

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

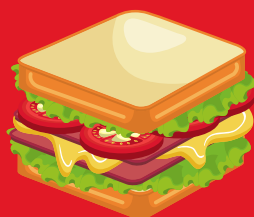
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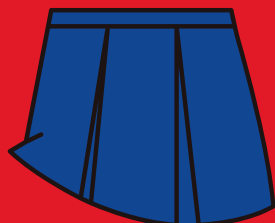
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Until 11 Nov
Yr 2 & 3 Swimming

14-18 Nov
Yr 4 Swimming

17 Nov
School Disco

8 Dec
Yr 6 Farewell

13 Dec
Presentation Day

16 Dec
Last day for students

PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Colour 'Splatacular'

What a fabulous day! To see the whole school, take part in such a fun activity was just wonderful. Thank you to our amazing P&C and to Miss Wood who did an amazing job at organizing the day and all the activities. A massive thank you to the students and families who raised money.

Executive Director of schools visit

On Tuesday the 8th of November we look forward to having our Executive Director of schools and our Director of Educational Leadership visit Forster Public school. Both Lisa and Jo will be shown a little taste of the wonderful opportunities given to students at our school.

School Spectacular

The countdown is on as our School Spectacular team prepare for their participation in School Spectacular. This will be happening in Week 7 so make sure all your televisions are on to see Forster Public School represent our learning community at this amazing event.

Crazy Hair Day

It seems like colorful times was the theme over the last couple of weeks and again the enjoyment of the students who participated in Crazy hair day was evident. Such clever, creative hairstyles-we have such wonderful parents who I have been assured were up early preparing the hair for school that day.

Intensive Swim School

It has lovely to see so many students participating in the intensive swimming program currently running. This is a life skill and a very important one to ensure that children are safe around water and learn to swim. Thank you to our staff who are supporting this program.

GLLC Promotional Video

On Tuesday the 8th of November our school will be involved with a Great Lakes Learning Community of school's promotional video. A selection of student activities from across our school will be highlighted as part of this promotion. Permission notes have gone home to those groups of students. Please return these to your class teacher before Tuesday.

P&C Disco

The P&C Disco will now be held on Thursday 17th of November. We hope to see many students attending and dancing the night away.

K-2 4.15pm-5.30pm

Years 3-6 5.45pm-7.15pm



PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner - continued..

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 28th of November at 5.30pm in the staff room. Please come along-we would love to see more parents joining our P&C and becoming involved with what is happening at our school.

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.

Author visit

Another highlight over the last couple of weeks saw our students have the most valuable experience in participating in workshops held with author and illustrator Sami Bayly. Sami has released three books, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Ugly animals, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Dangerous animals and the Illustrated Encyclopedia of Peculiar pairs in Nature. She has also just released her new book How we came to be-Surprising Sea Creatures. Sami was so engaging as she worked with students across all stages and inspired us all. Thank you to Mrs Lednor who organized this wonderful event for our students.

TTFM

The Tell Them From Me parent surveys have been extended until the 18th of November, 2022. If you haven't already completed our surveys-please do. This information is valuable to us as we work together. Please find the link here. <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/gktq7>

Additional Staff Development Day Term 4

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes. Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools.

School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December. While there will be no classes on Monday 19 December, if you cannot arrange alternative care for your child, we will provide minimal supervision at school.

Have a fantastic week everyone.

Alison



Weeks 5 & 6
Positive Behaviour
for Learning focus....

How do I re-set after break times?

From the Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor - Teacher Librarian



Well, the big day finally arrived! On Wednesday, we had our amazing visit with author and illustrator Sami Bayly. Approximately 150 students with top library borrowing and other literary interests were given the opportunity to meet Sami during one of four sessions planned by Sami to our range of students.

Sami chatted about the weird and wonderful creatures found in our world, connecting her extensive knowledge with the knowledge our kids already have, and extending their understanding about the natural world in fun and engrossing ways. Some might argue "grossed out ways" would be a more accurate description, I think! All jokes aside, while many facts were certainly revolting, they were also fascinating and thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

We then took part in a guided drawing session (or two!) in each session, led by Sami, creating our very own versions of Barreleye Fish, Sea Lamprey, Spotted Deep Sea Flounder, Sunfish and Footballfish. Every student happily participated in this activity, and they all produced amazing pictures. We will be making a very large display of the copies of these drawings, while the originals went home with students this week. Can't wait to see them all up!

Students were completely engaged by Sami's passion for the natural world, asking great questions and sharing fascinating new ideas to help explain some of nature's mysteries. Staff members also made an effort to drop in to visit our special guest, commenting on the professionalism of Sami's presentations, and the student engagement which was evident for every group.

Please check out Sami's website if you get the chance. There are lots of free resources available, including teacher resources, colouring-in and craft activities, and there is also information about the beautiful, informative books which Sami creates.

<http://www.samibayly.com/>

Thank you, Sami, for making our author visit even more incredible than we had imagined! Plans for next year's author visit are already underway... and we are also looking forward to hearing more about your new book to be released next year, Sami!



Our library received a special donation this week from Forster Police Station. It is a brand-new copy of Sami Bayly's latest book "Surprising Sea Creatures: Amazing Evolution Stories with Sami Bayly." Thank you for this very kind and greatly appreciated donation, Forster Police Station!



Colour Splatacular

How much fun was the Colour Splatacular!!
We raised over \$10,000 for our school!
What a fantastic effort and such a fabulous event.
Thank you Ms Wood for organising such a fun day
for us all. Thanks also to the local fire brigade and to
all our parent volunteers who helped out on the day.



Our top 3 classes to raise funds and get a pizza party
(donated by Dominos) were:

1st - Mrs Galle 3/31 - \$2532

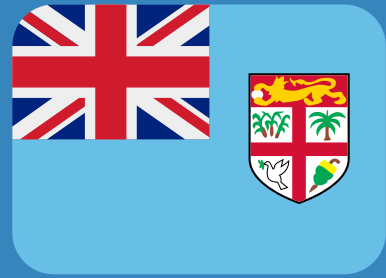
2nd - Miss Gambrell K25 - \$1515

3rd - Mrs Cameron K1/21 - \$1210

A great effort from all of our students across the
school.



Fiji Day - 4/8



Students in 4/8 have been learning about Australia's neighbours, specifically Fiji. We immersed ourselves and "travelled" to a Fijian village to learn about culture, language, food and art.



We cooked:

- * 'Babakau' - Fijian Pancakes
- * 'Taro' - Sweet potato
- * 'ika vakalolo' - Fish in Coconut Cream

We dressed up in Sulu's and had a go at learning the alphabet, numbers and some fun songs.

We loved being visited in Fiji by fellow students of Forster Public School who also had an amazing time learning about Australia's neighbours, Fiji.





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 this year.

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.

Afternoon tea with our Principal Mrs Jenner was held last Wednesday for all nominated students and their families.

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated for the month of October.

Year 1 - Jake, Marcus, Zara, Elkie

Year 3 - Haya, Chelsea, Jackson, Jerarah

Year 4 - Violet, Georgia, Jarrah, Piper

Year 5 - Jataiha , Maddison, Dali

Year 6 - Jasper, Chloe, Tagaloa, Jayden, Katie

Winners of the Aussie of the month for October were chosen by the School Executive Staff. Congratulations to Chloe and Marcus, Aussie of the month recipients for October.



Chloe - Yr 6



Marcus - Yr 1

PBL – Hadley Winners!

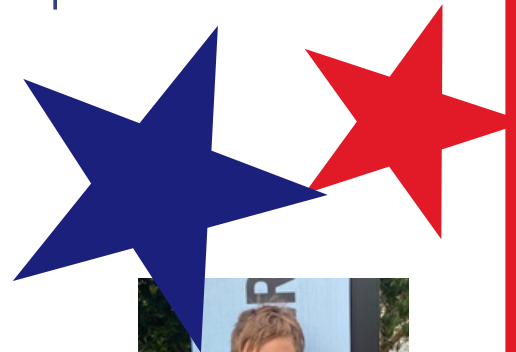
Congratulations to the following students for displaying respect, safety and their personal best.



Georgia



Hunter & Zoe



Oliver



Jeremy & Grace



Blake



James & Joel



Jace



Meet our Staff



Hi my name is Peter Anderson. I have had a lot of different jobs over the years but began teaching in 2014 and at Forster Public School in 2016. I have had some excellent classes during this time and have taught Kindergarten, Year 4 and am now teaching Year 2 (2/29 Prawns). I originally came from Nelson Bay and have lived around the Newcastle area for most of my life. I love to travel and have spent a bit of time travelling around Australia and overseas. I now live at Wallabi Point with my wife and five kids (3 boys and 2 girls). These days I spend most of my time in the yard or hanging out with the kids at home. I enjoy working as a teacher and seeing the students grow as they learn.



COVID-smart measures in schools



Does your child have ongoing symptoms? Talk to your local medical practitioner

