

FOREST HILL COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the P.A. Newsletter for 2011 and a very warm welcome to all new families. We trust that Term 1 was successful and that all students transitioned smoothly. The Parents' Association of Forest Hill College is a committee of parent members, who meet monthly and discuss ways in which to assist the college. The Principal, Jenny Cook, attends all our meetings and presents a report on current happenings around the college. She is also available to assist with any queries we may have when organising and or assisting with annual college activities. We are also a forum for parents to voice any concerns they may have regarding school issues. Joining the P.A. involves a \$2 annual joining fee, which allows members voting rights and access to monthly minutes of our meetings. With all the "formal" stuff out of the way, we would like to extend an invitation to current parents to come along to a meeting, and join in on our very informal gatherings, usually with supper and a cuppa, and meet other parents in welcoming and friendly surroundings.

The Parents' Association meets every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Conference Room, (via the front office entrance), and everyone is very welcome. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would like to assist with college events, please phone the office on 9814 9444, leave your name and details and a P.A. member will return your call as soon as possible. Becoming involved with the P.A. really is very rewarding, the students, teachers and staff are very appreciative of our offerings, and an opportunity becomes available for you to experience first hand the college culture that exists here.

Another valuable source of information for parents is to visit the college website regularly on: www.fhc.vic.edu.au, and perhaps make the website your homepage. This will allow you to keep up to date with current news and events, and as you navigate your way around the website, you will be able to familiarise yourself with where to find all the relevant information regarding your child's year level. The college bulletin, as well as this newsletter, is also available on the website under the NEWSLETTER tab at the top of the homepage. This is another way to stay regularly informed on future events and of any changes to dates that may occur.

College assemblies are also worthwhile in attending, as they demonstrate the many ways in which the students are involved in school-life. Awards and recognitions of participation, as well as any teacher announcements, are presented at these times, which allows the school community to hear news first hand. Whether it is your child or someone else's child being recognised at assembly, the opportunity to witness these special rituals are moments not to be missed.

This newsletter comes to you in the hope that you find it useful, helpful and most of all informative. Your feedback and suggestions are appreciated and we would like to hear your opinions on matters and topics that are of interest to you and the school community. Drop us a line at: fhc@fhc.vic.edu.au. Please type Attention: Parent's Association in the subject line and we will make sure your correspondence is added to the agenda and addressed at the next meeting.

It is a pleasure to announce the members for 2011, following our Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28th March.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS FOR 2011

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Membership is available all year round to those in the school community who wish to join and participate as a financial member of the Parents' Association. Please make contact with Jacqueline Cummings (PA Secretary) through the school office and she will make contact with you and forward you details of our next meeting.

Our next meeting and dinner will be held at PERSIAN FLAVOURS restaurant at 338 Springvale Road, Forest Hill at 5:00pm on Sunday 19th June. Please note the change of date to this meeting, not as shown on the website and current (20th May) college Bulletin. All members of the school community are welcome and we ask that you RSVP to Janice on 98783638.

Parent/student/teacher interviews were held at the end of last term and we hope all families were able to meet with their children's teachers to discuss progress to date. This is always a good opportunity to introduce yourself to the teaching staff and to form a strong partnership during the school year.

We hope Open Night was enjoyed by all who attended and thank you to all the staff and students who assisted families during the evening. Thank you also to the Food Technology students who demonstrated and offered their fine culinary works to members of the school community, outstanding!

The P.A. was pleased to make a purchase of an outdoor table and chairs setting for the students to utilize outside the school canteen. It is very rewarding to be able to contribute in this way and give back to the community. This is just one of the many contributions the P.A. has assisted the college and students with over the years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

*June 17 Student Free Day
(Report Writing)*

*June 19 P.A. Dinner and Meeting 5:00pm
Persian Flavours Restaurant*

*June 23 Winter Music Concert & Arts
Evening 7:00pm
Kel Watson Theatre*

June 30 College assembly 9:00am in the gym

July 1 End of term sausage sizzle lunch for the students

Please watch for more information on these events and what is coming up in term 3 and how you can participate.