



# Forster Public School Newsletter



## Respect

## Safety

## Personal Best

Term 2 Week 9

Friday 28 June, 2019

### Calendar

#### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> NAIDOC Week Celebrations  
Smoking Ceremony and  
Class Awards  
Music Workshop till the 3/7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr 3-6 Spelling Bee  
All Schools Girls Rugby  
League  
Parent Reading Workshop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> K-4 Indigenous Games  
School Reports Sent Home
- 4<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 CPR Training
- 5<sup>th</sup> NAIDOC Assembly  
Last Day of Term 2
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Term 3 Pupil Free Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Students Return Term 3
- 25<sup>th</sup> PSSA Rugby League
- 26<sup>th</sup> NSW Cross Country

#### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage 3 Canberra Camp  
payment to be finalised  
Zone Athletics Carnival
- 5<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Learning  
Community (GLLC)  
Academic Assembly
- 12-16<sup>th</sup> St 3 Canberra Camp



### Principal Report- Mrs Annie Everingham

Each Monday morning the whole school meet quickly under the COLA to announce the PBL focus for the week, address the school re any events coming up that week and to celebrate successes across the school. This week we also gave some Gold Awards out to students that were away for our Gold Awards Assembly on Friday of week 8. I enjoy this time with all the classes and teachers and feel it gives us a "Forster Public School Family" feel.

This week all our staff underwent training to keep updated in CPR requirements and Anaphylaxis Awareness and procedures. We have over 70 staff all up, so this was a big event for our school. We are now all trained in the most recent information in dealing with these medical conditions and current with our qualifications.

Our Disco on Wednesday night was a big success with staff and students displaying some innovative and creative moves on the dance floor. Thank you to Ms Coffey and the SRC for organising such a great event for us all to enjoy. Thank you also to all the staff for giving up their family time to assist.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Gonzales, Nikita, Jake and Hamish on being short listed for the Sydney Film Festival on their Film By Pebbly entry. Their film was recognised for its quality and the students were presented with a

certificate from Bryan Brown himself. Please read the story in detail in our next newsletter. We are very proud of them all. Mrs Gonzales promotes the creation of films across our school and other schools and has a wealth of knowledge she happily share.

Next week is our Reading Workshop for parents at 2pm to 3pm in the library. This is being run by our Instructional Leaders - Katrina Pettet and Keryn Stone. This is one of many workshops we hope to run for parents this year. We are open to topics you would like covered to support you at home with your child's learning.

We have just recently purchased close to \$30,000 worth of new readers for the classrooms K-2. We are currently now sorting another \$30,000 worth of home readers to replenish the K-2 supply. Mrs O'Brien has been behind this project and has been overseeing the levelling, purchasing and organisation of the new titles along with a team of keen teachers. Our aim is to extend this across 3-6 with an injection of new readers in 2020.

Next week is a week of celebrations for NAIDOC week. We have a full week organised of activities and special assemblies. I hope you can make it and join in on the fun. See you then!

Kind regards,  
Annie Everingham  
Principal

### **Learning and Support Team**

The Learning and Support Team comprises of fulltime and part-time staff working across the full spectrum Kindergarten to Year 6 to support students' learning. This team consists of Intervention Teachers, Learning and Support Teachers (LAST), School Counsellor and School Learning Support officers (SLSO). We offer a wide range of programs providing direct support for students with additional learning and support needs through a range of strategies (including direct instruction, delivery of adjusted learning programs, assessment and monitoring of progress) including the areas of social integration, language and communication, literacy, numeracy and behaviour. The LaST teachers also work closely with classroom teachers to support assessment for learning and collaboratively plan, implement, monitor and evaluate personalised learning adjustments.

Some of our programs include MultiLit and MacqLit, which are both small group and individualised learning in the area of reading writing and spelling. We have a Quick Smart numeracy program where the tutor works with two students at a time on basic mathematical skills. Our Centre for Effective Learning program is an intensive one on one program based on the MultiLit process.

Other social programs include The Lego program, Drum Beat and the lunch time activity program. On top of this the Challenge Program and Dodge Ball which began last year aims to assist students to play outdoor activities cooperatively and to improve their gross motor skills and all over well-being. Our Volunteer Tutor Program which has been in production for many years, involves a very dedicated group of people who come to our school daily to listen to students read in Years 3 and 4.

In conjunction with these programs our Learning and Support Team work closely with our supervisor Mrs O'Brien (Deputy Principal) on student attendance, Out of Home Care reviews, student behaviour management plans and risk assessments. We are also involved in supporting a smooth transition of students to high school and Kindergarten Transition to "big" school. Our team work closely with external providers such as The Smith Family, Stewart House, medical practitioners and also local businesses who often support our wellbeing programs.

The FPS Learning and Support Team assist in supporting the whole student academically, socially, physically and emotionally. We are proud to be part of the learning culture at FPS and enjoy the team approach we have with classroom teachers for our students.



Kieran Dalton, Debbie Milligan, Megan Meadows, Karen Fuller, Andrea Dallywater, Lisa Lacey, Kym Earle, Liz Maher & Maureen Seddon

### **Introducing FPS Staff:**

#### **Mrs Alison Bertwistle**



1. What is your favourite grade to teach? *I have no preference, I just love teaching kids! Why? I enjoy helping students grow in confidence and ability. I enjoy the relationships I have with my students and all the individual personalities.*
2. How long have you been teaching? *27 years with a break when I had my children.*
3. How much of your time/ your own money do you spend on preparing for your work? *A lot!!! More time and some money but it is worth it otherwise I wouldn't be organised.*
4. Is being a teacher your dream job? *It's what I always wanted to be but my dream job would be an archaeologist!*
5. What did you want to be when you were younger? *A teacher or an archaeologist.*
6. What is your favourite subject to teach? *Literacy*
7. Do you have an all-time favourite student? *Not an all-time favourite, but I do have many students who have made teaching a wonderful experience, including my current class.*
8. Have you taught overseas? *No but it would be interesting.*
9. How many schools have you taught at? *Between 20 to 30 as a casual and 3 for long periods of time.*
10. Do you speak another language? *I can speak Italian, a little and I love learning AUSLAN*
11. What is your favourite holiday destination? Why? *So hard to choose!! Queenstown in winter for the skiing, scenery and atmosphere. Mediterranean for the history and culture. Brazil for the warmth, culture and to visit my brother, sister-in-law and niece.*
12. What are your hobbies/ interests? *Sport- Rugby league- Go the Sharkies!! V8's. Cooking, dance and movies.*
13. Do you play a musical instrument? *I wish but no.*
14. Do you have any pets? *3 cats and 2 dogs.*



## HASAD

### (Higher Achieving Students Activity Day)

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 8 students had the opportunity to go to Forster Great Lakes Campus to participate in the High Achieving Students Activity Day. It was a fantastic day that involved problem solving, critical thinking, creating and plenty of teamwork. Our students were put into groups that ranged in age from Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8. The Year 9 high achieving students did a wonderful job of setting up and running the challenges. Points were awarded for achieving different categories such as creativity, teamwork, process and successfulness. Our students can be congratulated on the outstanding effort and application towards all the activities. Their behaviour and manners were perfect. I was extremely proud of our Forster Primary students. Beau and Jarrah's team were the ultimate winners on the day. Congratulations.

Mrs Bertwistle



## Class news: YEAR 4/9 - ELECTRIC EELS

### SCIENCE ROCKS

Over the last month, we have been learning about rock types (igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary). One day the class went on an excursion over to Pebbly Beach to collect rocks to sort into the three categories. We also made our own sedimentary rocks by mixing layers of soil and rock. Now we have to be patient, as it will take another 100000 to 200000 years for them to fully form.



### SPELLING BEE

This week we had our spelling bee. I am happy to say that fourteen of the students in the class took part. However, we could only choose two of the students to represent our class in the Stage 2 finals. The two students who are representing the Electric Eels are: Harry and Zahara.

Well done Harry and Zahara!



### NETBALL

At the moment the Electric Eels are playing Netball for sport. It is a great game that teaches you skills such as catching and throwing, and tactics like moving to an open position. Some class members have previous experience in the sport but most do not, however, all are trying their best and enjoying themselves while they participate.



## VOICE. TREATY. TRUTH.

*Let's work together for a shared future.*



### FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION 2019

Forster Public School Principal, Staff and Students invite you to attend our NAIDOC Week Assembly on Friday 5th July, in our school MPC

The NAIDOC Presentation Assembly will commence at 11:30 am followed by our BBQ lunch for **all adults**. The BBQ will be held at the front of the school, near the staff room.

This year there will be a play, interactive language lesson and a language song all performed by our Indigenous students.

***Our school community would be honoured if you could share this day with us.***

Annie Everingham  
Principal

### Reading Workshop

**You are invited to attend a reading workshop to provide you with strategies and resources to help develop confident, engaged readers.**

**Tuesday 2 July  
2 – 3 pm  
School Library**

**Please RSVP to office by 1 July**

### Leadership Recognition

Mr Stephen Bromhead recently visited our school to present our school captains and vice captains with medallions. Mr Bromhead gave a short speech on the importance of being a good leader and contributing to our community.



Harrison, Connor, Mr Bromhead, Sophie & Halli

### FPS Tennis - Into the final of the Hunter Region!

In the last few weeks, our school tennis team consisting of Lexie, Reeya, Finn, Maxim & Hendrix, have played two matches. The first was against Tinonee PS, where we came away easy winners, 7 sets to 1. For our next match, we headed to Broadmeadow where we faced New Lambton PS. These players presented us with a much tougher opposition, and combined with a rather blustery, cool day, the competition was neck-and-neck. At the completion of all matches, the score was tied at 4 sets apiece... and the win was awarded to Forster by a tiny 2 game margin.

As the tennis coordinator, I can't think of a better sport to be involved with at our school. This little group of kids are an absolute pleasure to accompany, and their skill, team work and sportsmanship on the tennis court are a true delight to witness. They cheer each other, encourage each other, and during the doubles matches frequently high-five their partner and give supportive smiles and words. I would further like to thank the large group of family members who have been able to attend either Tinonee or Broadmeadow to cheer the team on. It means a lot to all of us that you have been able to do that.

We now will play in the Hunter Region Final against Morpeth PS, who we will then play with a home court advantage early in term 3. Good luck!

Mrs Galle, tennis coordinator.



Lexie, Reeya, Finn, Maxim & Hendrix



# TERM 2 School Planner and Canteen Information

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 July	1 NAIDOC Week Celebrations Smoking Ceremony and Class Awards Music Workshop PSSA Basketball	2 Yr 3-6 Spelling Bee Music Workshop All Schools Girls Rugby League Parent Reading Workshop	3 K-4 Indigenous Games Music Workshop School Reports Sent Home	4 Stage 3 CPR Training	5 NAIDOC Assembly Last Day of Term
Week 1 Term 3 July	22 Pupil Free Day	23 Students Return to School	24	25 PSSA Rugby League	26 NSW Cross Country
Week 2 July/August	29	30	31	1	2 Stage 3 Camp payment to be finalised
Week 3 August	5 P&C Meeting	6	7 Great Lakes Learning Community (GLLC) Academic Assembly	8	9

## NEXT P&C MEETING

**DATE: Monday 5 August**

**TIME: 5:30pm**

**Venue: Staffroom**

**All welcome!**

### Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Thank you for all your lovely stickers that have been sent to the school. If you have any more at home please bring them in by Wednesday 3 July.





# Active OOSH

## FORSTER

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

### KMART DAY

One of our most popular days! Jump in the bus with us as we take a trip to Stocklands Forster. We provide the children with a budget of \$10 to spend on an exciting new toy!



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

### SCIENCE DAY

Do you love volcanoes? Or slime? What about Coke and Mentos explosions!? Today we have all of these and more!



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### AQUA GOLF & NERF TARGET

Work on your chipping game and win some awesome prizes! We're off to Forster-Tuncurry Driving Range and Aqua Golf. Back at OOSH, see if you can be the ultimate NERF champion in the arena!



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

### JEFF SUMMERS SOCCER ACADEMY

World class soccer coach and all-round great guy Jeff Summers will be visiting today to share some of his fancy footwork and game knowledge.



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

### MOVIE DAY

Sit back and relax! We're over the bridge to Great Lakes Cinema 3 to watch the newest blockbuster!



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

### ICE SKATING

We are off to a new and highly anticipated excursion these holidays. Come along with us to enjoy a day on the ice at North Haven. **Bookings essential.**



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### WORLDS BIGGEST KINDER SURPRISE EGG HUNT!

We've hidden over 100 Kinder Surprise Eggs around the school. Will your team find the most? Everyone gets a Kinder to take home!



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

### BIKE AND SCOOTER DAY

Roll in to OOSH today on a bike, scooter or skateboard and REMEMBER YOUR HELMET. We have an obstacle course and an off-road bike track ready to go!



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

### FORSTER ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Bowling, putt putt and laser tag! What more do you need? Prizes to be won for highest bowling score and laser tag winner!



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### PIZZA AND ICE CREAM DAY

It's Friday! Celebrate the end of the week with pizza, ice cream creations and a movie in the hall! Don't worry! We'll burn off some energy with some big group games outside afterwards!



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Pupil Free DAY

### MOVIE DAY

Over the bridge again today. This time to watch the long-awaited **Lion King** remake.



### BOOKING

To book your children in for holiday fun please call Kylie on **0423 328 040** or email [forster@activeoosh.com.au](mailto:forster@activeoosh.com.au)  
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