

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue
31 Jan

School
Resumes
(Yr 1 - Yr 6)

PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another incredible year with each student continuing to build on their capacity, to achieve and improve in their learning. We have all grown more resilient and are adapting to the world around us. It's been tough, but we've all made it....and now we can re-build the connections and come back together as a strong and supportive school community team.

I thank all our our parents and community who take the time to work with us. Your support of and willingness to work with us has more power and positive impact on your children than you know. We thank you for your ongoing support for our school.

I'd like to end our year reflecting on the opportunities that the wonderful staff of Forster Public School have given your children every day. They continue to go above and beyond to ensure that your children receive the very best education and become the very best learners that they can be. To the teaching staff-I absolutely value your contribution to this great school and sincerely thank you all for everything you do.

In supporting your children's' learning and our school programs-I applaud the efforts of our Learning and Support Team, our Aboriginal Education Officer and support workers, our School Learning Support Officers, our general assistant and our kitchen garden team. Where would we be without their wonderful support?

To the ladies in our administration area- You are an amazing group of ladies that have worked tirelessly during regular days and very extraordinary days to keep our school community informed and ensure that everything was running smoothly. Your warm welcome to families and visitors is just lovely to see and very much valued by all.

To my Executive Team- Mrs Kallquist, Mr Jones, Mrs Mutch, Ms Buderus, Mrs Maher and Mrs Allardice, Mr Spinelli, Miss Chapple, and Miss Wood, you are inspiring at what you do and the support you continue to give to me, staff, students, and families at this amazing school is incredible. I appreciate and so value your help, support, and amazing dedication to the students.

To our P&C Committee-the small yet hardworking group of mums and dads who keep turning up for meetings and finding ways to support Forster Public School and further enhance the many opportunities that our children have. Thank you to you all-very much valued.

Finally, to the most important people in our school-the students.....

It has been a unique year and you all just keep smiling and returning to school and showing such resilience to all the changes we continue to go through. I am so proud of every one of you and to see your growth, your growing maturity, your efforts with your learning, the way you care for each other and the respect you show to your families and staff is very pleasing. Your achievements have been amazing. Thank you for being great kids!

To Year 6 - I wish you every success at High School and encourage you to take every opportunity you can as you move into your secondary education.

I am sincerely humbled to be the principal of this fabulous school. I look forward to working alongside you all in 2023. We are determined as a school to be responsive, continue to reflect, reset, and build programs that enhance the opportunities for your children.

On behalf of the staff- I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe festive holiday season.

Alison

From the Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor

It has certainly been a busy year for the library!

We had over 220 students completing the Premier's Reading Challenge either with their classes, or as an independent activity for children from Years 3 to 6. This was an amazing achievement given the many challenges of the year, and every teacher and student involved should be very proud of their efforts. Our Rainbow party for independent completers was a big success too, with some very colourful costumes, delicious cupcakes, brownies from our Kitchen Garden kitchen and who could forget the spectacular rainbow cloud display complete with inflatable unicorn!

Our top borrowers from each class, and best borrowing classes for each stage also had a special opportunity to meet and learn with Sami Bayly, author and illustrator of *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Peculiar Pairs*, amongst other fabulous non-fiction books. All who participated had a wonderful time learning more about the incredible animals we share this planet with, and the guided drawings created by students were truly impressive. We certainly hope to have Sami visit our school next year!
<http://www.samibayly.com/>

Our Student Library Assistant program has been operating for two years now, with over 80 students completing the initial training program. Many students have chosen to continue in their role to support the library and all our clients, and we are grateful for the significant contributions these hard-working students make every day. Our students also build many of our library displays, including our current display which has a winter/Christmas theme. Well done, everyone!

The addition of new tables and low chairs in our library has been well-received by both students and staff. It has made our library environment more inclusive, allowing students to choose the best learning space for their needs. We will be implementing more changes next year as additional furniture arrives, further supporting our students to make great choices regarding their learning.

Many new books have arrived on the shelves in our library, partly thanks to our participation in Scholastic Book Club. Thank you to all families who have purchased items from Book Club, as we earn points with each purchase towards new books for the library. We truly appreciate your participation! Many families have also donated new books, or books in excellent condition to our library, which is also greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting Forster Public School Library and our wonderful students.

We are hoping to bring all books back before the summer holidays, with overdue notes going out again last week, but don't forget the local library over the break! Most public libraries are open during January and offer different summer programs which can be a lot of fun.

<https://library.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/>

Locations-and-opening-hours/Forster-Library. We have been extra busy creating a Gratitude Tree for the library foyer. Almost every student and staff member has created a 'leaf' in the shape of a hand, describing the things they are grateful for. We had so many 'leaves', Ms Reed had to make an additional mini tree on the display board behind our tree! It looks fantastic and everyone has enjoyed reading the beautiful messages on our tree.

Lastly, from all our library staff: Ms Reed, Mrs Dickson and Mrs Lednor, we hope you have a safe and happy summer break, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Don't forget your library bag and your beautiful library manners when you come back to Forster Public School

Library!



Presentation Day

Congratulations to all recipients of awards, trophies and certificates.

We are so proud of all your hard work.

Congratulations to School Captains - Liam & Cleo and Vice Captains - Chase and Ivy.



Stage 2 Excursion

The children from Stage 2 enjoyed their Fun Day walking to One Mile Park. A big thank you to Peter who talked to some of our students about noxious weeds and the damage they do to the environment. An interesting and informative session.



GRAND OPENING

By Appointment only

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Year 6 students heading to GLC



Watch our
School
Spectacular
Dancers
Channel 7
Sat 17
7pm



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOWER MIDCOAST
AND MIDCOAST COUNCIL PRESENT

Postponed till same time same place next week!
Monday 19th December

**The 47th
Carols by Candlelight**
FREE ENTRY
Covid Rules Apply

Monday 12th December - 6:30pm
Harry Elliott Oval, Tuncurry
Compered by Lyn Lelean

A special visit from **Santa**

*** A great night of entertainment for the whole family ***

- Song Sheets • Glow Sticks •
- BBQ • Beverages •

Bring a chair or picnic rug to sit on

Thankyou to our Event Partners

Rotary JR Richards at Sams
MIDCOAST council RECYCLING SERVICES

Our K-6 choir has the prime spot at 8pm to perform with a live band at the Carols by Candlelight next Monday the 19th December. Be sure to come along and show them your support.

Heart to Heart Indigenous Program



WE WISH YOU
Merry
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Have a safe and happy holiday
and we will see you in 2023!*