



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 2 Week 6

Friday 5 June 2020

CALENDAR

JUNE

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

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 - 11:00am 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 |

Hadley says...



**Did you
remember your
hat ?**



Principal Report – *Mrs Annie Everingham*

Good afternoon everyone,
Our school has had a huge rebuild in many areas with air conditioners being installed in 17 rooms. It is lovely to walk into snug rooms this week, especially on the windy and icy days we have been experiencing. I can only imagine how welcome they will be in the heat of summer.

The kindergarten walkway will be completed in the next two weeks. The rails are being replaced with fresh new rails, which will look amazing. Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding around the construction work.

We are still working on improving our exit and entry points. It has been brought to our attention that parents are calling their children across the road at the Lake Street exit, putting them in danger. I have contacted the council and am awaiting their response, so that we can arrange to meet to work together to organise a more efficient process. We have a truck load of gravel being delivered in the next few weeks to make it easier to exit through when it has been raining. If you would like your child to exit different way when it is raining please organise for them to wait for you at the Kiss and Drop area.

We have had some confusions around attendance since the COVID- 19 restrictions have lifted and schools are operational. Please read the following department information to clarify.

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 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. Thank you to those parents that have called and discussed concerns or approved leave around their particular circumstances.

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 contacts 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 the school.

Students have quickly got back into routines and working hard in class engaging in a variety of learning experiences. Some classes have had new Smartboards installed which has meant they have moved outside to learn in the fresh air. What a great way to learn!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Annie Everingham
Principal

Term 2 Week 7 - 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 be safe and respectful while waiting for the buses.

Why is it important? So that all students are kept safe and maintain respect for when they depart on the bus.

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:

- Sit down and wait for the teacher
- Keep your bags in line
- Play in C2 area or C1 fixed equipment when instructed
- Speak in a quiet voice
- Follow teacher instructions
- Request to go to toilet
- Speak politely to the driver
- Be on time
- Play quiet activities while waiting
- Wait your turn to board the bus
- Have bus pass/money ready

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.

National Reconciliation Week 2020

Forster Public School acknowledged National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2020 by discussing the theme 'In this Together' in their classrooms. Students and staff reflected on the theme with some classes discussing what does 'In this together' mean? Children recognised that we are all in a lot of things together, regardless of race and/or culture – COVID, sporting teams, classes, house groups, friendship groups, school etc and they all help to build mutual respect and understanding.

Some of the older students discussed Karen Mundine's words below about this year's theme.

"The National Reconciliation Week 2020 theme reinforces that we all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures," she said.

"When we come together to build mutual respect and understanding, we shape a better future for all Australians."

Classes decorated hands to represent themselves and placed them around the Yarning Circle. Most classes spent time at the Yarning Circle, with one class being entertained by a couple of boys doing a Rain Dance. And, of course, it rained!!



TERM 2 School Planner

| Week/ Month | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|---|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 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 |
| Week 9 June | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |

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

Will be held

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

OPPORTUNITY CLASS (OC) PLACEMENT FOR YEAR 5 ENTRY 2021

This week Year 4 students were handed an information sheet about the OC placement process for Year 5 2021. This information sheet explains what the test is and how to apply on line. It also included key dates.

This test measures the academic ability to identify highly gifted students. Please make sure you read this information and if you wish your child to be eligible the application must be submitted no later than 26 June 2020. Application open on line Tuesday 9 June 2020.

Families will be advised as to the location of the test centre at a later date. Copies of the note are available on the Skoolbag app or from the front office.

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**.

Good for Kids good for life

BREAKFAST IS THE BEST ROUTINE



Breakfast is important for kid's blood sugar levels. It helps them to concentrate while learning, moderate behaviour and have the energy to engage in physical activity.

Breakfast also reduces the desire to snack on high sugar and high fat foods.

Quick and Easy Breakfast Ideas

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

Tip: to get kids ready to learn, keep the TV off during breakfast time

For delicious breakfast recipes visit the Healthy Kids recipe page and click 'breakfast'
<https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/>

Source: Northern Sydney Local Health District



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

FPS - Meet the Staff

Kieran Dalton

As I drive past One Mile beach every morning on my way to Plunge and 1/15, I pinch myself and think about how lucky I really am. I grew up down in Penrith and made the trip up to Forster about 12 months ago. I have been teaching for four years now, and I absolutely adore my 1/15 Sloths. Before teaching, I was a paid soccer player down in Sydney. I tore my ACL/MCL in my knee and stumbled into the role of teaching. Since then I have not looked back and teaching has become a true passion in my life. I have been so blessed to be welcomed in by the awesome teachers and parents of this beautiful community, I already feel like a local.

As I have nothing else to write, here are some silly questions:

- *What is a nickname for a co-worker?* Nick Jonas (Mr Sun)
- *What is your nickname at Forster?* Dolphin, Jimmy Giggles or Mr Fancy Guy.
- *First memory of Forster Public School?* On my first day Karen Fuller said "welcome to the Forster family, I hope you can surf".
- *Do you have any superstitions?* Left shoe goes on first. The volume on the TV has to be an even number.
- *Most disappointing moment?* I was 25 when I first heard Bohemian Rhapsody.
- *What is something you've never been able to do?* Surf. I have all the gear but no idea. It really hurts my pride when I see some Year 1 students surf better than Kelly Slater.
- *What is the most ridiculous fact?* The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache in a standard card deck. Go check!!



Year 1 Dalton Vs Now Dalton

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.

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