



# Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 11 November, 2019

## CALENDAR

### November

- 18-29 Yr 3 Intensive Swim**
- 19-22 School Spectacular**
- 26 Yr 6 Parent Meeting for  
2020 Yr 7 Students.  
Forster Campus Library  
6pm**
- 28 Band Workshop**

### December

- 3 High School Transition  
Forster Campus**
- 4 K-2 & 3-5 Disco**
- 5 K-2 Gold Principal  
Assembly**
- 6 Kindergarten Tennis  
Lesson  
3-6 Gold Principal  
Assembly**
- 10 Presentation Assembly**
- 11 K-2 Concert Dress  
Rehearsal 9.30am**
- 13 K-2 Concert 11.30am**
- 16 Yr 6 Farewell**
- 18 Last day of term 4**



## Principal Report- Mrs Annie Everingham

Hello to our school community.

We are already completing week 4 of a 10 week term. So hard to believe.

We hope you are all staying safe with the fires in our region and beautiful town. We understand the challenges this presents to families and offer our support in any way. Please take this opportunity to contact the school if you have updated your mobile numbers in the event of an emergency. We also have our 'Forster Public School' facebook page up and running. Please refer to this and our skoolbag app for updates regarding our response to the fires.

This week saw our year 6 students put on their amazing Year 6 end of year performance to our students, staff and parents. The work that goes into this is huge and I would like to commend the year 6 staff who have gone above and beyond to put this performance together. I would also like to commend the year 6 students for displaying sensible behaviour and routines during the practices. What a show! I can see we have some future film stars in the making!

We have had a few students that are being dropped off at the driveway entrance into the school on Head street. This is not a pedestrian access for obvious safety reasons. Please ensure your child is not entering the school grounds via this entrance. Their safety is of our utmost concern. Thank you for your understanding and support of this.

Just a reminder that our presentation Day is on Tuesday 10th December. I would also like to remind you that we are not having the full Student Leader speeches and presentations on this day. We will announce the leaders and vice leaders on the day and honour them with a special ceremony early in the new year where parents will be invited to put their student badges on and hear them make their vows along with our other SRC members. The voting process for school leaders, ran by Mrs Pearson in conjunction with myself, has started. The timeline for this is going out today.

The fence went up today around the play equipment ready to be repaired and replaced over the coming weeks. Thank you so much to our school community and beyond for making this possible with your involvement in our Spring Ball and your sponsorship of our Colour Run. We could not have repaired the equipment without your help.

We had a visit from The Minister for Education, Mrs Sarah Mitchell, on Thursday afternoon. Mrs Mitchell came and had a look at the OOSH service in our schoolgrounds. She was very impressed with the service offered and is looking at ways the government can support this more. Well done to Tom Dutton the coordinator of the OOSH program.

Thank you to Ms Kate Mutch and the senior students for running a successful and respectful Remembrance Day Ceremony for our school on Friday. I was impressed with the students presentation and respect during the assembly.

Have a safe week and take care of yourselves.

**Annie Everingham**  
**Principal**

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



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

### Term 4 Week 5 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

**Learning Intention:** To use appropriate school talk, thoughtful and respectful language toward my peers and all teachers, especially casual teachers. To recognise when I need help to manage my emotions and the words I use. To be able to use positive strategies when I am feeling upset or angry and treat everyone respectfully.

**Why is it important?** To create a culture of respect, safety and belonging

Specific skills to be taught: 1. Respect 2. Safety 3. Personal Best

**Looks like/Sounds like:**

- Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Use school talk and manners when speaking to others
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Be responsible for yourself
- Allow other students to learn
- Do your best at all times
- Follow class behaviour expectations
- Ask for help if needed
- Participate in a positive way

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:**

**Miss Amy  
Gambrell**

Hi Everyone! My name is Amy (but my favourite people call me Miss Gambrell). I am a graduate teacher this year and was lucky enough to score myself a job as a classroom teacher at Forster Public School on a beautiful Kindergarten class! My favourite things to do are hang out with my family and friends, read books and play with my French bulldog Delilah.

Growing up, I always knew I wanted to work with children. I've always been a keen learner myself so I thought I would combine my two passions and become a teacher. It's been the best decision I've made to date. I wouldn't trade it for anything. I see the positive impacts teachers can have on the world and I feel so proud to be a part of that! My favourite part about teaching is building positive relationships with students and being able to see my students make real progress in their learning.

I have called Forster home for seven years now, after growing up in the western suburbs of Sydney. I finished my high school education in the Great Lakes area, then went on to study a double degree in Early Childhood and Primary School Teaching at the University of Newcastle. After uni, I worked as a casual teacher at various schools in the area, before being asked to stay on for the remainder of the year here at Forster Public School. I jumped at this opportunity and here I am! I love Forster Public School because of the friendly and supportive staff who I have learnt so much from, and the beautiful students that I get to work with every day. Not many people can say they wake up excited to go to work, but I definitely can! Who wouldn't want to spend their days with 23 of their little mates?



# Year 1 News

This term our integrated Science and English topic is Minibeasts. The children have been learning about spiders, worms, butterflies, ants and an assortment of other creepy crawlies along the way. Our theme started with classes venturing out into the playground on a minibeast safari, armed with magnifying glasses.

Students have;

listened to minibeast information and narrative texts  
drawn, painted and made minibeasts  
labelled the body parts of minibeasts  
brainstormed facts and used this to write descriptions of ants, worms, spiders and butterflies.



Arghh! Look out, spiders about! 1/19 created these fantastic art works as part of their spider studies.

In 1/20 our focus has been worms. The children are passionate about the importance of worms for gardens and the environment in general. Groups of children created mini-worm farms and it has been interesting to spot the compost worms wriggling through the sand and soil.



1/21 enjoyed observing their ant farm each day and have painted some very beautiful snails.

## Seal Rock Sugarloaf Lighthouse Excursion

On Friday 18 November we set off on our excursion to Seal Rocks on the most spectacular Spring Day. The children enjoyed exploring the shore and hearing about some special creatures from the beach environment. Our park rangers were so accommodating and informative. Class groups ventured up the steep path to the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse and on the shady veranda of the cottage children made replica lighthouses from clay. It was such a big day that we had some very quiet children on the bus ride home to Forster.



In 1/16 we drew then painted these impressive looking lighthouses.

On Friday, we went to the beautiful lighthouse at Seal Rocks and on our way we saw a pod of dolphins and a magnificent whale. It was a little bit windy up there so our hats fell off our heads. We all laughed because they nearly flew into the ocean. When we went back down the steep hill we had recess. Next we made a lighthouse out of clay. Mrs Sparks gave Ranger Bec lots of clay for us to use. She showed us how to roll it out and pressed it into a cylinder. Then we made skinny sausages to join together to make the top of the lighthouse. They fell apart a few times but we all helped each other putting them back together again. We also listened to the tour guides who told us about the animals that live around the ocean. They brought some stuffed animals with them that included a big bird, snake and a lizard. We also got to look at the fake bird eggs that are usually covered in seaweed so that the lizards and the snakes don't eat them. The best parts of the excursion was that we got to use the magnifying glass to explore the beach. It was like a treasure hunt! We found cuttlefish, a lobster and something that looked a little bit like a seahorse tail. It was the best excursion ever! We really hope that our families might take us there again.

By Ivy & Augie (1/21)



# TERM 4 School Planner and Canteen Information

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 November	11 Yr 2 Intensive Swim	13 Yr 2 Intensive Swim	13 Yr 2 Intensive Swim	14 Yr 2 Intensive Swim	15 Yr 2 Intensive Swim Quizworks Scripture
Week 6 November	18 Yr 3 Intensive Swim	19 Yr 3 Intensive Swim School Spectacular	20 Yr 3 Intensive Swim School Spectacular	21 Yr 3 Intensive Swim School Spectacular	22 Yr 3 Intensive Swim School Spectacular
Week 7 November	25 Yr 3 Intensive Swim	26 Yr 3 Intensive Swim Yr 6 Parent High School Meeting	27 Yr 3 Intensive Swim	28 Yr 3 Intensive Swim Band Workshop	29 Yr 3 Intensive Swim
Week 8 December	2	3	4	5	6 Kindergarten Tennis Lesson

## P & C News

The P&C are hosting a fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 17 November. This will be a great way for the Committee to raise a little bit more for the new play equipment, as well as get involved in our community. We will be there from 8am, so please pop in for a snag if you are around. We are also needing volunteers to help on the day, so if you are willing, please contact Sarah on 0422 054 653.

Also just a reminder to drop off any unwanted school uniforms at the uniform shop or office. We give these back to those who need them for little to no cost, so it's a huge help.

Thanks,  
Sarah Wilkinson                      President                      Forster Public P&C Association

## NEXT P&C MEETING

**Monday 10 February 2020**

**5:30pm Staffroom**

**All welcome!**

## KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE

This Term we have been doing lots of cooking in the kitchen with the wonderful Warrigal Greens that have been growing like crazy over in the gardens. Warrigal Greens also know as Warrigal Spinach, New Zealand Spinach or even Botany Bay greens. The Plant is common in the coastal regions of NSW & was offered to Captain Cook & his crew to help with fighting scurvy. Warrigal greens can be used in recipes requiring spinach- but must always be cooked not eaten raw.

We have been prepping and blanching the greens and have put them into 250g bags and popped in the freezer and are ready to use for your next recipe. Anyone wanting to buy some organic grown Warrigal spinach @ \$2 a bag from the kitchen please pop in or email or text Stef on 0412478623. Kitchen hours to pop in are - Monday 8.45am - 3.45pm and Tuesday & Wednesday's anytime after lunch till 3-30pm.

Some of the recipes the Children have been using Warrigal Greens for in the kitchen are-  
Warrigal Green & Feta Fritters  
Warrigal Green Gozlemes  
Warrigal Greens and Roast Veg Frittata  
Warrigal Greens and Zucchini Slice.  
All these recipes are available with your purchase. :-)

Have a Great Day  
Cheers from Stef Hile, Ellen Wilson & Trish Niddrie      Kitchen Garden Specialists

