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# FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

16 Sep Netball Gala Day

23 Sep Colour Splatacular School Run 4 Fun

23 Sep Last day of Term 3

#### **PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wake today to the sad and historic news of losing Queen Elizabeth II this morning, it seems so important to reflect on her lifetime commitment and outstanding reign as our Monarch for over 70 Years. The world will certainly be a different place without her.

#### Great Lakes Academic Assembly

The Academic Assembly for the Great Lakes Learning Community of schools was held last Wednesday at the Tuncurry Bowling Club in celebration of outstanding Academic success across schools in our local area. Congratulations to all of our 20 award winners across Years 3-6. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to give acknowledgement to the hard work you have put into your education along with the success you are now experiencing.

#### SASS Appreciation Week

This week is SASS Appreciation week, where we thank our wonderful Administration staff, General Assistant and all of our School Learning Support Officers for their direct support of students, staff and families. We appreciate all that you do for Forster Public School and truly value your contribution.

#### KINDER Orientation

It was lovely to meet parents and families at our Kinder orientation day held last Wednesday. It is an exciting time for families but can also be a nervous time when our children first start school. We have a wonderful and very dedicated team in our Early Stage One area who will support your children beautifully as they begin their educational journey with us.

#### S2 Timbertown Excursion

Thank you to the staff who supported the Stage 2 Excursion to Timbertown last Monday. We were lucky with the weather and by all accounts the students had a wonderful day of learning. It was lovely to hear that our school was represented beautifully by all students who attended.

#### Gold Award Assembly

Congratulations to all the students who received Principal awards at today's assembly. These awards are designed to recognise students who are consistently trying to achieve their personal best in the classroom and all areas of our school. We are all immensely proud of your individual achievements as I am sure your families are. Keep up the splendid work!

#### Principal's Report continued...

#### Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell.

It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

- Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued, and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify existing legal obligations, effective, appropriate, and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents, and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families. It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all the areas covered by these policies and wish to share any changes we need to make with you as we move towards Term 4.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the NSW Department of Education website.

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Alison



# From the Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor - Teacher Librarian



It's been another successful week in the library following an amazing Book Week! Our students had a fabulous time dressing up as their favourite book characters or their dream job. We even had the pleasure of Mr Bean and Teddy (aka Mr Dewberry) for the day! We had a box visit several classrooms during Book Week to share the very funny story "We Found a Cat" by Heidi McKinnon. As seen below, this unique costume is now used as our book return box...



This week, the library was filled with many little people and our lovely Hadley Helpers when we had a visit from local preschoolers and their parents as part of our Kindergarten orientation program. We read the book "Aliens Love Underpants!" and completed an activity to draw and colour-in a monster's missing underpants. We had some very funny and colourful results, and we hope our preschoolers and their families enjoyed the event as much as we did!

A big thank you to our families who continue to support Scholastic Book Club. Your purchases allow our library to buy much-needed new books, which our students love to borrow. Many of our new releases can be found on the wall display opposite the borrowing desk, as seen below ...

Notes went home this week regarding overdue library books. Please support our school and locate these missing books! Many families have already covered the cost of lost or damaged books, which is appreciated. We do prefer books to be replaced with the same book, but if this isn't possible, covering the cost is an alternative which enables us to replace the book so other students can borrow it. Thanks again for supporting our fabulous Forster Public School resource, our Library Learning Centre!





## Rugby League Gala Day

U8s League Tag
On Tuesday, 12 students from Year 1 & 2
represented our school at Rugby League All
school Cup.

We played 3 games against Taree West PS, winning the last game against them.
Our speedster Jack F made some great runs, Oden, Jack M & Dusty were unstoppable to score many tries, Ella and Layla worked hard to improve their skills throughout the day, Ryder and James were tagging superstars, and Patrick, Koby and Ethan were always backing up in defence and attack.

Forster PS are very proud of you!









## Skiing

Bailey & Rowan have made it through to Nationals which was held throughout this week.

In Ski Cross, their team placed 3rd, winning the bronze medal; Bailey placed 11th, and Rowan 8th. Both qualified. In Alpine, Bailey placed 22nd and Rowan 20th. Both qualified.

In Moguls, Bailey placed 10th and Rowan 30th. Only Bailey qualified.

We look forward to finding out how they have gone at Nationals!





### **Art Classes**

Students have been creating some amazing artworks during watercolour lessons with Miss Kendrick.









## **Regional Athletics**

On Friday 26 August, 13 students represented FPS at Hunter Athletics. There was a lot of tough competition and trying conditions with the rain but all students did our school proud with their sportsmanship. The rain may have caused some problems with our parking of the bus, thank you Jacinta for being our wonderful bus driver and finding people to help us get home.

We have 7 students who have qualified for State Athletics later this month. We wish them all the best!

Zane - 1500m & 800m.

Liam - 1500m & 800m

Jasmine - 100m, 200m, shot put

Saxon - shot put, long jump, 100m

Connor- 800m, shot put, long jump Sharlaya - 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, discus

Keira - long jump, shot put and 100m

Massive congratulations must go to Liam who has represented at State carnivals for swimming, cross country and athletics. This is an amazing achievement and we can't wait to see what the future holds for him!













## **Buddy Reading**

Students in 4/8 have been enjoying visiting the Supported Learning classes fortnightly to engage in reading.









Weeks 9 & 10 Positive Behaviour for Learning focus....

Respecting the School Environment.

# Book Week Paracle Happy Snaps























# Stage 2 Timber Town Excursion

















# PBL - Hadley Winners!

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



Otis & Cruz



Natalia & Addison

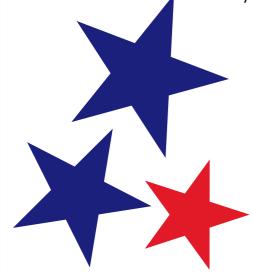




Darcy & Bonny



Willow & Finn





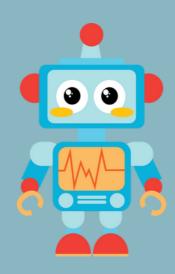
# Science Day







The Rystem Science Day was enjoyed by 58 Year 6 students. The students used mathematical and scientific thinking in a range of engineering tasks. They worked in teams to create a bionic hand, build paper bridges to support weight, and coded mini robots to follow commands. A great day was had by all. Huge thanks to John and the Rotary team for presenting such a great day!







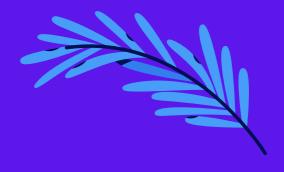
## **Meet our Staff**

Hi, I'm Mrs Naqito. I started at Forster
Public School in January and continue to
love and cherish every minute of
teaching and learning with my Year 4
class.

Throughout my career, I have dipped in and out of the Primary sector into the Early Childhood sector teaching in Primary Schools, Preschools and Long Day Care Centres. I have travelled to Fiji for 8 months as a volunteer Teacher in a rural village, moved inter-state to Alice Springs for 3.5 years and then back to the Mid-Coast.

I love working with children each and every day, thriving towards their a-ha moments no matter how long that takes.





Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2023?

# ENROLMENTS BEING ACCEPTED NOW



TEACHER SUPERVISION DOES NOT START UNTIL 8:25AM

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO THIS TIME, PLEASE CONSIDER ENROLLING THEM IN ACTIVE OOSH TO ENSURE THEY HAVE APPROPRIATE CARE (& LOTS OF FUN!) BEFORE SUPERVISED HOURS START. BREAKFAST IS ALSO INCLUDED!

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# Cape Hawke Surf Club Nippers Registration Day Sunday 11th September

For new and renewing nippers and members.

If you haven't registered online, see you on Sunday!

A few things to keep in mind:

\* Active kids voucher numbers will be needed in order to process these at the time of rego - please have them ready.

Remaining credit can be used for clothing orders.

\* EFT & the correct cash only - no change will be provided.

\* Pinkies are being provided this year.