

Forbes High School Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 9

Friday 7 December 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are quickly moving towards Christmas. It is important that students remember that they are working up to the last day, Wednesday 19th December, therefore do not decrease your effort in class. We will be engaging in productive teaching until the end of the year. During the break it is also important that students continue to read and actively engage their minds to ensure that it is kept in practice for the following academic year. This can be done by finding something your child enjoys reading and making it available. Twenty minutes a day is adequate practice for them.

The school will be celebrating the success of 2012 with the Presentation Assembly to be held on Friday 14th December commencing at 10am. We encourage parents and community members to come and support students receiving awards for their great work throughout the year. We will also be opening the school to our parents from 9am on the day to allow them to visit specialist locations and facilities around the school and share an appreciation of the pride we have in Forbes High School. Junior reports will also be issued to students on this day.

One of the most rewarding times of the year is the Year 12 Farewell Formal which was held this year on Friday 23rd November at the RSL. As befits the occasion each student was dressed impeccably. For them this signifies the importance of the occasion. They have been an excellent group and great ambassador for this school and I wish them well with their future endeavours.

I would like to congratulate Mr Charles Dwyer who last week was successful at interview and I can now officially announce to the school and community, that he is the new Deputy Principal at Forbes High School. He has served admirably in this role in a relieving capacity for some time and it is wonderful to have him officially in the position. I know he will do an excellent job for our school.

Orientation Day for Year 6 into 7 took place Thursday December 6 and we are confident that as a result of our transition program, these students will settle into High School in an effective manner. Be advised that Term 1, 2013 start dates are: Wednesday 30th January – Year 7, 11 and 12 and Thursday 31st January for Year 8, 9 and 10.

Thank you to all the parents for their support throughout the year. Some issues that develop can be very challenging both for parents, students and the school. We appreciate the partnerships that have been developed between home and the school, along with your continuing communication; we hope this continues into next year.

I hope your Christmas break is joyous and the New Year is one of hope and happiness.



DAVID HARRIS

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is constantly being updated with new photos, calendar dates and information. Visit forbes-h.school@det.nsw.gov.au to find photos and information about our wonderful school.

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December

- 12 – Drama Performance Night
- 14 – FHS Open Day 9.00am
- 14 – Semester 2 and Major Assembly 10am
- 19 – Last day for students
- 21 – Last day for staff

2013

January

- 30 – Year 7, 11 and 12 students return
- 31 – Year 8, 9 and 10 students return

February

- 14 – School photos
- 22 – Swimming carnival



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SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2012 – 'OUR TIME'

Once again Forbes High School dancers had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Schools Spectacular. The Schools Spectacular is an annual production showcasing the talents of students from NSW Public Schools at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The show features over 3000 of the state's singers, dancers and musicians with the students rehearsing for many months in preparation for the four performances over 2 days and 2 nights.

This year Forbes High was represented by 12 students who participated in the Combined Dance. The students from years 7 -10 performed in a segment titled 'Time to Celebrate' which was the lively closing item of the first half of the show including the songs *Conga*, *Do Your Thing* and *I've Got Rhythm*.

In the lead up to the big event the dancers spent 2 days in Dubbo learning the choreography for their item alongside students from Cobar and Nyngan High Schools. They then spent many lunchtimes and sports afternoons practising their dance.

The group travelled to Sydney on November 21st and took part in major combined rehearsals before performing in four shows on November 23rd and 24th. You

will be able to see this year's show on ABC2 on New Year's Eve.

All their hard work, preparation and fundraising paid off as the group accompanied by Ms Townend, Mrs Jones and Anita Morrison had a fantastic time away. The dancers were impeccable ambassadors for their school and Forbes. As well as performing they also managed to squeeze in some all-important retail therapy and a screening of *Breaking Dawn Part II*!

Once again a big thank you to Mrs Jones for navigating the school bus through confusing city streets and lots of traffic and we would all have starved without the delicious food and creature comforts provided by Anita Morrison – thanks!



Back row (L-R) Chloe, Carly, Stephanie, Samantha, Isobelle, Ellie, Brooke.
Front row (L-R) Molly, Grace, Nicole, Cristy, Georgia



DRAMA PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Wednesday 12th December 2012 (12/12/12)
Start Time: 6.30pm
School Hall
Gold Coin Donation
Please come and support the Drama students of 2012 in their end of year Drama Performance.

P&C REPORT

The last monthly P&C meeting for 2012 will be held next Tuesday, 11th December at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. A brief meeting will be held from 6.30pm – 7.00pm followed by an informal dinner. 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 as soon as possible.

The canteen survey prepared and distributed by the SRC has been completed and collated. The results were summarised in a report and discussed at the canteen committee meeting held on Tuesday. There will be some exciting changes made to the canteen for 2013 based on these results including, more variety to the menu, fortnightly specials and meal deals.

MAJOR END OF YEAR RAFFLE

The Major End of Year Raffle is on sale now with tickets sent home to all families this week. 1st Prize is a Samsung 40 inch LED Flat Screen Television which is on display in the vestibule. The raffle will be drawn at the end of year school assembly on Friday 14th December so get your tickets in as soon as possible. Extra books can be collected from the school office and there is a great book seller's prize up for grabs and the more books you sell the more chances you have to win.

FORBES HIGH SCHOOL PBL VIDEOS

Positive Behaviour for Learning or PBL is a welfare and behaviour support system that is well-established at Forbes High School. PBL aims to explicitly teach students expected behaviours allowing them to make the most of their school lives and achieve to the best of their abilities. The four values of respect, responsibility, honesty and doing your best are promoted and expected across all school settings and those students who uphold these values are regularly acknowledged and rewarded. The link below will give you access to some of the videos we have created as part of our PBL teaching strategies.

http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIVy3IFTb8hylzGFhfHCvliw2yELO-VZH&feature=mh_lolz

NEW SCHOOL LEAVING AGE

As of January 2012, NSW has a new school leaving age, meaning students will complete Year 10 and then have a number of options in which to participate until at least age 17. What's New?

1. From 2012, all NSW students must complete Year 10.
2. After Year 10 and until the age of 17 student must be:
 - a. in school, or registered for home schooling OR
 - b. in approved, or registered for home schooling OR
 - c. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hrs/week) OR
 - d. in a combination of these.

More information www.schools.nsw.edu.au

School Leaving Age FAQs

All students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17, students must be:

- in school, or registered for home schooling, or
- in approved education or training (eg TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
- in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hrs/week) or
- in a combination of work, education and/or training.

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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CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC



Forbes High School students
Sam Williams 2nd
from left and Thomas
Haynes 5th from left.

We were pleased
to host our 2012
Staff and Student

Showcase concert at the Forbes Public School Hall last Friday 30th November. We are very grateful to Denise King and the Staff at Forbes Public who are most willing to let us use their new hall. The concert showcased an eclectic mix of ages stages and instruments. Student Scholarship Winners who performed included (left to right) Vince Umbers, Sam Williams (Forbes High School), Ruby Stitt (Forbes Public School), Emma Greenland, Thomas Haynes (Forbes High School) James McKay and Nicholas McFadyen (absent – Natalie Sharp). Staff performances included a fiery duet by Micheile Blunt and Kerrieann Hood; performances on Clarinet and Saxophone by Justin Screen; and a final trio of Andrew Baker, Doug Richards and Justin Screen performing 'I Know Him So Well' from the Musical 'Chess'. We are also grateful to the Lachlan Friends, Barbara Bruce and Margaret Willmott for presenting their scholarships.

PURPLE DAY

Purple Day was held on Friday 7th December 2012. Purple day coincides with our PBL program. Positive Behaviour for Learning or PBL is a welfare and behaviour support system that is well-established at Forbes High School. These days instill in students that through good behaviour comes rewards.



Forbes High School

Education for a Better Quality of Life

Parents, Carers, Grandparents & Family Members
are invited to attend

2012 Major Assembly & Open Day

Friday 14th December 2012

9.00am – 10.00am

Forbes High School Hall

Come along and meet our Staff & student representatives, tour the school facilities and hear about the exciting programs, opportunities and experiences available to students at Forbes High School.

The 2012 Presentation Assembly will commence at 10.00am followed by a complimentary morning tea.



2012 Student Representative Council

MOVEMBER AT FHS

Numerous staff members and students participated in Movember 2012. Many just sacrificed well grown moustaches but Mr Dwyer sacrificed much more for his efforts in Movember



Further Information

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Community Notices

GIRLS EMPOWERMENT CAMP

The Office of Communities is conducting a Girl's Empowerment Camp at the Lake Burrendong Sport & Recreation Centre from Monday 14 January 2013 till Friday 18 January 2013. The camp explores issues such as self-esteem, body image, relationship building and personal safety. Show your creative flair making a journal to include the memories and friendships made along the way. There will be lots of other fun outdoor activities included as well. Cost of the camp is \$289.90.

Enrolments are open to girls aged 13 – 16 years of age from Monday 24th December until 5pm Monday 7th January. Call 131302 to book and pay over the phone or download our enrolment form and return it with payment to Sport and Recreation, Client Service Centre, Locked Bag 1422 Silverwater NSW 2128.

http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/camps/enrol_kidscamps.pdf

or find us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/NSWSportandRecreation

FOR SALE

2012 Kymco "Like 125" Scooter (Automatic), reg till 30 April 2013, less than 200kms, great runabout for town or as a learner bike, topbox included. Fun and funky looking, as new condition still under warranty. \$2700 ono. Call Karen 0427 515 470

CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

The Mitchell Conservatorium, servicing Forbes and Parkes and surrounding regions provides community-focused music education opportunities for all members of the community. From private tuition to community bands and choirs, from music theory to school ensembles and early childhood music, programs can be suited to your individual needs. Please call Jane or Andrew on 6852 3766 or email lachlan@mitchellconservatorium.edu.au

Merry Christmas
and all the
best for 2013

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.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!

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.

Become a WEP Host Family – It's Easy!

Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you'll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

FIND OUT MORE!

Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack. Phone: 1300 884 733

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