



# Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 16 August, 2019

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 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
- 26<sup>th</sup> PSSA Tennis Semi Finals
- 29<sup>th</sup> P&C Father's 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
- 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Billabong Excursion
- 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 4.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Education Week assembly and open classrooms. Our school was overwhelmed by the amount of visitors we received and were thrilled that it brought so many smiles to our student's faces. They were so proud to show you around and for you to be part of their day. Thank you.



We are in the process of losing a demountable building due to the extra two rooms that were created from the recent renovations. Due to the build we now have two spare rooms that we will utilise for housing our ever increasing supply of IT equipment and another room for meeting and planning. The Technology room will be open for classes to work in and use the technology available with their classes. It will also give our external agencies somewhere to work with students. Congratulations to our tennis team on making the semi finals of the NSW PSSA Victor J Kelly Knockout competition. This is a huge commitment for the students, parents and Ms Galle to be travelling to Sydney for the final's day with schools coming from all over the State. We wish them all the best!

Please ensure your child is attending school each day and arriving before 8:55am. We have a lot of late students every morning, which means they are missing out on the morning play with their peers and the initial morning instructions from their teachers. In some cases, this can result in a child not wanting to go to class and staff having to encourage them to class and supervise their attendance in class until they settle. On the flip side, some students arrive late on a regular basis. This can result in many hours of schooling being missed. Running late due to sleeping in is not an acceptable or justified reason for late attendance by the Department of Education. Some ways to improve this is to set an alarm, get clothes and bags ready the night before, turn off television and do not allow technology before school. Another concern for our school are the number of students arriving before 8:25am. The playground is not supervised before this time and students are in the school without a staff member being there to help if anything goes wrong. It would be appreciated if other alternatives can be put in place if you are needing to be at work before 8:25am. Thank you for your consideration.

Our stage three students get home from the Canberra Excursion today. From all accounts the staff have had many positive experiences with the cohort and have had great comments from tour guides and bus drivers on their behaviour and manners. This is so lovely to hear. Mrs Drew has been keeping me in the loop each day and sent through this great photo. See photo page 2.

Next week is Book Week with a book parade occurring on Friday. More details will be sent home via flyers. The theme is **Reading is my Secret Powers.**

Have a great weekend.

**Annie Everingham**  
Principal

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



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

### Term 3 Week 5 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

**Learning Intention:** To help students understand why it is important for them to follow rules such as 'Right Place Right Time' and the purpose of this.

**Why is it important?**

So that students embrace school expectations as a means for them to practise 'doing the right thing' to prepare them for the future.

**Success Criteria:**

- Moving around the school in a quiet orderly manner
- Everyone is in the right place at the right time
- Students wear full school uniform (*This includes: School shirt, navy shorts/skort, black enclosed shoes, with white socks*)
- Calm voices
- Follow teacher's directions
- Be responsible for yourself
- Return to class promptly

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 – Miss Brooke Egan

I always knew from a young age I wanted to be a teacher. Everyone will tell you I love to talk and mum always says I played classrooms a bunch too. My time at Newcastle University went really fast and before I knew it, it was time to get a job. I was lucky enough to make Forster Public my school and Forster my home! I remember moving here and getting this sense of warmth as soon as I drove over the bridge and saw the clear, blue water. I still get that feeling every time I look at the lake- how lucky are we?! Since being at Forster Public I have taught so many amazing students, who have taught me just as much as I have taught them. I have also worked alongside passionate teachers and learnt equally as much. The thing I love most about school is the sense of community and mateship. I enjoy the extra curricula activities like footy, school leaders, community days and fundraisers too- any excuse to get dressed up! I look forward to many more great experiences here in the years to come!



## Stage 3 Canberra Camp





## Class news:

### 3-6/27 Scorpions – Mrs Ward / Ms Coffey



The Scorpions take Literacy very seriously... our writing is important, we read lots of books and we use texts to help us do lots of different things. This term we are looking at reading and organising procedural texts as we begin to take part in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen program. We want to be ready to know what to do in the kitchen and how to follow a recipe, so we've been practicing. We've made toast and fairy bread so far, and we're looking forward to milkshakes and pikelets. Yum!



## Class news:

### 2/32 Panthers

Here are some thoughts on our time in Year 2  
**Zaidyn** - I like to play soccer and read books.

**Tahlia-Rose** - like Year 2 because I can learn spelling with my teacher and friends. At lunch I like to play on the Fixie.

**Will** - I like playing on the fixie and in the backfield.

**Jataiha** - I like to do work every day at school.

**Maddy** - I like spelling, handwriting, reading, maths, geography, history and writing time.

**Logan** - likes Jeff Summers' soccer training and Mr Maher. I do like computers and art. I like the backfield too.

**Skye** - What I like about Year 2 is I like to learn about spelling and doing maths.

**Peter** - I like being friendly. I like working with Mr Dalton.

**Amayah** - My favourite thing is learning new things. I also like art and reading books. I love computers.

**Ruby** - I like computers, art and maths. My favourite is art, it's lots of fun.

**Lukas** - In Year 2 I like doing maths in our classroom. I also like my teacher because she teaches me.

**Liam** - In Year 2 I like reading and spelling. I like art with my teacher. We do stuff about the weekend. I like fun stuff with my teacher.

**Bonnie** - I like doing the counting game. I like doing reading and art, colouring doing groups and homework.

**Emma** - What I like about Year 2 the most is how we learn all different things like maths, geography and science. I also like how we all get knowledge and learn new art.

**Tahlia** - In Year 2 it's fun because I get to learn harder stuff every day. I also like writing about the weekends.

**Tyler** - My favourite thing in Year 2 is soccer training, computers, sport and playing dodge ball. I like writing in my journal and handwriting.

**Nevaeh** - At school, my favourite thing is to play in One Bounce and doing art at school.



## FPS Tennis - we've notched up another win!

It is with great excitement and pride that we can announce that the FPS tennis team has advanced to the final four in the State! As Hunter Champions, we recently played Grafton PS, who were the North Coast Champions. After a day of high quality tennis, our kids took the win 5 sets to 3 sets. This means we are now off to the Sydney International Tennis Centre at Sydney Olympic Park on August 26 to play our semi final against Gunnedah South PS. Depending on the result of that match, we will either play in the State final, or play off for 3rd and 4th. It's shaping up to be a massive day of tennis no matter what! Preparations are underway for our journey to Sydney and more information will be passed on to our tennis families as soon as it becomes available. Congratulations to our team on such fantastic progress.



left to right in photo - Mrs Galle, Hendrix, Lexie, Reeya, Maxim & Finn



**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  
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## Book Week Dress Up

**\*Reading is my super power\***

**Friday 23 August**

**Dress up day for students K-6 with the parade starting at 1.45 pm under the primary COLA.**

**Parents and carers are welcome.**





**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

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.



# TERM 3 School Planner and Canteen Information

| Week/<br>Month      | Monday                        | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                               | Friday  |
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| Week 5<br>August    | 19                            | 20<br>PSSA Girls Rugby League     | 21<br>Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition | 22                                     | 23<br>Book Week Dress Up<br>PSSA Boys Football Gala Day |
| Week 6<br>August    | 26<br>PSSA Tennis Semi Finals | 27                                | 28  | 29<br>P&C Fathers Day Stall            | 30<br>Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival                |
| Week 7<br>September | 2                             | 3<br>Spelling Bee Regional Finals | 4   | 5<br>2020 Kindergarten Orientation Day | 6<br>3-6 GPA Assembly                                   |

## THANK YOU

FPS Library staff would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Book Fair this year. Thanks to your generosity we sold \$5448 worth of books, which meant we raised \$1362 for the school library. We would like to make a special mention to the two mums who made a little boy's day by purchasing books for him. It shows that our community is made up of generous, selfless and caring people, and we are very proud to be a part of that community.

## NEXT P&C MEETING

Monday 9 September

5:30pm Staffroom

All welcome!

### Koori Girls Dance Group:

To help celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day, the Great Lakes Children Centre invited the Koori Girls Senior Dance Group to perform cultural dances for the pre-school children. Shamiya proudly introduced the group who delivered a number of engaging and very well performed dance items. The group have been working hard rehearsing, with Bria and Sally encouraging them along the way. The pre-school children were very excited to have the girls dance for them and share part of the Aboriginal tradition and culture of dancing as a way to tell stories. Thank you to the staff at the Great Lakes Children Centre for inviting the girls to perform.



*The Great Lakes Education Fund (GLEF) supports economically disadvantaged students from the 2428 post code with the costs of post-school education and training. Below are details of a fundraising event coming up in a fortnight, with all funds raised going to scholarships for local students. It should be great fun, and for a great cause - our kids! Three panels of erudite locals, each convened by the irrepressible Chris Jones, discussing the great books detailed below. Please encourage your friends and families to support this great cause. Why not bring a group and have dinner after to digest the afternoon's discussions?*

Dear Book Lovers

August is on us and from 2019 on it is going to be known as Big Book Arvo month. All is ready for another great literary event in the Great Lakes - our FIFTH!

**Big Book Arvo Saturday 24 August 2019, 2 PM Club Forster**

We've a great selection of books for 2019:

- *Boy Swallows Universe* by Trent Dalton
- *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones
- *No Friend But the Mountains* by Behrouz Boochani

You can buy tickets, still only \$20, from DI at The Sitting Wombat book store in Wharf Street, Forster or from Nanette at Forster Visitor Information Centre in Little Street, Forster.

The funds we raise go to a great local cause - the Great Lakes Education Fund (GLEF) to assist local youth realise their post-school dreams.

At our Inaugural Big Book 2015, Richard Flanagan had this to say.

*"To all at the Big Book Night [Arvo], my very best wishes for both the evening and your efforts raising money to help local kids get an education. The only difference between me and my illiterate grandparents is two generations of state education. I know how much what you are doing matters - my heart goes out to you all. Warm wishes, Richard"*

We hope to see you there!

Happy reading

Steve Nicholas, Norman Shaprow, Graham Gardner, Chris Jones

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