



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 2 Week 2

Friday 8 May 2020

CALENDAR

May

- 11 Albatross
- 12 Gannet
- 13 Penguin
- 14 Shearwater
- 15 Students of essential workers
- 18 Albatross
- 19 P & C Meeting 5.30pm
- 20 Gannet
- 21 Penguin
- 22 Shearwater
- 22 Students of essential workers
- 25 Albatross
- 26 Gannet
- 27 Penguin
- 28 Shearwater
- 29 Students of essential workers



Hadley says...



Did you
remember your
hat ?



Principal Report- *Mrs Annie Everingham*

Welcome to the end of another week. Our numbers each day are slowly increasing with more students returning to school daily. I have attached next weeks schedule for your viewing. Due to the increased numbers all staff will be on site each day to cater for the social distancing recommendations i.e 10-12 students in each space. We will try our best to ensure your child's teacher connects with your child when they attend on their designated days. This is not always possible due to some staff working from home, but something we will strive to do. We miss them!

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.

Don't forget our canteen will be up and running as of next week with a modified menu.

You may have noticed that we have had a lot of work going on in the school at present. The gardens and lawns are being maintained so well and the school grounds are looking amazing. We have purchased more outside seating for the students during break times and these are dispersed across the school in appropriate areas. The new bell changes are working well with less students in the playground at any one time. This enables the younger students and the older students to have the run of the oval at lunchtimes! Something they are all a little bit excited about.

The air conditioning is nearly done with about three more weeks to completion. Having less students on site has enabled the workers to move much quicker than they anticipated.

The Primary boy's toilets are completed and look very modern. The Primary girl's toilet will soon be completed as well. It will be so nice to have these back to normal.

The Kindergarten entrance is currently being worked on as is the roofing on the OOSH building.

Hopefully by the end of the term major maintenance will be completed. Photos of our school improvements are included in this newsletter.

I would like to thank Sally Murray and her family for donating the stumps from their property for our amazing Yarning Circle. This has been situated at the front of our school near the ocean and will be a great spot to sit and yarn with our fellow students, staff and community members. The Indigenous garden that was planted last year by past students is powering. Thanks to our students for weeding and re- mulching last term. Photos included later in this edition I want to give a huge shout out to all the parents out there doing the best you can in a very difficult time. You are amazing and have worked so hard trying to make this new process of learning from home and school work. I have a daughter who is balancing working from home and her work place plus trying to remote learn with her two active farm boys and a farmer husband (who leaves at 6am and gets home at 6pm).

She keeps it real for me! It definitely has its challenges. My advice to her when she rings feeling stressed or that she is not doing things well, is....*"You can only do what you can do with the time and resources you have. You are a mother first and foremost and that's the most important role you will ever have. Use this time to enjoy your boys as you will not get this time back...be kind to yourself and don't expect 6 hours of work from your kids each day.....at school they play, eat, sing, do sport, have scripture, assemblies, etc, amongst their core learning times. This will all be over soon and we will be wishing for that time back!"*

I am in awe of you all and thank you so much for working with us and making this happen.

I can tell you with sincere honesty we are all looking forward to seeing all our students back at school when it becomes safe and clear to do so.

Until next week....

Annie Everingham
Principal

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



Respect
Safety
Personal Best

Term 2 Week 3 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

Learning Intention: *To understand what gratitude is and how this can make our school a better place for all.* The dictionary meaning of gratitude is "the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness.:" It comes from the latin word "Gratus" which means "Thankful blessing"

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

School Rules for each value – see posters in each classroom

Success Criteria: Looks like/Sounds like:

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| Wear your full school uniform | Care for your own and other's property |
| Be responsible for yourself | Always put rubbish in the bins provided |
| Follow teachers directions | Allow yourself and other students to learn |
| Do your best at all times | Participate in a positive way |
| Use school talk and say please and thank you. | |
| Enjoy our gardens with your eyes and look after our environment | |

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.

Pick up and Drop off areas as of Monday 11 May.

From next week and until further notice, morning drop off and afternoon pick up will be as follows:

- Main front gate will remain open in the morning for buses and kiss and drop only.
- Front gate will be used for buses only in the afternoons.
- Hadley street gate will be open in the morning for any student arriving at school. Of an afternoon K-2 students will be exited through this gate.
- The Lake St gate at the backfield will be open in the mornings for any student arriving at school. Of an afternoon grades 3-6 students and students on scooters and bikes will be exited through this gate.
- Siblings will be able to meet under the K-2 cola and exit together through the Hadley St gate.

Please note:

- If there is torrential rain, 3-6 students will not exit through Lake St gate. Instead it will be a staggered leave through the main front gate.
- Hadley street gate will be open, however, students will need to access school by walking around the demountable (Miss Simmon's classroom where the new black fence is). This will continue for approximately another two weeks (due to works occurring in the school).
- Staff will continue to meet students at the gates.

TERM 2 School Planner

| Week/ Month | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Week 3 May | 11 Students in Albatross attend today | 12 Students in Gannet attend today | 13 Students in Penguin attend today | 14 Students in Shearwater attend today | 15 students of essential workers only |
| Week 4 May | 18 Students in Albatross attend today P & C Meeting 5.30pm | 19 Students in Gannet attend today | 20 Students in Penguin attend today | 21 Students in Shearwater attend today | 22 students of essential workers only |
| Week 5 May | 25 Students in Albatross attend today | 26 Students in Gannet attend today | 27 Students in Penguin attend today | 19 Students in Shearwater attend today | 20 students of essential workers only |

Good for Kids good for life

STAYING ACTIVE AT HOME

Children should be getting at least 60 minutes of physical activity that makes them 'huff and puff' across the day.

Staying active as a family will support your physical and mental health.

Try doing some of these activities together each day:

Backyard sports
Dancing
Hula hoops
Walking
Tag
Gardening

FAMILY EXERCISES

Family boot camp
Aerobics
Walk the dog
Skipping
Hide and seek

Make a game from chores



Source: Office of Sport



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

NEXT P&C MEETING

This meeting will be on Monday 18 May, 5:30pm

and will be held via Zoom.

If you are interested in being a part of this meeting, please send us an email and we will forward you the Zoom link.

forsterpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

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

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| 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 |



YEARS 3-6 BELL TIMES

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|-----------------|---|
| 8:25am | Students start arriving (morning duty commences) |
| 8:55am | Students line up |
| 10:25 – 10:55am | Recess (10:25 - 10:35am supervised eating time) |
| 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 |

SCRIPTURE CLASSES

For parents to take up 'Learning at home' opportunities for SRE for the term ahead. Here is the link on that site for Anglican, Roman Catholic and Combined Christian SRE approved curriculums.

<https://www.christiansre.com.au/learnfromhome>

BEAUTIFYING OUR SCHOOL

We have had a lot of maintenance and upgrades across the school. We still have a lot to go but the school grounds are looking amazing at present. We have purchased new seating ready to go when the children return, the walkways are near completion in some areas, the lawns and gardens look amazing as does the yarning circle and garden next to it. We still have a ways to go as there are still lots of pockets of work still happening , but now and then you have to stop and smell the roses and see what great things have happened.



FPS P & C

Hope you all enjoyed your holidays. Being a home school parent, the holidays gave a new sense of relief to the break in routine.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, the P & C's usual schedule of meetings and events have been put on hold for another term. We had hoped to host our AGM next week, but have had to change our plans. We would still like to hold a meeting soon, as an opportunity for parents and the school to share information and update our members.

This meeting will be on Monday 18 May, 5:30pm and will be held via Zoom. No need to even get out of your comfy slippers. If you are interested in being a part of this meeting, please send us an email and we will forward you the Zoom link.

We have also done something a little different for Mothers Day this year. A Mum and Carers Day pack has been uploaded to Skoolbag. The pack includes activities for the children to make something special for that caring person in their lives.

Our Uniform Shop is still operating online. Check out the link <https://fspspandc-uniformshop.square.site/> for our full range and to place an order.

We have new jumpers and long pants in stock, ready for the winter season. Once your order has been processed, you will be notified and you can then pick it up from the Office. If sizes need to be exchanged, just let us know and we can organise a swap. If this is the case, please ensure all tags remain attached.

Wishing all those Mum's, Grandma's, Aunties, Sisters and Carers a very special day on Sunday.

Many thanks,
Sarah Wilkinson
President

Forster Public School P&C Association
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ADDITIONAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Learning packages for parents and carers are being made available to support student learning from home and can be accessed [here](#). These include self-guided videos for parents and carers to complement the learning program provided by their child's school or teacher. Parents can choose one or more learning packages from any of four streams - Literacy/English, Numeracy/Mathematics, Physical Activity and other learning areas. 60 packages have been launched and new packages will be released each week in Term 2. Like all resources, teachers are welcome to freely use these activities to supplement their classroom programs.

Please note these book packs are not compulsory.

They are just for fun!!!

Gakaru Wiyal- Talking Ring.

Yarning Circles are a traditional way that Aboriginal people use to communicate their honesty and practice speaking, listening and expressing their thoughts.

Forster Public School is proud to implement our very own Yarning Circle that all Indigenous groups, students and teachers will use as an outdoor learning space.

We're excited to now have a traditional outdoor learning space where we can respect and share knowledge about traditional ways of the past and still today.

In our Yarning Circle we never have our back to each other, this is a sign of respect and inclusion. All students will face the centre of our circle and have an opportunity to share their thoughts honestly, while building connectedness and equality with their peers.

We would like to thank Kurt and Krystal from Palms Landscape Supplies for their support and sponsorship of the pebbling and Bob Murray for his time and effort logging and carving of the seating for our Yarning Circle.

We look forward to celebrating this space in the near future.



Book Club is still on! Scholastic Books is offering book club directly to families at home, along with home delivery.

Simply click on the link below to have a look at the catalogue:

https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/aus_issue_37frsMTQ2ZTEwOTgzNjE

Once you know what you would like, have a look at the back page for all your paying options.