

# FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**12 Apr**

Shave for a Cure

Last day of Term 1

**30 April**

First day of Term 2

**3 May**

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander PLP Breakfast BBQ

**7 May**

Guitar & Ukelele Workshop Day 3

**10 May**

National Walk Safely to School Day

## PRINCIPALS REPORT - Mrs Alison Jenner

### Term One

As we approach the holiday break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together this term. From the thrilling Buderus 7's tournament to the spirited Swimming Carnivals and the friendly competition on the Tennis courts, our students have showcased their talents, sportsmanship, and dedication to their passions. We've also witnessed their determination and resilience during events like Cross Country and NAPLAN.

Our school community has come together to celebrate diversity and inclusivity through Harmony Day and Easter celebrations. Additionally, our students have had the opportunity to explore their creativity and musical talents through the Guitar and Ukulele workshop.

Parents have been actively engaged through informative sessions on reading and the new curriculum, as well as during the 'Meet and Greet' the Teachers afternoon. We've also prioritised the well-being and education of our students with visits from Life Education and Healthy Harold, as well as through programs like 'Got It!' and the Tell Me a Story competition.

Lastly, we captured cherished memories with our Aussie of the Month awards and, of course, the school photos that will forever remind us of the joy and camaraderie shared within our school community.

### OC Class Applications

Applications for the Opportunity Class (OC) program are now open. The OC class program offers enriched learning opportunities for academically gifted students. If you believe your child would benefit from this program, please contact the school office for more information. Information has been emailed to families of Year 4 and Year 5 students.

### Shave for a Cure

Our school community once again came together to support a great cause by participating in Shave for a Cure. My congratulations to Eadie who has showed us what it means to show such courage and determination wanting to raise funds for this great cause. Thank you to Eadie's dad and the staff who took part in 'Shaving for a cure' to make this day so successful.

Through your generosity and courage, we raised funds for cancer research and showed solidarity with those affected by this disease. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

### NSW PSSA Swimming Championships

Congratulations to our talented swimmers-Layla, Toby, Isaac, Harrison and Jack who represented our school at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships. Your hard work and dedication were truly inspiring, and we are proud of your achievements.

### Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country event was a fantastic display of sportsmanship, determination, and teamwork. Well done to all the students who participated and gave their best effort on the day. I'd like to thank Miss Hazelwood for her organisation of the event and the staff who supervised on the day. It was so great to see so many families join us to cheer on the students in this very challenging carnival.

As we prepare to enjoy the holiday break, I want to wish you all a safe and happy time with your families. Please remember that school resumes for students on Tuesday, 30th April. Until then, take the opportunity to relax, recharge, and we will see you in Term Two.

*Alison*

HAPPY  
Holidays





Parent/carer resource

NSW Department of Education

## Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

### Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

### Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.



learns quickly and easily



goal-driven



asks complex questions



good memory



curious and creative



deeply explores passions

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.

### How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits and challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount of preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: [edu.nsw.link/equity](http://edu.nsw.link/equity)  
Resources in other languages: [edu.nsw.link/shsoc\\_languages](http://edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages)



### Financial support

[edu.nsw.link/pubedu](http://edu.nsw.link/pubedu)

The **Public Education Foundation scholarships** offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

Please note there are **no fees to apply and sit** for the placement test, and there are **no extra fees to enrol** in a selective high school or opportunity class.

### Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](http://website):



[education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](http://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)

### Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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# Kindy Science

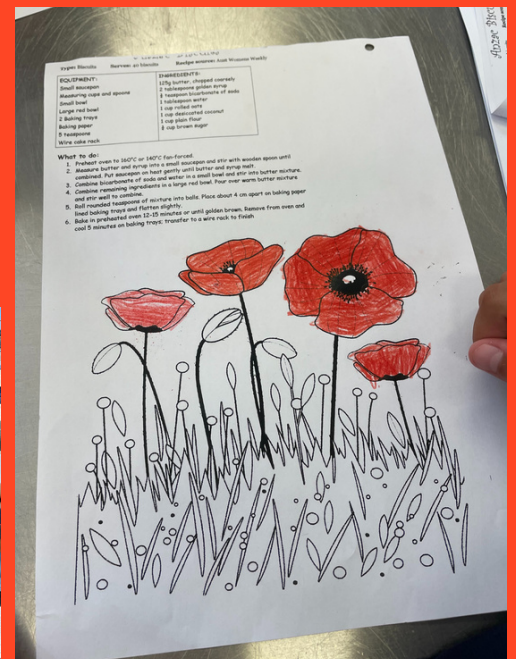
K23 learning about shelters  
For living things



# Kitchen/Garden

4-5/2

## Anzac Day Baking



# Library

Mrs Jodie Lednor  
Teacher/Librarian

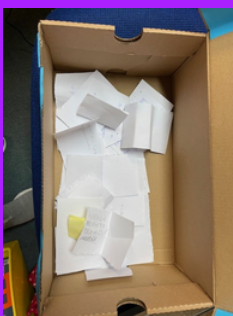
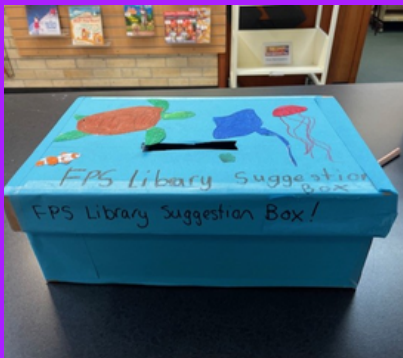
Week 11 of Term One; how exciting! We have had some very busy break times in the library, alongside our full library program and lots of opportunities to borrow. We have started a Lego Club for small groups of students on Wednesdays during second half lunch which has proven to be very popular, and students are doing a great job at learning to tidy up very quickly afterwards. Their creations are very intricate, and such fun too!

Our FPS library suggestion box has already had lots of great suggestions, including requests for specific new books, library to be open at recess, and food in the library. While some of these suggestions are possible and will be either acted on or kept in mind, we can't really have food in the library for a number of reasons. Not least of these reasons is to keep our books and other resources we use in the library safe. Thanks for the great ideas, everyone, and keep putting them in the box!

FPS Library is currently running a colouring in competition for Earth Day (April 22) which can only be completed during library during break time. We hope to have lots of colouring ins to look at by Wednesday, Week 11, and we have some great prizes to award for those students who have made a top effort.

Overdue notices were handed out Friday, Week 10. Many of the books are overdue by only a week or two, but we are encouraging students to return and borrow books more regularly. Borrowing periods are for two weeks, which is extended over the holidays. We allow student borrowing over the holidays, but please be very careful with our library books if you are going away.

If books are lost or damaged beyond repair, we do ask that families replace the book with a copy of the same book. Alternatively, families can pay for the cost of the book at the Front Office. Thank you for taking care of our books, everyone, and we hope to see our overdue books returned soon, especially as we have lots of new books to borrow from the front wall display!




# Cross Country



# Active OOSH

# Holiday Program

Active OOSH Forster



**AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Onsite at Forster Public School

**7AM - 6PM**

**MON 15 APR - MON 29 APR**

From as little as **\$11.46** per day\*  
\*based on a 90 day with a CCS of 90%

## BOOKINGS

**START HERE!**

Is your child already enrolled with Active OOSH?

**NO** → Visit [www.bit.ly/oshcplus](http://www.bit.ly/oshcplus) or scan the QR code below

**YES** → Secure your bookings directly in OSHC+  
 Log in to your account, click on the "Bookings" button, select "New Casual Booking" & follow the prompts!

You will need to "sign up" for an account with the OSHC+ software to be able to complete an enrolment form.

### CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations for all confirmed bookings during Vacation Care need to be made **online** to avoid an absent fee & can be made through your OSHC+ account (select the session you wish to cancel in the calendar & select "Cancel Booking")

\*We understand that unforeseen circumstances do occur. To apply to have an absent fee waived please complete the Absence Charge Appeal Form on our website.

[www.activeoosh.com.au](http://www.activeoosh.com.au)

### WHAT TO PACK

**LUNCH & SNACKS**  
 Please pack your child's lunch as you would during the school term PLUS extra snacks for the longer day.

**WATER BOTTLE**  
 Please ensure your child brings with them a **refillable water bottle** clearly labelled with their name.

**HAT**  
 To stay Sun Smart, a hat will be required for all outside activities. Please pack your child a **broad brimmed hat** for Active OOSH.

**ENCLOSED SHOES**  
 Enclosed shoes are the recommended type of footwear for all activities at Active OOSH.

**CHANGE OF CLOTHES**  
 For days where there are water based or messy activities on the program your child will need something to change into PLUS a towel to dry off.

**MEDICATION & AUTHORISATION FORM**  
 Children requiring prescribed medication while in care must have a signed medical authorisation form daily. Any medication brought to the centre must be in the original packaging & be clearly labelled with the child's name.

**WE ARE A CHILD CARE SUBSIDY APPROVED PROVIDER**

Individual CCS entitlements are determined by Centrelink based on your family's circumstances.

- Families earning a combined income of less than \$530,000 are eligible to receive a Child Care Subsidy on their child care fees.
- Centrelink will also determine the number of care hours per fortnight that your CCS percentage can be applied to based on an activity test. If you exceed these hours full fees will be applied.

Please ensure you enter in your CCS amount in your Centrelink app to apply CCS to your fees.

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PRICE KEY	ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE	FORSTER
<p><b>HQ</b> An internal activity at OOSH Headquarters from \$11.46 per day with a CCS of 90% \$59.00 per day full fee</p> <p><b>HQ+</b> A super incursion or activity at OOSH Headquarters from \$12.91 per day with a CCS of 90% \$59.00 per day full fee</p> <p><b>QUEST</b> We're going on an excursion! (includes bus fare &amp; tickets) from \$14.36 per day with a CCS of 90% \$59.00 per day full fee</p>	<p><b>WEEK 1</b></p> <p><b>MON 15TH APR</b>  <b>EZY ROLLER DERBY</b>                      Come &amp; have some racing fun on our new Ezyrollers! We'll create our own race track &amp; zoom around the school. Feel free to bring your own bike, scooter or skateboard too. Don't forget your helmet!</p> <p><b>TUES 16TH APR</b>  <b>INFLATABLE WORLD EXCURSION</b>                      It's time to inflate the excitement! Unleash your inner explorer as you conquer giant slides, drops, tackle obstacle courses &amp; bounce to your heart's content at Inflatable World Tareel BYO socks.</p> <p><b>WED 17TH APR</b>  <b>HOW RIDICULOUS RECORDS</b>                      Embark on a day of uncontrollable laughter! Brace yourself for a hilarious journey filled with jokes, pranks &amp; side-splitting moments. Can you keep a straight face &amp; emerge victorious?</p> <p><b>THUR 18TH APR</b>  <b>CINEMA EXCURSION</b>                      Lights, camera, ACTION! Enjoy a trip to Great Lakes Cinemas Tuncurry with your friends to watch a latest release kids movie, snack on some delicious popcorn &amp; a drink!</p> <p><b>FRI 19TH APR</b>  <b>ICE CREAM LAB</b>                      Dive into the cool world of sweet science! Explore the chemistry behind making ice cream in a bag, along with other hands-on science experiments, delicious discoveries &amp; tasty treats. Take home a mini science kit!</p>	<p><b>WEEK 2</b></p> <p><b>MON 22ND APR</b>  <b>BAZOOKA BALL EXCURSION</b>                      Unleash your inner sharpshooter as you test your accuracy &amp; quick reflexes in a game of Bazooka Ball in Old Bar. Strategise, aim &amp; conquer group challenges in the outdoor combat arena.</p> <p><b>TUE 23RD APR</b>  <b>TRY NOT TO LAUGH CHALLENGE</b>                      From wacky races to bizarre feats, join us in a day of laughter &amp; creativity. Play Silly Sponges or make the furthest flying paper plane. How many balloons can you pop? How many marbles can you chopstick?</p> <p><b>WED 24TH APR</b>  <b>CINEMA EXCURSION</b>                      Sit back &amp; relax with some scrumptious cinema snacks &amp; get ready to laugh through the adventures of a new release movie at Great Lakes Cinemas Tuncurry! Popcorn &amp; drink included.</p> <p><b>THUR 25TH APR</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>                      PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p><b>FRI 26TH APR</b>  <b>OOSH-MART</b>                      Get ready for an exciting shopping spree like no other at our very own OOSH Mart! Win tickets, pocket some play money &amp; explore your very own shop where you can pick &amp; choose a new toy (or two) to take home!</p> <p><b>MON 29TH APR</b>  <b>FORSTER E.C. EXCURSION</b>                      Who says you can't do it all? We're going to Forster Entertainment Centre to do just that! Play Ten Pin, Laser Tag &amp; Dino Putt Putt. Let's get this party started!</p>



Harmony Day in K25

PACIFIC PALMS ART FESTIVAL

At Pacific Palms Public School

## YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

Open to all children age 5 - 16 years

**Saturday 1st June ~ 2pm - 4pm**  
**Sunday 2nd June ~ 10am - 4pm**

Download Artist Entry Pack at [www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au/youth-art](http://www.pacificpalmsartsinc.org.au/youth-art)

Enquiries email: [palmartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:palmartsfestival@gmail.com) or contact Cath 0434 678 381

Exhibition Entry \$2 adult / \$1 child/young person

# Shave For A Cure

We have raised over \$4400.  
Thank you to everyone who has supported  
this wonderful cause.  
It's not too late to donate via the QR codes.

