



# Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 3 Week 3

Friday 9 August, 2019

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 12-16<sup>th</sup> St 3 Canberra Camp**
- 20<sup>th</sup> PSSA Girls Rugby League**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Week Dress Up**
- PSSA Boys Football Gala Day**
- 29<sup>th</sup> P&C Fathers Day Stall**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival**

### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Finals**
- Spelling Bee**
- 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Day**
- 6<sup>th</sup> 3-6 Gold Principal Award**
- 9<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting 5.30pm**
- 12<sup>th</sup> K-2 Gold Principal Award**
- 14<sup>th</sup> P&C Spring Ball**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 3 Mufti Day**

### October

- 14<sup>th</sup> Students Return to School**



## Principal Report- Mrs Annie Everingham

Welcome to Week 3 edition of our weekly newsletter.

We have had a busy week with our school celebrating Education Week this week. This is a week of celebrating the wonderful opportunities across the state provided in our public schools. When I walk around this school, into classrooms, on the backfield, in the playground, in the Kitchen, in the Library and in the Computer lab I am constantly reminded how lucky our students are to have the varied opportunities they have at Forster Public School.

The theme this year for Education Week is Every Student, Every Voice. This is evident in our school on many levels with the Student Representative Council meeting regularly to voice their concerns and ideas to improve our school and to celebrate our successes. We have students refining their public speaking skills and speaking with increasing confidence in front of their peers and teachers, giving each other quality feedback for improvement. We have students working collaboratively in classrooms to come up with shared goals and visions and voicing their opinions on topics and areas of learning. We undertake many student surveys during the year to determine how successful programs have been and where we need to go to next. Students' voices are important. As Educators and adults, it is important we listen to our student body...they are our future.

On the same theme our students were given the opportunity over the past two

'Speaker's Corner'. This is where students were able to speak for one minute on a topic they were passionate about. Each participant then had the opportunity to be recorded and their speech included in an Imovie presentation for Education Week.

Selected students K-6 (2 per stage) also presented their passionate speech during Education Week assembly for parents. This was optional for students to participate, but a great opportunity for students to have their voices heard! Education Week also included our Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly on Wednesday 7 August. This involved a large number of our students across stage 2 and 3. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this special day, but Ms Buderus attended on our school's behalf and relayed back to the school how proud she was of our students and the celebration assembly in general.

We ended the week with Open Classrooms and an Education Week assembly. This was warmly received by our community who stayed to enjoy morning tea organised by our P & C. We were also very fortunate to hold a book fair in the library which raises funds for resources in our school. I know that I took this opportunity to purchase books and kits for my grandchildren for Christmas and birthdays!

Hope you had a chance to come along and join in as you are always most welcome.

**Annie Everingham**  
Principal

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



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

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

<b>Learning Intention:</b>	To always play safely
<b>Why is it important?</b>	To create a culture of respect and safety
<b>Specific skills to be taught:</b>	School Rules for each value – see posters in each classroom
	1. Respect
	2. Safety
<b>Looks like/Sounds like:</b>	All areas
Wear School Hat	Sit and wait for the teacher on duty
Safe play always	Encourage others to play
Use school talk	Play fairly
Place rubbish in the bin	Respect other people's games
Look after property	Share equipment
<b>On fixed Equipment</b>	
Walk only	Be aware of others and climb with care
<b>Passive Play areas – Cola</b>	
Walk on concrete	Handball is allowed

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.

## Introducing FPS Staff – Interview with Mr Shaun Blacker

1. Why did you want to become a teacher?

I loved seeing little lightbulbs above someone's head when I taught them a new idea. That included anything from Mathematics and Literacy to computers and art.

2. How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching since 2006 in Dubbo and Armidale. I then taught in South West Sydney for 10 years.

3. What was your favourite subjects at school?

I loved art, computers and science.

4. What is your favourite after school activity?

Playing with my kids. Playing my guitar. Playing video games. Marking homework.

5. What pets do you have?

I have 1 cat called Chaos, she is old, bitter and beautiful.

6. What is your favourite sports?

I love softball, soccer and footy. GO the BULLDOGS!

7. Who is your favourite author?

It's a tie between Shaun Tan and Stephen King.

8. Did you always want to be a teacher?

I wanted to be lots of things. A builder, an artist, a game designer, a professional pirate...etc.

9. What is your favourite food?

Tough question... Thai Curry (hot)

10. What has been your favourite things about Forster Public School since you have come here?

The Coding and Robotics Camp, helping Mr Ireland fix computers, making a horror movie with my class last year. Gardening and kitchen. My class of Jellyfish. The friendly and welcoming people that work here every day.



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## Class news:

### Year 3/15 Whalesharks



This term, the Whalesharks have been utilising the new green screen technology we have at our school. We have been able to film and take pictures of our peers and drop in different backgrounds showing we can be in two places at once. You may have seen this technology used whilst watching the news or in Harry Potter. Here are some of our sample pictures. It was a great acting experience.



We look forward to further implementation of the green screen and sharing our knowledge and love of this technology with others.

## Class news: 3-4/29 Turtles

In 3/4 Turtles we love learning (and chatting)...

This Term we have been learning about Australia's natural environment and comparing it to the natural environment of Africa!

Here are some facts that we have learnt:

Emily- Did you know that Africa is a continent made up of many different countries.

Billy- Africa has Giraffes, Rhinos and Buffalo.

Josh- Lions, Leopards and Cheetahs are animals that live in Africa.

Amarnee- Africa is home to a giant river called The Nile.

Darcy- Africa has a huge variety of plants and mountain ranges.

Tom- Africa is home to Meerkats and Elephants.

Lilly- Africa has many different natural environments including; savannahs, rivers, mountains, deserts, beaches and rainforests.

Cool facts hey!

Yesterday we took our learning outside and combined Maths with PDHPE. In pairs we timed ourselves completing a variety of activities and graphed our results.





## SRC Report

Canberra Excursion - Next week students in Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6), have been given the opportunity to take a five day excursion to Canberra. Students will go to Old and New Parliament House, the Australian National Mint, the National Museum of Australia and last but not least, the snow!

All peers that are participating in the excursion of Canberra will leave on Monday 12 August at 6:30am for a long, seven hour bus ride! So bring your pillows because it's going to be a LOOONNNNNNG trip! We will arrive in Canberra at roughly three o'clock.

And in case you didn't know, earlier this week, nine lovely girls fought valiantly in basketball in Maitland, Newcastle. Sadly they lost to the hard working Hunter players with a whopping 58-0! All the girls kept trying their best and never gave up hope. Even though they lost, we are still so proud of them for making it to the fourth competitive round!

**By Keira and Eve School leaders**

## Health Information

### Impetigo

Impetigo is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the skin. It is commonly known as 'school sores' because a majority of cases are in school-aged children.

Good hygiene helps prevent spread of infection. If antibiotics are given it is important to finish the whole course to make sure the impetigo will not recur.

More information can be found at <http://www.health.nsw.edu.au>

## Regional Speech Competition 2019

During June, four FPS students travelled to Tinonee for the Multicultural Speaking Competition.

Emily and Balin from Stage two represented our school. Both students brought their speeches to life with confidence and passion. Our school is lucky to have such great speakers across all year groups.

Olivia and Maxim delivered their prepared speeches on "Multiculturalism in Sport" beautifully; they spoke with confidence and sincerity, a clear, loud voice and added their personal note where needed.

For the second part, the impromptu speeches, the competitors were given their topic and 5-minute-preparation time to brainstorm, organise their thoughts and create their speech on "SPACE".

The impromptu speeches this year were generally of very high quality. Olivia and Maxim left an excellent impression on the adjudicator and the audience: Maxim presented sophisticated information about planets, their characteristics and the mysterious questions that are still unsolved. Olivia raised some good points on what could really be "out there" and asked the audience to think about all the possibilities.

We would like to congratulate all students for their confidence and representation of our school.



### LOST PROPERTY

Thanks to the SRC we now have a central location for students lost property, located outside the library.

Please find time to come and have a look.

### P&C Jellybean Guessing Competition

#### Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Ellie 2/17
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Riley 5-6/4
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Daniel 1/16

## TERM 3 School Planner and Canteen Information

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 August	12 St 3 Canberra Camp	13 St 3 Canberra Camp	14 St 3 Canberra Camp	15 St 3 Canberra Camp	16 St 3 Canberra Camp
Week 5 August	19	20 PSSA Girls Rugby League	21 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition	22	23 Book Week Dress Up PSSA Boys Football Gala Day
Week 6 August	26	27	28	29 P&C Fathers Day Stall	30 Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival

### EDUCATION WEEK PREPARATION

Teachers and students have been busily preparing for Education Week, which is jam-packed with awesome activities and performances, such as Speaker's Corner. This is where students present one minute speeches to an audience about what they are most passionate about. Book fair is also on at this time of year. It is a time when students have the opportunity to unleash their imagination and discover new books they enjoy. Awesome right? Besides that, Education Week also consists of different performances, like the choir, which is singing "This Is Me" and the band, which is playing "La Bamba." Unfortunately, some selected students have to miss out on the assembly because of another great event, a science day at Tuncurry Campus using a scanning electron microscope, a very big microscope that produces images of a sample by scanning.

By Iesha and Eve School Leaders

## NEXT P&C MEETING

**Monday 9 September**

**5:30pm Staffroom**

**All welcome!**

### Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly

This week 20 FPS students were awarded for their outstanding academic progress and results during Semester 1 of this year. Congratulations to all students.



Pictured: Jarrah, Blake, Hamish, Lucas, Phoebe, Charlie, Iesha, Zsa Zsa, Emily, Lauren, Hannah, Josie & Tanzin, Balin, Mali, Finn, Slater & Samantha.  
Absent Maxim & Jade

Use the Kiss & Ride zone

**Kids look to you  
to keep them safe...**

**Know the signs.  
Know the rules.**



**Kiss & Ride Zones**

**No Parking Zones**

At schools, all of these signs have the same rules:

Drivers may drop off or pick up children during the times shown, but note:

- the maximum stopping time is 2 minutes
- the driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle.

**Fines and loss of demerit points apply.**

A road safety initiative from MidCoast Council



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TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW

# Spring Ball

You are invited to the Forster Primary School  
2019 SPRING BALL

Enjoy an evening of canapés, grazing boards  
& entertainment

**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

Cape Hawke Surf Club - Palm Place, Forster  
6.30pm until 11pm  
\$75 per ticket

Join us for a fun filled evening of auctions, games and surprises.  
All profits from the evening will contribute toward new fixed playground  
equipment installations throughout the school.  
Classes will be designing and painting artwork which will be displayed  
prior to the ball and auctioned off on the night.

Dress: Semi Formal (Adults only event)

Tickets are for sale in the front office with cash or cheque,  
or online using a credit card via link <https://www.trybooking.com/BEJIT>  
To keep track of tickets, online people will need to contact the front office with  
their receipt so that a paper ticket with ticket number can be arranged.



## 2019 JUNIOR TOUCH INFORMATION

For more information contact the Association at [forstertouch@gmail.com](mailto:forstertouch@gmail.com)

Tuesday 17 September	Junior touch competition starts for the following ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U7 mixed (non-competitive)</li> <li>U9 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> <li>U11 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 September	Junior touch competition starts for the following ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U13 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> <li>U15 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 1 October	School holidays – no junior touch games  *Junior Development Training from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for players in the U9 and above age groups who are interested in developing their skills to play touch football
Tuesday 8 October	School holidays – no junior touch games  *Junior Development Training from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for players in the U9 and above age groups who are interested in developing their skills to play touch football
Tuesday 15 October	Junior touch competition recommences for the following ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U7 mixed (non-competitive)</li> <li>U9 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> <li>U11 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 16 October	Junior touch competition starts for the following ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U13 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> <li>U15 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> </ul>
Sunday 20 October	Junior Representative Trials – times to be confirmed
Sunday 27 October	Junior Representative Trials – times to be confirmed
Tuesday 3 December	Last day of junior touch competition for the following ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U7 mixed (non-competitive)</li> <li>U9 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> <li>U11 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 4 December	Last day of junior touch competition starts for the following ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U13 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> <li>U15 boys and girls teams (competitive)</li> </ul>



YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS

# BLUE LIGHT DISCO

**Fri 23 Aug 6:30pm**

TUNCURRY BEACH BOWLING CLUB

TIME: 6.30PM - 8PM

COST: \$5

AGES: PRIMARY STUDENTS YEARS 3-6

PRIZES AVAILABLE | FUN GAMES

CANTEEN AVAILABLE

**NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS**

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers

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