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Friday 10 December 2021



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Principal Report – Mrs Lorelle O'Brien

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! We were able to celebrate the achievements of many students at our Presentation Day assemblies. I also had the pleasure of announcing the 2022 school leaders. Some parents got lovely phone calls from their excited child sharing their news- "I'm on the 2022 leadership team!!".



A big congratulations to:

Captains: Hannah & Mali

Vice Captains: Samantha & Lachlan

Leadership Team: Ruby, Taj, Cohen, Ecko, Levi, Katie, Jasper & Ava.



Thank you to our outgoing 2021 Leadership Team.

Last week we also had our red and yellow mufti day, bringing awareness to the importance of swimming between the flags at beaches. Classes participated in learning opportunities to further discuss being safe at the beach.

Monday night was the Year 6 Farewell. A huge THANK YOU shout out to all our teachers who go above and beyond in their own time to make memorable moments for our students. It was a lovely night for both staff and students.

Hadley's are handed out to all students displaying the schools core values of safety, respect and personal best. Hadley's go into a weekly draw where 4 names are drawn for a canteen voucher. After the weekly draw the Hadleys are collected for the term. If the Hadleys reach the correct amount there is a celebration for the whole school, voted on by the students. This week students (and staff!) were very excited to have gained enough Hadley's for the term for their celebration. This week's celebration was a disco. DJ Flav played some great songs whilst teachers and students got their groove on!

A huge congratulations to Brooke Egan who was successful in gaining the substantive Assistant Principal position at Nabiac Public School. Miss Egan will be beginning at Nabiac PS in 2022. Miss Egan has been at Forster PS for 7 years. In that time, she has been a relieving Principal of Stage 2 for 4 years, led the Aboriginal Education Committee, played a key part in student wellbeing and community involvement and made huge gains for student learning outcomes. We wish her all the best for future years!

I would also like to announce that Mr Peter Johnson will be Acting Principal for Forster PS for Term One 2022. Mr Johnson is currently the substantive Principal of Hallidays PS and brings much expertise to the role. Forster PS would like to say- "Welcome to the team!".

Four more busy days to go, it is hard to believe how fast this year has gone! Last day of school for students is Thursday 16 December.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Lorelle O'Brien

R/Principal

**Students last of school
Thursday 16 December 2021**

**Students return to school
Tuesday 1 February 2022**



CLASS NEWS

On Wednesday, students in 2-6/33 Leopards began their own tie dye projects. They have folded, placed elastics, and added dye to their shirts. The students are very excited to see the outcome of their project next week. Stay tuned for an update on how they turn out!

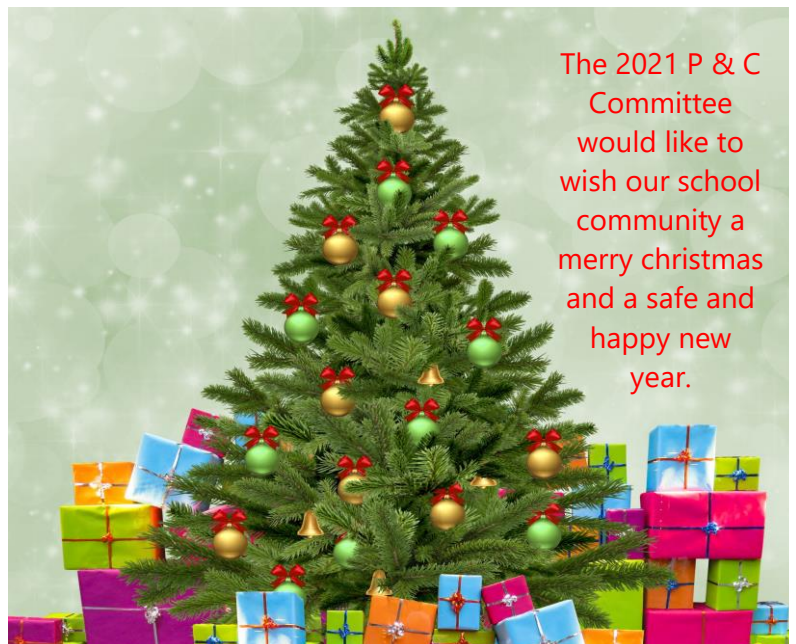
P & C Uniform Shop



Last uniform orders for 2021 will be filled on **Tuesday 14 December**.

Orders can be placed online throughout the holidays. A collection day will be organised by our volunteers towards the end of the holidays to arrange collection.

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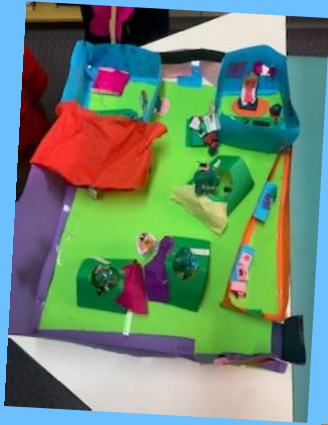
The 2021 P & C Committee would like to wish our school community a merry christmas and a safe and happy new year.

4/4 Turtles

Our class have been learning about the importance of looking after nature and our environment. Animals play an important role in our everyday lives.

Together we designed and constructed animal rescue centres. Students took the time to ensure each centre was tailored to the needs of their chosen animal.

We even had some educational centres, complete with QR codes and sanitisers!



PBL - Hadley Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR DISPLAYING RESPECT, SAFETY AND THEIR PERSONAL BEST.



MIA K/22



BELLA K/24



FELIX 1/15



GEORGIA 1/15



REGGIE 3-4/8



DAISY 4/5



MARLON 6/9

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COOPER 1/12

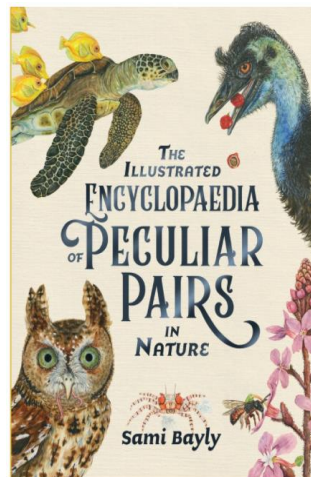


ELISE K-1/21



Kind Donation

Our school was very generously given a beautiful new book and a calendar for the library to display. The author, Sami Bayly, came in person to present the book "The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Peculiar Pairs". This stunning hardcover book is filled with incredible scientific illustrations and amazing facts about some very unusual pairings in nature. We are lucky to already have the Illustrated Encyclopedia of Dangerous Animals in the library, which is a companion volume to this spectacular book, and we are so excited to be able to share these books soon!



Miss Wysocki, Ms Sharma, Mr Marshall, Miss Chapple, Mrs Phillip, Mrs Sparks, Mr Dalton and Mrs Lowe

The Stage 1 teachers celebrating all of the Year 1 and 2's outstanding achievements this year.

Here is another fantastic story written by one of our many talented students in the Year 5 Writers' Workshop groups. ENJOY!

Molly Smith

Molly, who was a sporty girl and wore perfectly comfortable clothes, lived in a pretty cottage in Perth. She was a sweet, caring, and supportive girl who liked to help people when needed. Molly, who was kind and loving, liked to deliver newspapers to old people on the weekend for free.

In the summer holidays, Molly woke on a hot and humid morning; she took a big breath in and smelt smoke. She thought it was very strange, so she jumped out of bed and raced outside, and you wouldn't guess what she saw! There were ROARING flames and RAGING black puffs of smoke, with a deafening sound like a huge train engine. Her heart started pounding so bad. Molly felt like she couldn't breathe because the fires were only twenty metres away.

Molly grabbed the green garden hose and started spraying water at the raging flames while on the phone to the fire brigade. As she was talking on the phone, she could see hurling, burning embers floating down onto the grass of her front lawn. It was like a ferocious firestorm. Molly was shaking with fear so much, she could barely speak.

"There is an extremely destructive bushfire right near my house, please send help!" Molly cried into the phone, with a trembling voice. "We'll send the fire crew over immediately" said the firefighter, calmly.

Later, while the firefighters were battling the fiery inferno, Molly and her neighbours were urgently filling buckets with water and throwing the water all over their lawns. Molly's eyes were stinging, and her face felt like it was blistering in the thick smoky wind.

After a long and tiring battle, Molly and her neighbours were really exhausted, and the firefighters were completely and utterly drained with no energy at all.

The following morning, Molly stood on her front lawn and looked at the broken, burnt trees that were on the edge of her road. She could still smell the thick, grey smoke coming from the bush on the edge of her street. Molly was very upset because she knew that many of the koalas' homes were destroyed by the fires. Although she was relieved that her house and all her neighbours' houses had survived the destructive, raging inferno, she still felt upset and emotional. Molly knew that there were injured koalas that needed her help, so she decided that the best thing to do was go and rescue those poor koalas. This was going to be the beginning of making things better.

By Ava, Year 5



Our Year 5 Writers' Workshop students have continued their learning journey as they explore effective writing strategies and how to use these tools in their own story writing.

As part of our workshop activities, we recently watched a catch-up recording of a NSW Education livestream with celebrity author Yvette Poshoglian, who has written many great titles you might know, including the 'Ella and Olivia' series. We learnt some great ideas, including:

- * *Look around you, develop your imaginary characters from people who you know and meet - maybe even a favourite pet!*
- * *Write about things that you love, your own interests and try to write every day.*
- * *Think about a skill or hobby that you are good at and centre a story about that topic.*
- * *Become a people and animal watcher! Watch what is happening in the world around you and use them to inspire a great story.*
- * *Think about the genre e.g. Is it going to be a mystery, adventure, comedy or perhaps a story about a quest or a hero's journey?*
- * *JUST WRITE! The first sentence is often the hardest..... Keep going!*

Below is the link, if you want to watch the livestream catch-up and learn more about being a writer:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/education-live-catch-up#english>



Credit: Quentin Blake

Year 6 Challenge

Last week, the inaugural 'Year 6 Challenge' was held. Students in Year 6 organised themselves into teams of 6 (a mixture of boys and girls) and each student represented their team in one of the following activities:

Shooting hoops



Handball



Games



Snakes & Ladders



Cards



Obstacle Course

The activities were a mixture of skill, chance, agility, speed and strategy. Twelve teams entered the challenge and great displays of sportsmanship were witnessed.

Congratulations to Khan, Leroy, Ethan, Suraiya, Kayla and Sam who were the winning team. These students showed up every lunch time and put in their personal best at their activity.

Congratulations to all of the other students who came along each day and made the challenge a success.

A big thank you to the staff who helped with supervision. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

Di Murray (organiser)



Farewell Year 6





Wishing you all the best at high school!





AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Forster Public School is registered with the Australia Day Council to present two 'Aussie of the Month' awards for ten months during 2021. The Australia Day Council promote the values of

Fair go – not just in how we apply ourselves but also providing opportunity for all.

Mateship - generosity of spirit and compassion for those in need.

Respect – of self, others, of our community and the environment.

Inclusion – Celebrating difference, and the rights and freedoms we are all entitled to.

All students can be nominated by any staff member for active contribution to school, community and peer groups, as well as upholding our school values of Safety, Respect and Personal Best.

Congratulations to our December recipients.



Lela M – Year 3



Blaise C – Year 6

ICAS Assessment Results

Congratulations to our students who achieved excellent results in the ICAS assessments. The assessments had to be postponed due to COVID so were held during this term. Notable mentions go to the following students:

Mathematics

Year 2	Arlo K	Credit
Year 3	Macy C	Merit
	Lilly-Rose D	Credit
	Sophie F	Credit
	Imogen F	Credit
	Hayden S	Merit
Year 4	Jessica C	Credit
	Chase C	Credit
Year 5	Aden J	Merit
Year 6	Emilia T	Credit

English

Year 2	Remmy M	Credit
Year 3	Macy C	Credit
	Lilly-Rose D	Credit
	Kiela-May F	Credit
Year 4	Chase C	Distinction
Year 5	Aden J	Credit
Year 6	Blaise C	Credit

Science

Year 3	Levi D	Merit
	Imogen F	Credit
	Hayden S	Credit
Year 4	Jessica C	Merit
	Chase C	Distinction
Year 5	Mali F	Credit
Year 6	Emilia T	Credit

Spelling

Year 2	Remmy M	Distinction
Year 3	Macy C	High Distinction
	Imogen F	Merit
Year 4	Chase C	Credit
	Tahlia E	Credit
	Maddison T	Credit
Year 5	Aden J	Distinction
Year 6	Blaise C	Merit

Writing

Year 3	Macy C	Distinction
	Kiela-May F	Credit
	Imogen F	Merit
Year 4	Jessica C	Credit
	Tahlia E	Credit

Digital Technologies

Year 6	Emilia T	Merit
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If your child has any lost property please ensure you ask them to check the Lost Property Box in the Library.

Stef, from the kitchen has kindly laundered many items and they are ready to find their owners!

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Monday 13th December - 6:30pm
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Cape Hawke SLSC Nippers

One Mile beach 9:15 Sundays

Are you looking for a fun summer activity for your child???

Cape Hawke Nippers at One Mile beach offers 5 to 14 year olds the opportunity to learn surf safety and awareness in a variety of different surf conditions while having fun and making friends.

Your child will learn how to identify rips and how to swim in the surf while keeping themselves and their friends safe at the beach.

They will also have the opportunity for personal development and leadership skills, including teamwork and improving self confidence

Come on down to Cape Hawke nippers if you want your kids to learn essential water safety skills in all surf conditions, grow their confidence and make lifelong friendships.

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