

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

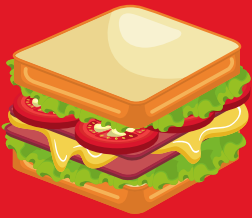


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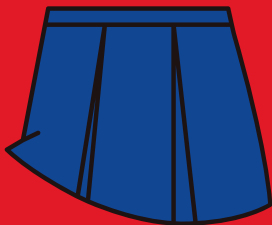
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DATES TO REMEMBER

17 June
Hunter Cross Country

27 Jun - 1 Jul
NAIDOC Celebrations

5 August
Zone Athletics Carnival

PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mr Peter Johnson

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second half of Term 2. We are certainly seeing the weather cool off and thankfully the rain has eased off enough for us to be able to run some fun activities for our students.

Phil Harris, Director Educational Leadership has recently completed the recruitment process for the principal position at Forster Public School. Next term, Alison Jenner will start as the substantive principal of Forster Public School. She will be visiting the school during the next few weeks to meet with the executive staff and teachers.

As the weather continues to cool down, we are seeing more and more non-school uniform jumpers. Please support us by ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform including jumpers and hats each day to school. As well as wearing the correct school uniform please also ensure that each item of clothing has your child's name clearly marked as this makes the job of returning any lost articles of clothing much easier for our office staff. Thanks in advance for your ongoing support.

On Wednesday 25 May our Student Leadership Team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference held at Club Forster. Many school leaders from across the Great Lakes area attended the conference. It was a day full of activities, sharing ideas and meeting other student leaders in primary schools. GRIP Leadership programs are fresh, practical, interactive, and enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year.

Congratulations to all our students who competed in our athletics carnival last Thursday. It was a fantastic day with lots of participation and standout performances. We were very lucky to have dry sunny weather. Good luck to all our students who have qualified to represent our school at the Manning Zone Athletics Carnival at Tuncurry to be held in Term 3.

A Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019). Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Take care

Kind Regards
Peter Johnson
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From the Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor - Teacher Librarian

Our Student Library Assistants have been hard at work in the last few weeks, selecting books and changing our display to reflect ongoing Reconciliation Week themes. Thanks to students from 5/3 for their artistic contributions to the display!



Students from 2/29 also contributed to our wall display, completing an artistic rock pool activity reflecting tidal movements after reading "Anemone is Not the Enemy". We had some very cute and very scary sea creatures exploring our rock pools that day!

Remember to keep bringing your library books in, and library is usually open from Monday to Thursday, second half lunch. If you bring your library bag, you can also borrow! We are always getting in more beautiful new books, so come and have a look ☑.



Boys & Girls Soccer

Our boys soccer team played two games in the one day at Tuncurry Sporting Complex. The boys were outstanding in both sportsmanship and game play. They won one game and lost the other. Both games were top quality and played in good spirits.



The girls' soccer team headed to Tuncurry sports complex on Monday 31st May for the knockout round 1 and 2 of the PSSA zone school soccer. The first game against Tuncurry saw the girls keep their positions well and lots of calling for the ball and passing, demonstrating our successful training in working as a team. We were very excited to win the first round 3 - 0. The second game was against Old Bar, the game was fast with limited opportunity to score with the opposition pressing the defence who did an awesome job at holding the line. Unfortunately, we came away with a defeat of 3 - 0 knocking us out of the competition. All in all, we had a fantastic day!



Netball Gala Day

Our girls netball team participated in a mini knockout gala day in Taree on Monday 6th June. We lost our first game against Hallidays PS 9-5 and won our second game against Gloucester 19-3. Well done girls.



Forster Art Gallery

34 Lake St. Forster
Looking for something FREE to do this weekend or in the school holidays?
Come see an inspiring display of local artist work.
Open 10am - 4pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Any enquiries call the Gallery on 65572880
Have you seen the big paint brush?



Touch Gala Day

Girls

The girls played a very tough first game against Old Bar. They learnt a lot and we figured out what we needed to work on and will use this in our next two games. They had a very convincing win against Tuncurry and a brilliant comeback against Gloucester. Miss Miller was very impressed with how the girls improved throughout the day and competed with spirit.



Boys

We had a very enjoyable day in Tuncurry for the touch football gala day, which covered the first three rounds of the NSWPSA knockout competition. Our girls and boys sides both came away with wins, meaning we will now play again on (dates to be decided), girls against Old Bar PS and the boys against Wingham PS.

The boys have got lots of prior experience playing as a team, and it definitely showed! Mrs Galle doesn't know much about touch football but she didn't have to - the boys organised themselves like professionals. They encouraged and supported each other and their cohesiveness as a team absolutely shone through. They were a pleasure to watch!



Gold Medallion Recipients Term 2



Preschool Transition Event

The sun was shining and the wind was blowing,
The Kindy kids' excitement was certainly growing.

We met with the preschoolers at school to play
sports,
We had fun joining with them in sports of all sorts!

We ran and jumped and balanced eggs on spoons,
We threw rockets and launched balls, it ended too
soon.

We were thirsty and hungry and needed to munch,
So we all sat together and lunched as a bunch.

We chatted about how much fun we just had,
The thought of them leaving made us all a bit sad.
We look forward to seeing you again really soon,
When you're all a bit bigger at the end of June.



From The Kindy Teachers



DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

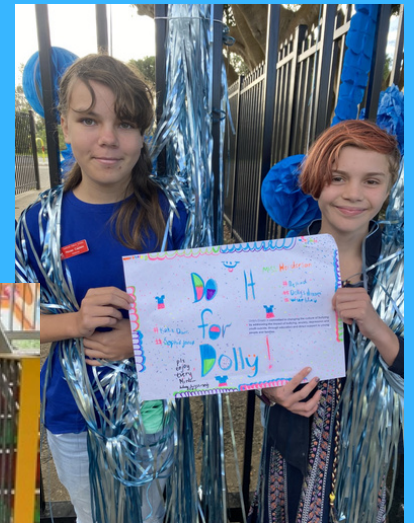
On Friday 3 June, Forster Public School joined thousands of Australians in saying no to bullying and supporting this year's Do It for Dolly Day.

Committed to changing the culture of bullying, Forster Public School participated in a thought-provoking casual clothing day in support of Do It for Dolly Day. To combat bullying and promote kindness, students and staff wore blue, Dolly's favourite colour. The excitement continued as students took part in a "Lolly Guessing Competition", with all money raised going toward Dolly's Dream. The day raised \$ 901.70.

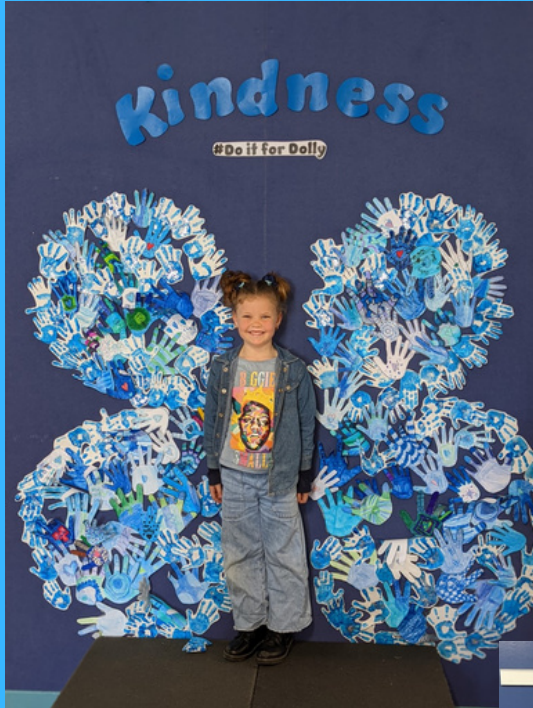
The school playground became a sea of blue on Friday, and the whole school community took part in many kindness lessons throughout the week; all to support Dolly's Dream. With classrooms reading stories around kindness and bullying, students being involved in activities known as 'bucket-fillers' where they write positive messages about others and place it in the persons bucket or container and whole stages participating in an ongoing 20-Day Kindness Challenge.

The planned activities were designed to start powerful conversations about kindness and how we can all support others, while addressing the impacts of bullying. As bullying affects a large proportion of Australian society, it was truly special to see the effort all families, students, and staff went to, ensuring the day a success.

While Do It for Dolly Day is an important reminder as to the effects of bullying and the importance of kindness, Forster Public School place a significant importance on teaching kindness year-round. It is not just about one day. Kindness and Anti-Bullying lessons are embedded throughout the Positive Behaviour for Learning school program throughout our school week. It is spoken about and routinely practised throughout the school year.



Dolly's Dream



Do It For
Dolly Day

Dolly's Dream



Aboriginal Education Update

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Teacher Professional Learning

Term 2 saw a continuation of our professional learning around Aboriginal Education. Staff participated in two sessions revisiting and familiarising themselves with the Department's Aboriginal Education Policy. This course helped teachers to develop a deeper understanding of the Aboriginal Education Policy and their role in implementing it within their school context.

Personalised Learning Pathways (PLPs)

Classroom teachers have been busy chatting to their Koori students about their learning goals for PLPs. These goals assist the students to talk about and identify their next steps in learning and help to improve engagement. Teachers phoned all parents and spoke to many. Thank you to the parents who phoned the school when they discovered that they had missed the teacher's call. Please remember that you are welcome, and encouraged, to call any time to speak to your child's teacher.

Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

Our whole school participated in Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week activities. Classes learnt about the significance and importance of these dates.

One of the most touching clips watched by many primary classes was Archie Roach reading his book containing the words of his song "Took The Children Away". I have included a QR code so you can watch it.

All students coloured a little cardboard person, representing themselves, and placed it on the letters to spell out SORRY DAY and RECONCILIATION WEEK. It looks amazing!



<https://www.abc.net.au/education/archie-roach-took-the-children-away/13680018>



Archie Roach: Took The Children Away - ABC Education

Subjects: History Years: 3-6, 5-6 Uncle Archie explains the story behind 'Took The Children Away' and reads the lyrics to the song illustrated through Aunty Ruby Hunter's drawings.

www.abc.net.au



NAIDOC

Don't forget our NAIDOC celebrations to be held from Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July. Stage based activities will be on Monday—Thursday. The NAIDOC Assembly and community lunch will be held on the Friday.

A final reminder has been sent home regarding the NAIDOC Book. Here is a sample of what the pages will look like. Interview questions must be returned by the end of this week.

Di Murray (on behalf of the Aboriginal Education Team)

Lakey Haddon Year 2



My family are Wiradjuri people. People say that I look like my Nanna. I like to dance, surf and swim, and I love the clear water that we have in our country. My favourite place is Seal Rocks because it has great waves and people.

I have represented Forster Public School at Zone in swimming, and I have received two NAIDOC Awards and 34 Merit Awards.



I love being Aboriginal and am proud of my totem. My favourite NAIDOC activity has been dancing on the oval in front of friends and teachers.

When I leave school I want to be a builder so I can help people to build their dream homes.

Kitchen/Garden

Lots of activities have been taking place in the Kitchen Garden Program over the last month. From making yummy apple choko tarlets (from day old bread) no waste in our kitchen and sweet potato scones. We also enjoyed chicken noodle soup using chokos, turmeric and other naturally grown herbs from our garden. We made garlic croutons from the crust of our day old bread, which was a big hit with children. This exercise was to show how we can use up leftovers and have no waste.

The children have enjoyed harvesting the winter vegetables and learning how to take care of the new seedlings with weeding and mulching. Its such a great way to enjoy the winter sun pushing wheelbarrows and topping up the garden with soil. The next lot of lessons will be about our Bush tucker garden. The children will get to taste dishes made from our Lemon Myrtle tree and Warrigal greens (Native Australian Spinach). Its always fun and interesting in our Kitchen/Garden lessons.

Happy cooking & gardening from Stef & Ellen.



What's happening in 4/4?

In maths today, class 4/4 did different activities- some involved following instructions to build a track. Others did Prodigy and others played multiplication games.



**Week 9 Positive Behaviour
for Learning focus....**
Follow teacher instructions

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Happy Snaps



Buddy Reading Program



Some of our Year 6's have enjoyed reading with the Year 2 children once a week!



Classic Shield Rugby League

On Wednesday, we took 18 Stage 3 students to Raymond Terrace to take part in the PSSA Classic Shield. They played three games and were all supportive of each other and represented our school with pride. We were lucky enough to get given some Knights gear to wear on the day that made us look even more professional.

Of course we got Cheese burgers on the way home!!



Futsal

We had 7 boys represent at the Manning School Futsal Titles in Taree yesterday. Mali, Kai, Archie, Taj, Matthew, Kobe and Levi went through the day undefeated and won the grandfinal 6-1. The team now progress to Northern NSW Champion of Champions where they have an opportunity to qualify for the Australian Champion of Champions. Congratulations and good luck to these Year 6 boys.



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

ICAS Assessments

Dear Parents and Carers,

Forster Public School will be participating in the ICAS Assessments this year for students in Years 2 -6.

What are ICAS Assessments?

- Online assessments designed to recognize and reward academic excellence.
- Students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem solving skills.
- ALL students are rewarded with an academic certificate. Highest performing students receive a medal presented at ICAS medal ceremonies around Australia.
- Assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the challenge of competing in an international assessment.
- ICAS Assessments are completed online.
- There is no Year 2 Writing Assessment.

The available sitting dates for each Assessment are listed below.

Subject	Sitting Dates	Closing dates for parents to purchase	Cost
Writing	Monday 8 August 2022 to Friday 12 August 2022	Monday 1 st August 2022	\$23.65
Digital Technologies	Monday 8 August 2022 to Friday, 12 August 2022	Monday 1 st August 2022	\$19.25
English	Monday, 15 August 2022 to Friday, 19 August 2022	Monday 1 st August 2022	\$19.25
Science	Monday, 22 August 2022 to Friday, 26 August 2022	Monday 1 st August 2022	\$19.25
Spelling Bee	Monday, 22 August 2022 to Friday, 26 August 2022	Monday 1 st August 2022	\$19.25
Mathematics	Monday, 29 August 2022 to Friday, 2 September 2022	Monday 1 st August 2022	\$19.25

Using the above information along with classroom timetables and resource availability, the school will determine which date will be set for each of the assessments.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the online Parent Payment System (PPS) to make an online payment. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

School access code is: UCX782 Parent link page is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Online payment closes on the dates listed above. **IMPORTANT:** Please enter your child's name accurately into their system as this is the way it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

Peter Johnson
Principal

Debbie Milligan
LST Teacher

