



Footscray Primary News

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Friday 28th February, 2020

The yard will be supervised before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm

IMPORTANT DATES

Public Holiday 9th March
No School

Friday 20th March
School Photos – All Students

Last day of term 27th March
School Finishes T.B.C

Hello wonderful families,

I have chosen this week to write to you all about our progress so far against our 2020 annual goals. I have focussed on our current work of Parents as Partners, and Building a Professional Learning Culture.

Parents as Partners

Schools play an integral role in a community and my vision for FPS is to become a hub for our community to gather and learn together. This aligns with the philosophy of the Footscray Learning Precinct also. 'Parents as Partners' is a major component of our 2020 School Annual Implementation Plan. School and families have the same shared goal – to create a safe and engaging environment for our children to grow, play and learn.

Facebook

The Facebook page serves many purposes. It allows us to share excellence in learning and engagement, share the professional learning of staff, celebrate achievements of students, staff and families, share local events and opportunities, and promote FPS as a school of excellence within the community and the Footscray Learning Precinct. Thank you to all who follow and engage with our page.

Class Parent Representatives

I would like to acknowledge the work of Ray, Zoe, Meredith and Sarah in getting our official FPS Social Club registered and for bringing a positive energy and enthusiasm to partnering with us to connect the school community. The social club is currently seeking parents to volunteer as Class Representatives to support our students and teachers and help connect us a community.

Committees and Connections

We are very fortunate at FPS to have strong parent involvement to drive the work we do through sub-committees and action groups. Our Reconciliation Action Group met again this week to start plans for an exciting community event in Term 2 – more details to come. We also celebrated the response to the film screening of 'In my blood it runs' which has now filled the largest cinema at The Sun Theatre. I have been approached by so many of you in person or via email offering your skills, talents and connections to better our school and the opportunities we can provide for our children. Keep it coming!! We may not be able to act on everything right now but it is great to know what we can draw on when we embark on new adventures.

OFFICE NEWS

For 2020, the office will be open at the following times.

*Monday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 4.00pm
*Thursday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm

Uniform Sales*

Mondays 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursdays 8.30am – 9.30am
If you require uniforms and cannot make these times, please email footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to make other arrangements.

Office Staff

Rowena (Business Manager)

Monday – Friday

Jessie

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

Rhiannon

Monday – Friday

Katrina

Tuesday & Wednesday

BANK DETAILS

Commonwealth Bank
Footscray Primary School
BSB:063 132
Account number 10090179
Please include a reference with the student(s)' names.

EFTPOS available at the office



Professional Learning Culture

This term we are focusing on our AIP goal of Building a Professional Learning Culture with a content lens of setting up a safe and engaging learning environment. We began learning about the ways in which student behaviour communicates the needs of the child. We are exploring how we teach and reinforce positive behaviours and how we can do this consistently across the school. Our learning will centre around a core belief that everyone has a right to feel safe and a right to learn.

Middle Level Leaders

We have announced our Professional Learning Team (Year Level) leaders after an internal, merit-based application process. We work collaboratively one morning a week to develop our leadership skills and capacity to use student data to evaluate our impact on student learning. Currently we are reflecting on our own leadership stance and the way our behaviours and actions position our adult learners in different roles. Sally meets with PLT leaders one hour a week in small groups to support the effective leading of collaborative planning and analysis of student data. I am pleased to announce the following PLT leaders.

Foundation – Julia

Year 1 – Felicity

Year 2 – Ariane

Year 3/4 – Hannah

Year 5 – Betty

Year 6 – Jo

Specialists – Chris

Staff Wellbeing

Some indicators from the 2019 staff survey showed that staff wellbeing was not as strong as it should be. I have been meeting with each staff member for a 30-60 minute chat to find out a little about their professional history, their time at FPS, and their future aspirations. I have received much positive feedback from the staff that they are feeling happy and energised with a positive outlook for our work ahead. This is also evidenced every day in their enthusiasm, attitudes and commitment to our work and community.

Bilingual Update

I had the opportunity this week to attend my first network meeting with the leaders of other government bilingual schools across the state. I was welcomed warmly and each Principal in attendance was more than happy to create a time for me to visit over the coming weeks. Members of the bilingual subcommittee are welcome at these visits also. The Bilingual subcommittee have had our first meeting of 2020 and have moved into a phase of research that will lead up to a community information night about bilingual education. I am aware of the history here, the various modes of consultation, and the strong emotional investment in our bilingual program. I want to assure you that I come to this with an open mind, transparency, a fresh view and a genuine interest to develop a pathway forward that meets the needs of our school community and creates genuine pathways for our children in their learning and their futures beyond our gates. We will keep you informed every step of the way.

Thanks, Jen

Footscray District Swimming 2020

On Friday the 14th of February 34 students from Grades 4-6 represented our school at the Footscray District Swimming sports. Like with all things, some kids just love to swim and this day showed that our students are a talented bunch. They were so supportive of each other and it was a proud moment for all staff to see they way our students conducted themselves. The effort was amazing and we have 11 students now going on to represent our school at Divisional on **Wednesday the 18th of March at the Oak Park Aquatic centre**. Fantastic jobs guys you are all awesome.

Footscray District Cross Country 2020

Next Friday the 6th of March 20 students who successfully trialled at school for the Cross Country will represent our school in 2km or 3km Cross Country at Hansen Reserve West Footscray. Races start at 10am and I am looking forward to seeing our students give their best. I know our students will display the effort and stamina and compete on the day. If any parents would like to come along please feel free to cheer on our students on this day. Best of luck to our students as I know they will all do well.

Let There Be Shade!

Please take a moment to marvel at the new shade sails over the junior and senior playgrounds. We hope everyone will enjoy playing in the shade.

FPS is grateful for the invaluable support of Maribyrnong City Council. MCC partnered with us to apply for a federal Stronger Communities grant for the shade sails. We thank (our former) MP Tim Watts and his staff for facilitating the grant process.

Special mention to School Council and subcommittee member Charles Windeyer for wrangling plans, permits, permissions, purchases - and everything else.

From the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee

Reminders:

As shared by our school captains at assembly, please remember the following items:

Hats

- This term is a no hat – no play term. All students must wear a school hat (bucket, broad-brimmed or legionnaire) at lunch and recess.
- If you forget your hat you must sit in the shade of the COLA.

Bikes and Scooters

- Please dismount your bike or scooter at the school gates and walk it to the bike racks.
- Scooters and bikes should all be securely locked at the provided racks.
- Remember to wear a helmet.

Before and After School

- Teachers are on yard duty before school from 8:45am – 9:00am. Students must be under the supervision of a parent if they arrive at school before 8:45am.
- Teachers are on duty after school from 3:30 – 3:45pm. Students in the yard after 3:45pm (without a parent) will be taken to the front office to wait for a parent to collect them.
- School gates are locked from 4:00pm, except on Friday when the gate on Herbert Street remains open for weekend access.

Lunch Clubs

- Lunch clubs will start this week – keep an eye out for posters listing these clubs
- The library will be open at lunchtime from Wednesday this week.

Uniform:

We have a fantastic school uniform with a wide range of options to suit our student preferences. As the weather cools down, students begin to add layers such as leggings and skivvies under their uniform. These additions to the uniform need to be in our school colours of red and or blue. Thank you

Student of the Week

Term 1 Week 4

Term 1 Week 5

GRADE	NAME	GRADE	NAME
FA	Anika T	FA	Max J
FB	Philippa G	FB	Samuel O
		1A	Polly D
1B	Zachary O	1B	Saskia L
1C	Denzel K	1C	Oscar F
2A	Helen L	2A	Hugo O
2B	Etta D		
2C	Oscar	2C	Lucia H-V
34A	Arlo V	34A	Mai
34B	Nusra	34B	Hugo
34D	Tom W	34D	CC V
34E	Lael H	34E	Jamie H-F
5A	Klara S	5A	Elliott O
5B	Jordan	5B	Kase
		6A	Kimberley B
		6B	Anika M
6C	Elnatal T	6C	Wes M
PE	Kobe T	PE	Hano M
ART		ART	Marius H

DRUMMING NEWS 24/2/2020

Drumming Performance

Congratulations to the children who performed on Monday 17th Feb at Footscray City Primary for an information night on the new Footscray Learning Precinct.

This group was put together following a last minute request from the organisers of the event on the Friday night and required a big effort from Jenny and the parents over the weekend to make sure enough children were available to play. So a big thank you to all involved.

The kids as usual performed at a high standard, were well received by the audience and added a spark to the occasion.

This was the first time that FPS drummers have performed outside the school for a community event and I hope this will be the start of more community engagement with the programs we run.

This same group then also performed at the assembly on the Friday.

Classroom Drumming

We have now completed three weeks of the drumming program. Jose, who runs the program on Thursdays, has been working with mainly the younger children from Preps to Grade twos as well as a couple of Grade 3/4 classes. He has been introducing the Preps to some basic drumming and rhythm concepts and playing drumming and rhythm games which help develop coordination and listening skills while having fun at the same time.

The older children are revising material they have already learnt and adding new material to their repertoire.

In my program on Fridays, I have started working on new pieces with the Grade 6 classes using sticks and a "call and response type" rhythm. These rhythms are quite complex and the children will be challenged to listen carefully, concentrate and then play together when responding to the calls. They are progressing quicker than I thought they would. Great work kids!

The Grade 5 classes are working on adding solo parts and variations to the rhythms they already know while the Grade 3/4 classes are revising rhythms and refining their technique to get better sounds from the drums.

Extension Drumming Group

I will also be starting up an extension drumming group on Fridays at lunchtime and I'm pleased to report that I have had a great response from the children who want to join. At this stage it will be mainly Grade 5 and Grade 6 children participating with a few keen Grade 4 children.

It is a bit of a commitment giving up 30 mins of lunchtime play to participate in this group so I am very happy that there were so many who put their hands up to join.

The children will have their lunch before starting a thirty minute session and then have some time to play outside if they want to before classes resume.

Ray

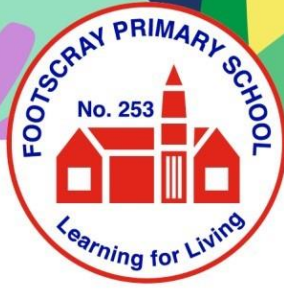
Garden Club

Have you noticed the veggies, flowers and fruit trees growing in the space between the Greenwood Building and the portables? This area is cared for by Garden Club, which is run by parents and currently operates fortnightly at lunch times, attracting lots of little helpers. The first Garden Club of the year will be next Thursday 12th March.

New parents are always welcome – no extensive gardening skills required! It's a great way to get to know other parents. If you are interested and have a current Working with Children's Check, please email rachel@fruitfulkitchen.com.au

Car Park Reminder

A reminder to all families that the staff car park is strictly for staff only. Students, parents and carers are not to enter the staff carpark under any circumstances. We understand it can be difficult to find a car park during busy times but the safety of our students must come first. This includes walking and riding bikes through the car park. At pick up and drop off times please use pedestrian gates provided on Commercial Rd, located at after school care and near the Greenwood building or on Herbert St. There are also accessible double gates on Commercial Rd for bicycle access. During school hours, please access the school via the main gates on Geelong Rd.



Hi Everyone!

We are super excited to announce that this term we are holding FPS' first School Colour Fun Run. It is a sponsorship-based fundraiser and the students will participate in the event on our school oval on the morning of our **last day of term, 27 March 2020.**

The school is looking to raise money to help update our IT and tech resources – we are aiming to raise at least \$20,000.00

Students will be able to fundraise both through cash donations and online donations. Where possible online is preferred over cash. For raising a minimum of \$10 they will be eligible for a prize. Next week students will bring home sponsorship forms and a parent letter. March 4 is the official launch date and you will be able to access the fundraising portal.

To register your child's profile in advance of launch date, please go to schoolfunrun.com.au.

We'd love as many people as possible on the day to cheer the kids on and be part of this great community event! There will be lots happening, including a sausage sizzle after the run to help refuel our runners and boost the fundraising efforts.

We're also looking for some helpers, so if you're available please email footscrayprimarysocial@gmail.com

Thank you,
Footscray Primary Social Club



Footscray Library Community & Cultural Hub

What's NeXT?

The existing Footscray Library is a highly valued and well-utilised facility, however it falls well short of the design, layout and digital capability of contemporary community facilities.

A Feasibility Study and Business Case have been completed resulting in four concept options for consideration: a like-for-like replacement and small/medium/large options to be developed on the current Footscray library & car park sites.

This project will only proceed if funding is able to be secured from a range of sources including state and federal governments and philanthropic organisations.



With a big project like this, community views matter.

- Visit our display suite installed at the Footscray Library
- Complete our online survey, *Your City, Your Voice*:
<https://www.yourcityyourvoice.com.au/next>
- Visit our project website page
: <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Works-and-projects/NeXT>
for further information and details of the pop-up information sessions



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Friday 20 March

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