



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 2 Week 4

Friday 22 May 2020

CALENDAR

May

25 Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

25 P&C Meeting 5.30pm via Zoom

JUNE

8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday



Hadley says...



Did you remember your hat ?



Principal Report – Mrs Annie Everingham

Good afternoon to our Forster Public School Community.

As you would have already heard we are open to all students on Monday of next week. As a school community we are excited about this occurring and welcome things returning to some form of normal. Although some restrictions will be lifted, for your comfort and assurance I have listed the procedures we will still have in place on their full return.

- Washing of hands before breaks and after breaks.
- Cleaning of desks periodically throughout the day.
- Extra cleaning in the school by contracted cleaners.
- No sharing of personal equipment or belongings.
- Students that present unwell will be sent home.
- Staff will continue to attempt social distancing.
- Staggered breaks for K-2 and then 3-6.
- Various exit points for students after school- Hadley Street, Lake Street and Head Street.
- Kiss and Drop and buses only exiting from the front gate- Head Street exit.
- Intervention programs will recommence
- All students will be learning from school. Remote learning will not operate as of next week. Students not at school will require a doctor's certificate to be absent.
- We will not hand sanitise each student as they enter the school grounds, but we will wash hands before entering the classrooms.
- Parents and community members will still be asked to stay outside the school grounds please.

Please remember we do not have teachers on duty before 8:25am. Many students are coming early when there is no supervision in the playground. Some students as early as 8am. Staff are often in stage meetings, have preparation or are marking work and organising their activities for the day. We cannot provide full supervision of your students before that time. Out Of School Hours (OOSH) is operational on site from 6am if you require someone to mind your child if you need to go to work early. There number is 6554 8905.

A huge thank you to all our families for your ongoing support over the last couple of months. You have been so understanding and cooperative. It has been an ever changing landscape, some days the community finding out what was occurring in schools before the staff!

We know that it has not been smooth running and we had to adjust many things on our journey but I cannot be more proud of my staff and school community for building resilience, jumping in and helping each other out, planning ahead, problem solving, working above and beyond, handling so many changes to our working conditions and bouncing back with vigour! Forster Public School....you rock! Don't forget hats and school uniform please! School uniform unites us as a school and hats protect us from future sun cancers or conditions. Don't forget our online clothing pool is open for business.

P and C Zoom meeting next Monday. We had some technological hiccups on Monday of this week but hopefully ready to go next Monday Thanks to Sarah and her team for their ongoing support and positivity. You are a great team to work alongside.

Annie Everingham
Principal

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



**Respect
Safety
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Term 2 Week 5 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

Learning Intention: To stay safe while using digital resources.

: To know how to use your personal space to stay safe and be respectful

Why is it important? To ensure that all students are safe when using digital technology.

To ensure that all students understand what is personal space and why we need to practise this.

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:

- Keep personal information to a minimum
- Keep your privacy settings on
- Practice safe browsing
- Be careful what you download
- Choose strong passwords
- Think before you post
- Keep away from strangers online
- Talking to an adult you trust when you are unsure about anything
- Respect the privacy of others
- Be responsible for yourself
- Personal space safe place

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 offs as of Monday 25 May

Years 3-6

All bikes, scooters, children being picked up by parents (excluding kiss and drop students) and walkers from year 3-6 leave through the Lake Street exit.

Years K-2

K-2 students go out Hadley Street exit.

Sibling groups

Siblings meet under the Infants COLA and leave through Hadley Street exit.

If siblings are only in years 3-6 they may leave via Lake Street exit.

Kiss and Drop and Buses

Through the Head Street exit only.

Wet Weather

During wet weather students will exit through Head Street.

The Department are still instructing us to request adults remain outside the school grounds until further notice please. This involves dropping off and picking up your children. If you need to drop something off or get a message to your child please ring the front office to organise.

If you are concerned for your child entering or exiting under these new arrangements please contact the school and let us know and we will work with you for an alternate arrangement.

Thank you for your support.

FPS - Meet the Teacher

Hi there, my name is Roan Whiteman. I am the tall, bald teacher with the most glorious of moustaches. Here are 10 things about me:

1. I graduated Newcastle University in 2018 and have been at FPS since the start of 2019.
 2. I love to play football (soccer), I have been playing since I was 5 years old.
 3. I'm a head coach at the Jeff Summers Football Coaching Academy.
 4. If I'm not playing football, then I'll be in the ocean bodyboarding.
 5. My favourite food is Mexican.
 6. I'm a huge Manchester United fan.
 7. My height is 6'8", I know right.
 8. I recently married a beautiful lady from San Diego.
 9. I have a little pooch named Sir Bobby Charlton, or Bobby for short.
 10. I was born and bred right here in Forster/Tuncurry.
- Well that's a few things about me. Thanks for reading and hope to be able to say hello to you throughout the year.
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TERM 2 School Planner

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 May	25 P&C Meeting 5.30pm All students to attend daily from today	26	27	28	29
Week 6 June	1	2	3	4	5
Week 7 June	8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10	11	12



K-2 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

2021 High School Enrolments

Year 6 high school transition forms for students moving to year 7 in 2021 need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

A copy of the expression of interest form is available at [Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2021 \(PDF 1.47MB\)](#).

NEXT P&C MEETING

This meeting will be on

Monday 25 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

We apologise for the technical difficulties last week.



YEARS 3-6 BELL TIMES



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

3-6/26 Sugar-Gliders with Mrs Ward

Connor enjoys learning with his hands, making lots of beautiful pictures to demonstrate his understanding of phonics. He also loved the fact that, with reduced numbers in the room, he got some undivided attention and help with his creations! Back to busy and full classes next week – he's certainly missed all of his friends.



Schools Are Safe And Open For Full Time Face-To-Face Learning

updated as at 19 May 2020

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

School attendance - All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell. Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.

Reporting And Assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.

School Activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.

School Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

School Grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential. Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal. Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

Responding to COVID-19 Cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.

6/10 HUMMINGBIRDS ARTWORKS



ICAS

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

Forster Public School will be participating in the ICAS Assessments this year.

What are ICAS Assessments?

- Online assessments designed to recognize and reward academic excellence.
- Students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem solving skills.
- ALL students are rewarded with an academic certificate. Highest performing students receive a medal presented at ICAS medal ceremonies around Australia.
- Online results are usually available 4 – 6 days after the sitting window.
- Assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the challenge of competing in an international assessment.
- ICAS Assessments are completed online, (with the exception of Year 3 & 4 writing which is a pencil and paper test).

The available sitting dates for each Assessment are listed below.

Subject	Sitting Dates	Cost
ICAS Science	Monday 17 th August to Friday 21 st August 2020	\$15.95
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday 24 th August to Friday 28 th August 2020	\$15.95
ICAS English	Monday 24 th August to Friday 28 th August 2020	\$15.95
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 st August to Friday 4 th September 2020	\$15.95
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday 31 st August to Friday 4 th September 2020	\$15.95

- ICAS Writing (all year levels) is not offered in 2020

Using the above information along with classroom timetables and resource availability, the school will determine which date will be set for each of the assessments.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: SNR694 Online payment closes Friday, 17 July 2020.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

Payment for these assessments can only be made online directly to UNSW Global.

Positive Behaviour For Learning

With us all returning to school next week students need to give each other some personal space. This is different to Social Distancing which meant students had to be 1.5 metres apart.

All we need to remember now is to give our friends and class mates space when moving around the class and school.

What does that look like:

Sit apart so you are not touching the other person

Line up with a space between your class mates back and front.

Keep hands and feet and objects to yourself.

Respect the privacy of others.

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces on Monday.



ISS FACILITY SERVICES ARE NOW HIRING SCHOOL CLEANING JOB VACANCIES – APPLY NOW

Duties

- Cleaning school facilities including but not limited to; classrooms, toilets, bubblers, kitchens, windows and grounds
- Maintenance of stock supplies and orders
- Full Training and uniforms provided

Minimum Criteria

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to pass Government criminal background check
- Ability to obtain a Working with Children number prior to commencement \$80
- Have valid driver's Licence and reliable vehicle for Regional Locations

Days of Work & Shifts Available

- Monday to Friday
- Shift Times Available 5am-9am, 10am-3pm or 2pm-6pm
- Please outline your shift preference in the employment application

- **DON'T DELAY** Follow the link below to the ISS Careers page and complete an employment application, which will take approximately 5 minutes. Please have a copy of your ID available drivers licence and passport to assist with the application process.

Click the link below to apply now

<http://careers.au.issworld.com/cw/en/job/517878>

If you need any assistance with your application, or have further questions, please email sandra.moussa@au.issworld.com