

# FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

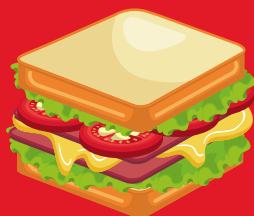


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## DATES TO REMEMBER

27 Oct  
Crazy Hair Day

28 Oct  
Colour Splatacular

31 Oct - 11 Nov  
Yr 2-3 Swimming

14-18 Nov  
Yr 4 Swimming

### PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4

What a busy start to the term it has been for us here at Forster Public School. I hope that you all had a very safe and relaxing school holiday period. The children have returned very settled and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

Selective high schools applications

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications open on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Aussie of the month

The Aussie of the month is becoming very popular at Forster PS with many children receiving nominations last week. Thank you to our families and staff who were able to make it to our Aussie of the month afternoon tea to celebrate the children's achievement. It was lovely to meet you all and I look forward to meeting many more families next month.

Kinder enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. We have started the process of meeting families this week who will join our school community as their little ones start with us next year.

State Athletics

Congratulations to all our students who competed at state in athletics. 'Personal best' has certainly been the theme that has seen our students rise and achieve some excellent results. Nationals here comes Forster Public School! Well done-I'm very proud of all your achievements.

Principal's report continued...

TTFM Parent surveys

Tell Them From Me is a suite of surveys for measuring student engagement and wellbeing. The surveys can be used to capture student, parent, and teacher voices, providing reliable evidence for schools to use in identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

Please see the link below for the Parent survey for Snapshot 2. I would ask you to please take the time and complete the survey so that we can clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and our school. It also allows you as families to give your own thoughts and perspective on our school in a confidential manner.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/gktq7>

Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Alison



# From the Library



Mrs Jodie Lednor - Teacher Librarian

It's Week 2 already, with kinder orientation visits this term a highlight to our library calendar. Our first orientation group to visit the library shared the new book "Ceremony", by Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing, and illustrated by David Hardy. We had a great time learning some new words in Adnyamathanha language and exploring different cultural practices of First Nations Australians.

Our exciting author visit in Week 4 is fast approaching. Sami Bayly is visiting our school on Wednesday 2nd November 2022. All children who received best class borrower awards, and the three classes who were awarded best class of borrowers during Book Week are attending one of four learning sessions with Sami in our beautiful library. [www.samibayly.com](http://www.samibayly.com)

We have several very popular copies of Sami's books in our library, including a book and calendar kindly donated by Forster Police Station. We can't wait for Week 4's visit!

Thank you to all the people who continue to support our school through Scholastic Book Club. Issue 7 has lots of great new products, and every purchase provides credits to the school for the library to order new books. Some of our new books are on display ready for borrowing now!

Book Club payments and order forms are due back at school by Tuesday 25th October. Online ordering through LOOP will close on Wednesday 26th October.

Thank you again for supporting our amazing Forster Public School Library learning centre!

Kind regards,

Jodie Lednor  
Teacher Librarian  
Forster Public School

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# COLOUR SPLATACULAR New Date

Friday  
28th October



## State Athletics

We are so proud of our students who competed at State Athletics in Sydney this week. There were some fantastic results!

Sharlaya 2nd in long jump, 2nd in 200m, 2nd in 800m, 3rd in 100m & 5th in discus (but 2nd in her age group).... off to nationals!

Jasmine 4th in shot put (but 2nd in her age group), 7th in 100m (but 3rd in her age group)..... off to nationals!

Keira 12th long jump (but 3rd in her age group). 17th in 100m (but 3rd in her age group), 12th in shot put (but 2nd in her age group)

Saxon 10th in shot put, 8th in the 100m & 7th in long jump.

Liam 21st overall in 1500m, 30th overall in 800m.

Zane 18th overall in 1500m, ran well in 800m but no results as yet



Crazy  
Hair Day  
Thursday  
27 Oct

(Gold coin donation  
for the Yr 6 farewell)





# PBL – Hadley Winners!

Congratulations to the following students for displaying respect, safety and their personal best.



Leila



Savannah



Ivy-Jade



Jade



Cleo & Eli



Zane



Mia & Saxon





**Weeks 3 & 4**

## **Positive Behaviour for Learning focus....**

Staying in the green on the playground  
(Right place, right time)

## **Meet our Staff**

Hi my name is Ellie Day. I am new to Forster Public School this year and have an amazing year 1 class. The previous 3 years I have taught at Wingham Brush Public School, after completing my final prac. We moved to Australia from the UK in 2009 with our one year old daughter, and decided to stay forever! I have recently changed careers, I was previously working as a pharmacist and I am loving the change to teaching. When I'm at home with my 2 daughters I enjoy going to the beach with our dogs, the gym (sometimes), gardening and going on holiday. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching at Forster PS, with fantastic students, staff and welcoming families. Thank you 😊



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drive  
carefully  
in our  
school  
zones**





# NAIDOC 2022

## 'Koori Kids and the Department of Education NSW Creative Writing Competition'

The aim of this initiative is to provide students with a greater understanding on the importance of friendship and cultural diversity. The competition was based around the national NAIDOC theme 'Get up! Stand up! Show up!'. The judging of the entries was adjudicated by a panel including the patron, Aboriginal Elders, Agency Delegates and other members of the community.

Today Macy Crompton from Year 4 was awarded the 'NAIDOC Medal of Excellence' (one of 25 awarded across the state) for her creative writing entry. A photo of the presentation will be included in the Prime Ministers NAIDOC Week Final Report.

Congratulations Macy, we are all very proud of your achievement.

### Respecting cultures

by: Macy Crompton 4/4

What does respecting cultures mean to me?

Embracing and acknowledging differences in each community.

Our first Australian's had a sorrowful past,  
Signalled by the arrival of the boats with tall masts.

Our minds should be open to other traditions,  
Learning about artwork, dances and languages, are wonderful additions.

Stories from the Dreaming help us understand,  
how oceans, trees and animals connect us to the land

When respecting culture, education is key,  
We celebrate togetherness, kindness, and unity.



# Compulsory School Attendance

NSW Department of Education



## Compulsory school attendance

### Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

#### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

#### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

#### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

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Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

#### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

#### My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

#### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

#### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

#### Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfill their life opportunities.

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



#### More information

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

#### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

#### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



## COVID-smart measures in schools





# School Community Charter



## School Community Charter

**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

### What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



### Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create collaborative learning environments

We all play our part

We work in partnership to promote student learning

### Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: [education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](http://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students).

### Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

School Community Charter

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We hope to have the shop operating possibly 2 days a week from late November leading into Christmas and then again in the middle of January. If you go to the campus websites, you can see the range of clothing for our uniform that will be available to purchase.

We will keep you updated as details progress.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Jennings  
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