

## Newsletter No 8

### A busy start to term for everyone...

It is hard to believe we already at the end of week 3 of term 2! There have been a lot of wonderful things happening around Fordell School – visits to the museum and art gallery, reading with Fordell Pre-School group, Fundamental Skills for room 4, hockey skills and Te Reo for the whole school. Then there have been the fabulous activities our learners have been doing during their breaks; RipStik and bike riding, netball practises, hut building, sand pit play and ball tag on the playground. It is a credit to you the families and the staff how well Fordell children interact with each other – showing compassion and respect to each other. I am also immensely impressed with the responsibility they all show when taking up duties around the school.

Room 1 are in full swing for their camp fundraising – you may have noticed there are pine cones for sale at the front entrance. A great idea to stock up before the cold weather is upon us. You can buy these for \$8 a bag or 2 for \$15.

The Mangamahu Cross Country is now on Friday 3 June – it will be a fabulous day out; we look forward to seeing some of you there.

*Yvette Moorhouse - Principal*

#### Our **VALUE** for the week is **RESPONSIBILITY**

- ✓ Showing leadership and being a good role model.
- ✓ Showing self control and making good choices.



*Discussing the school value helps students cement these values, and supports the link between expectations at school and home.*

## Our Values

- Compassion
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Confidence
- Pride
- Honesty
- Courage
- Commitment

#### Dates for Next 2 weeks...

##### WEEK 4

- 23/5 – BoT Mtg 7.00
- 25/5 – Writing Group to Kaitoke School
- 25/5 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 26/5 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 27/5 – Assembly, R3 item

##### WEEK 5

- 30/5 - Y8s invited to City College
- 3/6 – Mangamahu Cross Country

### PARENT/TEACHER/ STUDENT CONFERENCES

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

You will receive your time today, if you haven't please contact the office.

School finishes at 2.00, you may collect your children early, otherwise they will be in the Tin Shed with Mrs Moorhouse until 3.00

### Mangamahu Cross Country (note the new date)

**WHEN:** Friday 3 June

**WHERE:** Mangamahu School

**TIMES:**

- Leaving Fordell School at 9.05
- racing starts 10.30
- Finishing at approx. 1.45.

*If you take your child early please let the teacher know ☺*

### Fordell School on Facebook

You will have noticed we slightly changed our page. Please let family and friends know, it is an open page so they will not need to request permission. This is a great place for us to share photos, events and notices. ☺

Last week in assembly we celebrated our  
“Student of the Week” awards:

**Room 1: Caleb Todd** for his diligent approach to all his learning.

**Room 2: Elena Solomona** for always showing respect for others and respect for her learning.

**Room 3: Toby Gill** for being a hard worker in all learning areas.

**Room 4: India Hayward** for having a great first week at Fordell School and bringing a beautiful smile to R4.

## Happy Birthday to...

10<sup>th</sup> May – Mr Reddish

11<sup>th</sup> May – Alesha Todd

12<sup>th</sup> May – Kayla Lazarevich

15<sup>th</sup> May – Daniel O’Neil

19<sup>th</sup> May – Sophie Cranstone

20<sup>th</sup> May – Kaylib Stephens

20<sup>th</sup> May – Angus Sewell

20<sup>th</sup> May – Xavier Gardiner

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday

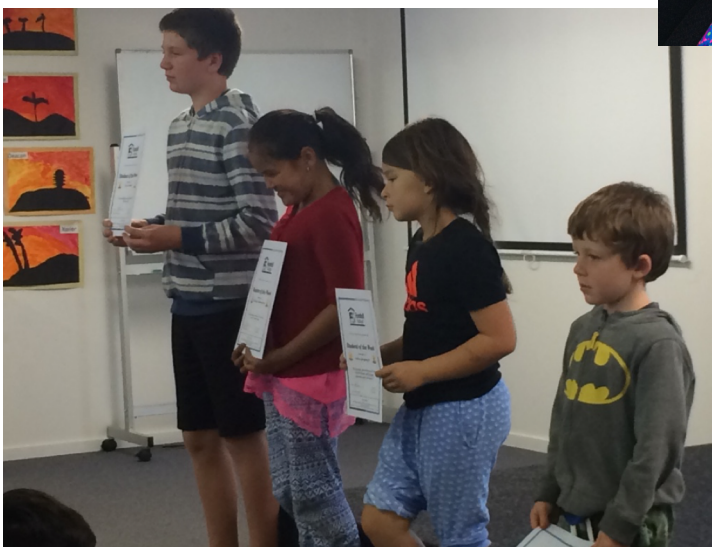
## Room 1 at the Art Gallery



## Buddy Reading with Fordell Pre-School



## Week 2 Fordell School Students of the Week



## Room 2 sharing their learning with us in assembly...



*“Community partnership creating confident, connected life-long learners.”*





Welcome to this week's newsletter. Each week one of the four classes gets to publish their work in this section. Based around our 'Where in the World' topic, this week the newsletter is brought to you by...

# Room One !

Room One have been hard at work fundraising....

## Pinecone Collecting

Last Monday Room one went on a journey to find pine cones, fundraising for Room 1 Ski Camp. We went to Harakeke forest. The forest had been felled so we picked up pine cones from the ground and on fallen trees. We had lots of fun and filled 90 bags. If we sell all the pinecones we'll raise \$720 (each bag is \$8.00). So if you have a fire, no firewood or wet firewood please come to Fordell School grab a bag of pine cones and pay at the front office. Open from 9.00am 'till 3.00pm. Share the big news with family, friends and neighbours. The forest was kindly sponsored by Ernslaw One.... A big thanks to all the parents involved. It was a big day but we all survived, thank goodness! Grace and Bella .

## Other Fundraising

Throughout the next few months we will be having upcoming sausage sizzles at Mitre Ten and at school. Shop at New World, spend forty dollars and vote for Fordell to win the school a share of \$1000 worth of food for camp. By Larissa

## Starry, Starry Night!

On Wednesday the 11th of May Room One from Fordell school went for a trip to the Sarjeant Art Gallery on The Quay. When they first arrived they met Sietske by the door and soon got a tour around the gallery and into the learning room. Sietske showed them approximately seven paintings of the sky. The paintings were from three different artists; Van Gogh, Whistler and Cooper. Room One did two paintings each. One was based on Van Gogh's famous painting Starry Night and the other was based on one of Whistler's water paintings. They did them both as water paintings. The results were left at the art gallery to dry and came back to school on the 18th of May. The finished results are splendid! Elena O'Leary

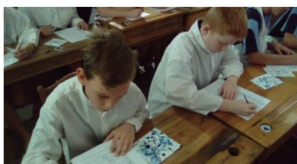
## My Dream Holiday Destination.

If I could go anywhere in the world, I would definitely go to see the amazing Mount Fuji, in Japan. I would love to stand amidst the blossoming pink cherry trees and the blossoms slowly fall down to the ground and I gaze up at the breathtaking, tall snowy mountain, the tip caked with frost and snow, spread out like spilled milk. The slight breeze and a clear sunny blue sky are perfect for this moment. I would look over to the lake and see the coracles slowly paddling in the glittering water, making small ripples. The town looks like toy houses and the little people look like ants. The town is built around the great mountain, as if it was protecting it from harm, like little ants protecting their goods. I breath in the sweet smell of cherry trees and time almost stands still, in this beautiful moment.

By Ella.



This is a diary entry in relation to our visit to the museum, where we looked at the days of Victorian school.



11.5.1880

Dear diary

Today was my first day at my new school.

The kids were cruel and the teacher was horrible, nothing like my teacher back home in good ole England. I am missing Holly and Alice like crazy. There is one girl in my class, Marie who got me in trouble for talking and Miss gave me the cane. I didn't tell Mama because she would have punished me more! Oh how I try to be a good girl. My birthday is coming up and I'll be 10 but Mama says that if I'm not a good girl Daddy won't bring me home any presents from England. There is some exciting news, the Queen is coming over from England, but that's not the exciting part! The exciting part is, she's staying with us! So back to school, arithmetic was easy, baby's work. Writing was the neatest, it was funny watching the girls faces as I got congratulated.

Must dash,

Bridie xx



## Art From Around the World

This term we have been looking at different artworks from around the world. We have started off with Egypt and their Egyptian pharaoh death masks. First, we found a tutorial on how to draw a death mask then step by step we drew the death mask. Secondly we coloured them in pastel or painted them in blue and gold acrylic paint and for the finishing touch we put them on a piece of black card. The results were astonishing. They are now pinned up on our walls and will shortly be in the office. By Gemma.



Fordell School

Wednesday 11th May 1885

Dear Diary.

First day at my new school. New students, new teacher, new start. At least it was better than my last school where I was caned every day for leaving my horse in the wrong paddock. Miss Wilberforce made school an absolute nightmare at Kentucky Primary, now at my new school I'm the new student. So none of the children, nor teachers, know about my low reputation.

First we had spelling, slate pencils squeaking across the slates. I must say it was hard not to giggle when everyone made a high pitched sound with the pencils. The teacher Miss Boutrais however, wouldn't allow it. Spelling is not my favourite subject at school, but I certainly did better at it today. Next was Arithmetic, easy peasy lemon squeezy. I stood up to answer and of course got it right. Olivia got five questions wrong, but was forgiven for she is the youngest in the class. Afterwards was a bit of writing and handwriting using the ink and dip pens. My letters weren't bold enough so I tried to dip the pen into the ink bowl to get more. My pen got stuck, I began to panic and Miss Boutrais made me stand up for interrupting the class. I couldn't help but giggle as she told me off, the grin on my face got bigger and bigger until it fell to the ground. "I'm going to keep my eye on you and if you interrupt again, you will be caned!" Yelled Miss Boutrais. Of course I ended up being taken out of class to be caned, for talking to Elena and laughing loudly. The harsh red marks still stain my hands. Three times! Three times! It was extremely embarrassing for I was not just the only girl to be caned today, but the only student in the class. I'm dreading going back tomorrow, I mustn't tell Mother about the events of today or I will be caned again! Talk again tomorrow,  
Lolo Lauren xxx :)

G'Day Mate!

Well here I am. Week 1 of my amazing World Tour checking out the Sydney Harbour Bridge, also deciding where I would like to go next in Sydney. Sydney Tower? Opera House? Zoo's? Manly Beach? Yes I know the name is funny but I have heard it is a great beach. Or even, I could go to Queensland and hold Koalas. I have done a lot of shopping but guess what...more to come! It's just a bit hotter here than it is in Fordell. My estimate maybe 23 Degrees Celsius.

Well

The food is different but still delicious! Looking forward rest of my World Tour. write again and again!  
Got to Darh!  
G'ya later  
Paige Carston.

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### Cambodia

Ever wondered what it's like in Cambodia? From the historic landmarks and temples, the ever changing climate, things you should know while on holiday, and the amazing Cambodian beliefs, this country will be sure to interest you.

There are many landmarks in Cambodia, despite it being a third world country. The Cambodians are still in the healing process of when the Khmer Rouge had their reign of terror. The top landmark has to be Angkor Wat, as it attracts the most tourists and the Angkor Wat temple is on the Cambodian flag. Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument in the world, it measures 163 hectares. The word Angkor Wat means city of temples because Angkor Thom used to be the capital of the Khmer Empire. Other landmarks include the Silver Pagoda, a Royal Palace temple with jeweled Buddhas, Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a museum in an old Khmer Rouge prison, and The Cambodia-Vietnam Friendship monument, a monument commemorating the alliance between Cambodia and Vietnam.

In Cambodia, the climate and topography don't just affect the people. Cambodia's land is seventy percent forest and jungles and is home to two thousand two hundred unique species. In the dry season from late October to April, the animals struggle to tolerate the sizzling hot sun. However, in the wet season which runs from May to early October the animals will be desperate to shelter themselves from the pelting rain. A revealing example is the Water Buffalo. In the dry season they will spend most of their time in water pools but in the wet season it will be a whole different story. Also the topography in Cambodia is rather hilly with a mountain or lake here or there.

If you were to go on holiday in Cambodia, located in Southeast Asia, there are some minutia you should know. First things first the transport in Cambodia is a lot different than New Zealand. For example there are one point five million people in the capital city, Phnom Penh, and one point three million mopeds. Most intersections don't have stop signs or traffic lights so it is totally crazy on the road. The currency in Cambodia is the Cambodian Riel and the language is Khmer. Not many people see Cambodia as very populated but it actually has a population of fifteen million. The Cambodian cuisine is not that different to the food of its neighbours Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. Cambodian cuisine includes noodles, soups, curries, stir fries, lots of vegetables, tropical fruit and of course rice, a staple food in Cambodia.

The country of Cambodia has some strange superstitious beliefs. For a start, the people there believe that the spirits of their ancestors still feel hunger, they hold spiritual ceremonies to not only thank them, but they organise an array of food for the ancestor's spirits to 'eat.' In some Asian countries like China, the people enjoy a seafood delicacy called Trey Domrey or Elephant fish. However for some Cambodian locals eating Trey Domrey is a huge nono. They believe that a Trey Domrey is actually a person. According to popular belief Trey Domrey is a woman that got killed by her husband and if you eat the fish you will get the same end as her. Also if you sing while you are cooking, you will marry a widow or widower.

So there you have it! From the ever changing climate, to things you should know while on holiday, the superstitious beliefs, and the landmarks and temples, I am sure Cambodia has interested you.  
By John Bryant

In Room 1 we only have to write one report a term. Last week we wrote a report on a country of our choice, displaying our knowledge about the food, clothing, culture, climate and famous landmarks of that country.



The Angkor Wat Temple in Cambodia!