

Forbes High School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yearly exams and semester reports – we have commenced our program of yearly exams and assessments for 2012 and would like to wish our students all the best. Our end of semester reports draw up results from assessment tasks conducted throughout the semester but exams are an important component of our assessment schedules. They also provide students with the opportunity to develop important life skills. Importantly they also generally reward those students who have maintained a regular pattern of study and revision during the school year - helping to embed learning and understanding.

Attendance and completing Assessments – an important component of our PBL relates to doing your best. I am concerned with the number of times I am told of students who fail to complete assignments, homework and classwork. As well, I am concerned about the poor attendance of a small group of our students. Poor attendance and poor work ethic do not allow the school to determine satisfactory student's completion of a school year. If I find it necessary, then some students may have to repeat their current year. Advancement is not a given and it is a student's responsibility (supported by their parents) to show through work ethic, diligence and attendance that they are ready to move into the next year of learning.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Program (PBL) – One of our school goals is to provide students with explicit information and strategies so they can demonstrate successful and desirable behaviour. We have high expectations of our students and believe that by working to achieve greater consistency that, as a team, we will achieve better results and our focus can be directed to our core goal – improved educational outcomes, so students can realise their true potential. Our key themes are RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY and DOING YOUR BEST. Aggressive behaviour does not have a place in a respectful school. Responsible students take pride in their learning and success. Participating as part of the Forbes High School team helps build a positive and energetic learning environment. PBL is a win-win concept and we are firmly committed to reducing incidents of inappropriate behaviour and attitude and increasing student engagement and responsibility for learning.

Laptops 2013 – The provision of laptops will cease at the end of 2013. The Commonwealth funded Digital Education Revolution Program funding will finish. We expect to receive approximately 75 laptops as part of the final distribution and it is intended that these laptops will **not** be allocated to Year 9 students but kept as resources for classroom use, to enhance technology usage across the school. The school staff feel that this will be a more efficient way of enriching exposure to modern technology.

Year 12 Farewell – Friday 23rd November, Forbes RSL. This is expected to be a great event and a fitting finale to our current Year 12. I look forward to sharing in this event with our students, parents and friends. I remind you all in advance, however that this is an alcohol free event.

A new Deputy Principal for Forbes High School – As you are all aware, Ms Stacey Kelly has now left the school and this has created a vacancy for a new Deputy Principal. This position will be filled in the next three weeks by interview and hopefully in the next newsletter I will be in a position to announce the successful candidate.

DAVID HARRIS

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19 – Last day for students
21 – Last day for staff



A SEMESTER WITH 8HS3

This semester I have had the pleasure of exploring History with 8HS3. We have been discovering the contact and colonisation of the world, with a particular focus on the colonisation/invasion of Australia and North America. This has been really exciting and a wealth of knowledge and skills has been developed.

In the last couple of weeks we have been conducting extensive research into the tribes of North America. Particular favourites are the Mohawk and the Sioux. We have struggled to pronounce many of the tribe's names such as, the Algonquian and the Susquehannocks. We were all amazed when Mrs Russell told us that there was an Inuit tribe with almost identical beliefs to the Wiradjuri people. This has since sparked philosophical debates about lifestyles, beliefs, values, morals and ethics.

As a teacher I was surprised with how much the class already knew about the Indian tribes of North America. Before we even began researching, Jakob Smith was able to describe the types of houses that they lived in. This surprised me immensely. I have since found out that all of this knowledge can be attributed to a PlayStation game called Assassins Creed.

On behalf of the class, I can confidently say we are having an awesome time in History and our historical skills and knowledge is improving every day! Well done 8HS3, you rock!

"History is interesting and the bomb!" – Daniel Jones

Miss Glynn

CAIRNS

One day we went to Sydney in the morning to catch a plane at 11.30am and got to Cairns at 2.30pm, we got our luggage and left the airport and got a rental car to go to Port Douglas.

We stayed at a wonderful resort which was 5 star and was named QT. We went to our apartment and we had plasma screens with Austar, we rested that day and relaxed.

The next morning we went down town to see what was there, they had ice cream shops, swimwear, resorts and a diner. That night we had dinner and went to the tin shed which was pretty cool, it was big and the food was delicious.

The next day we went into Cairns which was 50 minutes away. We drove along a windy road, we finally got there and we saw what we could do. There was cable skiing, sky rail, white water rafting, bungee, and hang gliding.

The next day we went to white water rafting with our friends which was really fun. This was the first time for me and my sister but my mum and dad had done that in New Zealand. That same night we went to the kitchen bistro for dinner, it was good but not as good as the tin shed, my dad and I played pool, my dad won that game, we went home.

The next day I went bungee jumping by myself and it was really high. It was 50m high. It was really quick and done in no time, we left bungee jumping and we went back to Port Douglas and my dad and sister went hang gliding - they thought it was really cool.

The next morning we went home on the plane and we were on the plane for 3 hours, then we went home from Sydney for 5 hours which was a long drive. We were finally home to see our dog.

THE END (anonymous year 8 student)



INTERVIEW WITH MRS FLANNERY

By Nicolas Clarke

What's your name: Jacqueline Hodges

What's your favourite colour: Gold

Where do you come from: Sydney

What do you like about Forbes: It's friendly

What do you do other than teach: Likes reading, Likes going to concerts, ballet and watching her children play sports.

GAME REVIEW: ASSASSIN'S CREED III. BY JAKOB SMITH

Assassin's Creed III is a historical action-adventure open world stealth video game developed by Ubisoft Montreal and published by Ubisoft for Microsoft Windows. It is the fifth major instalment and the third numbered title in the Assassin's Creed series, and a direct sequel to 2011's Assassin's Creed: Revelations. The game was released worldwide for PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360, beginning in North America on October 30, 2012. A Wii and Microsoft Windows version will be released in November 2012.

Assassin's Creed III is set before, during and after the American Revolution from 1753 to 1783 featuring a new half English and half Mohawk also known by the adopted name of "Connor". In addition to the historical period, the game also features the "present day" setting, where series protagonist Desmond Miles must adventure to prevent the 2012 apocalypse, as his story develops and reaches a conclusion.

Type of system you need to use it on is ps3, Xbox 360, PC, Wii.

My Say: Game rating is 10/10. **How much does it cost?** About \$70 just for the game.

What do I like about the game? I like EVERYTHING about it. **How hard is the game?** Some parts are a bit hard but mostly easy. **What type of people would like it?** People who like action and adventure games.

FHS-News

DESCRIPTIONS OF A SOCIETY

The ground is damp
Footprints are left
As future fossils
For eager souls

The smoke smothers
All inhabitants
Last breaths of silence
For the needy

Looking through the lens
A moulded present
On a cold, dimmed past
Sad repetition

Once a thriving land
Now arid and bleak
To the hardest bone
And weakest mind

They've lost it all
The meaning, the light
The torch that once
Ignited the soul

A poem by Olivia Inwood Year 12

DEBUTANTE BALL

On Wednesday 7th November a presentation of proceeds from the first Forbes Charity Debutante Ball took place at Forbes High School. The group of six girls, all students of the school, divided their fundraising profits of \$1340.00 equally between the Forbes High P&C Association and the Forbes Breast Cancer Support Group. The Forbes High School P&C Association are currently raising funds to upgrade the school bus and the Forbes Breast Cancer Support Group are using the funds to purchase furnishings for an additional "Forbes Room" at Care West Lodge, accommodation for cancer patients and their carers in Orange that will make their stay more comfortable. All participants are very supportive of the initiatives of both groups and were pleased with their fundraising efforts.



A second group of Forbes High School students made their debut on Saturday 3rd November and looked absolutely stunning. Members of the second group included Brittany Collits, Samantha Jones, Amber Stevens and Melanie Davie. The group chose the Forbes High School P&C and the Forbes State Emergency Service as dual recipients of the proceeds from this event. Once again ex-student, Aimee Woods, choreographed and taught the group their exhibition dance which had a very entertaining finale.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is constantly being updated with new photos and calendar dates and information.

Visit forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and view the photo gallery and find out what is happening at our school.

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.

FHS-News

P&C REPORT

Hi Everyone, hard to believe it has been three weeks since the last newsletter and, not that anyone really wants to know, just six weeks till Christmas.

The monthly P&C meeting was held last Tuesday and a lot of interesting information was discussed. The SRC have been working on the canteen survey which will be given to staff and students this week. Once the survey results have been collated a canteen meeting will be held, hopefully 4th December, and ideas and suggestions will be discussed in an attempt to improve the service provided to the school community. The next meeting will be our last meeting for 2012 and will be held on Tuesday 11th December commencing at 6.30pm at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. Please note the change of time as we are planning to conduct a brief meeting from 6.30 – 7.00pm followed by an informal dinner to wrap up for the year. Dinner will comprise of a two course meal and tea and coffee for \$25.00. Come along and join us for a relaxed get together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of 2012 and get to know staff in an informal setting. Everyone is welcome but please contact Anita Morrison on 0405364512 with number attending by Monday 3rd December for catering purposes.

P&C MAJOR FUNDRAISER

A Major Fundraising Event has been organised for Thursday 29th November. The 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 and drinks (No alcohol permitted). There will be prizes for best dressed team and best decorated table as well as cash prizes for the winning teams so brush up on your trivia and start training now. Please purchase tickets by Friday 23rd November 2012.

MAJOR END OF YEAR RAFFLE

The Major End of Year Raffle will be on sale shortly with tickets going home to all families. Prizes are yet to be confirmed but 1st Prize will be a Flat Screen Television. The raffle will be drawn at the end of year school assembly on Friday 14th December.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is now operating every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.15 – 8.50am with increasing popularity. Please check the school website for dates. Our local Woolworths store is the sponsor for this program and have been a pleasure to work with and very supportive of this initiative. Forbes Woolworths Store Managers, Glen Moore and Robert Harris, joined students for breakfast on Thursday 15th November. Volunteers are still required and if we get a few more volunteers the breakfast club can operate more often. Thank you to all the current volunteers, Nancy Neville, Bessie Nicholson, Sam Williams and Darcie Morrison for giving your time to ensure that this program continues.



PHOTO'S NEEDED URGENTLY!

Production of the 2012 Acacia, school magazine, is well underway 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. These photos are required urgently so that the magazine can be printed ready for distribution at the end of year assembly. All photos need to be sent or delivered to the school office by next Friday 23rd November.

MULTICULTURAL LUNCHEON

Forbes High School's Dance Performance Troupe attended the Multicultural Luncheon held earlier this year. They performed a very energetic rendition of the Can Can to the delight of visitors and guests at the luncheon. The group was joined by Forbes North Public School and Forbes Public School who also provided an entertainment item for the afternoon. Pictured below are Grace Quigley, Samantha Clifton, Carly Morrison and Natasha Goodall.

FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL PARTNERSHIPS

Students of Forbes High School have recently had opportunities to work together with our local council in a number of activities. These experiences have not only benefited the students directly involved but will pave the way for future partnerships which provide long lasting benefits for the community as a whole.

AQUA AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR

2013 FHS Vice Captain, Darcie Morrison, was approached by Rachel Lilley, Grants Officer for Forbes Shire Council, and asked to partake in an Aqua Aerobics Instructor Course funded by Western NSW Health. After completing the training Darcie will become a registered volunteer and conduct free sessions for local community members during the next twelve months as part of the funding agreement.

YOUTH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Five of our Year 9 & Year 10 students have been selected as members of the Forbes Shire Council Youth Wellness Committee. The group was formed under the direction of Natalie Walker, Youth Liaison Officer with Forbes Shire Council. The group will meet regularly to discuss issues which the health of youth within our community. The five students are Ellie Cheney, Alex Coles, Paige Godden, Carly Morrison and Bronte Haynes.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Three of our Year 10 Students were approached by Forbes Shire Council's Youth Liaison Officer to join the Youth Advisory Committee. Ellie Cheney, Alex Coles and Carly Morrison have all accepted the invitation to be part of this committee which will help to improve activities and facilities as well as make recommendations that will benefit the youth within Forbes and surrounding areas.

Year 10 Industrial Technology

Year 10 students are putting the finishing touches on their projects in Industrial Technology-Timber. Some students have already completed their bedside cabinets and now completing coffee tables and cutting boards.



Schools Spectacular – Here we come!!

The Schools Spectacular is upon us! The 12 dancers who will be representing Forbes High in this year's School Spectacular head off to Sydney on Tuesday. Accompanied by Miss Townend, Mrs Jones and Anita Morrison, the group is very excited about the big week ahead. The trip will involve rehearsals, 2 matinee performances and 2 evening performances at the Sydney Entertainment Centre alongside 3000 other NSW public school students. The theme of this year's show is "Our Time" and the Forbes High dancers will feature in the closing item of Act One called 'Time to Celebrate.' They have given up many lunchtimes and sports afternoon to learn their choreography.

It has been a big build up to the show. Having successfully auditioned in Term One, the girls and their families have worked hard to fundraise in order to reduce expenses. A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and attended the Chef's Toolbox Master Class fundraiser. Thanks also to Woolworths who supported our BBQ and to Bernardi's for supporting our cake stall and raffle ticket sales. Special mention must go to Jane Tomlinson and Anita Morrison who worked tirelessly to organise these fundraising efforts and have helped to organise the trip. Their help is hugely appreciated.

Our major raffle was drawn at the school assembly on Monday 5th November and the prize winners were: Pat Wright, Phyllis Miller, Michelle Clifton, Ben Coles, Michelle Greenhalgh, Matt Quigley, Brian Warold, Lisa Glasson, Danial Greil, Judy Nicholson, Joy Russell and Tracey Lickess. Chef's Toolbox lucky door was won by Cheryl Barton.

Year 7 DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY



Year seven students have been busy designing and making remote control holders in Technology classes. They also draw the project using CAD programmes in computing classes and write a report

detailing the steps in construction. Students are encouraged to use phone cameras to record practical work and use the photos in the written report.



Community Notices

FORBES HIGH SCHOOL P&C FAMILY TRIVIA & GAMES NIGHT



Thursday 29th November 2012, Forbes High School Hall, 7.00PM Tickets \$10, Best Dressed Team Award, Best Table Decorations Award, Student Teams Welcome, BYO Food & Drinks (No Alcohol Permitted), Tickets on sale now at Forbes High School Office.

Please purchase by 22nd November 2012

For more information please phone:

Anita Morrison 0405364512 or Michele Quigley 0435051909

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.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



Carols By Candlelight will be held in Forbes on Sunday December 2 in Victoria Park. The Pre Carols concert will start at 7pm with Carols By Candlelight concert to start at

8pm. The Combined Primary School Choir will be back performing, joined by a talented line up of guest performers, and a special appearance from Santa. Glowcandles will be on sale and anyone wanting to hold a traditional candle will need to bring their own. A barbeque will be operating on the night, along with drinks and lollies for sale. The Forbes Town Band has been very busy organising and rehearsing for the night of entertainment to present to the community. In the case of inclement weather, the concerts will be transferred to the Forbes Town Hall, same times as above. Carols By Candlelight in Forbes is presented by Forbes Town Band and Mitchell Conservatorium Lachlan.

BECOME A WEP FAMILY!

Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

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Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

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Web: www.wep.org.au Email: info@wep.org.au

THE LATEST NEWS FROM CSU

You + CSU = \$20,000 Entries are now open for Charles Sturt University's 'You + CSU' competition, which gives school leavers a chance to win \$20,000 towards the cost of study at the University. All you have to do is upload a video describing what your ultimate CSU experience would be like and you could pocket the \$20,000 and land a role as CSU's Digital Ambassador for 2013.

Entry is open to all Australian school leavers and TAFE graduates from 2010, 2011 or 2012 who intend to begin their first university degree, full-time, on campus at CSU next year.

More details at www.csu.edu.au/experience and entries are open until December 9, so grab your camera or smartphone and start shooting!

Facebook information session

And to hear about the CSU experience straight from the horse's mouth, the University's 'CSU Future Students' page will be hosting a forum on December 20.

School leavers curious about what life on a CSU campus is really like can log in via www.facebook.com/csufuture and ask current students about their own experiences.

All the information will remain on the page for others to read in future, so your questions could soon be helping other future students get a feel for the CSU experience too.

But Facebook is just one of the ways you can connect with CSU... you can find us on Twitter (@CharlesSturtUni) and the web (CSU.edu.au) or you can call us on 1800 334 733