



Message from the Principal



WORLD TEACHERS DAY - HATS OFF TO TEACHERS

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge each one of our teachers. It didn't take me long earlier this year to appreciate just how professional and hardworking our teachers are.

Today we had a number of activities that brought students, staff and parents together. We started the day with our mobile coffee cart which was recently sourced and purchased by the P&C.

This was the second event that the cart has been swung into action and it didn't disappoint. A huge thanks to Kelly-Barr Jones and all the parent helpers for coordinating and executing morning tea for staff. For this to happen there is days of baking. It really is appreciated and we as a staff feel extremely supported by our community.

Our SRC donated red apples for teachers and these were enjoyed throughout the day. During year assemblies on Tuesday, students were given time to write thankyou cards for staff. These were delivered to staff today. Stories of the thoughtful messages spread across the school. During lunch break there was music (teacher choice) and student v teachers games. A lunchtime BBQ was coordinated by our SASS and TAS staff. Many thanks to our students, parents and SASS staff for making this day so special.





SPACE CAMP 2024

Parent/Student Information Night - Tuesday 8 November at 6pm in the School Library

In 2019, Mr Dodds and I took 17 The Forest students to the U.S for a trip of a lifetime - Space Camp.



The two-week April school holiday adventure included:

- One week at Space Camp Huntsville, Alabama – where the students trained as basic astronauts, designed and built rockets, completed weightlessness training, defeated obstacle courses and flew on simulated missions to space
- Three days in Washington D.C. – where we visited several of the famous Smithsonian museums, had a guided tour of the Senate building (with way too much marble) and a night bus tour of the highlights the city has to offer
- Three days in Orlando, Florida – here we didn't stop with indoor skydiving, shopping, airboats on the everglades, visit to Kennedy Space Centre to have lunch with an astronaut and a full day at Universal Studios



The success of the trip cannot be underestimated. Proudly, completing with 10 other teams, The Forest was awarded one of only 3 prizes at the end of their training – Best Team Award. This is an even greater accomplishment due to the students being from 5 different year groups (8 to 12) and had not work together before the trip yet came together so successfully as a team!

We are having a meeting with the tour group (Edutours) for parents and students about a possible future trip during the April holidays 2024 on Tuesday 8th November at 6pm in the school library. All are welcome to come and hear the possible itinerary and outlay for cost. Looking forward to 2024, I hope to repeat the success we had in 2019.

Ms Roberts (Science)

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

On Wednesday and Thursday we held our executive planning conference to map out the year ahead. We are fortunate to have a leadership team that shares a similar belief system regarding the purpose of our school, how students learn and how staff flourish in their roles. We began the day by sharing these beliefs. Alignment with our values and beliefs was an important step before planning what will be done. We have exciting plans for 2023.

Many thanks to Mrs Trout, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Golanovski for holding the fort while we were gone. Schools are busy places and they did an amazing job when responding to incidents.

MUSICAL - WIZARD OF OZ

iAs communicated last week, during week 9 we have our School Musical. We have put a call out to parent helpers. We understand that the links in the previous update did not work. Please try this sign up link:

<https://signup.com/go/bMfKQLj>

Performance dates: Wednesday to Friday Week 9 (7, 8 & 9 December).

If you have any questions, please contact the school office and they will direct you to the most appropriate person.

The P&C is also looking into the viability of taking a more hands on approach with canteen operations in 2023.

Their initial step is to form a committee. If you would like to be involved with menu planning, staff interviews or every day running of the canteen please sign up here:

<https://signup.com/go/oOjEgFo>

Upcoming Events

MONDAY 18 OCTOBER -THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Year 12 HSC Exams



TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Space Camp 2024 - Parent/Student Information Night

