

# FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

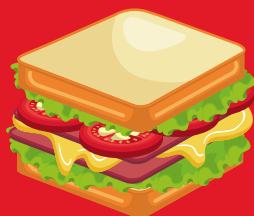


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## DATES TO REMEMBER

2 Aug  
Book Club orders due

8 - 29 August  
ICAS Assessments

5 Aug  
Zone Athletics  
South St Oval Tuncurry

15 Aug  
Stage 3 CPR Training

TBA  
Stage 2 Timbertown  
Excursion

## PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Term 3

Term 3 has already started with so many things happening within our school. I have felt very welcomed by staff and students as we move into the term. Having had the chance to meet some of our families already has been lovely. I have started my visits to some of the classrooms in the school which has been a highlight for me this week and I look forward to continuing my visits as I seek to further understand more about Forster Public School.

### Covid-Smart settings in Term 3

Many of our existing COVID-smart measures continue into Term 3, including:

- staying home if unwell, even if you have a negative RAT, until you are free of symptoms
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and close contacts able to return to school
- strongly encouraging mask wearing, particularly for the first 4 weeks of term
- strongly encouraging all eligible students and their families to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and the flu
- maximising natural ventilation
- good hygiene practices
- strict requirements for close contacts attending school
- responding to local COVID-19 conditions

COVID-19 vaccination policy update - the mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccination will be lifted for staff in most school settings from 1 August 2022. We will continue to encourage all staff, students, and our school community to keep up to date with their vaccinations, including getting a booster shot when eligible.

## PRINCIPALS REPORT CONTINUED...

Boosted day cleaning – our cleaning model has shifted slightly and will now be more concentrated during school hours.

### **Rapid Antigen Test Kits**

Our school will be distributing more RAT test kits to students in Week 3. We will be sending the kits home with the children on Friday 5th August. Please contact the school office if you do not wish your child to bring them home in their school bags. We can make alternate arrangements for collection.

### **Postponement of some events**

Due to the increased cases of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses within the community, the Department of Education has encouraged a 4-week plan of heightening COVID safe measures around events. Therefore some events will be postponed after careful consideration. We look forward to these events being held later in this term.

### **Student Leaders**

It was lovely spending time with our student leaders this week and discussing what they saw as the strengths in our school. What a mature and responsible group of young leaders we have in 2022. We will be meeting together regularly for discussions so that our students have a voice in our school.

I asked the student leadership team to tell me what some of the things were that they saw as strengths in our school.....and this is some of the things that were mentioned.

- “The technology we have here”
- “Resources in our classrooms and the furniture”
- “Stage Assemblies”
- “Sport”
- “Being right near the beach”
- “Our recycling program”
- “Buddy programs”

I simply can't wait to hear more about our school in the coming weeks.

### **PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival**

Goodluck to our students who will be competing in the carnival on Friday 5th August. We know that you will represent our school and your families with pride.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and spend quality time with your families or friends.

Alison



# From the Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor - Teacher Librarian

Our library has been busy this term, with Book Week fast approaching. This amazing week is planned for Week 6, where we celebrate great books, including a dress up as your favourite character day. We also have many new Student Library Assistants volunteering to begin the training and join the library assistant team. Our library display below was created by class members of 2/16 and arranged for display by two of our Student Library Assistants. Looking great, guys!



Orders for Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club are due by Tuesday 2nd August. Every book purchased through Scholastic contributes to our school reward points, which are then used to purchase new, in-demand books for our library. Have a look at Issue 5's special offer!

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

**FREE BOOK OFFER!**  
ON ISSUE 5

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

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## Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



### Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

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Book Club orders using cash can be secured in an envelope or zip lock bag and placed in the Scholastic Orders box in the library. Orders can also be made online (see below for details). Thank you for your support!

# P & C Donation

We are so grateful to our P & C for donating \$2903 to purchase high interest books for children struggling to read.

Pictured are Ms Kylie Doyle & Mrs Rachel Turner from the P & C, presenting the cheque to relieving Principal Mr Peter Johnson.



# Cross Country

The Combined Schools Cross Country was held last Friday 22nd July at Sydney Motorsport Park.

Liam, Zane and Saxon all competed exceptionally well.

Zane U8/9 finished 18th, Liam U11 finished 13th and Saxon B10 MC finished 9th.

We are so proud of you all!



**Stage 2  
Timbertown  
excursion  
postponed  
until  
the end of  
Term 3**

# PBL – Hadley Winners!

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



LILA AND MADDOX



**SAFETY RESPECT**

**PERSONAL BEST**

# Naidoc Day Celebrations



# ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Are you interested in your child participating in the ICAS Assessments? These online assessments are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence.

Students are assessed on their ability to apply their classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

ALL students are awarded 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 their academic abilities and take up the challenge of competing in an international assessment.

ICAS assessments are completed online at school supervised by teachers.

The available sitting dates for each Assessment are:

Writing Monday 8 August to Friday 12 August 2022 Monday 1/8/2022 \$23.65  
Digital Technologies Monday 8 August to Friday 12 August 2022 Monday 1/8/2022 \$19.25  
English Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August 2022 Monday 1/8/2022 \$19.25  
Science Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August 2022 Monday 1/8/2022 \$19.25  
Spelling Bee Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August 2022 Monday 1/8/2022 \$19.25  
Mathematics Monday 29 August to Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 1/8/2022 \$19.25

Our school will determine which day and date each assessment will be administered according to our resources.

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

SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: UCX782 Parent link page is:  
<https://shop.icasassessmnets.com/pages/pps>

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



**Weeks 3 & 4 Positive Behaviour  
for Learning focus....  
Be prepared for Lunch/Recess**