

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

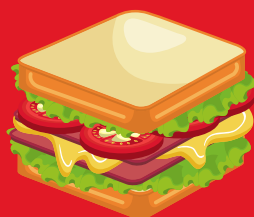
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DATES TO REMEMBER

8 Dec
Yr 6 Farewell

8 Dec
Kindy Concert

9 Dec
Stage 1
Colour Explosion Concert

13 Dec
Presentation Day
K - 2 - 9.50am
3 - 6 - 11.40am

14 Dec
Kindergarten Picnic

15 Dec
Stage One
End of Year Excursion

16 Dec
Last day for students

PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner

School Spectacular

Good luck to our School Spectacular dancers who will be performing next week at School Spectacular. The dancers have been hard at work rehearsing with the support of our School Spectacular coordinators Miss Chapple and Miss Meadows. We wish you all the very best of luck. We can't wait to see your performance on the big screen. Don't forget to tune in everyone.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 28 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.

The P&C will be running the BBQ this Sunday 20th November at Bunnings in Forster to help raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell. Come on down and buy a sausage sizzle.....or contact our P&C if you can lend a hand. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

P&C Disco

By all accounts-a wonderful night was had as the children danced the night away on Thursday at our P&C Disco. A huge thank you to our P&C committee and staff for their organisation and supervision of this event.

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. If you know any families who still need to enrol their children, please let them know to come and enquire at the front office.

TTFM

The Tell Them From Me parent surveys have been extended until 18 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 below.
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/gktq7>

Nationals

Sending a huge, good luck to both competitors at the Athletics Nationals this week in Brisbane. We cannot wait to hear how you have represented our school and your families. A big thankyou to Miss Hazlewood who is supporting both Jasmine and Sharlayah during this competition.

Additional Staff Development Day reminder...

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 weekend everyone.

Alison

From the Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor - Teacher Librarian

We've had many beautiful new books arrive in the library, with library staff Mrs Dickson, Ms Reed and Mrs Lednor all working hard to get books onto the shelves and front library display. One of our amazing SLSOs also provided support to our library, taking new books home to cover on the weekend. We really appreciate your help, Kerrie! We just love providing beautiful new books for our students to borrow!

This week also saw the arrival of beautiful new furniture for the library, including new book boxes for the Junior Fiction section. Forward-facing books are proven to increase borrowing rates, and we always like those to improve. Our new low ottomans, in a stunning shade of purple, have been given the thumbs up by several of our classes already, and we are incorporating new round tables with our curved seating to extend opportunities for students to choose their ideal learning space.

Scholastic Book Club is due on Tuesday 29th November. Your purchases directly contribute to our library resources, which is greatly appreciated by students, so please order some great books if you can! We have sent home overdue notices, but if your child has lost or damaged a book beyond repair, we do ask that you replace the book as a first option. It takes time to order replacement books, so if you can locate a replacement copy it means the book can get back on the shelves for other students to borrow. Thanks for your support in this: your library thanks you!



Weeks 7 & 8
Positive Behaviour
for Learning focus...
Managing big emotions

P & C Disco

Thank you to the
P & C and staff
for bringing us a
long awaited
Disco!



PBL – Hadley Winners!

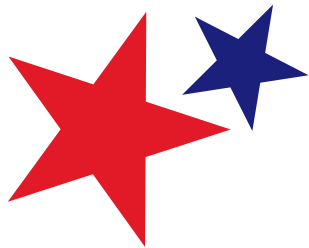
Congratulations to the following students for displaying respect, safety and their personal best.



Ned & Remi



Siarn & Tully



Oliver



Addison & Hannah



Hudson



COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for **parents, carers and students**



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



Stay home if unwell

▮ If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).

▮ Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



Vaccinations

- ▮ Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- ▮ All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- ▮ All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



Rapid antigen testing

Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.

- ▮ Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- ▮ Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



Hygiene and cleaning

- ▮ Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- ▮ Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



Ventilation

Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.

- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



Visitors

Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.

- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.