

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

6 - 17 Nov
Year 3 Intensive Swimming

21 - 24 Nov
School Spectacular
Qudos Bank Arena Sydney

1 Dec
Gold Principals Assembly

6 Dec
Year 6 Farewell

7 Dec
Stage 1
End of Year Concert
(9.30am)

8 Dec
Presentation Day

11 Dec
AP Green Day

Carols by Candlelight
Harry Elliott Oval
Carols start at 6pm -
Choir sings at 7pm

12 Dec
Stage 2 Party Day

13 Dec
Stage 1 Party Day

14 Dec
Stage 3 Party Day

15 Dec
Supported Learning
Party Day

Last day for students

PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner

NSW Department of Education



Our Plan for NSW Public Education

Transforming lives through learning

Our plan is built on the power of public education to provide opportunities for all and transform lives through learning. Our plan sets our direction and priorities for the coming years, and harnesses the commitment of our teachers and schools to provide an outstanding education for every learner. Our approach has been informed by evidence and insights from engagement with our education community.

Our commitment

Every student learns, grows and belongs in an equitable and outstanding education system.

Acknowledgment of Country

We recognise the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we learn, work and live, paying respect to Elders past and present as teachers of knowledge, customs and stories. We strive to ensure every NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learner achieves their potential through education.



Together we will	Advance equitable outcomes, opportunities and experiences	Strengthen trust and respect for the teaching profession and school support staff	Give children the best start in learning	Deliver outstanding leadership, teaching and learning	Strengthen student wellbeing and development	Provide meaningful post-school pathways
With actions that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster a culture that values diversity by advancing reconciliation and eliminating barriers Ensure schools have access to the staff and specialists they need Prioritise resources where they are needed most Develop targeted, differentiated, evidence-informed initiatives and supports Embed diverse learner, family and staff voices in decision-making Provide broad, inclusive and rich curriculum with strong co-curricular activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address staffing shortages Attract and retain more high-quality teachers, especially in high-need locations and specialist subject areas Ensure initial teacher education is fit for purpose by partnering with the university sector Improve staff wellbeing Address workload pressures to ensure a manageable workload for all staff Support staff development through high-quality and accessible professional learning Make public education a more attractive career with more quality career pathways Strengthen development for leaders at all stages of their careers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase enrolment and participation in preschool for all children Build new public preschools co-located with public primary schools Create better transitions between early education and primary school Deliver the NSW Aboriginal Children's Early Childhood Education Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support schools to deliver school excellence through continuous improvement Create positive school cultures that value student voice Build partnerships with students and families to connect them with the support they need Strengthen educational and instructional leadership Provide high-quality, evidence-based curriculum resources Increase student literacy and numeracy Strengthen high-quality assessment Improve how data is used to inform teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement evidence-informed, whole-school wellbeing approaches Create positive school cultures that value student voice Build partnerships with students and families to connect them with the support they need Provide equitable access to services by building partnerships across agencies Expand counselling services in schools Improve support for students at all transitions through school Ensure schools are inclusive and safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance access to high-quality vocational education and training (VET) in schools, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, and HSC pathways Support, inform and inspire all students to choose post-school pathway options aligned to their goals Improve access, opportunities and choice across post-school pathways including university, training and work for all students
So	Every learner receives a high-quality education that enables them to excel	Our teachers and staff feel valued, included and supported to perform at their best	All children have the best start in life	Every student achieves ambitious learning goals every year	Every student is known, valued and cared for	Every student finishes school ready to succeed in their chosen pathway as an informed, responsible citizen
And we'll measure success by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing gaps in student outcomes, due to structural inequalities Increasing community confidence in public education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the number of school staff to supply needs demand Increasing the proportion of teachers and school staff who feel valued, trusted and respected in their profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the proportion of children enrolled in preschool Increasing the proportion of children who are developmentally on track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students Increasing the proportion of students completing Year 12 in public schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the proportion of students reporting a sense of belonging Increasing attendance rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the proportion of students who take up university, training or work in the year after school
Enabled by	Support services that are efficient, effective and easy to access			School infrastructure that meets the needs of a growing population and supports improved student outcomes		
Our values	Excellence	Integrity	Equity	Accountability	Trust	Service

Swimming School Success: Making a Splash!

Our students have been diving into the world of aquatics with enthusiasm and determination during our recent swimming school sessions. The development of water safety skills and improved swimming techniques have been evident in every class. A big thank you to our dedicated swimming instructors for their hard work and to the students for their positive attitude and commitment. We're proud of the progress made, and we look forward to more aquatic adventures in the future.

High School Transition: Navigating the Next Chapter

As we approach the end of the academic year, our graduating students are gearing up for an exciting new chapter in their educational journey - the transition to high school. We are committed to providing them with the necessary tools and support to make this transition as smooth as possible. Please stay tuned for information about upcoming high school orientation events and resources designed to ease this significant transition.

Choir's Heartwarming Visit to Kularoo Baptist Care

Our school choir recently spread joy and warmth as they visited the local nursing home. The power of music to connect generations was on full display as our students performed a selection of heartwarming songs for the residents. The experience was not only enriching for the elderly but also a valuable lesson for our young students.

Grandparents Day: A Special Celebration of Family

Today we celebrated Grandparents Day at Forster Public School. Grandparents are the living connection to our past, the storytellers of our family history, and the bearers of traditions that bind generations together.

In the hustle and bustle of our modern lives, it's easy to overlook the wealth of knowledge and experience that grandparents bring into the lives of their grandchildren. They provide unwavering support, unconditional love, and a sense of continuity that grounds our students in their family history.

State Athletics

We had such exciting results in Sydney at State Athletics. Six of our students represented the Hunter across the two days in multiple events. Congratulations to Zane, Liam, Keira, Jack, Alexia and Mason. Jack got a bronze medal in the long jump and will be heading to Tasmania for Nationals next month as well as Alexia for the 800m. Excellent effort. We are so proud of you all. A big thank you to Miss Hazelwood who supported our students at Hunter.

School Spectacular

The NSW Schools Spectacular is an Australian variety show featuring more than 5,500 students from public schools across New South Wales. Forster Public is once again participating in this fabulous event over the next couple of weeks. Good luck to our dancers and we can't wait to see your performance. Stay tuned for many exciting updates in this space.

Have a great week everyone.

Alison



Weeks 5 & 6 Positive Behaviour for Learning focus....

**We are respectful by always following
teacher and staff instructions.**

From the Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor
Teacher Librarian

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Term 4, Week 6 already! Where has the year gone? The library has been very busy supporting our Kindergarten Transition program, while ensuring our students can still access the library. Stage 1 students have been working on their 'Through the red door' pictures, linked to the wonderful book "Journey", by Aaron Becker, and we have a beautiful display in the foyer of the library showcasing their fabulous efforts.

Our Kindergarten students have also been creating an enormous display, titled "Summer", which closely links to the books we are reading during Early Stage One library sessions. Our favourite book so far may be "The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Thong", by P. Crumble. Great work, Kindergarten!

Our final Scholastic Issue for the year has been distributed to all classes. There are some great gift ideas and we are happy to hold books for parents to collect if needed.

LOOP is a great way to buy Scholastic Books, and we still have our cash collection box in the library foyer for cash orders. Thank you for your continued support this year, as all points earned go towards new books for our students to borrow from the library.

Lastly, a gentle reminder about returning all books by Friday, Week 7! We are going to have a library stocktake in the last 3 weeks of Term 4, so we need all books to be returned by this date at the very latest. If borrowed books are lost or damaged, we expect books to be replaced with the same book, or paid for according to the cost of the book. Thank you for making sure our students can continue to borrow our wonderful books!



Skilled volunteers needed!

The growing popularity of the Tell Me a Story writing and illustration competitions, requires us to expand our team of volunteers, in order to satisfy the demand. This year, we were very pleased to see a rapid increase in number of entries, from Forster school students.

If you are a retired, or a semi-retired teacher, writer, artist, or if you have MS Word and Excel skills, please consider joining our team of volunteers who administer and judge the competitions.

Or maybe you know of someone, who could assist us?

Some tasks may only require one day's work. Your duties will be tailored to your availability and preferences.

We wish to hear from you! Please contact Teresa, by email at teresa@tellmeastory.org.au

Further information about our competitions is available on the Tell Me a Story website: tellmeastory.org.au



Carols by Candlelight

WITH GREAT LAKES BAND & SCHOOL CHOIRS

Harry Elliott Oval Tuncurry

Monday 11th December 2023

6 for 6-30pm

FREE ENTRY

Cash or EFTPOS donation appreciated

Food & drinks

Ice Creams

Coffee Van

Song Sheets

Glow Sticks

Available



★ Bring a chair or picnic rug to sit on ★

A special visit from **Santa**



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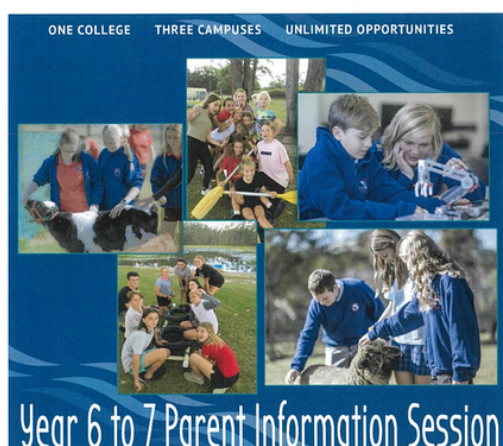
**Year 7 class of 2024
Orientation Day!**

9AM - 2.30PM

- Wear your uniform
- Bring your bag, pencil case and recess
- BBQ Lunch Provided
- Experience taster lessons
- Meet your Year Advisers, staff and Year 9 leaders.
- Have fun!

**TUESDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER
2023**

**SAVE
THE DATE**



Tuesday 28th November at 6:00pm in our Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

For all Year 6 students coming to Forster Campus in 2024 and their parents and carers

- An opportunity to meet your Year Advisers, Deputy Principals & Principal
- Question and answer session
- Our Uniform shop will be open for fittings from 8:30am to 12:30pm and from 4:00pm to 6:00pm



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Get your kids packing everyday lunchboxes

When children help plan and pack their own lunchbox, they are more likely to eat it.

Encourage them to swap:

- Muesli bar to wholegrain cereal bites
- Pre-packaged cheese-dip and crackers to wholegrain crackers and cheese

**SWAP
FROM**



**SWAP
TO**



Cheese dip & crackers

Wholegrain crackers & cheese

Cool lunchboxes

An insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12°C cooler and the lunchbox foods safe.

Try adding a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Plain milk popper
- Reduced fat yoghurt



Frozen water bottle



Frozen reduced fat yoghurt pouch



Frozen ice brick



Frozen plain milk popper



Frozen reduced fat yoghurt tub