Each week, as an important part of our school’s Behaviour and Student Welfare Programs, we hold a school assembly to recognise the success and progress of our students.

At this assembly teachers give awards to students in their class who have been safe, smart and prepared to learn during the week. This is followed by the much coveted Principal awards which recognise outstanding achievement by individual students who have been safe, smart or prepared all week.

The Principal’s awards include the three major certificates for Star of the Week, Star at Home School and Star at High School. As well as receiving their certificates, the outstanding students receiving principal awards also receive Fowler Road dollars to spend at our canteen.

A new student leadership program at Fowler Road has also just been organised. This will give students the opportunity to learn about leaders, what it means to be a leader and what are the personal qualities that make a leader great.

Therefore, A School Captain’ and ‘First Mate’ for Fowler Road School has been selected. Congratulations to Chris W for being selected as School Captain and Michael Sharp for being selected as First Mate.

Each class will also consist of a ‘Class Captain’ and a ‘First Mate’.

Room 1 Class Captain- Brandon
Room 1 First Mate- Damon
Room 2 Class Captain- Salah
Room 2 First Mate- Cameron
Room 3 Class Captain- Tylar, T
Room 3 First Mate- Luis
Room 4 Class Captain- Ahmad
Room 4 First Mate- Brayden
Room 5 Class Captain- Bobby
Room 5 First Mate- Chris, K

As the first newsletter for 2011, I’d like to welcome back all students, parents, teachers and community members to our school. I hope 2011 is a rewarding, satisfying and successful year for all. For all of us at Fowler Road 2011 has started very well – students are in classes and well and truly settled into a routine already.

This term already appears to be another exciting term at Fowler Road School. The school has already organised a range of high interest programs which will involve exciting events and activities to assist the students in achieving both their learning and social outcomes. Some of these include the;
- Whole school sport and fitness program which will involve swim school and indoor soccer
- Cooking and life skills program with focus on multicultural cooking classes to tie in with this term’s school theme;
- Cultural Heritage-Gardening Program which allow Bunning’s and Fowler Road to continue to work together
- Creative and Practical Arts Program with focus on Aboriginal Art
- Woodwork Program
- Excursion and Incursion Program including outings to Western Sydney Park, Don Bosco

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Ms Bree and Ms Lisas Class

In Ms Bree’s and Ms Lisa’s class we have had a great start to the year. We are lucky enough to also have in our room Ms Maria and Ms Beti.

The seniors have set some great goals for the year which include increasing their academic Capabilities, receiving more time at home schools and preparing themselves for high school.

In our class we are privileged to have the school captain Chris Weitzel and the school vice captain Michael Sharpe. Both these boys have been great role models to the younger students.

Our class is guided in behaviour and learning by the captain, Ahmad Faili and the first mate Brayden Matthews who have been doing a great job.

Jack, Justin, Talilia and Thomas have continued engagement in their learning from last year and are working towards achieving even more academic and behavioural success this year.

Mr Mario’s Class

The boys are off to a great start this year in Mr Mario’s class. They have been working hard again with Mr. Andrew, Miss Kerrie, and Mr. Linnell. We would also like to give a warm welcome to all of the students in the class, including Bobby, Abdullah, Anthony, Tayden, Chris, and our new boy, Tyson.

This term the students at Fowler Road school will be studying Australia and cultural heritage. So one of the first places we visited this year was the local park at Merrylands. The boys were keen to see the native animals of Australia, including Kangaroos and Wallabies. They have also been creating some wonderful art projects, including Play Dough! We are all looking forward to this year with such a wonderful class.

Ms Amy’s Class

We have had a fantastic start to the year with Ms Amy, Ms Dawn, Mr Josh, Tylar, Moustafa, Luis, Tyler and Youssef. We were pleased to welcome Dylan to our room in week five. The boys have had a good time getting to know each other, playing Lego and during an excursion to a local park. Tylar has been doing a great job of being class captain by helping others remember rules. Luis is being a fantastic first mate by always setting a good example for others.

We have been busy learning about Australia. The students have been hard at work writing about Australian animals and places. We also enjoyed creating origami koalas with coloured paper. The origami was a bit tricky but the boys stuck with it to produce great results.

Our class has been working on writing procedures to tell other people how to make things. The students were able to write individual procedures about how we made Aboriginal hand print paintings. The paintings look great!
Ms Amanda’s Class

This year we are fortunate enough to have many staff members. The teachers are Ms Amanda, Ms Liss and Mr Marty and the support staff are Ms Bianca and Mr Ed. We would like to welcome you all to 2011 and we all look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year.

In class we have been getting to know each other and talking about our goals for the coming year.

**Lachlan S** would like to increase his time at home school (Green Valley) and be successful at both Green Valley and Fowler Road.

**Ethan** would like to focus on listening in class and always doing the right thing so that he can be apart of the great outings we are lucky to have at Fowler Road.

**Salah** has been working hard at doing his best at home school (Banksia Road) and he would like to continue to do well so that he can increase his days. He is also planning to always be doing his best at Fowler Road and Banksia Road so that he can earn lots of 5th stickers on his reward chart.

**Mia** aims to increase her time at home school (Surveyors Creek) and be friendly and fair to staff and students.

**Alexia** would like to have fun at school and start a home school this year.

**Cameron** has been trying hard to stay on track as he is hoping to start a home school on a regular basis this term.

**Craig** is trying to focus on being friendly and fair to all students at Fowler Road and being cooperative with staff.

Classroom 2 has also been lucky enough to have already attended a number of outings.

Mia’s 2011 Goals

My goals this year is to be the best I can be.
I want to be nice to other students.
I do not want to hurt staff and students.
I want to be good at home school and at Fowler Road so I can get more time at Surveyors Creek.
I would like to make good friends and not fight with my good friends.
I also want to play nicely with other students.

Mr Mackay’s Class

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for 2011. Brandon, Lachlan, Damon, Peter and our new class member Joshua have all made a great start to the year and have been working extremely hard with the assistance of Miss Alison, Mr. Zac and Mr. Mackay.

We have been learning all about Australia; its landmarks, flora and fauna and the different states.

All students have also completed some excellent work in their new spelling, maths and handwriting textbooks.

Swim school is on again next week and I am looking forward to everyone having a good week and continuing the great strides forward they have made to start the year. Well done everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!
At Fowler Road School we focus on assisting students to:
- relate to others and themselves in safe ways
- focus on successful academic skills so that they come to see themselves as smart
- be prepared for learning and use learning to prepare for the future.

SAFE
We believe that everyone has the right to feel safe all of the time and aspire to achieve a safe and secure learning environment through:
- a continuous review of communication strategies
- a continuous review of risk management strategies for all students and activities
- actively teaching about safety issues
- emphasising that we all work towards taking responsibility for our behaviour
- being aware of, tolerating, and valuing difference as well as what we have in common
- emphasising respectful relationships with each other and with students.

SMART
We aspire to reach positive learning outcomes through:
- focusing on literacy and numeracy skills and literacy across all Key Learning Areas (KLAs)
- recognising individual learning preferences and teaching towards strengths
- developing creativity and imagination
- providing relevant individual and group learning experiences
- implementing an Individual Learning Program (ILP) for each student acknowledging effort and achievement

PREPARED
We aspire to be prepared for learning and use learning to prepare for the future through:
- a continuous investigation of alternatives which work
- providing innovative and motivational programs that assist students to make safe life choices
- encouraging goal-setting and perseverance in reaching goals
- teaching and modelling how to work to fix things after we have made a mistake
- implementing a professional learning program for each staff member
- maximising available staffing and learning resources
- developing effective relationships with carers, parents, home school staff and other support staff.

Educational Success: Tips for Parents

Educational research clearly states that for a child to be a success at school, it requires a strong collaboration between the student, teachers and parents/guardians. “The foundation or collaboration must come from a belief in a relationship of openness, trust, and support within the school community, parental involvement in the school decision-making processes, a belief in the need for personal development, and the evolution of the curriculum to serve the needs of all students.” (Ashman & Elkins, 2002, p. 33)

Take an interest day to day

Getting involved with your child’s education at any school doesn’t have to be difficult. Fowler Road School has an open door policy that allows both parents and guardians to feel welcome within the school community. The school encourages parents and guardians to take an active interest in their child’s education.

There are some simple things you can do to show your interest:
- ask about your child’s homework - when work is due and whether they need any help with anything
- ask your child to tell you five points they learnt at school during the day.
- ask about their future dreams
- talk to teachers to find out the topics your child will be studying each term