



# Footscray Primary News

An Internationally Authorised School



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## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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

**Students must not be left in the playground before or after school. Any student left unsupervised before 8.45am or after 3.45pm will be sent to Camp Australia at a cost to parents/carers.**

Lunch eating: 11:00am-11:15am  
Yard time: 11.15am-12.00pm  
Recess: 2.00pm-2.30pm  
School Finish: 3.30pm

## Important Dates

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Class Rep Morning Tea

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 3 & 5 – NAPLAN testing

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Open Day #2

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Foundation Circus Workshop

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Reconciliation Week

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 1 Science Incursion

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Public Holiday

## **Our School's Vision for Reconciliation**

Footscray Primary School acknowledges the rich and diverse cultures and histories of our First Nations peoples and we aim to celebrate this as a whole community. We also aim to educate our community to understand how we can address the inequality and inequity between our First Nations' peoples and all other Australians.

A reconciled Australia will be achieved together where relationships are developed based on a commitment to social justice, mutual understanding, respect and trust. The first step towards reconciliation is understanding and acknowledging the history and challenges faced by our First Nations peoples.

We want all members of our community to ask themselves 'What actions can I take to help achieve a more reconciled Australia?'

This week a small group of enthusiastic parents met with myself to reconvene the Reconciliation Action Group for Footscray Primary School. It was a very productive meeting and here are some actions:

- Jade Hatfield (parent) shared some great educational resources from the Koorie Heritage Trust that will support us to make strong connections to the curriculum and our programme of inquiry.
- We will review our RAP that was developed in 2016 and our goal this year is to increase the level of community engagement.
- We have developed a plan for Reconciliation Week. We would like to invite the whole community to attend sessions being held during the day at the school. We will advertise the schedule shortly.
- Annie Wormald (parent) is leading the group to plan a fundraiser on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June so that we can raise money for a third flagpole. This will enable us to also acknowledge Torres Strait Islander people through flying the flag.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Executive Officer: Philip Fox  
President: Erika Jonsson  
Vice President: Joyce Watts  
Treasurer: Justin Mansfield  
Secretary: Raylene Varone

### Office Hours

MON-FRI 8.30am - 4.00pm

### Office Staff

Julie: Mon-Fri  
Jessie: Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri  
Nicole: Tues-Wed  
Rowena: Wed-Fri

### Uniform Sales

Mondays 3.00pm-4.00pm  
Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am

### PAYMENT DETAILS

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

**EFTPOS available at the office**



- We are also exploring a larger project with the aim of creating a quiet space within our school acknowledging and recognising the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and peoples. This could involve engaging an artist in residence. It also could bring together some of the other sub-committees of School Council.
- We are also keen to develop a calendar of events throughout the year.

### **Reconciliation Week 2018**

**May 27 – June 3**

During Reconciliation Week, Reconciliation Australia invites all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation.

#### **“Don’t Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow”**

The theme explores history hidden just beneath the surface, ready and waiting to be uncovered. This National Reconciliation Week learn more about the Australian story. This year’s theme connect strongly to our school’s vision for reconciliation.

#### **Classroom Representative Morning Tea- Tuesday 9am.**

A reminder that we have the classroom reps morning tea next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. I encourage all parents/carers to attend even if you are not year level representative. This will greatly support the building of a positive school community.

#### **Excursion Levy**

Could I please encourage families to pay the excursion levy, if you have not done so already. As there are upcoming excursions and incursions it would be disappointing for students to miss out on these rich learning opportunities. Unfortunately, the school is not in a position to subsidise excursions and incursions.

Our classroom representatives are meeting on Tuesday to develop a calendar for fundraising for All Aboard. Currently there are no funds in All Aboard. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please make a time to come and chat with myself. Our aim is for all students to participate in all experiences.

Stay dry and keep warm this weekend.



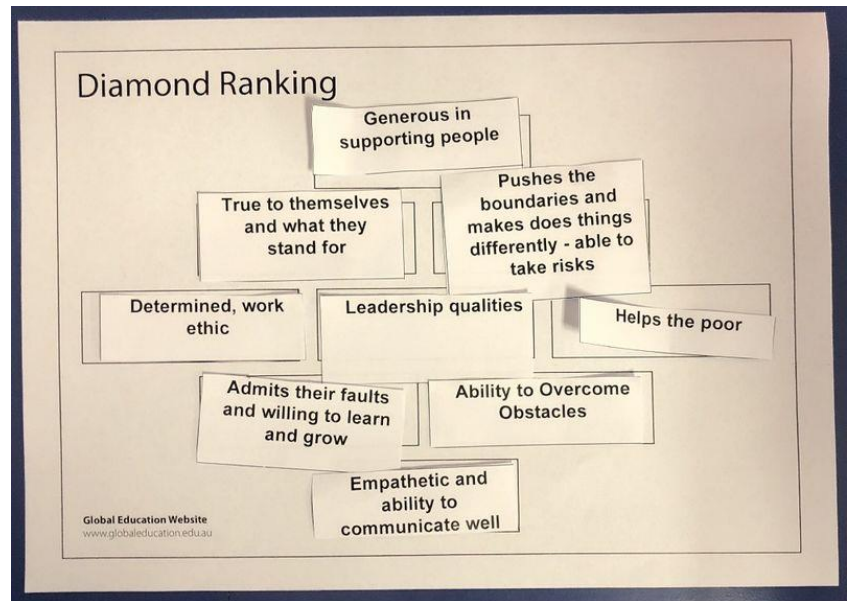
**Philip Fox**  
**Principal**

## Contact Details


Could all parents/guardians please ensure their contact details (especially work and mobile numbers) are correct. You can update your contact details via Compass or email the school [footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Grade 3/4 News

As the Year 3/4s continue their inquiry into the qualities of a good role model, they were faced with the task of organising data they had collected. The students were provided with a synthesised list of the qualities that had collected through interviewing their families and reflecting on their own beliefs and values. They used an organiser called a 'diamond ranking' to order the qualities from the most important quality down to the least important quality. The students were beginning to make connections between the PYP attitudes and their top 9 qualities they picked. Through this evaluation process the students have designed a criterion to reevaluate their current role models or to seek a new one.



## CALENDAR: Term 2 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 5</b>	14 May	15 9am Class reps morning tea Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Language	16 Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Reading	17 Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Numeracy	18  <b>OPEN DAY 9.15-11.00</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	21	22	23	24 Foundation Circus Incursion	25 3/4 Drumming Performance
<b>Week 7</b>	28 Grade 1 Science Incursion  5.30pm School Council AGM	29	30	31	1 June Reconciliation Assembly (hosts 00B/00C) 
<b>Week 8</b>	4 June	5	6	7	8 Assembly
<b>Week 9</b>	11 <b>Public Holiday</b>	12	13	14	15
<b>Week 10</b>	18	19	20	21	22 Assembly
<b>Week 11</b>	25 5.30pm School Council	26	27	28	29 Last day of Term 1.30pm finish

### Student of the Week

Student	Grade	Award	For
Nainoa	01A	Commitment	Staying committed to your learning and behaviour. You have shown that you are independent learner and can make the correct choices that support you being the best learner you can be.
Kobe	01B	Independence	Spending the whole week with a positive mind set during learning time. When presented with a task, Kobe demonstrates persistence and independence! Keep up the good work Kobe! I look forward to reading your information book about POKEMON.
Andy	01C	Confidence	Being a confident student who always gives his best effort to all areas of learning.
Tem	05A	Commitment	For his commitment towards himself as a learner. He is working hard to avoid distractions and is applying the feedback he is receiving from his teachers.
Mahrosh	05B	Balanced	Being a committed and hard worker, you are always on task and doing your personal best. You are respectful and kind to everyone in the classroom and their learning.



FOOTSCRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# *Short story competition*



**SUBMIT BY FRIDAY,  
29 JUNE**

ACCEPTED STORIES TO BE INCLUDED IN  
FPS LIBRARY COLLECTION  
PRIZES FOR TOP THREE STORIES



## GUIDELINES

- ANY THEME OR TOPIC
  - TYPED DOCUMENT PREFERABLE  
(HANDWRITTEN ACCEPTABLE)
  - MAXIMUM LENGTH THREE PAGES
  - OPEN TO FOUNDATION - GRADE 6  
(CONSIDER YOUR ENTIRE TARGET  
AUDIENCE)
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