



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 2 Week 1

Friday 1 May 2020



Principal Report- Mrs Annie Everingham

It was lovely to see some smiling faces of our students and families on Wednesday when our essential worker's children returned to school. There are so many messages at present and information around the Phasing of students back to school. Please see the Department of Education's Phasing information sheet included in this newsletter. Following are the organization around Phase 1- students attending one day a week at school, for Forster Public School.

Phase 1- Commences 11 May 2020 **(Monday Week 3)**

Students attend school **one** designated day per week and continue remote learning for the remaining four days.

Students will return to school for their one designated day in **House** groups to accommodate family groupings.

Week 3, 4 and 5 Schedule (subject to change if advised by the Department)

Mondays- Albatross

Tuesday- Gannet

Wednesday- Penguin

Thursday- Shearwater

Friday- students of essential workers only

Teachers from the Support Unit will contact their families in regards to their designated days.

To support the Department guidelines we will implement the following:

- Aim for classes of approximately 10-12 students.
- Social distancing will be encouraged- red marks have been placed around the school displaying 1.5 metre spaces.
- There will be staggered breaks throughout the day- K-2 come out at different times than 3-6.
- Students to attend their one designated day per week in house groups (see above).
- Around 25% of students onsite each day (approximately 187 students- including essential workers).
- Student will not have their own class teacher at all times and possibly not at all, as this may be not possible to organise with restricted numbers per class and due to some staff working from home due to medical concerns.
- Students will be expected to bring their remote learning pack and own pencil case on their designated day. Spare packs will be available for students who have not downloaded their packs or forget them. This work pack is the work they will be doing on the day.
- Students will require their own drink bottle. Bubblers will not be used to drink from, only to fill bottles with.
- Students will be expected to wear full school uniform including school hat.
- Canteen will be open for orders with a limited menu - fruit for fruit break will need to be purchased before classes go in.
- Class teachers will be in contact with you over the next week to see if you are sending your child to school on their allocated day and to clarify house groups.
- Students will be supervised by additional staff in the mornings when students arrive to ensure social distancing.
- Hand sanitiser is in every room. Students are asked to use before entering class and when exiting class.
- Student desks are wiped down after every session.

One unit of work will continue to be supplied to students (booklets from school or download from Skoolbag and communication via Google Classroom), **for use at both** school and at home. Please attempt the work every day.

However, we understand that not necessarily all work will be completed every day.

Please return booklets to school or submit work via Google Classroom so it is shown that students are continuing their learning from home.

Staff are social distancing at school and wherever possible working from home.

Staff have sanitisers, hand gloves and disinfectant wipes for classrooms. If they have flu like symptoms they are to stay at home.

If Staff are supervising classes for a designated day, then their own Goggle Classroom or class contact will be minimal.

Phase 1 is expected to continue for approximately 3 weeks, unless advised by the Department of Education.

Please drop your child/children off at the normal gates. A staff member will be on duty at the gate entrance wearing their yellow vest.

Please do not mingle outside the schoolgrounds and practice social distancing.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this time as we all work together to do the best we can.

Annie Everingham
Principal

Opportunity Class

The placement process for opportunity class entry in 2021, including the Opportunity Class Placement Test, will be delayed until later in the year. As a result, applications will not open on 28 April 2020 as previously advised.

This delay is in response to the social distancing measures that are currently in place to help slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community.

The opportunity class placement will still go ahead in 2020 however, the process for that, including the timeline, will look a little different this year. We intend to ensure Year 5 students are placed opportunity classes in 2021 with minimal disruption to schools and families.

The department will continue to work closely with NSW Health to ensure people have access to the latest advice on how to keep staff, students and the community safe.

Revised dates for applications, tests and process changes (including any changes to school assessment scores) will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. Web pages will be updated shortly to reflect this message.

Please continue to monitor the department's website via <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> to remain up to date with information relating to opportunity classes.



Diorama competition - win \$1000 worth of cheese

To celebrate our partnership with Saputo Dairy Australia we are running a creative competition for children to do while learning remotely or at school. Enter and you could be in the running to win a hamper of Saputo Dairy Australia products to the value of \$1,000 for your school!

Create a diorama in a Great Ocean Road, Devondale, Liddells or Sungold milk branded bottle or carton of an Australian dairy farm. Your farm must include a cow, a milking shed, green grass, tress and a dairy farmer. Take a photo of your complete diorama and email it through to: marcomms@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au by 25 May 2020.

Meet Our Staff

— Mrs Sarah Johe

Grüezi, (this means hello in Swiss German).

My name is Sarah Johe and I have the pleasure of joining the Forster Public School family. I originally come from Switzerland but as my parents migrated to Australia when I was five. I consider myself more Aussie than Swiss.

I have always wanted to be a teacher as I feel that learning is a never-ending process where I learn just as much from my students as they learn from me. Out of school you would find me spending time with my two boys, riding my horse or sitting in a nice sunny spot painting with my cat.

I am really excited to get to know all the lovely students, parents and wider community that are part of this great school.



Summary of Hygiene Practices Implemented at Our School

Listed below are some of the extra safety requirements occurring at school:

- Clear markings for social distancing where required eg: lining up at the canteen, bubblers etc;
- Lessons/ social stories prepared to explain social distancing;
- Furniture placement- separated around the room, students not sitting together;
- Staggered break times (K-2 separate to 3-6);
- Staff must social distance;
- Additional space for teachers during break times;
- Canteen will be open and the uniform shop will continue online. Canteen will continue with extra hygiene practices in place;
- No playground equipment will be in use;
- No volunteers, external agencies or parents on site;
- Not sharing personal items such as pens, pencils etc;
- Handwashing to occur upon arrival, before and after eating and all breaks;
- Hand washing for younger students will be supervised;
- Bathrooms and high touch surfaces wiped down during the day;
- Hand sanitiser distributed throughout the school for use by students and staff;
- Disinfectant wipes provided to clean high touch areas – desks, chairs, photocopiers, computers etc;
- Immediate exclusion from the classroom for any students showing symptoms;
- Safe operation of sick bay including PPE and forehead thermometers;
- Open windows for fresh air; and
- Bubblers will only be used to refill drink bottles. Bubblers will be cleaned after recess and lunch.

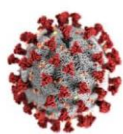
The school will continue clear and regular communication to our school community via our Facebook page and Skoolbag.

Summary of School Activities During This Time

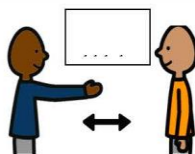
We have been working extremely hard to get some extra jobs completed during this time. Some of the jobs are:

- Extra seating on the playgrounds;
- Air conditioning in the classrooms on the Hadley side of the street;
- Additional fencing within the school;
- Installation of large fans in the hall;
- Major works being still completed- walkways, painting, renovated primary toilets;
- Gardening/tree trimming;
- Carpet cleaning;
- Pest Control;
- More bag racks;
- Sport Champion display board erected;
- Ordering of signs for around the school;
- New shelving for library;
- Construction of the yarning circle;
- Ordering of more future focused furniture;
- New PA system under K-2 and 3-6 COLA;
- Tidying up of storerooms, book rooms and general areas;
- More murals have been painted to display around the school;
- Continued developing and updating scope and sequences and programs;
- Rewriting of the Draft Anti- Bullying and Wellbeing procedures;
- Professional Learning around the use of technology etc;
- Organising new steps for the stage;
- Purchasing of more iPads and computers;
- Updating the Science Scope and Sequence;
- Updating our Potentially Gifted;
- Purchase of a new lawnmower;
- Ordering of 4 new Smartboards;
- Purchasing Close Read resources;
- Creating Remote learning packs; and
- Updating PDHPE Scope and Sequence.

Social Distancing At School



Because we have a virus called Covid 19 we need to make sure we are safe.



To keep safe we have to make sure we are 1.5 metres apart from others.



When we are at school we need to keep ourselves apart from others so we all stay well and happy.



At The Canteen we need to keep 1.5 metres apart.



Under the Cola we need to keep 1.5 metres apart.



When we use the toilets we must stay 1.5 metres apart when washing our hands.



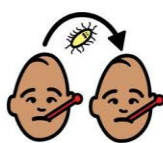
When we are in the classroom we must sit 1.5 metres apart from our friends and teacher.



At the bus lines we need to keep 1.5 metres apart.



At the bubblers we need to keep 1.5 metres apart.



The virus is very contagious so we must follow these rules.



Everyone at school is working hard to keep safe.



Social distancing will keep everyone happy healthy and safe.

BELL TIMES

To support the return of students in Phase 1- one day a week- starting Monday 11 May- we have decided to stagger our breaks. This means that K-2 students will come out into the playground at different times than 3-6. This ensures we have less students out playing at any given time throughout the day.

Please remember we are currently in Phase 0 of the staggered return meaning the same as last term, where students are to remain at home to continue with remote learning where possible.



K-2 BELL TIMES



YEARS 3-6 BELL TIMES



8:25am	Students start arriving (morning duty commences)
8:55am	Students line up
10:55 – 11:20am	First half lunch (10:55 - 11:10am supervised eating time)
11:20 – 11:40am	Second half lunch
1:25 – 1:55pm	Recess (1:25 – 1:35pm supervised eating time)
2:55pm	Home time

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12:40 – 1:05pm	First half lunch (12:40 – 12:55pm supervised eating time)
1:05 – 1:25pm	Second half lunch
2:55pm	Home time

Good for Kids good for life

GET ACTIVE WITH SKIPPING

Grab your rope and have some fun!

Tips on skipping:

- Search for 'jump rope tricks' and learn some tricks.
- Master a skipping routine by putting the skipping ticks together; maybe to music.
- Set some skipping challenges e.g. who can skip for the longest time or do the most tricks.
- Involve the whole family in a routine.
- For inspiration, search 'Jump rope tricks' online or check out the 'teacher manual' at www.heartfoundation.org.au



For health benefits, children aged 5-12 years need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

Variety is important!

Source: Northern Sydney Local Health District



HNE.LHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

Catholic SRE Message

The Catholic Parish of Forster-Tuncurry sends its best wishes to the children, families, and staff of Forster Public School community.

Simple to follow **Catholic SRE lessons** are available online at the following link: [Catholic SRE Online](#)



ANZAC DAY

**Laying a wreath on behalf of all our
FORSTER Public School community.
#lestweforget**



Forster Public School proudly stands on Worimi land

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FORSTER BUSLINES NEWS

Busways would like to advise that all school and route services to your school are still operating.

Busways is continuing to work with Transport for NSW to ensure vital services keep running for all our customers during COVID-19. The health and safety of our drivers and our passengers is our top priority and as such, we encourage you to remind students to maintain hygiene practices, remain cautious of the virus and follow social distancing guidelines when they're on the bus (where possible). Students should always maintain social distance from the bus driver. It's important that we all continue to exercise every Government outlined requirement to ensure we get through this together. Busways has continued to:

- Maintain extra cleaning on buses, with every bus receiving a disinfectant treatment every day, including all regularly touched areas such as handrails, poles, seats and doors.
- Exercise additional procedures for all Busways employees to follow in order to limit any chance of the virus spreading. This includes issuing employees with hand sanitiser, requiring employees to wash their hands every time they enter and leave a worksite, employees staying home if they're unwell, and minimising the handling of cash.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and appreciate schools providing information to students to assist in minimising the spread of the virus. Please remind students that they are still required tap on and off with their Opal card or show their School bus pass when boarding.

Current advice:

If a student is experiencing flu-like symptoms, until they know what type of illness they have, they must stay home and avoid contact with other people. They should not board the bus. Students undergoing 14 days of mandatory isolation should also not board the bus. This information may change at any time subject to Government decisions.

Parents should seek medical advice over the phone and follow all recommendations from their medical professional.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Busways at info@busways.com.au.