



Forster Public School Newsletter



Respect

Safety

Personal Best

Term 1 Week 4

Friday 19 February 2021



Forster Public School
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School Canteen



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Principal Report – Mrs Lorelle O'Brien

Our school has been lucky and are very excited to have been provided with additional funds through the COVID intensive learning support program, to employ teachers to support small group tuition (Literacy and Numeracy) for students who may require extra assistance. Mrs Phillip (5 days a week), Miss Miller (5 days a week), Miss Tyrie (2 days a week) and Mrs Bertwistle (5 days a week) are the team working within this initiative. Mrs Meadows is also an intervention teacher, employed through a different school allocation. Our intervention teachers work closely with all class teachers to deliver targeted, explicit teaching to individual students or small groups.

Attached to the newsletter is a parent and community guide for communicating with Forster Public School staff. This is a guide to support you in knowing how to contact the correct staff member for support. If you have any concerns to discuss, we ask you to please contact the school directly and not approach students or other family members. Our school needs to remain a safe and welcoming environment for all.

This term we are evaluating our 2018-2020 school plan and writing the new school plan for the next 4 years. To do this we look at internal and external school data, current research and literature and the voice of our whole school community. Every year we ask families to complete the Tell Them From Me Surveys and sometimes additional surveys are sent home. We appreciate hearing your feedback and are always looking at ways we can improve and importantly we look at results we can celebrate. Have a wonderful weekend

Kind Regards,
Lorelle O'Brien
R/Principal

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Requirements 2021

Many children already have their equipment but if you have not yet had the opportunity to buy the necessary equipment, here is a list of the essentials they will need. All items must be clearly labelled with child's name.
Thank you for your support.

STATIONERY	ORGANISATIONAL EQUIPMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1x pack coloured pencils 4 x lead pencils 1 x eraser 1 x sharpener 2 x glue sticks 2 x whiteboard markers (black) 1 x highlighter Coloured textas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x box tissues 1 x liquid hand soap 1 x library bag
FRUIT BREAK (DAILY)	OTHER (OPTIONAL)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy to eat whilst working No mess No tins Drink bottle (water only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal earphones for use on computers (place in a labelled cliplock bag)

Please note:

Miss Meadows class 3/30 are called the Flamingos. My apologies for the mistake in last week's newsletter.

Thanks



3/30 Flamingos

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



**Respect
Safety
Personal Best**

**Term 1 Week 5 - Our focus for the coming week's PBL lesson:
Speaking Respectfully to Teachers and Others without aggression**

Learning Intention: To know how to speak with respect to teachers and others to communicate in a positive way.

Why is it important? It is good manners to treat others with respect and use positive language in day-to-day life.

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:

- Use school talk and say please and thank you.
- Follow teacher's directions
- Follow class behaviour expectations
- Listen to those who are speaking
- Request to go to toilet in a polite way
- Speak politely to visitors and the bus driver
- Speak in a quiet voice
- Respect other people's games

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.



Cooper & Abby 5/1



Owen & Willow 2/16



3/29 Artworks



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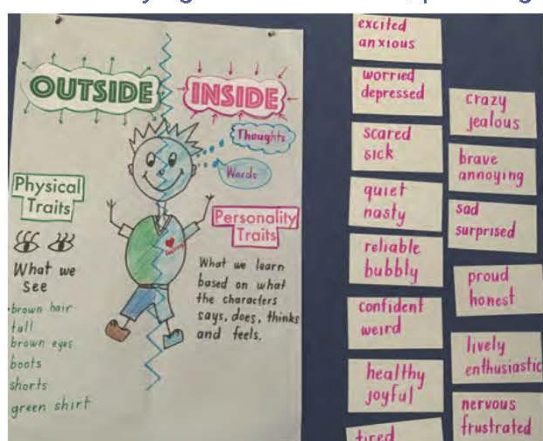


What's been going on in the hive?

- ★ Hands-on maths investigations.

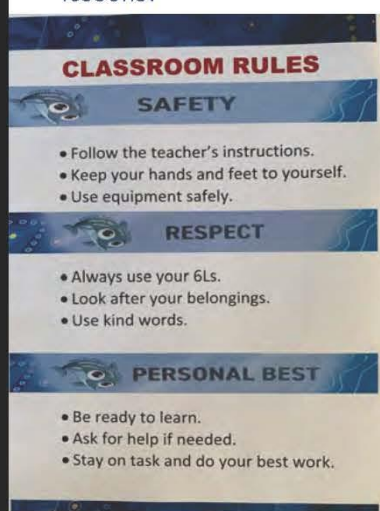


- ★ Identifying character traits, planning and writing great character descriptions.



Chrysanthemum #2.21
Chrysanthemum is a cute little mouse with a very long name. She lives with her parents who are extremely proud of her and thinks that she is just perfect. ✓
Chrysanthemum has a brightly yellow dress and purple tights that match her white fluffy fur. Chrysanthemum has big ^{big} red ears that ^{she} ^{are} ^{very} loud. Chrysanthemum has a pink nose that can smell really good.
Chrysanthemum's personality traits are bubbly because she's always busy. Chrysanthemum is confident when she starts school. Chrysanthemum is carefree and kind and thinks that everyone

- ★ Developing our classroom rules during Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons.



- ★ Creating self-portraits, focussing on proportion and identifying our own character traits.



UNIFORM SPECIAL

WE HAVE
DROPPED THE
PRICE OF OUR
MICROFIBRE
JACKETS DOWN
TO \$35.

GET IN FAST AS
IT IS FOR A
LIMITED TIME
AND WHILE
STOCK LAST

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

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 the 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. eg. 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.



Approaching Our School

A parent and community guide for communicating with Forster Public School staff

From time to time, parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to discuss progress or wellbeing of own child/children, express concerns and/or enquire about procedures:

Forster Public School staff aim to work in collaboration with parents/carers and the wider community to ensure a positive and harmonious learning environment is maintained.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a way to ensure all concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasions, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times, it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

Please note under no circumstances should parents ever speak to other children or interrupt classroom learning to discuss an issue. Schools always need to remain a safe environment for all.

Executive Staff Members

Assistant Principals:

Kindergarten- Miss Jenkins (Rel)

Year 3 and 4- Miss Egan (Rel)

Support Unit- Miss Angela Coffey

Year 1 and 2- Mrs Sparks

Year 5 and 6- Mrs Patterson

Deputy Principals: Ms Buderus/Ms Hudson (Rel)

Principal: Mrs O'Brien (Rel)

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	<p>Directly contact the child's teacher either by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note • phone • or in person (please call the office and leave a message for the class teacher who will contact you to arrange a suitable time to meet)
The wellbeing of own child	<p>For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information (see above).</p> <p>For more serious concerns, contact the office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.</p> <p>To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.</p>
Actions of others	<p>Contact your child's class teacher for a classroom or playground problem.</p> <p>Contact the classroom teacher, then Stage Assistant Principal then the Deputy Principal and finally the Principal</p>
School policy or practice	<p>Contact the office, state nature of concern or question and leave your details. This will be forwarded to the most appropriate staff member to discuss with you.</p>

Please note when you ring to speak to a staff member, you may not be able to speak to them immediately. At their first available time, they will return your call. When calling the office, please state the nature of your call, leave your name and number and the office will get the most appropriate staff member to call you back.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT TEACHERS ON THEIR PERSONAL EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBERS.

Teachers, parents/carers and the greater community working together to support successful learning outcomes for all.

Kids look to you to keep them safe...

Know the signs.
Know the rules.



Bus Zones

Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on this sign.



No Stopping Zones

Stopping is not permitted any time.



No Parking Zones

Drivers may drop off or pick up children during the times shown, but note:

- the maximum stopping time is 2 minutes
- the driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Fines and loss of demerit points apply.

A road safety initiative from MidCoast Council



Use the Kiss & Ride zone

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Looking for a fun sport for the kids?

FREE training singlet or drink bottle for NEW junior players!
*conditions apply

How about same day, same time, same place every week?

Chatham Hockey Club pre-season training starts on Wednesday 17th Feb 2021 from 5pm-6pm at the Taree Hockey Centre!

Come and try afternoon, information and registration assistance.

NEW PLAYERS VERY WELCOME!

Further information:
call Dom 0400 574 090



NSW Government will provide \$100 to help contribute to the cost of each child's participation in sport and active recreation



@chathamvolves

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

Manning Valley Australian Football Club Coaches & Players wanted u11 u13 u15

training starts

11th Feb
Wrigley Park
Taree
5:15-6:15pm
contact Joe
Taylor
0418 758 983
for more info



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 – 7-8yrs 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



Forster Netball Club
Kellie Cary – President/Registrar 0407083344



Play Football Online Registration



WINTER COMPETITION 2021

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
Richard Allen (Registrar) 0403 521 789