



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 2 Week 5

Friday 29 May 2020

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**
15 P & C Meeting 5.30pm via Zoom

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

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



Principal Report – *Mrs Annie Everingham*

What a big week! It was so lovely having everyone back at school. We had a great welcome for them on Monday morning with bubbles, balloons and music. The next few weeks will be focused on finding out where our students are at academically and teaching and revisiting key numeracy and literacy skills.

We will be writing a modified report for Semester One and are currently working on the format for this. It will involve a numeracy and literacy comment along with a general comment regarding in home learning, engagement in school learning and effort in general.

Our numbers have increased and we will now be forming another class in Stage 2. The decision to create a new class in Stage 2 was due to the large numbers in each of the classes in this stage.

Mrs Michelle Sharma will be taking the class for the remainder of the year and will introduce herself to you all once parents are able to enter the school grounds again. Thank you to all the parents we contacted for your understanding and support in moving your child into the new class. The new class will be situated in room 35 which has been set up in readiness to start on Monday of next week.

Notes went out this week to remind parents/carers of the new exit routines across the school. Next week we will be more vigilant around these procedures so that everyone is on the same page and exiting the appropriate gates. Lake Street gate can be a bit messy when it rains. We are organising for a truck load of gravel to be delivered in this area to make it more viable during wet weather.

Bus and Kiss and Drop from Head Street.

3-6 bikes and scooters from Lake Street unless it is raining where they may then leave via Head Street with supervision.

K-2 and siblings form Hadley Street (siblings who are in 3-6 only exit Lake Street).

Music, Gym, Church, volunteers and external providers are still unable to commence at this stage. As soon as we are informed from the Department of Education that we can reopen to our community we will let you know.

Annie Everingham
Principal



Term 2 Week 6 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

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



**Respect
Safety
Personal Best**

Learning Intention: To know your classroom expectations and follow them with safety, respect and personal best always.

Why is it important? So that all students and teachers can learn and work in harmony together.

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:

- Know your class expectations and where they are located (front of the classroom)
- Follow class behaviour expectations
- Move around the classroom in a quiet orderly manner and walk
- Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Use your utensils, pencils, scissors, erasers and glue sticks in the correct way
- Always sit on the chairs with four legs on the floor
- Pack away safely
- Place rubbish in the bin
- Keep your bags in line and hanging on the hooks provided
- Ask for help if needed
- Stay on task
- Use your class pass when leaving the room

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.

1/19 MONKEYS

I am so happy and relieved to have my Year 1 Monkeys back at school in our classroom and I was very keen to hear all about their experiences during the past couple of months. I was super impressed with their efforts during the Home Learning experience. I asked each student, "What was the best thing about learning from home?"

ZANE- playing LEGO and building things with my brother.
JOSEPH- I loved learning maths with my family.
TOMMY- playing with toys and Minecraft with my brother.
ANAMAYA- staying up later than usual.
LUCAS- I could get food whenever I wanted.
COOPER- playing Beyblades with my dad.
ASHER- Being with my mum.
CATTLEYA- staying in my PJ's and playing Minecraft.
ANNABELLE- Reading books with my mum in my pyjamas.
ARLO- I could play on the iPad almost every day.
JACKSON- making stuff with LEGO.
LOLA- I could eat anytime and use the iPad.
HAYDEN- I got to stay in my pyjamas all day.
KAYLEN- I got to play with my dad.
GABI- I invented stuff with LEGO.
MILLA- I watched 2 movies!
TILLY- eating everything and watching movies.
JOSIE- staying in my PJ's and playing Minecraft with my brother.
ISLA- being with my mum.
TAYAH- staying in my comfy pyjamas.
MACEY- staying in my pyjamas, watching TV and eating anything I want.
AHZARAH- I loved playing on the Ipad.



These responses made me smile. I thought how lovely that the best memories these kiddos had are being with their family, playing and having fun (a lot of the time in their jam jams). They also completed their school work (I have proof 😊). Thank you to the incredible families who supported their children throughout this whole unique experience.

Mrs Karyn Pol

TERM 2 School Planner

Week/ Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 June	1	2	3	4	5
Week 7 June	8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10	11	12
Week 8 June	15 P & C Meeting 5.30pm via Zoom	16	17	18	19

IMPORTANT UPDATE
NAIDOC Week 2020



NAIDOC Week 2020
(5 July – 12 July)
is to be postponed.

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 15 June, 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

Forster Public School P&C Association

The P&C Federation announced late last week that the NSW Government has passed a new revised Constitution for P&C's to be able to host virtual meetings. We are very excited, as this is a permanent change, which will provide great flexibility to parents who want to be involved, but can't get out of the house. While we still have some details to work out, we are hoping to host our first official virtual meeting on 15 June at 5:30pm. If you would like to attend, please send an email to forsterpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

The Uniform Shop has been very busy over the last couple of weeks with students starting back at school full time and the winter season upon us. Our new jumpers and pants have been selling like hotcakes and the teachers have told us they look great on the students. Unfortunately due to postage delays at the moment we are having some issues with stock deliveries. We are working hard to get this resolved as soon as possible. But if there is an item out of stock, please be patient and rest assured we hope to have it back in stock as soon as possible. Remember, orders can be placed via our online shop (<https://fpsspandc-uniformshop.square.site/>), which can be picked up from the office or will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Keep smiling and stay safe.

Many thanks,

Sarah Wilkinson

President Forster Public School P&C Association

FPS - Meet the Teacher **Belle Meadows**

Hi, my name is Belle Meadows and I have been working at Forster Public School since 2016.

I'm currently teaching Year 2 Giraffes! I grew up in the local area and love living here. I studied teaching at the University of Newcastle, living and studying in Newcastle for five years. I have gained experience in a range of schools on a variety of grades and classes.

I then had the opportunity to travel to all parts of the world, exploring different countries and cultures. Travelling has given me many skills, and an enormous book of stories, which I bring into my teaching every day!

Forster Public School is a great place to spend each day. Our students bring a smile to my face and make me laugh each day! I feel lucky to be a part of this wonderful community.



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.

St Vincent De Paul(Vinnies)



The St Vincent De Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving those in need with love, respect, justice, hope and joy by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Members and volunteers reach out to the most vulnerable in the community through conferences, special works and Vinnie shops, and do not discriminate on any grounds.

With the current climate of COVID 19 many families are finding it difficult, and St Vincent De Paul is able to offer support to people who are struggling with day to day living.

Even though the Vinnie shop has been closed due to COVID 19 the society is reminding The Great Lakes Community that help is just a phone call away.

If you need urgent help people are encouraged to call **Forster 65558195**.

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)

<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



Hadley says



Welcome Back everyone!!





We missed your smiling faces!

