

# Forbes High School Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been an industrious time for the staff and students of Forbes High School over the past month. It is extremely pleasing to see our students being given the opportunity to succeed and grow in a wide variety of forums relating to academics, sport, creative and performing arts and leadership. I believe as a school community we need to celebrate and promote these successes as models for what is achievable and below are examples of just that.

The exhibit at the Forbes Show proved to be an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and creativity to the wider community. In a testament to their application, effort and quality of work our exhibit was awarded the 'Best Indoor Commercial Exhibitors Award'. A special mention and thanks must be afforded to Anita Morrison for her efforts in coordinating the creation of the exhibit and to the staff who gave up their time over the two days to man the stall and interact positively with the community.

On August 29 a team of our students attended Corinella PS for the 'Kids Teaching Kids' conference as part of the 'Year of the Farmer' celebrations. Throughout the day the students undertook leadership roles assisting younger students, fulfilling catering duties and providing entertainment with a dance rendition. These students were tremendous ambassadors for the school and this opportunity further developed our links with our partner schools in the Lachlan Valley Community of Schools.

On the sporting field we had four students attend the NSW Combined High Schools athletics championships Darcie Morrison, Laura Herbert, Dylan Robb and Jess Pascoe. All students competed admirably and it is an achievement in itself to qualify for events at this level. Jess' performances in the 1500m and 800m need special mention and congratulations as she won gold and silver respectively.

In a time when the funding of public schools is being heavily scrutinised we have had some positive news. As a result of the completion of the Priority Schools Program surveys, which were completed earlier in the year, Forbes HS has been allocated Transitional Equity Funding. This means that we will receive a monetary and indicative staffing supplementation for 2013. These funds will be used to support our school plans, maximising opportunities to explore innovative practices that support continuous improvement in our students' achievement. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Kelly and the P&C for their contributions in obtaining the funding and you, as parents, for making the commitment to complete the necessary surveys.

The HSC examinations are fast approaching and Year 12 will formally graduate from Forbes HS on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. I would like to sincerely wish all students the very best as they embark on life post-secondary schooling. As a school it is our commitment to provide students with the necessary skills to achieve their desired pathway and we hope that opportunities are taken with both hands. To the parents of our students we thank you for your support along the journey.

School holidays will commence from Monday 24th September and school will resume on Monday 8th October. There will be **no** Staff Development Day to start the term. The Staff Development Days will take place on the final two days of the school year. I wish all students and their families a safe and relaxing time.

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## Calendar

### September

21 - Last day Term 3  
21 - Yr 12 Graduation Assembly

### October

8 - Students return term 4  
15 - Stage 4 excursion

### 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



# FHS-News

## PRINCIPALS REPORT Cont

In closing I would like to acknowledge the service and support that Gregg Summerhayes has provided to the Forbes community. For over three decades Gregg has educated the young and impressionable minds of thousands of students with impeccable standards and professionalism. He has been a teacher, mentor and friend to many and he will be sorely missed by the Forbes High School family on his retirement at the end of this term. Gregg we wish you all the best in the forthcoming years.

CHARLES DWYER

## DUBBO WETHER TRIAL

On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August five students from Forbes High School attended the Inaugural Schools Merino Wether Trial at Dubbo Showgrounds.

Schools from all over the state entered teams of three Merino wethers which they had prepared at their schools. The sheep were then judged for their wool, carcase quality and an overall combined productive unit scores.

Out of 22 wether teams that competed Forbes High's Team won Reserve Champion overall team of wethers.

Heather Earney, Holly Campbell, Emma Jones, Ethan Byrne and Dylan McIntosh Should be commended for the way they represented the School and their community as well as the preparation and presentation of the team of wethers at the trial.

Forbes High School would also like to thank Tom and Kate Kirk who generously donated the wethers to the school so we could compete in the trial.

## NAIDOC DEBATING

On June 26<sup>th</sup> the Forbes High Senior debating team took part in the Lachlan Catchment Management NAIDOC Debating Day in Forbes. The team consisted of Maddie Chandler, Heather Earney, Kristen Dukes and Tom Smith. The team had two debates during the day on the topic of "The Tent Embassy 40 years on." They won the first debate and narrowly lost the second debate. This result gave them second place overall. The team will now compete in the State Final of the NAIDOC debating during term four.



## MIND MARATHON FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED BOYS IN YR 7

Six year 7 boys represented Forbes High School on August 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 at East Hills Boys Technology High School, Sydney in the Mind Marathon for Gifted and Talented Boys in yr7. The team consisted of Daniel Ashcroft (Captain) Mitchell Ashcroft, Hamish Coles, Jaehoon Kim, Baedon Isbester, Mitchell Howard. This team was place 14<sup>th</sup> overall.



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## KIDS TEACHING KIDS CONFERENCE AT CORINELLA

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August Forbes High School students had the pleasure of helping Corinella PS as they hosted Kids Teaching Kids 2012. The day involved a large number of the local primary schools coming together to teach each other about environmental issues with a focus on the Year of the Farmer. The Forbes High School dance troupe and six hospitality students travelled to Corinella to take part in the day's events.

The dancers helped to introduce each of the school groups and were very impressed by each of their informative presentations. They then gave a lively performance of the Can Can before teaching the primary students their own Can Can routine. It was fantastic to see teachers and students of all ages from across the region literally kicking up their heels!

Our hospitality students from Year 10 and 11 played an equally important role in the success of the day helping the Corinella P&C to put on a roast lunch for everyone involved. They worked professionally and diligently to prepare and serve a delicious lunch.

All the students were fantastic ambassadors for Forbes High. They thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the primary school students and the Corinella community. The day was enjoyed by all involved and congratulations must go to Corinella Principal Beverly Cartwright, her staff, parents and students for their wonderful hospitality.



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS AT FHS

We are currently supporting a number of university students as they undertake professional experience placements as part of their education qualifications. Dylan Clunes from UNSW has been completing a 6 week practicum in the English faculty, working with a variety of classes and sharing his passion for literature and critical thinking. Emma Phillips and Amanda Stern are both completing a Master of Teaching at the University of Sydney. Miss Phillips is based in the HSIE faculty whilst Miss Stern is working in Science. It is always great to see Education students engaging with the chance to see a vibrant, rural high school in action as they work towards their degrees.



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## READY STEADY COOK

On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August, 12 year 10 and 11 students travelled to Sydney for a Hospitality excursion with Mrs Jones and Mr Ward.

Our first activity was a cooking class with Brett from Sydney Cooking School. Students watched and participated in a pizza and pasta class which involved students making and rolling pasta dough, creating their own tortellini, making pizza dough and then creating their own individualised pizza. The students (and teachers) learned valuable lessons from the class and thoroughly enjoyed eating their creations.

From there, students were taken on a bus tour of some of Sydney's attractions and concluded the evening with Laser Tag and Ten pin bowling.

Wednesday morning started with breakfast and watching unlimited repeats of Sally Pearson's gold medal winning hurdles race. From there, we took a walking tour of Darling Harbour on the way to channel ten studios. We nearly didn't make it to the studios due to some interesting walking directions.

Luckily, we did make it on time and we spent the day watching two episodes of Ready Steady Cook being filmed. The warm up guy Steve made it an interesting day especially with the large number of re-takes required for the first episode – they just couldn't seem to get it right! He also left a lasting impression with his selfie on the school camera.

The students got involved enthusiastically with the show even though they missed out on the opportunity to try any of the food. Many came away with sore hands as a result of the constant request for clapping. The highlight of the day would have to have been when Heidi Stewart won the talent quest singing Britney Spears. Her prize was a signed apron.

All greatly enjoyed the trip and hopefully each person was able to take something new away from the experience.



## 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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## P&C REPORT FOR NEWSLETTER

The monthly P&C meeting was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and was, sadly, poorly attended by parents. These meetings are a great opportunity to get an insight into what is happening within the school and we would encourage all families to send a representative.

At present the P&C are focussing their fundraising efforts on the upgrading of our school bus. Our bus is an essential asset to the school and is used regularly for school excursions for all of the school faculties and substantially lowers the costs for participants. It is envisaged that proceeds from future fundraising activities will be directed to this specific initiative. It is hoped that the P&C will host a Family Fun Evening early next term and we will be running our Annual Presentation Raffle so please be supportive. The P&C are always looking for new and interesting fundraising ideas so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

The P&C are currently helping our School Spectacular Representatives to fundraise their expenses and a Monster Raffle is currently on sale. Little Extras have graciously sponsored this raffle with a beautiful set of luggage which will be displayed at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly and tickets will be available on the day for just \$2.

Due to staffing cutbacks and increased workloads of our teachers we are trying to create a pool of volunteers who would be happy to help out at school activities such as discos etc. Unfortunately our teachers cannot attend every extra-curricular activity due to their many commitments and families should be mindful that teachers are not reimbursed for this time.

It would be pleasing to see more parents and carers helping out at these events as this would ensure that our children do not miss out on these activities which are a reward for their continued efforts and good behaviour. If you are interested in adding your name to our volunteer list please contact Anita Morrison on 0405364512. We realise that everyone leads busy lives but if we have a large pool of volunteers to call on the workload is less for everyone.

The school is also looking for suitable volunteers to operate the free breakfast club which operates twice a week (Tuesday & Thursday) from the school canteen from 8.15am till approximately 9.00am. Woolworths supports this program with funding and if we do not use this funding the program will be lost. Grandparents or other family members are more than welcome.

Forbes High School has had great success this year in many different areas including sport, debating, gifted and talented, agriculture and academic achievements which was evident in the wonderful display at the Forbes Show where they were awarded Champion Commercial Exhibit. The quality of the display items was of an extremely high standard and a credit to the students and their teachers.

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9th October** at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. A canteen meeting will commence at 6.30pm followed by a regular monthly meeting at 7.00pm. The meetings are quite relaxed and informal and are usually finished by 8.00pm so please come along as they are very informative and your input is most welcome.



**FORBES HIGH SCHOOL  
SHOW DISPLAY 2012**



**CHAMPION INDOOR  
COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT**

# Community Notices

## LITTLE ATHLETICS

Forbes Little Athletics will be holding Registration Come and Try afternoons on Friday 14th and Friday 21st September between 4.00 and 6.00pm at Botanical Gardens Sporting Complex. For more information please phone (02) 68511147 or 0405364512



## NSW STATE YOUTH CONCERT BAND TOUR

Forbes Town Hall 7pm on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Come along and listen to one of our local FHS boys – Tom Haynes who plays with this Concert Band. Adults \$15, Concession \$10. Enquiries Fiona 0407 780 836

## WIRRINYA FAMILY PICNIC DAY

Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. (First Sunday of the school holidays). Age Races (starting at 11am), A-Grazing Race, Billy Boil, Tug-A-War, Gum Boot Races, Novelty Events. Start time is 10.30am at "The Shed" Wurrinya. Free Entry, canteen and BBQ operating all day. Bring your chairs and shade tent. Directions from Forbes head out the West Wyalong Road, turn left onto the Wurrinya Road after the service station. Go over railway line at Garema, turn right. Follow the road. At Wurrinya turn right after the white church. Major Raffle drawn on the day – an iPad

## RCSN DANCE

Regional dance programs at the CWA Centre, Forbes NSW - IRISH DANCING

Every Tuesday, during school terms

Dance Sessions:

5-12 years 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

13 and above 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

\$5.00 per lesson, all students welcome. More info online - <http://www.dance.rcsn.com.au>

Contact Us – 1300 871 952

[dance@rcsn.com.au](mailto:dance@rcsn.com.au)

## THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

An invitation to all 2012 year 9 and 10 students. The Science Experience – enjoy 2-4 days in which you will be introduced to some of the wonders of science and technology. Perform, listen and learn. Cost is \$110 for 2-3 day and \$145 for the 4 day program. For more info visit [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

## ASTRONOMY EVENTS IN COONABARABRAN

### ANNUAL SCIENCE IN THE PUB

This entertaining event starts the weekend off on Friday October 5th, 2012 from 6.30pm. This annual debate is definitely entertaining and can be thoroughly outrageous at times as a group of astronomers from various backgrounds debate a topic of astronomical interest at the Royal Hotel, John Street Coonabarabran. This event has an entry fee of \$5 and provides entry into the drawer for a variety of prizes on the night. Food is available for sale on the night. Bookings would be appreciated. Vegetarian meals are also available. Enjoy Dr Fred Watson and his colleagues debating a topic of "astronomical" and be a part of the fun!

### SIDING SPRING OPEN DAY

On Saturday Oct 6, the Annual Siding Spring Open Day will be held at Siding Spring Observatory. A number of the telescopes will be open during the day to the public. There will be a BBQ lunch available; a shuttle bus on site to help you move around and see all there is to see. You will have the opportunity to talk to astronomers and learn about what science is carried out here. Solar observing will also be available and there will be talks in the Exploratory lecture theatre throughout the day. The Exploratory cafe will be opened and entry to the event is free. The Open Day will start at 10am and run until 4pm. Visit the various telescopes and listen to astronomers talk about the research they do. Take part in the trivia treasure hunt to win prizes on the day.

### ANNUAL BOK LECTURE

Saturday evening will culminate with the annual Bok lecture. This is a free lecture, held at the Coonabarabran Primary School in George Street, Coonabarabran.

The Bok Lecture is a light hearted look at astronomy and is accessible to even the most non-science mind.

This night is open to everyone and is free. The event starts at 7pm.

For more information on all these events or to make a booking please contact Donna Burton at Siding Spring Observatory on 02 6842 6255 or by email [donna@mso.anu.edu.au](mailto:donna@mso.anu.edu.au).