



# Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 4 Week 2

Friday 25 October, 2019

## CALENDAR

### October

- 28 P&C Meeting 5.30pm**
- 30 Stage 2 Excursion**
- 31 K-2 Gold Principal Assembly**

### November

- 1 Stage 2 Excursion**
- 4-15 Yr 2 Intensive Swim**
- 6 State Athletics Carnival**
- 7 Yr 6 Performance  
9.30 am**
- 8 Remembrance Day  
Assembly**
- 15 Quizworks Scripture**
- 18-29 Yr 3 Intensive Swim**
- 19-22 School Spectacular**
- 28 Band Workshop**

### December

- 3 High School Transition  
Forster Campus**
- 4 K-2 & 3-5 Disco**
- 5 K-2 Gold Principal  
Assembly**
- 6 3-6 Gold Principal  
Assembly**
- 10 Presentation Assembly**
- 13 K-2 Performance  
11.30am**
- 16 Yr 6 Farewell**
- 18 Last day of term 4**



## Principal Report- Mrs Annie Everingham

Hello Forster School Community and welcome to week 2 of term 4.

Our Colour Run was a huge success with over \$14,000 being raised! This is amazing! Thank you to all our parents, friends, relatives and neighbours who sponsored children and helped us raise the much needed funds to repair and upgrade our play equipment. The company working on the equipment will be commencing work in Week 5 Monday 11 November. As some of you may have noticed the sails on the playground equipment in the playground have been torn by the wind. We will now need to consider raising funds to build a more permanent shade erection so that our equipment is preserved for as long as possible and children will not injure themselves on it. There were a lot of very colourful students and staff going home on Friday afternoon. Lots of fun. Thank you to Ms Coffey and Ms Simmons for all their work in setting it up and promoting it throughout our school community.

We have started transition to High School for our year 6 students and for our Kindergarten 2020 students. This is an exciting time for all involved. Some students find this time causes some nervous feelings...this is very normal as they venture into new and unfamiliar territory. At Forster Public School we have a well developed transition plan with the high schools and the pre-schools and work closely with all involved.

Film By Pebbly was a huge success on Wednesday with 14 schools submitting films for viewing. All films covered

different genres and were entertaining, informative and creative. A big thank you to Susan Gonzalez for providing this great initiative for the students and staff in the Great Lakes Learning Community. Our school submitted three films of high quality. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

We had the Regional School Spectacular rehearsals at our school yesterday with Aldavilla Primary School participating. This event is amazing and a wonderful opportunity for students in public education. This was covered by our local media, so keep an eye out for the story in the Advocate soon. We are fortunate enough to have two talented teachers supporting our students in this major state event, thanks Ms Meadows and Ms Chapple. Not long to go now!

Please remind your child to wear their hat to school each day. The sun can do a lot of damage on young skin and we all need to teach our students the importance of sun safety on a daily basis. We have worked hard at ensuring students are wearing their school uniform every day, with a huge improvement shown in this area. Unfortunately of late there have been a number of students wearing surf clothes and casual clothes to school instead of uniform. Your support in instilling pride in our school by wearing school uniform is appreciated. Have a great weekend everyone.

Annie Everingham

Principal

## THIS WEEK'S POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING LESSON (PBL)



**Respect**  
**Safety**  
**Personal Best**

## Term 4 Week 3 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

**Learning Intention:** Be on time to lines, sit and wait with respect in two class lines by the second and be ready to learn

**Why is it important?** To create a culture of respect and learning before going into class.

Specific skills to be taught: School Rules for each value – see posters in each classroom

1.. Respect      2. Safety      3. Personal Best

### Success Criteria:

- Be on time and prepared
- Arrive and be seated in two lines by the second bell
- Wait quietly with your teacher
- Listen respectfully to announcements
- Classes walk to rooms when they have shown they are ready to learn. (Two Lines)
- Walk to class behind the teacher in two lines.
- Keep left at all times
- Stay on paths
- Wait outside classroom in two lines until directed by the teacher
- Be responsible for your self

We remind ourselves and each other to always meet our three core values of safety, respect and personal best every day. If we do the right things, we may get rewarded with Class Dojo's or Hadley awards.

### Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is **NOT** an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.** This is a notice to your primary school only that you **intend** to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

### Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2021 through the High Performing Students Team website between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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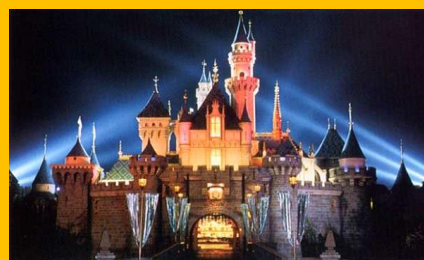
**Introducing  
FPS Staff:**

**Ms Cindy  
Wood**

**My name is Cindy (AKA Ms Wood) and I have been at Forster Public School in various roles for four years. My partner and I have six kids between us ranging in age from 10 – 25yrs. We love to go camping, fossick for gold when we get the time and, in the winter months, we love to snowboard. I also have an obsession for Disneyland and am looking forward to going again someday.**

**Prior to becoming a Primary Teacher in 2015, I worked in the area of Early Childhood for 20 years. Having this experience has made my current role as a Kindy teacher an absolute match to my skill set. Apart from being told you look nice, are loved and are the best teacher in the world every day, you get to be a clown, sing crazy songs and add those weird voices to stories that the littlies love so much – it's so me!**

**I love being at Forster Public School!**



## Class News – Support Unit

During Term 3 the Support Unit students were fortunate to experience the talented skills of local music teacher Tanya Berry. The students were involved in a drum beat program and were given the opportunity to engage in musical expression through the rhythm of drums. Everyone enjoyed these sessions learning new and exciting skills. Research indicates that drumming accelerates physical healing, boosts the immune system. In addition, specific studies conducted by professionals in the fields of music therapy and mental health show us that drumming:

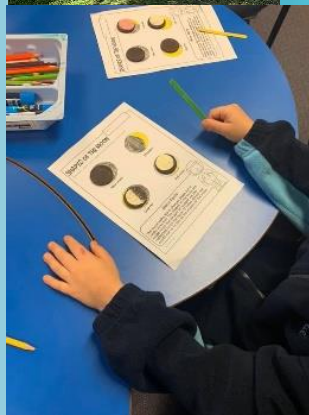
- Reduces tension, anxiety and stress
- Helps control chronic pain
- Boosts the immune system
- Releases negative feelings, blockages and emotional trauma
- Produces feelings of well-being



Tanya & Mason



Josie



Sam & Cameron Lexi & Clayton

Lots of fun was had dressing up for the book week parade!!



Jacob



Samantha



Skeletor Jasmine

Some of the best time spent, is with our friends laughing and sharing.



## P & C News

Our next P&C meeting we will be hosting a talk from Great Lakes College, who are coming to share with us some of the exciting things they are doing and how they will be supporting students to make that big transition from Primary to High School as smooth as possible.

They will have a quick presentation with photos of students engaging in a variety of activities within the school (how exciting to see our ex-students in their new environment), as well as the opportunity to ask any questions about Forster Campus, the transition program from Primary School to High School or any other questions you may have.

All parents are welcome, so please come along. The meeting is **Monday 28 October starting at 5:30pm** in the school staff room

In the Uniform Shop news, we are heading into the busy season for parents buying new uniforms. With this in mind we are putting a call out for **second hand uniforms**. Perhaps you've got some that your child has grown out of or you may have a Year 6 child heading to High School next year. Requests for second hand uniforms come in often, so if you are able to help please drop them off at the office or uniform shop.

We are also in the process of implementing some exciting changes in our uniform shop to make it as easy as possible for parents to purchase uniforms. So watch this space for some upcoming announcements ☺.

Many Thanks, Forster Public School P&C

# TERM 4 School Planner and Canteen Information

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 3</b> <b>October</b>	<b>28</b> <b>P&amp;C Meeting</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Stage 2 Excursion</b>	<b>31</b> <b>K-2 Gold Principal Assembly</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Stage 2 Excursion</b>
<b>Week 4</b> <b>November</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b> <b>State Athletics Carnival</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b> <b>Yr 6 Performance</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b> <b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b>
<b>Week 5</b> <b>November</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Yr 2 Intensive Swim</b> <b>Quizworks Scripture</b>
<b>Week 6</b> <b>November</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Yr 3 Intensive Swim</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Yr 3 Intensive Swim</b> <b>School Spectacular</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Yr 3 Intensive Swim</b> <b>School Spectacular</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Yr 3 Intensive Swim</b> <b>School Spectacular</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Yr 3 Intensive Swim</b> <b>School Spectacular</b>

## Concert and Training Band.

The Concert Band played at the Gold Assembly last term. Didn't they play well? They can be justly proud of themselves.

In Week 3 the Training Band are going to play the pieces of music they have learned last term for Stage 1 classes. They are practising hard to be ready for their first performance.

This term there will be a day where students who would like to learn an instrument next year and join the band programme can try some of the instruments. Students from Year 3 (in 2020) to Year 6 may participate. The instruments available will be flutes, clarinets, trumpets, trombone, saxophones, drums and tuned percussion. We will assess each student and try to match them with the instrument most suited to them.

The opportunity to be part of the band programme is very special as few schools have access to specialist teachers and instruments as Forster Public School does. Students involved in the programme, as well as learning to play an instrument benefit in other ways. Learning how to learn more independently, how to work with other players to play a piece of music together, growing confidence in their own skills.

Yours in Music, Mrs Berry

# NEXT P&C MEETING

**Monday 28 October**

**5:30pm Staffroom**

**All welcome!**

## Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.



Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2021:  
Open 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Close 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Visit Selective High Schools website  
<http://bit.ly/shs2019>

For further information about Aurora College, visit the our website:  
[www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) or phone 1300 207 629

## Great Lakes College

### High School transition presentation

Great Lakes College Forster Campus Principal, Deputy Principal and Student Support Officer are coming to visit at our next P&C meeting.

They'll be there to talk about the opportunities available at Forster Campus and how they can help our children thrive at High School.

The meeting is Monday 28 October starting at 5:30pm in the School staff room.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along.

Many Thanks,

Forster Public School P&C Association



**SAT, 26 OCT AT 10 AM - 2 PM**

## Pacific Palms Family Fair

Pacific Palms Public School ·  
Boomerang Beach, NSW