

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

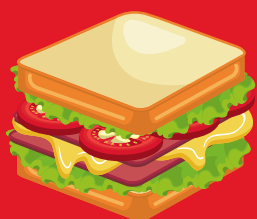


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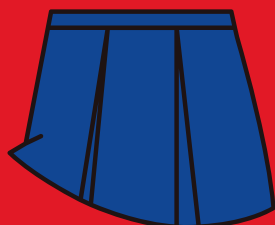
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DATES TO REMEMBER

6 April
Kinder Hat Parade

7 April
Cross Country

8 April
Last Day of term 1

27 April
School Photos

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Mr Peter Johnson

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a very wet couple of weeks, we are finally seeing signs of the rain easing and allowing us back out onto the playground at school. We have been able to form our classes for this school year after being in our holding classes for the first couple of weeks. I want to thank all the staff, students and parents for their patience during this time as the formation of classes is a very intricate process with a lot of factors needing to be taken into consideration.

The classes for 2022 are as follows-;

K/23 Miss Rachel Wysocki
K/24 Mrs Sarah Johe/Ms Kirsten Reed
K/22 Ms Cindy Wood/Ms Jessie Skillen
K/25 Miss Amy Gambrill
K-1/21 Miss Kelly Cameron
1/20 Mrs Ellie Day
1/14 Ms Michelle Sharma
1/15 Mr Kieran Dalton
1/19 Miss Emma Miller
2/18 Miss Laura Chapple/Ms Jessie Skillen
2/16 Miss Milly Hammond
2/17 Mrs Michelle Phillip
2/29 Mr Peter Anderson
3/5 Mr Tristan Marshall/Ms Alex Green
3/30 Miss Belle Meadows
3/31 Mrs Natalie Galle
4/4 Mrs Deirdre Kallquist/Mrs Carol Pearson
4/8 Ms Kayla Naqito
4/9 Miss Erin Porter
4-5/7 Mrs Jacqui Blanch/Mrs Rachel Gardner
5-6/6 Mrs Kate Mutch/Mr Matt Sun
5/3 Mr Michael Lavis
5/2 Mrs Dee Gosling/Mrs Katie Crompton
6/1 Mr Hayden White
6/10 Mrs Renee Henderson
6/11 Miss Mel Moyle
K-3/28 Ms Angela Coffey/Ms Megan Seaman
5-6/27 Mrs Mel Ward
4-6/32 Miss Sam Simmons/Ms Meg Seaman
4-6/33 Mr Roan Whiteman
2-5/26 Miss Tiana Hazlewood

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CAMP

A big thank you to all the staff who volunteered to attend the Stage 3 camp. It is a wonderful experience that our students get to enjoy and provides a great opportunity for them to grow as a person and understanding how to take care of themselves and ensure that they have a wonderful time. A special thanks to Kate Mutch for her organisational skills in bringing the camp together as well as the wonderful ladies in the front office. It is an enormous logistical task to ensure we have everything ready for our students to get away to camp safely and with everything they need.

COVID

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning.

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1.

The updated settings include:

- We will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class.
- From Monday 7 March, masks will no longer be mandatory for all staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.
- Visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. Our school will consider activities such as assemblies, parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings as they arise. We will let you know if these can proceed with our school in a COVID-smart way.
- All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.

Workers and volunteers must meet double vaccination requirements including:

- volunteers or staff operating uniform shops and canteens
- visitors supporting school operations and curriculum delivery
- allied health partners for the wellbeing of students

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE VOUCHER – OPEN FOR PARENTS

The Before and After School Care (BASC) Voucher is an exciting initiative offering families in NSW a \$500 voucher per child, to support the cost of accessing BASC. From 28 February 2022 you can claim the voucher via the Service NSW app on your smartphone device, or by following the Service NSW website: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher> External link.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss BASC needs in your school community, please reach out to the BASC team at bascreform@det.nsw.edu.au or on 1300 244 145.

How was your day?

As parents, we ask our children about school each day. Quite often we ask “How was school today?” and the reply is often one word. Or we ask “What did you do at school today?” and the response is “nothing.”

To help you to gain a bit more information, and to encourage the children to reflect a bit more on aspects of their day, try these to start with...

What made you smile today? What made your teacher smile today?

Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.

What did you do that was creative? What was something that challenged you today?

You might be surprised by the responses you get!

Take care

Peter Johnson
Principal (rel)

On Friday 18 March it's our National Day of Action Against Bullying.

We are asking if all our students can wear orange – Eg: orange socks, orange hair ties, orange T-shirt to support this day.

Our students will be discussing actions against bullying during the week.

Kindness Culture

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From the Library...

It has been wonderful to have classes in our beautiful library space again, and students have been keen to choose and borrow their own books. Please remember to bring a library bag for taking books home and keep track of your class library day! Students can also return books to the Book Return Box in the library most mornings before school.

The second issue of Scholastic book club went home this week and orders are due back by Tuesday, 22nd March. It is greatly appreciated if you do this online via LOOP. Orders with money can also be placed in the Scholastic Orders box in the library foyer.

Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



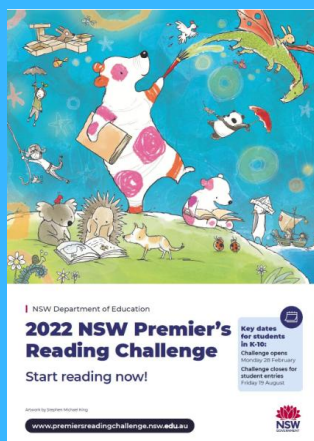
The Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has started for 2022 and the competition will close on Friday 19 August 2022. We had many students complete the challenge in 2022 despite the difficult circumstances of last year, and our Mad Hatter's Tea Party proved to be a fabulous reward for our students.

K-2 students will complete the challenge as a class, while 3-6 students will complete the challenge individually. Students will be shown how to log on and record their completed books at school, but this can also be done at home.

More information will be sent home in the coming weeks and can also be accessed online at

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



Jodie Lednor
Teacher Librarian

School Photos

POSTPONED

NEW DATE
WED 27TH APRIL

PSSA Manning Touch Trials

We are so proud of the FPS boys who recently trialed in super hot conditions in Taree. They all did a great job representing our school.

The boys played like superstars and most made the cut from 50 down to 18 for the possibles/probables team. Archie and Liam impressed the selectors and made it through to the Zone team to go to the Hunter trials.



Planning for a safe and supportive school community

On Friday 18 March 2022, Forster Public School is participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for the 2022 NDA is Kindness Culture. Forster Public School will demonstrate Kindness Culture by creating a number of Kindness wall messages around the school and wearing orange either as a t-shirt with school uniform or orange hair accessories or orange socks or maybe an orange hat. Just orange somewhere on your body, promoting inclusiveness, respect and community belonging for all students. During this week we are also involved in National Check In Week. Some teachers will be trialling a program from Skills For Life where students have the opportunity to check in each morning in class by choosing a visual on the whiteboard that shows the teacher how they are feeling as they enter the classroom. This is similar to our DOJO program. It is quick, easy and non-threatening. Teachers will also have access to resources to assist them to support students with recognising and managing emotions.

Planning for a safe and supportive school community requires a whole-school community approach. Whole-school responses to bullying prevention build positive and supportive school environments by incorporating strategies for intervention at all levels, inclusive of students, teachers, parents and carers. Three key characteristics outlined in the national definition of bullying distinguish bullying behaviours from other forms of peer aggression behaviours which do not constitute bullying. The key characteristics of bullying include:

1. power imbalance
2. deliberate intent to cause harm, and
3. ongoing and repeated behaviour.



While the following behaviours of peer aggression do not constitute bullying, these behaviours may still be serious and require intervention at home and at school:

- arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- single acts of social rejection or meanness, or
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

It is important for our entire school community, including our staff, parents, carers and students to have a clear understanding of the definition of bullying to be able to distinguish these behaviours from peer aggression, and correctly identify and respond to incidents of bullying.

The full national definition is

Knowing the types of bullying behaviour can also help you identify if the incident is bullying, or peer aggression. While neither of these behaviours are tolerated at Forster Public School, they do require different management strategies, and the first step for responding is to correctly identify the behaviour.

If you have concerns that your child is being bullied, please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance. You will be referred to the Principal if a satisfactory outcome is not achieved. If you believe the behaviour constitutes a crime, or is a serious incident of cyberbullying, please refer to the Bullying. No Way! website for information on how to report to other authorities and gaining further help.

You can read the Forster Public School bullying prevention policy on our website to learn more about our school's process for managing incidents of bullying.

For more information, please visit the Bullying. No Way! website.

There are three types of bullying behaviour:

- Verbal bullying which includes name calling or insulting someone about physical characteristics such as their weight or height, or other attributes including race, sexuality, culture, or religion
- Physical bullying which includes hitting or otherwise hurting someone, shoving or intimidating another person, or damaging or stealing their belongings
- Social bullying which includes consistently excluding another person or sharing information or images that will have a harmful effect on the other person.

If any of these behaviours occur only once or are part of a conflict between equals (no matter how inappropriate) they are not bullying. Verbal, physical and social bullying can occur in person or online, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly.

Peter Johnson (Rel Principal)

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Regional Swimming

Well done to all the swimmers who went to the regional carnival on Friday. Everyone swam their little hearts out. Liam and Layla made it to state for the 50m free.



PBL – Hadley Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR DISPLAYING RESPECT, SAFETY AND THEIR PERSONAL BEST.



TEO K/22



LEXI 2/16



ELLA 2/16



MIKEELY 2/17



OCEANA 2/17



KOA 4/4



LINH 6/11

STEM ACTIVITY..

Classes 3/5 & 4/4 worked together on a STEM activity involving making a chain that was at least one metre long and could support a weight. We tested the chains and many students managed to make a chain which supported over 1 kg in weight. Everyone participated enthusiastically and very excited and interested in the task.



This weeks Positive Behaviour for Learning focus....
Right place, right time..





School Band Programme

At long last the school band programme is able to start once again in 2022. I am sure most students are keen to get back to their instrument and lessons and make the most of their time learning how to play and be part of a band.

Information letters to parents and carers, an invoice for the shortened Term 1 and a form which needs to be returned to school has been given to students who were enrolled for the band programme in 2021.

We hope to begin lessons in Week 9 which is straight after some students will have been away for Camp, so parents need to be organised in returning forms (and paying fees) promptly next week (Week 8).

For students who would like to join the band and instrument lesson programme – particularly those children in Years 3 and 4 - Mrs Berry will be coming to classrooms in weeks 8 & 9 with an information sheet to take home.

Spaces for new students will depend on the instruments and teaching times available. The new beginner group will not start until Term 2. Students who have been in a band at their previous school are most welcome to join our band at Forster.

Mrs Berry



SkoolBag

Download the free app today to receive all FPS notes and notifications

How to install the SkoolBag app

Instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users




**KINDNESS
CULTURE**

• IT STARTS WITH YOU •

Friday 18 March 2022

Meet the Teacher Sessions – Tuesday 22 March 2022

Meet the Teacher sessions are a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, meet other parents, and hear about the particular workings of your child's classroom. At the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions teachers will discuss the curriculum, homework, resources needed, behaviour expectations and reward systems, excursions and other activities.

Teachers are combining to present their information. The times of the sessions are listed below, along with the teacher's names and the classroom where the meeting will be held.

There will be a movie playing in the library for your children if needed, while you attend the teacher meeting.

Please note that these sessions are not parent/teacher interview opportunities and discussions about individual students are not possible at these times. However, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher at the session if you would like to discuss your child's particular needs at a later date.

Support Unit staff have met the majority of their student's parents and will organise meetings as required.

3.15pm - 3.35pm Early Stage One (Kindergarten & Ms Cameron's Year 1)	
Ms Wood & Mrs Johe - Room 22	Miss Wysocki & Miss Gambrill - Room 23
Ms Cameron - Room 21 (Kindergarten & Year 1)	

3.45pm - 4.05pm Stage One (Year 1 & 2)	
Mr Dalton & Mrs Sharma - Room 15	Miss Miller & Mrs Day - Room 19
Miss Hammond & Miss Chapple - Room 16	Mrs Phillip & Mr Anderson - Room 17

4.10pm - 4.30pm Stage Two (Year 3 & 4, & Mrs Blanch & Mrs Gardner's Year 5)	
Mr Marshall & Mrs Kallquist - Room 5	Miss Meadows & Mrs Galle - Room 30
Miss <u>Nagito</u> & Miss Porter - Room 8	Mrs Blanch - Room 7 (Year 4 & 5)

4.35pm - 4.55pm Stage Three (Year 5 & 6)	
Mr White & Mrs Mutch - Room 1	Mrs Henderson & Miss Moyle - Room 10
Mrs Gosling & Mr Lavis - Room 2	



Do you have a child turning 4 years old before June 30, 2022?
Do you live in the Forster/Tuncurry area?

FREE

If so, we have a vacancy for you to join the FREE HIPPY program!!!

What is HIPPY?

HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) is a FREE 2 year home-based early learning program. The program builds the confidence and skills of parents and carers, to create positive learning environments and prepare their child for school.

- ✓ HIPPY is a free two-year early learning program
- ✓ HIPPY uses fun and creative activities to support a child's development
- ✓ HIPPY empowers parents and carers as their child's first teacher
- ✓ HIPPY helps children make a successful transition to school and beyond

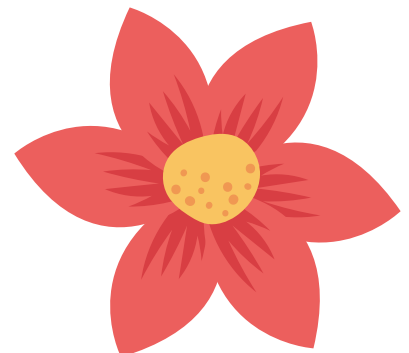
Do you want to find out more?

Please contact the HIPPY Co-ordinator
Linda: 0427 414 488
Email: lforrester@uniting.org
Facebook: HIPPY Taree Forster



WHAT IS HIPPY???!!!!

- HIPPY stands for Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters
- HIPPY is a FREE, 2 year program
- In the first year, families will participate in a home visit one week and attend group the alternate week. In the second year, families only need to participate in a home visit every second week.
- HIPPY tutors guide parents through the activity packs and the parents then go through these activities at home with their children throughout the week.
- HIPPY can be tailored to meet your child's individual learning and development needs – all kids learn at different ages and stages
- HIPPY runs for school terms only
- HIPPY makes learning fun!!
- HIPPY is about providing kids with a fun, safe learning environment and helps them develop a love of learning – HIPPY is not about whether a child can or cannot do something
- HIPPY is about giving children an opportunity to learn, exposure to all different kinds of activities and practise at the new skills and information they are learning
- 5-10 mins of HIPPY a day is all it takes!!
- We organise lots of great, free excursions and fun activities
- Groups are fun!! – We provide yummy food, fun learning activities for the children, an opportunity for parents and children to make new friends and opportunities to connect to people and services in the community.



EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **APRIL 2022**

COST: \$40.00 PER DAY AGES: 5 - 12 YEARS
BRING SNACKS, LUNCH & WATER BOTTLE.

****RIDE & SKATE: Please bring your own helmet & bike/scooter/skateboard!**



MON 11 APR GYMNASTICS | PAINTING | SAND ART | DODGEBALL **WEEK 1**

TUE 12 APR BASKETBALL | LEGO COMP | SCAVENGER HUNT | BAKING

WED 13 APR GYMNASTICS | NATURE ART | PICKLEBALL | BAKING

THU 14 APR RIDE & SKATE | FREE-G | SLIME | LEGO COMP

CLOSED EASTER LONG WEEKEND FRIDAY 15TH - MONDAY 18TH APRIL

TUE 19 APR RIDE & SKATE | FREE-G | SLIME | LEGO COMP **WEEK 2**

WED 20 APR GYMNASTICS | SCAVENGER HUNT | DODGEBALL | IRON-BEADING

THU 21 APR KIDS YOGA | NATURE ART | PICKLEBALL | BAKING

FRI 22 APR SLIME- BAKING - BASKETBALL - LEGO COMP

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL SPOTS LIMITED!



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2. Register with Play Football online for new and returning players - go to www.thevikings.org.au/register22



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👉 www.thevikings.org.au

📱 [facebook.com/GLUFCWinterFootball](https://www.facebook.com/GLUFCWinterFootball)

* GLUFC players kit includes socks, shorts and polo-shirt, but does not include boots or shinpads. Additional kit items are \$10 each for returning players.
** Standard rego fees are \$100 (5-7yrs), \$110 (8-11yrs), \$130 (12-18yrs) and \$240 (seniors)



TUNCURRY FORSTER FOOTBALL CLUB



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

FOR THE 2022 SEASON

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT TUNCURRYFORSTERFC.COM.AU/REGISTER-TO-PLAY or follow the club on Facebook @TuncurryForsterFootballClub




VISITORS ENTERING THE SCHOOL WILL NEED TO REGISTER USING THE SCHOOL VISITOR CHECK-IN CODE



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