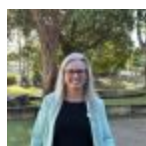




FLSS - Newsletter - Term 4, Week 7



## Kylie Steinhardt - FLSS Principal

Published by Kylie Steinhardt

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the school year, our focus turns to celebrating student achievement and ensuring a safe and positive finish to 2025. From now until the end of term, a number of important events will take place, and we look forward to sharing these moments with our school community.

Over the coming weeks, our Year 6s are not only preparing for the end of year celebrations as they head towards graduation, staff will continue to support them through the transition process, ensuring they are equipped, confident, and ready for the next stage of their learning journey. Coming from a secondary school setting, it is wonderful to see the care and consideration our staff and families are providing to our students that will ensure the strongest transition experience possible and setting them up for success. If you have not yet enrolled your child into their high school, please ensure you do so as soon as possible. Don't forget to let us know their next school destination.

It is also a very special time for our Year 5 students, who are currently engaged in the selection process for leadership positions in 2026. The enthusiasm and excitement within the cohort has been inspiring and has set a positive tone across the school. This process also reminds our Year 5 students that every one of them holds an important leadership role next year. As the senior cohort of 2026, their behaviour, actions, and the way they model our school values will set the standard for the rest of the school. Their leadership - formal or informal - will play a key role in shaping a respectful, responsible, and inclusive school culture.

This week, we welcome Chappy Long to Forest Lake State School as our new School Chaplain. As Chappy Marion prepares for her retirement, Chappy Long will be with us every Wednesday until the end of the year. Chappy Long also works at Forest Lake State High School and knows our community incredibly well. In 2026 we are fortunate enough to have Chappy Long join us for 2 days each week. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Chappy Marion, who has been a valued and compassionate member of our school for the past five years. Her support of students, families, and staff has made a meaningful and lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for her dedication and care. We wish her all the very best as she prepares for her well-earned retirement.

I look forward to seeing you at many of the upcoming celebrations this term and the continued support of our students learning.

Kylie Steinhardt



## Michele Devlin - Deputy Principal Years 5-6

Published by Michele Devlin

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### Graduation Information

You are invited to the Forest Lake State School Year Six Graduation Tuesday 9 December at 6:00pm. It will be held at St John's Anglican College Performing Arts Centre Senior Campus College Avenue, Forest Lake. Can we please ask that you be seated by 6:00pm for a prompt start.

### Tickets

Each family has been allocated four tickets. If you require any extra tickets, please email [mdevl1@eq.edu.au](mailto:mdevl1@eq.edu.au) and we will try and accommodate your request.

We are using Trybooking as our online booking system. You will find the link to secure your tickets online, below. You will need to provide a printed ticket or electronic ticket to gain entry to the hall. Bookings will open on Wednesday 12 November at 6:00pm and close on Friday 28 November at 6:30pm.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHHYB>



Every person attending over the age of 12 months will need a ticket. Graduating students do not need tickets.

### Senior Shirt 2026 - Pre-order Senior Shirt

Every year the Year 6 students wear their senior shirt with pride as they complete their final year of primary school. As the year 5 students approach the end of their school year and prepare to enter year 6, they all have had an opportunity to be involved in designing what their senior shirt will look like. The shirt is currently in the development stage and a sample will be available for us to view soon. In the meantime, I have included some examples below of senior shirts from the last couple of years so you have an idea of what it may look like.

The challenge we have, is because they are uniquely designed for that year (not a stocked item in the uniform shop) we do need to get the ordering underway promptly to have everything in place so we can have the shirts out to us by the start of term 1.

The 1st round of pre-ordering has now been finalised. We understand that everyone couldn't meet the 1st round deadline, so we are preparing to place another order when we have enough. This just means you may need to wait a bit longer to receive your order (approximately the start of term 2).

This time of year and the New Year is the busiest time for the uniform shop so to effectively manage the senior shirt orders through the shop, Online Ordering is the preferred option. We do also realise the challenges with online platforms and not everyone may have access. If this is the case, please contact the uniform shop or pop in on trading days and we can provide you with a manual form and pay cash/card or EFT.

Email [uniformshop@flsspandc.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:uniformshop@flsspandc.onmicrosoft.com)

Price \$37 each (price effective for 2025-2026yr - Additional shirts can be purchased)

Order Now through School24 or visit [www.school24.net.au](http://www.school24.net.au) on any device.

Install the School24 mobile app on your iPhone/Android. School ID 25435963

Drop down Categories - Select Senior Shirts 2025 Preorders

 Image preview



- ✓ Get a shirt that fits nicely and lay it flat on a surface.
- ✓ Measure across the chest from between the armpits. This will give you the **HALF CHEST MEASUREMENT**
- ✓ Turn the shirt over and measure down the back of the shirt from the neck or base of the collar to the hem. This will give you the **LENGTH - CENTER BACK**
- ✓ Find the closest match from the size range below.  
**TIPI Always size up if you are between sizes.**

## Student Leadership 2026

I would like to congratulate all our Year 5 students who applied for 2026 student leadership positions. It has been wonderful to see so many students demonstrate enthusiasm, initiative, and a genuine commitment to contributing to our school community.

We have received an impressive number of applications, and I am currently in the process of carefully reviewing each one as we move into the next stage of the selection process.

The leadership selection process is always a challenging one, as there are so many capable and passionate students who put themselves forward. I would like to commend every applicant for showing courage, confidence, and a willingness to take on new responsibilities. We look forward to the next phase of the process and to announcing our 2026 Student Leaders in the coming weeks.

## Christmas Raffle

Tickets on sale every morning before school on the path near the front gate (Kauri Place). See information below. The raffle will be drawn in week 9.



## Important Dates to Remember

<b>27 November</b>	Sausage Sizzle Prep - 3
<b>28 November</b>	Sausage Sizzle Year 4 - 6
<b>2 December</b>	Meet the teacher
<b>3 December</b>	Esports Primary Final
<b>5 December</b>	Forest Lake State High School Transition Day
<b>8 December</b>	Academic Assembly
<b>9 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation - St Johns 6:00pm
<b>9 December</b>	Year 6 Guard of Honour - 2:15pm
<b>10 December</b>	Year 6 Celebration - Area 51
<b>11 December</b>	Frankie Fun Day & Party Day



## Philip Thomas - Deputy Principal Years 2-4

Published by Phil Thomas

### Returning to FLSS in 2026

Please complete the form below to confirm your plans for the 2026 school year. It's important that all families fill this out so we can plan accordingly. [Will your child be returning to Forest Lake State School in 2026? – Fill in form](#)

You'll be asked to indicate whether your child(ren) will be:

Returning to FLSS in 2026

Returning with a delayed start in 2026

Not returning to FLSS in 2026

### Transitions for 2026

As we move further into Term 4, our transition program for 2026 is well underway. While we are already supporting our incoming Prep students and preparing our Year 6s for their move to high school, it is now time to focus on transitions for all current Prep-Year 5 students as they prepare for their next year level.

Over the coming weeks, teachers will be speaking with students about what 2026 may look like for them. These conversations help children understand that changes to class groupings, staff, buildings and routines are a normal and positive part of school life. We encourage all families to continue these discussions at home, focusing on building

confidence and excitement for the year ahead.

In **Week 7**, our Inclusion Team will begin gentle “walk-throughs” with students who may benefit from extra time to process upcoming changes. These walks may include visits to morning waiting areas, playgrounds, toilet blocks and cohort spaces. If you see students touring the school with an Inclusion Teacher, please know this is part of our transition support designed to help them feel secure and prepared.

During **Weeks 8 and 9**, students requiring additional transition support will have opportunities to spend short, supported sessions in the block they will move into next year. With the help of their current Inclusion Teacher or Aide, they may complete a worksheet, puzzle or game in the wet areas or middle rooms of their future year level. These sessions also allow them to meet the Inclusion staff who will be supporting that block in 2026.

In **Week 10**, a small number of students will participate in more intensive transition visits. At times, teachers may welcome one of their 2026 students for part of a lesson or activity to help strengthen familiarity and comfort.

### **QParents Registration Reminder**

#### **Why sign up?**

All excursion, camp and activity permissions will be handled through QParents, and Term 4 report cards will be released there earlier than by email. Going digital also cuts down on printing (and lost notes!).

**Dropin help** - come to the office and request support to sign up.

#### **What to bring:**

100 points of ID (e.g., passport or licence = 50 pts each; Medicare card = 20 pts).

Full ID list is on the QParents site.

**Prefer to register at home?** Follow the stepbystep video tutorial. [Registration Tutorial](#)

Thank you to the many families who have already registered, your support is appreciated!



### **Bronwyn Watkins - Deputy Principal Prep - Year 1**

Published by Bronwyn Watkins

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#### **Volunteer's Morning Tea**

We warmly invite all our wonderful 2025 volunteers to join us for a special Volunteer Morning Tea as a thank you for the time, care, and support you have given to our school community this year.

Wednesday, 26th November

10:30am

FLSS Library

Please RSVP to [bwatk31@eq.edu.au](mailto:bwatk31@eq.edu.au)



## FLSS Playgroup

Playgroup Cancelled This Week – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Due to safety precautions being taken in the playgroup area following the recent recall of coloured sand, our FLSS Playgroup will not be on this week. Thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure a safe environment for our community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

Just a reminder that Playgroup is on each Friday at 9am in the FLSS library. Our staff look forward to welcoming you each week for a chat, playtime, song, dance and story. Now that the weather is warmer, don't forget to bring a hat for our outside play area, a water bottle and a morning snack.



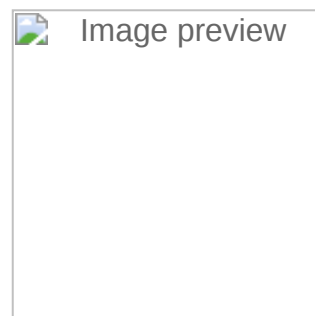
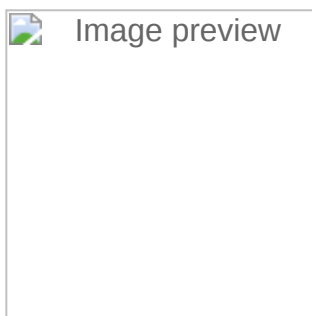
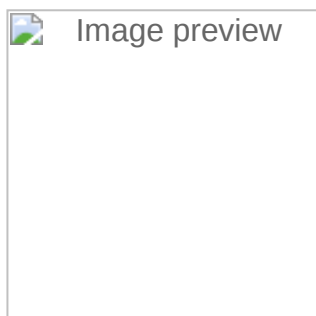
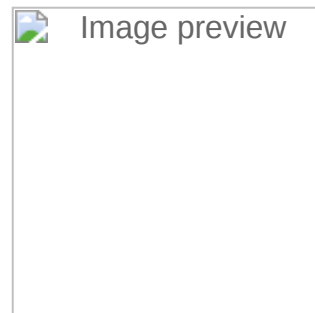
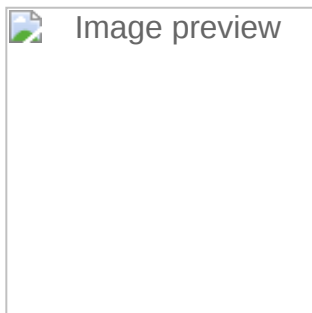
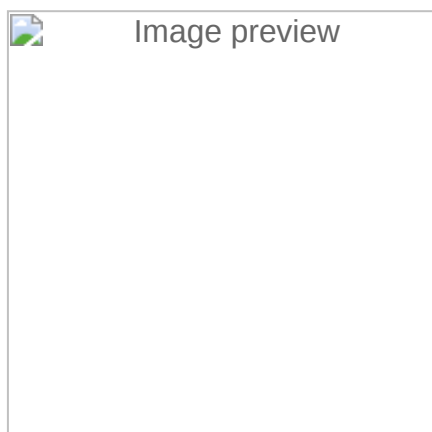
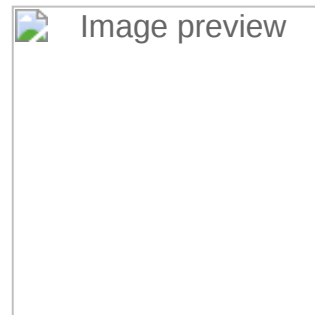
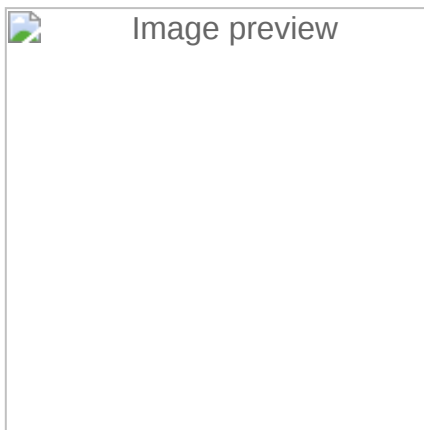
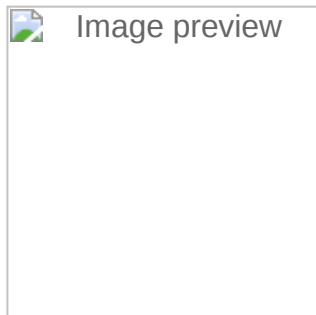
## Kindy Visits

Term 4 Kindy visits have commenced with visits to our local kindergartens and ECEC centres. The Prep teachers and myself have enjoyed connecting with our Pre-Prep students and reading a story called 'The Magic Hat'.

## Little Frankies

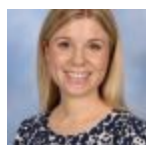
Our Soaring into School transition sessions finish this week. We look forward to welcoming all of our 2026 Prep students on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Just a reminder that our Prep Meet the Teacher afternoon will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.





## Dance Academy Auditions - Forest Lake State School Academy of Dance - 2026 Intake

Forest Lake State School currently has a unique dance excellence program. FLSS is the only Primary School in Australia that offers a TAFE course. Students that are part of Dance Academy complete a Certificate 1 in dance over Year 5 & 6. The program focuses on Jazz, Contemporary and the Performing Arts Industry. Auditions for current Year 4 students will take place on Thursday 4th of December 8.45am at the PAC. All forms need to be returned to Miss J by 4<sup>th</sup> December.



**Vanessa Sims**

Published by Vanessa Sims

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## 4A Squiz Kids

Last week, our 4A students were thrilled to welcome The Honourable Milton Dick MP, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives and Member for Oxley, along with Bryce Corbett from Squiz Kids.

Squiz Kids delivers a program called Newshounds, a curriculum-aligned initiative that teaches primary students how to think critically about the media they see and hear. 4A have been actively participating in these lessons. Students learn to STOP, THINK and CHECK information, helping them recognise misinformation and make smart, safe decisions online.

4A are big fans of both Squiz Kids and the Newshounds program, so having these special guests visit was incredibly exciting, they even received a shout-out on the 6 November Squiz Kids podcast episode!

Our students represented Forest Lake State School with pride, asking thoughtful questions and engaging confidently throughout the session. A big thank you to Mrs Abreu for organising this valuable learning experience.

Families can listen to the Squiz Kids podcast here:

<https://www.squizkids.com.au/podcast/>



### **Brisbane Tram and Bus Art Competition**

On Thursday 6th November some very talented students from FLSS were awarded prizes for their artwork submitted to the Brisbane Tram and Bus Special Children's Association Art Competition. The presentation at Mount Coot-tha Auditorium was attended by hundreds of students and parents. Forest Lake SS had twenty entries in the competition, with twelve winners!

Our winners were Bonnie 5M, Storm 3J, Presley 3D, Werohiko 4B, Hayden 5M, Jessica 3J, Poinciana 5M , Lucy 2S, Harper 3A, Kevin 3K, Rubyrose 6B and Marvel 2S.

We are proud of all FLSS entrants and thank you to Ms Dionysius for her encouragement and support.





### Semester Two Report Cards

Our 2026, Semester Two report cards will be issued to parents and caregivers at the end of this term. Please ensure your email address is up to date and that you are registered for Q-Parents. We strongly encourage families to use Q-Parents for early, easy and secure access to reports. If you need to update your email address or get connected to Q-Parents, please contact the office.

You will be able to view your child/s report card via Q-Parents on Wednesday 10th December. Report cards will then be emailed on Thursday 11th December. Please check your junk mail if your report card hasn't arrived.

### BYOD (iPad) Information Session

Our BYOD iPad program runs from Year 2 to Year 6. We will be holding our BYOD iPad Parent Information session on Monday, 24th November, 2:10pm PAC. This session is open to all parents. Parents in Year 1 and new families to FLSS are encouraged to attend. Staff will go through the program overview including requirements, school responsibilities, parent responsibilities, student responsibilities and purchasing options. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to [vsims6@eq.edu.au](mailto:vsims6@eq.edu.au).



### The Reading Room in the Library

Start your morning with a story! *The Reading Room* is open in the library every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:15 to 8:30am, and families are warmly invited to join in. It's a lovely way to begin the day by sharing books, building connections, and enjoying the calm buzz of reading before school starts.

Each Wednesday, a special guest reader takes the spotlight! Teachers volunteer to read aloud with students, choosing favourite stories or new adventures to share. It's always a surprise who might pop up next and what story they'll bring to life!

Students can keep track of their visits by signing their Reading Room card each time they attend. After a set number of visits, they'll earn a small prize to celebrate their reading effort. We love welcoming readers and their families into the library and encourage everyone to make reading together a daily habit because a few pages shared each day can make a world of difference.



## Kylie Steinhardt - FLSS Principal

Published by Kylie Steinhardt

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Dear Forest Lake State School Community,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through Term 4! The past few weeks have been filled with wonderful learning, events, and celebrations that truly highlight the spirit of our school.

Our Gala Night is going to be a fantastic showcase of talent, dedication, and teamwork. I am looking forward to seeing all members of our community come and support our talented and confident performers.

As we move into the second half of the term, there's still plenty to look forward to - from upcoming excursions and transition programs to our end-of-year celebrations. I encourage families to stay up to date through our school calendar and social media pages to ensure you don't miss any important dates.

I'd also like to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing partnership and support. The enthusiasm, kindness, and involvement of our community make Forest Lake State School such a special place for our students to learn and grow.

Let's continue to finish the year strong and celebrate the successes, big and small, that make our school community shine.