



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

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Term 1 Week 3

Monday 8 February 2021



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School Canteen



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Principal Report – *Mrs Lorelle O'Brien*

Welcome back to school for 2021!

Teachers have been busy, many during the holidays, setting up rooms, setting up structures, developing programs and developing learning tasks that are engaging for all students.

Last week we were able to place students into their classes which was very exciting. Teachers worked collaboratively for many hours last year and again this year trying to accommodate the needs of all students in the school when creating class lists. There are many considerations across the grade when creating classes.

All students are taught appropriate grade outcomes from the syllabus and teachers differentiate their teaching appropriately to facilitate learning at a student's point of need. Assessments are conducted to enable teachers to look at the skills of students so strengths can be built upon and areas of development supported.

If you have any questions about how your child will be supported in their class, please ring the office to organise a time to speak or meet with the class teacher. We ask all parents to please allow time for students to settle into classes, build positive relationships with teachers and create new friendships.

Our Kindergarten students started on Wednesday. There were some tears and some apprehension, but this was quickly replaced with big smiles! Welcome to all new families coming to our school. We look forward to working with you to support your child/children at Forster Public School.

We have many new staff members this year. I would like to extend a big welcome to:

- Ms Jo Hudson who is our Relieving Deputy Principal. Ms Hudson comes to our school from District Office where she was the Learning and Wellbeing Officer for the district.
- Mrs Janelle Blick who is appointed to our school and is one of our Year 5 teachers. Mrs Blick has come to our school from Manning Gardens Public School.

- Mrs Jodie Lednor who is appointed to our school and is our new librarian. Mrs Lednor has come to our school from Barrington Public School.
- Mrs Melanie Moyle who is our Relief from Face Teacher (RFF). Mrs Moyle has come to our school from Howlong Public School.
- Mrs Emma Miller who is one of our Intervention Teachers. Mrs Miller joins us from Bathurst Public School.
- Miss Emily Shorter who is one of our Kindergarten teachers. Miss Shorter has previously working in our school on a casual basis. Some of our Kindergarten students were lucky to work with her during the holidays at OOSH.
- Mrs Lori Salt who has joined us in the front office.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Lynelle Patterson and Miss Melea Tyrie back. Mrs Patterson has been working in District Office as a Curriculum Advisor so it is wonderful to have her back to share her skills within the school. Miss Tyrie is returning four days a week from maternity leave. Miss Tyrie will be working with us in an intervention role.

Last week we had our school swimming carnival. Thank you to Mr Maher, Miss Buderus and all the staff who put many hours into organising the event. Without your willingness and dedication to organise extracurricular events, students would not have these wonderful opportunities.

All of the staff at Forster Public School look forward to working with our school community to ensure we have a positive and productive year.

Enjoy your week

Kind Regards,
Lorelle O'Brien
R/Principal

Sports Captains 2021

Penguin



Khan, Piper, Corey & Tanzin

Gannett



Ezekiel, Lachlan, Annabelle & Mia

Shearwater



Oscar, Ashton, Eden & Shaylah

Albatross



Ashton, Rhys, Shae & Jasmine

Meet our Staff - William Simon

Hi! I'm Will and I am an Aboriginal Education Worker at Forster Public School.

I work with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students to assist and improve social development, wellbeing and learning. I enjoy working with teachers and students in the implementation of Aboriginal Cultural Studies & Aboriginal Dance at our school. I assist in the classrooms to support student learning and engagement.

I make myself available by being in the playground at recess and lunch so students can have a yarn about what's going well and any concerns they may have.

I am hoping to introduce some local Gathang language as a part of our cultural awareness and learning. This is our native tongue and language of the local Worimi & Biripi people.

I am easily approachable and students are welcome to see me any time. I can be found in the Minimbah office next to the hall.



Covid Regulations

Thank you to the whole school community for being patient and adhering to the Covid regulations whilst we work collaboratively to keep everyone safe. Please remember social distancing when waiting with other parents outside the school gates at drop off and pick up times. Visitors on site will be required enter through the front office and complete the following on arrival:

- Log their details using the Covid QR code displayed at school;
- Sign in the visitor register; and complete the External Visitors to School Site Form.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience whilst maintaining social distance

Entering and exiting the school site

3-6 students via Lake Street gate.

K-2 students via the Hadley Street gate.

Primary siblings continue to meet under the Infant COLA and walk out the Hadley Street gate together.

We request parents meet their children outside the school gates in these designated areas please and continue to adhere to social distancing requests.

The Kiss and Drop Zone at the front of the school continues to operate.

Bus lines will also continue to exit from the Head Street gate under staff supervision. In case of wet weather. If your child usually 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. Please do not call your child across the road. It is a busy area and it is much safer to walk across with them. Thank you for your support towards the safety of our children and community.

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



**Respect
Safety
Personal Best**

**Term 1 Week 3 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:
Compliance- Following Instructions and Rules**

Learning Intention: To help students understand why it is important for them to listen and follow instructions. And school rules and play safely with cooperation.

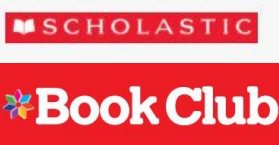
Why is it important? So that students embrace school expectations as a means for them to practise 'doing the right thing' to prepare them for the future.

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:

- Listening to and following teacher instructions
- Recognising when you need help to make good choices
- Calm voices
- Share equipment
- Play fairly
- Encourage others to play
- Respect other people's games
- Participate in a positive way
- Safe play always

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 Dojos or Hadley awards.



**Scholastic Book Club orders are due
back by
Friday 12 February**

School Hat

We are a proud and official sun smart school and actively support safety measures whilst being in the sun. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) choose a wide brimmed hat to adequately protect the students from the harmful rays of the sun. Thank you to all our families who also recognise the importance of this intuitive and have purchased these for your children. Our school hats can be purchased via the online uniform shop or the front office for \$10 each.

Please allow your child to be SUN SAFE and wear our school hat to protect their skin for the future.



FORSTER NETBALL CLUB

Forster Netball Club Registrations 2021

It's that time of year again, Registrations are open!
It's time to register for another fun filled year.
Competition commences 20th March.
Net & Set registrations due by 10th April.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Net & Set - \$100	Net - 4-6yrs old - no uniform required, T-shirt provided)
	(Set - 7-Byrs old - netball dress, modified game)
GO \$120	(Go - 9-10yrs old - training shirt & netball dress)
Juniors - \$140	(11-17yrs old - training shirt & netball dress)
Seniors - \$170	(17 and above - training shirt & netball dress)

SAVE \$100 BY USING YOUR ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER!!!

NO WEEKLY GAME FEES, REGISTER ONLINE NOW

Uniform & Come try netball afternoon for all players

Thurs 11th Feb 4:30-6pm at Boronia Park

(All NEW NetsetGO registrations on the day get FREE dress hire)

Give us a 'like' on Facebook

Dress Hire \$50
Training shirt \$20

Forster Netball Club
Kellie Cary - President/Registrar 0407068344

Like



K-2 BELL TIMES



YEARS 3-6 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

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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

Weekly Newsletter

In an effort to be environmentally friendly and save in costs, our school newsletter is available electronically weekly.

It can be accessed via the Skoolbag app (instructions below) and on the school website.

Please phone the school office to request a paper copy if required.

How to install the SkoolBag app

Instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users



Play Football Online Registration



WINTER COMPETITION 2021 ONLINE REGISTRATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ACTIVE KIDS SCHEME MUST BE APPLIED FOR BEFORE REGISTERING

Shorts and Socks and a Polo shirt will be provided to all NEW players. Polo shirts will be available for returning players and we would encourage players to bring tops which they have outgrown back to the club and these can be recycled.

For returning players, shorts and socks will be available for purchase.

There will be a day in March (which you will be advised of by Email), where the gear will be made available. Otherwise coaches will be in touch regarding teams and training for 2020.

The registration fees will be:

5 – 7 years	\$120
8 – 11 Years	\$145
12 – 18 Years	\$165
Seniors	\$265

Enquiries:

For more information contact
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