you to everyone for representing our school at this event.



Kidsmatter

A new website – kidsmatter.edu.au – has been launched to help families, primary schools and early childhood education and care services support children's mental health and wellbeing.

It has been designed with a specific section for families and includes free parenting information sheets on more than 40 topics affecting children, including fears and worries, dealing with anger, making friends, starting school and more. The sheets have been developed by mental health experts and are evidence-based.

KidsMatter provides a mental health and wellbeing framework and is a great initiative that helps children to get off to a great start in life and build resilience.

Resources are written in a way that engages the reader and provides the confidence to try the strategies. The site bridges a child's home and education settings and

builds on the work parents and carers do already to promote good mental health and wellbeing.

Selective High Applications

Do not submit a corrected application on line or make corrections on paper copies using liquid paper. Consult the school if you have a problem. On line applications close on 19th November and paper versions on 16th.

Please advise your child's teacher if your child is applying, including on line. We must have a record of applications

Recognition Day

Please remember that every child in the school receives a certificate on this day which is the equivalent of Speech Day. K-2 will hold their assembly at 9.30am and Years 3-6 at 11.30am. Children are always thrilled when their parent is present to see them receive their award.

Waste Free Lunch and Recess Day

There are many benefits to this initiative which is part of our School Environmental Education Plan and Recycling week:

- Parents are able to monitor their child's eating and work with staff in ensuring all students are developing healthy eating habits
- The amount of non-recyclable waste will be reduced at school, thus reducing waste disposal costs and in doing so, free up funds that can be spent on children's education
- The children will learn to be responsible for the part they play in helping the environment, thus enforcing the concepts of *I can make a difference*, *All my actions do have consequences* and *I choose my actions*
- The whole school community is involved in supporting the initiative and therefore playing a part in helping our environment.

How can you help? On 16th November (and every other day)

- Wrap sandwiches in foil or greaseproof paper (not plastic wrap) as both can be recycled
- Instead of small packets of chips and biscuits buy one large packet and send a portion in reusable containers
- Try to avoid roll ups, muesli bars, snack packs etc as they produce lots of waste per item. Perhaps fruit could be substituted

- Bring a reusable drink bottle with water or diluted fruit juice – healthier and cheaper options.

Thanks for your support.



FLPS Success at Archikidz!

On the 27th October, as part of the Sydney Architecture Festival, over 300 children aged 7-12 participated in a four-hour architecture workshop at Carriageworks called Archikidz! Several FLPS students participated, including Amelie and Lucy White-Tear, Nicholas Moriatakis and Jasper and Archer King. Children had to create a model of a place they'd like to hang out with friends, and Amelie's model was one of only 20 from the day which was selected to be shown at LuminoCITY exhibition (<http://www.be.unsw.edu.au/luminocity>)

Date: 15 - 22 November

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Pier 2/3 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay, Sydney

Australian Curriculum

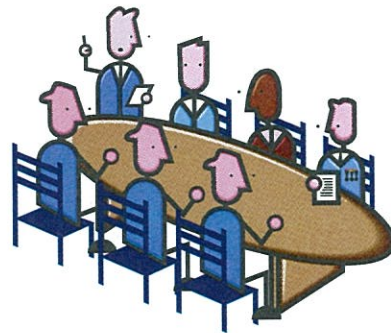
The new NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum for English K-10, mathematics K-10, history K-10 and science K-10 (incorporating science and technology K-6) can be viewed online or downloaded from the Board of Studies NSW website.

The new syllabuses will be implemented in NSW schools from 2014.

□ For K-6, English will be implemented in 2014, with optional implementation of mathematics and science and technology. In 2015, mathematics and science and technology will be mandatory, with history available for optional implementation. History will be mandatory in 2016.

□ For 7-10, the new syllabuses will be implemented in Years 7 and 9 in 2014, with Years 8 and 10 the following year.

The Board of Studies NSW support materials includes parent guides to the new curriculum.



P&C Meeting Monday 19th November

The next meeting, the second last for the year, will be held in the Art room commencing at 7.00 pm. One of the agenda items will be a report from the principal on the results of the NAPLAN test.

Principal's Message

Almost every child's parents have agreed to have their child's name and/or schoolwork published in the newsletter and on the school website. Those without consent will have names etc withheld from publication.

However staff have requested that their names not be placed in such places. So if it seems a bit strange that I am writing something like "Thank you to the teacher/s involved" in future newsletters, it's not that I don't know who they are or I don't want to make the normal form of acknowledgement. I'm just following their wishes.

The Student of the Week breakfast with me this term has been a big hit with the pupils so I will continue with that next year. I'd like to thank Jo Ferdinands in our canteen who organises the food for this each week.

The Trivia Night was a lot of fun. I'm sure everyone who attended enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining

evening. There were not many cars in the school carpark and I'd say most people didn't drive for obvious reasons.

These sorts of events don't happen without a huge amount of preparation and organisation. I'd wish to thank the Fundraising Committee of our P&C for the time they spent obtaining auction items and prizes from local businesses, organising food and drink, decorating and setting up the hall, and of course the task of packing up after the event.

Thank you also to the many parents who came along on the night to support this fundraiser as it was the major event for the year. The money raised will go towards playground improvements.

Another fundraiser last week was the Year 6 Mini Fete. This event is organised by the students and is a lot of fun as well as raising money for their farewell gift to the school.

The fun never stops! This Friday we are holding the Multicultural Munch, always a favourite with the children. We are very proud of the mix of children's backgrounds that we have in our school and when they bring in dishes to celebrate part of their culture it is one of the highlights of our school year.

Please see below for a new fundraising initiative for the school. Don't forget to mention our school when making purchases from Rebel Sport and Kidstuff as we receive loyalty points from those businesses too.

This newsletter celebrates several students successes. Congratulations are also in order for Marley Donald who has been offered a place in an OC class for next year. I'd like to finish the newsletter with an article on Numbercrunchers, another of our success stories.



Bill O'Connor

Number Crunchers Recount

By Samantha and Zhuoling

On Thursday 1st November, the amazing representatives of Forest Lodge P.S. went to Arncliffe Public School to compete in the Number Crunchers school cluster final.

We travel in Mrs Rees' big eight seater car. While we were travelling to Arncliffe Public School we spoke to E-Young about the Number Crunchers cluster final that he participated in and won last year. He told us some of the questions he had to answer. He told us that we had to answer five questions with a ten second time limit for one question... But that was last year, this year was very different. He also told us not to worry because it was easier than we expected.

When we arrived we had to walk up a hill and cross the road to reach our destination... or the top secret Number Crunchers Hideout. Mrs Rees asked a woman if this was the Number Crunchers Hideout. The woman said "Yes" and led us inside. She showed us the toilets and the kitchen, which was beside the entrance to the room that we were going to be competing in. We met a different woman who suggested we go outside while we were waiting, to play. We didn't end up playing though we did have some fun asking E-Young what his secret formula was -but E-Young kept it a secret since he would be competing against us soon.

Then we met some competitors from the other schools. There were three other schools. Some were from high school and some were like us. We all went into the room and our group went to the front to see the prizes. There were certificates, four trophies and prize bags. Then we sat back down and waited for the competition to begin.

The hosts played some music on their iPod through the speakers and we played with a high bounce ball and a tissue box, passing it across the table. Then the competition started. They started to video us. They told us the rules, which were very different to what E-Young had said. The rules were:

1. There was a 10 second time limit for every question.
2. You can only ask the host to repeat the question once.
3. You are eliminated if you get a question wrong.
4. You keep going until there is one person left.
5. You only compete with the people in your own school.

We were the fourth school to compete and the host asked us questions about addition, subtraction, rounding, time, multiplication, squared, cubed and square roots.

Zhuoling was the first to be eliminated. The host said that David was wrong but he wasn't, so he came back. Chloe was the second person to get out. David was the next to get out and E-Young and Samantha went head to head in a long battle. E-Young almost made a mistake but he corrected himself in the last few seconds. Two questions after, Samantha answered 35 times 9 wrongly. E-Young was the winner.

After that, we spoke to each other and Zhuoling told us that he was still nervous. We watched the Golden Pi Challenge and the Rubik's Cube Challenge. Then, we had the delicious, free recess that included chocolate cupcakes, sandwiches and hot food. After that, we had the exciting ceremony that included giving out the certificates, trophies and prize bags. We had our pictures taken and were given three balloons to take home.

On the trip back, we were very loud but very relaxed. We got back to the school and fought about who was going to take the balloons and we ended up agreeing on one decision. The top three would get the balloons.

Reports of the Great and the Good (cont.)

Jilly Cooper: Conduct: Disappointing. Jilly has set herself an extremely low standard which she has failed to maintain.

Helen Fielding: Helen must learn not to use such flowery language.

Robert Graves (Head's report on leaving): Well, goodbye, Graves and remember that your best friend is the waste paper basket.

Sir Winston Churchill: Is a constant trouble to everybody and is always in some scrape or other. He cannot be trusted to behave anywhere. (And later on) Constantly late for school, losing his books and papers and various other things into which I will not enter. He is so regular in his irregularity that I really don't know what to do. He had such good abilities, but these would be made useless by habitual negligence.



School Fundraiser

Hands up if you'd like to support our school every time you buy a fab dinner, massage, holiday, family activity or an interesting gift at 50-75% off!

Our school is participating in GOthat.com's new fundraising-shopping website... so now you can. GOthat has recently launched with some of Australia's most eminent charities including *Autism Spectrum*, *Variety*, *Australian Diabetes Council*, and the *McGrath Foundation* and is now open to our school.

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Just visit gothat.com/invite/forest-lodge-ps and check out today's deals and sign up. There are great new offers every day... GOthat!

Invitation

"Carols on Norton" encourages community interaction through music-making by people of all ages, and ability at the highest level in a community setting. It is a free outdoor Christmas event presented by the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus and Leichhardt Council, held in Pioneers Park, Leichhardt on Sunday evening, the **23rd of December**. It includes an orchestra and local community choirs, including the Inner West Children's Chorus, as well as an enchanting lantern parade.

All primary school children from year 2 onwards are welcome to join the choir. The cost is FREE and includes a special Carols T-shirt. All rehearsals are at The Italian Forum, 23 Norton St, Leichhardt. Children must attend at least 4 of the 5 rehearsals in order to be ready to perform. For further information visit: www.espressochorus.com.au Or contact Pepe Newton at espressochorus@gmail.com Mob: 0412 548 703

INSPIRING DANCERS OF
TOMORROW, TODAY



Juliette JET Verne

"The Lion King"
"So You Think You Can Dance"



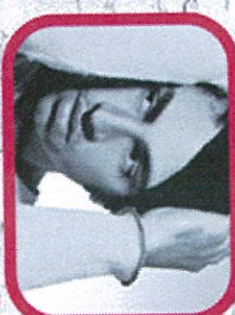
Chloe Dallimore

"Annie The Musical"
"The Producers Musical"



Ioredo

LOcReaDO Dance Company
"Wicked"



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Glebe Kids Club has an amazing ceramic workshop happening next
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