

Forbes High School Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to welcome the school community back to the final term for 2012. This term is typified by the winding up of the year, reporting on student achievement and preparing for 2013.

Over the next few weeks our junior students will commence their yearly exams. Year 11 has started their Higher School Certificate for 2013. However, all students need to have completed online, All My Own Work before they can start their Year 12 studies.

Each year we have a number of students drop a 2 unit Year 11 subject, going from 12 units to 10 units. Students should think very carefully about dropping subjects and whether this is in their best interests.

As this newsletter goes to print our students have commenced their Higher School Certificate exams. On behalf of the school I wish all our students the very best for their exams, I am sure they are well prepared and I am confident they will do well. I would also like to congratulate the parents of our Year 12 students for their efforts in preparing their child for this exam.

I would also like to remind the parents of our Year 10 students that they no longer sit for the School Certificate exam. When their reports are distributed at the end of the term students who are completing Year 10 and will be leaving school for full time employment (including Apprenticeships and Traineeships) or full time education (TAFE etc) will be able to apply for a RoSA (Record of School Achievement). As a result of these changes Year 10 students are expected to remain at school until the end of term.

Last week you should have received your child's NAPLAN results for students in Years 7 and 9. I will be doing a thorough analysis of the school and students' performance in these tests.

Each year we have a large number of students who have received N Award warning letters for not completing set assessment tasks. If you receive a letter could you please ensure your child completes the task? During this term I will be dealing with N Awards for Year 10 and Year 11.

I would like to congratulate Jes'Se Rushby, Aidan Clarke, Darcie Morrison and Tom Quigley, the incoming captains and vice captains, who have proven to be very popular choices. I look forward to working with them throughout the remainder of



Finally, I would like to congratulate Heidi Stewart for achieving first place in the Western NSW Culinary challenge. Besides achieving a monetary award, Heidi displayed a high level of skill with her preparation and presentation.

DAVID HARRIS

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is constantly being updated with new photos and calendar dates and information. Visit forbes-h.school@det.nsw.gov.au and view the photo gallery and find out what is happening at our school.

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Calendar

November

- 2 – Year 11 reports issued
- 7- 9 - xsel camp
- 15-16 – Year 12 sign out
- 23 – Year 12 grad dinner

December

- 14 – Semester 2 and Major Assembly
- 19 – Last day for students
- 21 – Last day for staff



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Farewell Year 12



YEAR 12 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

The Year 12 Graduation Assembly was held on Friday, 21st September. This assembly was a fantastic opportunity for the staff, students and school community to farewell the Year 12 class of 2012 and recognise their academic and cultural achievements during their time at Forbes High School.



IMPORTANT YEAR 12 INFORMATION

The HSC exams commenced on Monday, 15th October and end on Thursday, 8th November.

As students complete their final exams, they will be required to sign out.

To successfully sign out, students need to follow the process listed below:

- Once their final exam is completed, students will need to return to school and collect a clearance form from the **Front Office**.
- Students will also need to bring with them their textbooks and any borrowed library books.
- Students will then be required to take their clearance form and any textbooks to their teachers so that they can be signed out of each subject.
- Once they have completed their clearance form and gathered all the necessary signatures, students should return their clearance form to the **Front Office**.



YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER

The graduation dinner is on Friday, 23rd November at the Forbes Services Club commencing at 6:30pm. Please note this is a non-alcoholic event for staff and students of Forbes High School between 6:30p.m. and 11:30p.m. Tickets are available from the front office. It would be greatly appreciated if tickets could be paid for by Friday, 16th November for catering purposes.

If parents/caregivers have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on (02) 6852 2666.

Many thanks, Miss Northam (Year 12 Advisor).

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YEAR 12 MAJOR AWARDS

Carmel Hodges Humanitarian Award - Amie Weekes

Louise Stephenson Memorial Cultural Award - Taylah Hemming

Reuben F. Scarf Award - Elymar Dietrich

Caltex Best All Rounder - Laura Herbert

Citizenship Awards - Blue & Gold: Taylah Hemming

Citizenship: Jessie Hodges, Cooper Lyneham, Nick Herbert, Shaun Pratt, Laura Herbert, Jordan Coles

VET Student of the Year - Brennan George

Academic Excellence and Outstanding Academic Achievement

Academic Exc: Milann Henderson

Outstanding Exc: Nicholas Herbert, Taylah Hemming, Courtney Hodges-Lockwood, Jessie Hodges, Elymar Dietrich

Pierre de Coubertin - Laura Herbert

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR UPDATE

With the Schools Spectacular only a month away, Forbes High dancers are busy rehearsing and fundraising.

The 12 girls representing our school in the Combined Dance at the Sydney Entertainment Centre will travel to Dubbo this week for 2 days of intensive rehearsals. Forbes High is part of the segment entitled 'Time to Celebrate' alongside a number of other Western region schools. The Dubbo rehearsals will allow the Western region dancers to work with Sydney choreographers before they perform in three Schools Spectacular shows at the end of November.

As well as learning their choreography, the dancers have been working hard to fundraise. The Schools Spectacular involves costs for accommodation, travel, meals and costumes. We have a number of fundraising initiatives underway to subsidise these expenses.

We are running a Monster Raffle with a selection of great prizes including some very stylish luggage. Tickets can be purchased from any of the dancers, at the Front Office and outside Bernardi's on Saturday November 3rd from 9am-1pm.

There will also be a Cooking Master Class Fundraiser at the High School on Thursday November 1st. Tickets are \$10 and the experience will include the chance to taste some delicious food, use quality cooking products and a ticket in the draw to win a fantastic prize.



Please support the Schools Spectacular dancers as they work towards being part of this wonderful production.

The girls are Carly Morrison, Chloe Caines, Molly Fuge, Brooke Caines, Cristy Molloy, Nicole Morrison, Georgia Woods, Grace Quigley, Samantha Clifton, Stephanie Greenhalgh, Ellie Tomlinson, Isabelle Herbert

Thank you

Forbes High School would like to acknowledge the on going support of our student programs from Woolworths Supermarket and North Parkes Mines. Without these partners many programs at Forbes High would not run.

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SUPPORT UNIT GOES TO OZ-TAG

On Thursday the 6th of September the Support Unit visited Wellington to participate in the Oz-tag tournament. There were approximately ten schools from the Central West playing across three divisions. Forbes High played in the second division and played four games in total. Unfortunately we missed out on making the finals.

Oz-tag is a type of Touch Football where you have to take the opposition's tag, which is attached to a belt that they wear, in order to make a tackle. Each team fields eight players at all times, of which two must be girls.

The following eleven students travelled to Wellington by car leaving Forbes at 7am: Jake, Claudia, Michael, Bret, Sarah, Heidi, Dezi, Blair, Kyal, Blake and Brendan. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful day; the sun was shining with only a light breeze. Everyone had a great day, trying their best and enjoyed a break from school work.

A big thanks to parents Mrs Bosma and Mrs Wood who came with us and gave a lift to some students, as well as Ms Jordan who organised the excursion and Mrs Larcher who also came with us to help out.



PARKES RADIO TELESCOPE VISIT

On Friday the 14th September students from the Support Unit visited Parkes Radio Telescope. We left school after DEAR and travelled by bus arriving in time to watch the 3D movies that were showing.

After this we had a picnic morning tea – and a birthday cake for Jake – before completing a scavenger hunt. Then it was back onto the bus for lunch at McDonald's on the way home.

When asked what the best part of the day was some of the replies were: “seeing the telescope”; “sitting in the front seat of the bus”; “watching the movies”; “seeing the telescope nearly touching the ground”; and “the students’ beautiful behaviour”.

A big thankyou to Mr Little who drove the bus for us.

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P&C REPORT

Hi everyone and welcome back for Term 4. The year has just flown by and we are now on the downhill run to Christmas and the end of 2012.

The monthly P&C meeting was held last Tuesday and a lot of interesting information was discussed. A canteen committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting and the summer menu is now in operation. There are a few new items available in the canteen including flavoured water and fortnightly specials. The SRC will be conducting a survey during this term in preparation for next year and prices will also be revised toward the end of the term. The new menu is available on the website and is attached to this newsletter. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th November commencing at 7.00pm at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. Come along and enjoy a coffee or drink while you discover the great things that are happening at our school and please bring a friend.

PHOTO's WANTED!

Preparations are now underway for the production of the 2012 school magazine "Acacia" and we are looking for photos of school activities for inclusion. If you have any photos of presentation ceremonies or any other activities please forward them to the school email address (forbes-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or copy them to a memory stick and bring into the school office to be transferred.

ROAD SAFETY SURVEY

Forbes High School parents have been invited to participate in an online Road Safety Survey to identify immediate safety issues and concerns within our local area. The survey can be completed at <http://robertfurolo.wufoo.eu/forms/road-survey/>.

P&C MAJOR FUNDRAISER

A Major Fundraising Event has been organised for Thursday 29th November. This event is a Family Trivia and Games Night and will be held in the Forbes High School Hall commencing at 7.00pm. Tickets will be just \$10 and single or group bookings are most welcome. Student and Staff teams are most welcome. Tables seat 10 so get your teams ready now. Bring your own food, soft drinks will be on sale. There will be prizes for best dressed team and best table decoration as well as a cash prize for the winning team so brush up on your trivia and start training now.

STUDENT FUNDRAISING

The students performing at Schools Spectacular this year are currently conducting some fundraising activities to help with the costs involved with the weeklong commitment. A Monster Raffle is now on sale and tickets can be purchased from participants or the school office. The girls will also be selling tickets at Bernardi's IGA Supermarket on Saturday 3rd November. A community barbeque is scheduled for Saturday 20th October at Woolworths Supermarket, Forbes from 10.00am and we look forward to selling you a delicious sausage sandwich and drink on the day.

A Chef's Toolbox Master Class will be held in the Trade Centre at the Forbes High School on Thursday 1st November commencing at 6.00pm. You will learn some delicious recipes, using quality products and go into the draw to win awesome prizes. Tickets are just \$15 dollars which will include dinner and drinks.

STUDENT EDUCATION FORUM

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) is running an online forum, Student ShoutOut! in partnership with OurSay to provide a platform where students can ask Minister for Education, Peter Garrett questions about the education system.

Watch this video that explains what Student ShoutOut! is about <http://youtu.be/ckdRtBZv4D4>. Students can then visit www.oursay.org and have their say. The Minister has agreed to answer three questions that obtain the most votes live at Parliament House. The forum will be streamed online so that students, parents and educators nation-wide can participate in this unprecedented student-driven conversation about education. Find out more at www.cpe.org.au

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is going to be operating once again as of Monday 16th October. It will operate every Wednesday & Thursday from 8.15-8.45am. Please check the school website for dates. Volunteers are still required and if we get a few more volunteers, the breakfast club can operate more often. So if you, or somebody you know, is able to spare a little time in the morning it would be greatly appreciated.

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P&C REPORT DEBUTANTE BALL

Recently six of our gorgeous Year 11 girls and their partners conducted a Spring Charity Debutante Ball. The group chose to divide the profits from their fundraising efforts equally to the Forbes Breast Cancer Support Group and the Forbes High School P&C. The girls looked absolutely stunning and their partners scrubbed up nicely for the occasion. The group consisted of Ellie Cowhan and Ben Schofield, Heidi Stewart and Jarred Tyack, Jes'Se Rushby and Aiden Clarke, Darcie Morrison and Tom Quigley, Joanna Spencer and Branden Dukes and Samantha Haley and Nic Bolam. The group were attended by pageboy, Austin Brown and his sister Isabella Brown was flower girl. Ex student, Aimee Woods, was the groups dance teacher and choreographed a beautiful modern routine which showcased the dancing talents of all the participants. The tempo moved from slow to upbeat with a spectacular lift mesmerising and amazing their guests. The photos were taken by another FHS student, Amie Weekes, who was called in at the last minute and did a wonderful job. Ball organisers highly recommend Amie to anyone looking for a photographer for any event. Miss Anna Townend did a fantastic job as MC for the evening and the girls were very grateful for the help and support from Anna and also Miss Fiona Isaacs who assisted their group prior to their presentation and dance.



KOORI KORNER

Welcome to term 4 for 2012. Now for some very important news - 2013 will see, for the first time ever, both the FHS school captains are Aboriginal students. Congratulations must go to Jes'Se Rushby and Aidan Clarke. What a great achievement. Both Aidan and Jes'Se have taken on this role already and are doing a great job.

What a great time we had at both our NAIDOC celebrations and the town NAIDOC celebrations. Our students from Girri Girri and School Based Traineeship excelled themselves at providing Indigenous games for both the community and our local primary schools. A big thank you must go to the teachers from Eugowra, FNPS and FPS for bringing their students up to Forbes High on our NAIDOC day.

We started our NAIDOC celebrations with the primary schools enjoying our students taking them through some traditional games. Then they all met in the School Hall with the high school students for FNP Wiradjuri choir showing us their talent, singing songs in language. This was followed by the Kalarie dancers from Condo (Louis Coe and Roy Pettersen) showing us their wonderful dances before people joined in at the end. For lunch we estimate over 650 students, staff and community members joined us for our BBQ of Traditional meats and Sausage sandwiches. I'd like to thank Mrs Holstein, Ms Norris, Donna Haines, Mr Sherrit and two of our new parents for next year Jodie and Wayne Markwort for their help with the BBQ, for without their help on days like this we wouldn't get fed. Thank you also to Larry Towney and Nick Gunn from the CMA for coming and offering to help.

While our numbers were down for students to participate in the community day due to conflicting excursions, the students who did go should be very proud at the professionalism they showed while doing Indigenous games at the Wiradjuri Dreaming centre. Students involved ranged from pre-school to high school students from other schools. They had a ball, eating Johnny Cakes and going to all the stalls and seeing the different opportunities out there for them.

GIRRI GIRRI SPORTS ACADEMY

Girri Girri Sports Academy aims to improve attendance rates and provide opportunities to improve literacy and numeracy skills for Aboriginal students. Our positive youth development program focuses on the individual talents, strengths and interests for academy members. As a result Academy Members have developed positive attitudes to learning and are successfully engaging in their local schools and communities.

In Term 1 we started our bronze medallion but we are yet to finish it this term. Also in term 1 we gained our resuscitation certificate. In March we went down to the Town pool and helped out with cleaning up after the flood.

In Term 2 we gained our Traditional Indigenous games train-the-trainer, a program run by the Department of Sport and Rec. Through this we learnt how to teach and play traditional games. We visited Forbes Primary School and taught Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3. We also gained our 0-5 netty for fun certificate, also run by the Dept of Sport and Rec.

In Term 3 we had a one day workshop with Uncle Ralph Naden from Gilgandra. He taught us traditional dancing and how to respect our Elders and Culture. This was sponsored by the Arts Out West program.

Girri Girri runs camps with other schools so we can all come together and meet new people; we went to Bourke and Brewarrina for a 3 day camp. Here we visited the Back O' Bourke museum, participated in the Ronny Gibbs cup, playing netball along with Orange High, Bathurst High and Canobolas High, participated in an Acknowledge the Country workshop and a strapping course. At Brewarrina we spent time with the kids from Gainmara Birrilee preschool and Mary Mckillop. We then went down to fish traps and watched kids as young as 7, catching fish with tree guards with water as high as their waists. We would like to thank Ms Stitt, Jenny Harpur, Jeff Brown and Brad Bell for taking us to Bourke.

This week we are planning a NAIDOC Day for the Pre-schoolers. While over the term we are also planning to attend Orange High NAIDOC Touch Footy GALA day as a reward for all our hard work this year.

I'd like to thank everyone that has helped us out this year, but a huge thanks to Miss Stitt and Joy Russell for organising everything we do.

Community Notices

ABORIGINAL DENTAL SCREENING

Free Aboriginal Dental Screening Day for Children 0-18 years

Yoorana Gunya in partnership with NSW Health are hosting a Free Aboriginal Dental Screening Day on Tuesday 27th November 2012.

This is an assessment day only and no work will be carried out on the day. Children requiring follow-up treatment will be notified and appointments booked at a later date.

Transport is available upon request and all children must have consent forms signed by a parent or carer.

Bookings are essential please phone Karen at Yoorana Gunya on 6850 1222 to make an appointment.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Multicultural Luncheon

Monday 10th December 2012, 12.00pm, Forbes Youth and Community Centre Cnr Battye and Press St. (near the swimming pool). Please bring a plate of cultural food to share.

South Cambodian Cooking Demonstration, Shared lunch for all, Christmas craft activity. For more information or to RSVP please contact Anni on 6393 8625 or Anita on 6850 2300.

LADIES NIGHT IN

Champagne, Canapes, Cinema.

Friday 16th November 2012, Forbes Services Memorial Club, 6.30pm. Tickets \$35.00 – available at the Club. Single or group purchases by 12th Nov. Complimentary champagne on arrival, lucky door prizes and giveaways, Health and beauty stalls. Free Movie Screening – “Magic Mike”. All proceeds to Forbes Breast Cancer Support Group.

INTERNATIONAL MEN’S DAY

Family Bowls Day, Sunday 18th November 2012, Forbes Sport & Recreation Club, Lachlan St. 3.00pm to 7.00pm.

Social Bowls Game, Express Health Checks, Jumping Castle, Giveaways and Sample Bags, Barbeque Dinner. FREE EVENT.

For information and to confirm attendance please phone Anita on 6850 2300 or Michael 68501777.



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Champagne Canapés Cinema



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19 November

HEALTH
"Helping Men & Boys Live Longer, Happier and Healthier Lives"

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