



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 2 Week 8

Friday 19 June 2020

CALENDAR

JUNE

19 Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments Open Now

JULY

3 Last Day of Term 2
21 Students Return To School for Term 3

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 |



Principal Report – *Mrs Annie Everingham*

Good afternoon everyone,

This has been a busy week with our school completing its External Validation on Tuesday. This is where our executive staff meet with a specific trained team to go over our evidence supporting the programs and practices we are doing in the school. We are very pleased with the outcome and look forward to now focusing on our future directions for the next four year school plan. Modified Semester 1 reports will go out to families on FRIDAY 31st July. This will be the second week back in Term 3. Staff are busy analysing assessments and student work to support the reports. These reports will inform parents about student progress in numeracy and literacy with a general comment on their engagement in their Covid-19 learning. It will also inform you on future goals for your child. As you are aware our school is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. Each week our students have lessons around an identified focus in the school. This focus usually is related to preferred behaviours that the school identifies as requiring explicit teaching and support. This is also placed in the newsletter each week and announced on the Monday morning assembly. Part of PBL is displaying signage around the school to remind the children of expectations. We have ordered a large number of signs related to our new eating areas and playground expectations. These should be ready to go for Term 3.

This week we had the local external PBL coordinator assess our school on how we are going with our Positive Behaviour for Learning Initiatives. A report will be given to us in the next week or so.

Gymnastics will start up again next term on a Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30pm. This time slot has been modified due to our OOSH

centre requiring more space to accommodate the students in their care after school. We now have the new classroom in one of the regularly used OOSH rooms so we have included the hall as part of their use.

Church will also recommence on weekends as of next term in our hall and classrooms. There are strict health guidelines for community use of school facilities and anyone coming on site will be asked to adhere to them and sign a specific community use agreement. Scripture will also start up again next term as will Kitchen/Garden. Non essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers.

I am thrilled with the beautiful Aboriginal Artworks that have been placed around the school. Please see pictures in this newsletter. School breaks for holidays on Friday 3rd July and resumes on Tuesday 21st July. The staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day on Monday 20th July.

It is great to see all our students being conscious of sun safety and wearing their hats in the playground.



If your child needs any piece of school clothing please remember orders are online at <https://fpsandc-uniformshop.square.site/> (If unable to open, try using Google Chrome).

Have a great weekend everyone.

Annie Everingham
Principal

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



**Respect
Safety
Personal Best**

Term 2 Week 9 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:

Learning Intention: Know how to stay safe while being online at home and school.

Why is it important? To ensure that all students are safe when using digital technology at all times including school and at home.

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
- Be respectful to all your on line friends and your day to day friends
- Remember what you post is there forever

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.

FPS - Meet Our Staff Tristan Marshall

My name is Tristan Marshall and I have been working at FPS for 4 years now. I have been on Year 2 the whole time and loved it! Before that I worked out west in a small country town called Bourke. I have a small family including my wife, my son and daughter, who also attend FPS. I also have two dogs and one cat.

I have throughout my life loved learning and teaching, especially Maths. This has always been a huge passion of mine. Working with Stage 1 has been a great experience and I have loved supporting and caring for our students.

I am also into lots of different sports. You can normally find me running around town of a morning. I have always loved the beach and couldn't wait for the day I would be able to bring my family back here! I love going to the beach with my family. We enjoy swimming, surfing, fishing and spending time with our friends.



WET WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

If your child exits Lake Street in the afternoons and if you would like them to exit the school on rainy days in a different area, (other than the designated area) please organise this with them at home beforehand. e.g. Kiss and Drop on rainy days.

Alternatively pack a small umbrella in their bag that they can use on their walk to the Lake Street exit. We are working on improving this exit with gravel base and have communicated to council a need for an assessment of the area to ensure children are safe when exiting. Please do not call your child across the road. It is a busy area and it is much safer to walk across with them please.

Thank you for your support towards the safety of our children.



TERM 2 & 3 School Planner


| Week/ Month | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------------|--------|---|-----------|----------|-------------------------|
| Week 9 June | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Week 10 June/ July | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 Last Day of Term 2 |
| Term 3 Week 1 July | 20 | 21 Students Return To School Term 3 | 22 | 23 | 24 |

FRESH for KIDS

To order from our school canteen visit

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**New NAIDOC Week dates
8-15 November 2020.**



Always Was, Always Will Be.

NAIDOC WEEK
8-15 NOV 2020

naidoc.org.au

NEXT P&C MEETING

Will be held

Monday 3 August, 5:30pm

and will be held via Zoom.

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

forsterpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Forster Public School Uniform Shop

Did you know you can shop for our full range of school uniforms online?

Check out our online shop @

<https://fspandc-uniformshop.square.site/>

Simply place your order and we'll deliver the items to your child's classroom or you can pick up from the Front Office

Please be aware your order may not be able to be completed on the same day, however we will aim to have it completed within three days



Volunteers needed!

If you have some spare time during the week and would like to help make a difference, please get in touch.



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**.



Forster Netball Club 2020 Season

Netball season is set to start in July and we are looking for Year 1 & Year 2 girls to join our team!

FREE REGISTRATION with the Active Kids Voucher

Dress Hire \$50, No weekly game fees, Register Online



If you are interested contact

Kellie 0407 068 344

President/Registrar

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Head Street Forster 2428 Tel: 65556766 Email: forster-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

News from the Kitchen/Garden

We had Will Simon (Student Learning Support Officer) visit the Kitchen/Garden team this week to learn about how to turn Bushtucker food - Lilly Pilly's into jam. We have about 25 healthy Lilly Pilly trees growing in the school grounds that have produced fat, juicy berries on them. Will went out with a crew of helpers to gather the berries around the school. Nearly 3 kg's of berries were collected. Will then proceeded to make Lilly Pilly Jam in our kitchen. The results were five jars of jam, a sticky stove top and Will developing his skill of patience while waiting for it to thicken. The end result looks great!



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A guide to NSW school students returning to face - to - face learning

In line with health advice, schools are operating full time, and many additional activities are now able to recommence

All schools have returned to full-time on-campus learning. With updated health advice and changes to state and national restrictions, schools are able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from either 15 June 2020 or the start of Term 3 (20 July 2020). Some activities are continuing to be considered.

The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC) and NSW Health guidelines
- existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff
- all activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.

School students do not need to follow strict adult 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
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

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 and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

School activities/ school site usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice
- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events - this includes parents/carers unless specifically approved by the principal.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the Australian HPPCC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.

All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents. Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPCC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target 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 activities return and timeline

Activities/site usage that can already take place:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at principal's discretion
- Year 11 and 12 students only may attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses is allowed

- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 15 June 2020. School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

Activities/site usage that can take place from Monday 15 June 2020

- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Choirs and performing arts at school, with safety protocols in place
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Hydrotherapy pools can be used
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Community use activities used by students such as dance classes, and student sport skills development, outside of school hours with limited adult attendance
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place
- Face to face TAFE attendance (see TAFE website for further information)
- School photos
- Department of Community and Justice services and programs.

Activities/site usage that can take place from beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)

- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, Selective Sports High School trials etc)
- SRE/SEE lessons
- Work experience for students
- VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments. For any that can't proceed, please see the [NESA Website](#)
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- P&C meetings - with a strong preference for on-line where possible
- Parent/teacher meetings - where these need to take place - strong preference for on-line where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion
- Community use activities involving general adult attendance (such as community markets).

Activities under consideration from Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now these events must remain on hold.

- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events (e.g. graduation ceremonies or student speech events)
- Parent volunteers - e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- Interstate excursions
- School based activities that involve large gathering of adults are not permitted at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events. These large gatherings and the following activities will continue to be reviewed and assessed based on AHPCC and NSW Health advice and may be permitted at a later date.

Activities that are cancelled, delayed or not permitted

Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long-lead time organisational arrangements. Please speak to your schools if you would like to know more. International excursions are cancelled until further notice.

Reporting and assessment

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

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 arises. Find out more at the [response protocols page](#).

Transport

For travel advice to and from school refer to the [NSW public transport service](#).