Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our next newsletter. You may be interested to know that our Marketing Subcommittee is currently looking at ways to improve our current newsletter system and format. If you have any suggestions on this or other forms of communication that you would like to contribute, please use suggestion box.

Thank you to Craig from Everyday Potted Plants for the donation of the lovely ficus plants that we used to beautify the hall during the Naomi Stuckey presentations. This was a wonderful addition to our school environment and we thank Craig for his contribution to this successful event. Everyday Potted Plants, Craig Smith, Open 7 days 9-5. 311 Sebes Road Forest Grove everydaypottedplants.com.au

NAPLAN Withdrawals – NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will happen across Australian schools in the week of Tuesday 13th May in Week 3 of Term 2. It is important that the school is informed of anyone’s intention to withdraw their children from the test. We are required to inform ACARA of the number of children who we believe will be present in that week and sitting the test. Please make an appointment as soon as possible to see your class teacher or me should you wish to discuss this issue.

Class Mentors – In case you weren’t aware please note who your Class Mentor is. These wonderful ladies are a very valuable source of school information and support. Don’t be afraid to utilise them!

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Calling on the expertise of parents and families!
The school would very much like to continue to grow using the knowledge and expertise that we know is plentiful and diverse within our own school community. Firstly, we would like to offer work or projects to our families before looking further afield in order to complete particular tasks for the school. Secondly, we would like to be able to ask for advice or help from our own families in order to continue the work of the school and better achieve the school’s Strategic Plan. This information will only be available to the school’s administration for the above purpose. We are aiming to have an extensive “resource bank” for the school to help us move forward into the future. Please reply via email your details to Deb with skills and knowledge that you are willing to share with us. We are most appreciative.

Parent Commitment (6 hrs per family per term)
The school requires parent help for the upcoming Kaigi and Ride2School Day. Let us know if you are able to be of assistance. Upper Primary has laminating jobs for class resources and are seeking a Nit Nanny. Junior and Middle Primary are also seeking a Nit Nanny. Please remember to look on your child’s classroom door or ask their teacher for any jobs they have. Some things can be done from home. You can also check in with Deb for general things around the school.

Carpark Update – Official plans for the carpark upgrade and JP entrance are finalised and posted in the Hall for consultation until Wednesday 19th March at which point they will be approved by Council and submitted to the AMR Shire for final approval. With another incident only this morning between a car exiting and another travelling on Clarke Road, we are hopeful that improvements to our carpark will commence on time and improve safety for all.

Lisa
Our school is once again participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support! Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, all full time children will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Sponsorship forms were given out last week. I encourage you to use the online page but you may use the forms provided.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held on Friday 4th April at 2pm The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope!

Please see attached documents for more details on how to log on.

Next Wednesday is National Ride2School Day. A lot of our families and staff regularly enjoy riding to school and we hope that many more will participate on the day and then choose to ride to school more often. The procedure for the morning is for all participants to meet behind the Shire office by 8.20am to leave at 8.30. Two staff members will be there to escort and parents are welcome and encouraged to join in.

We are all looking forward to our first Kaigi of the year to be held on Harmony Day. Children are invited to dress in costume from a different culture and to bring a plate of shared food for lunch.

- JP have a collection of costumes for hire @ $2. Costume hire will be available this Friday at 12 and 3pm next to Pizza Oven.
- Please donate any costumes you have spare to Junior Primary staff
- Deliver plates of food to staffroom and label for egg, dairy and nut
- Parade will start at 10.45 – be early!
- 11am gather in the hall for Kaigi
- Shared lunch at MP area from 12pm
- Parent helpers needed. See Deb.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM
WEDNESDAY 9TH April 7pm
Followed by P&F AGM 7.30pm

Please consider a role on either School Council or P&F to assist the school, be a part of decision making, setting goals and formulating strategic plans for the school. Nomination forms are available from the front office.

Register Online Now !!!
Community Notices

Ray Simpson, Dynamic Farm Harvey

Interest is sought for delivery to Margaret River of fruit and vegetable boxes from the first or second week of April. Please register your interest by emailing rjscb13@optusnet.com.au or call Ray 0408 883 988 for further information.

What’s in a vegetable box and details about us: In regard to the contents of our vegetable boxes we are endeavouring to grow everything we can that is in season and what we grow will be the majority of the contents of the box. There will be some items that will not be ours in the vegetable boxes sometimes when they are out of season as most people want some items year round. Everything in our boxes will always be Certified Organic or Bio-Dynamic and if it is not our produce the certifier will be listed. We have a large cool room so all vegetables are chilled right down straight after harvest. We endeavour to pick most of our vegetables especially the leafy ones the day before being sold giving the maximum shelf life whereas a week or more can easily have gone by after harvest when purchasing vegetables from a supermarket which are also non-organic/grown with the use of chemicals. Our hearts are in the Bio-Dynamic and Organic Industry and in Bio-Dynamic farm management and as opposed chemical farming we in Bio-Dynamics are ‘builders of health not healers of sickness’. We increase the microbial activity, organic matter and humus in our soils, we rotate crops and incorporate green manure plant crops in to our ground to feed the soil, we only use organically approved methods to control pests if needed. Small Certified Organic Mixed Fruit & Vegetable Box $46 per week. Medium Certified Organic Mixed Fruit & Vegetable Box $65 per week. Family Certified Organic Mixed Fruit & Vegetable Box $78 per week. X-Large Family Certified Organic Mixed Fruit & Vegetable Box $97 per week. Juicing Box mixed fruit and vegetables $49.