

# Forbes High School Newsletter

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Term 3 - Week 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we pass the half way mark of Term 3 it continues to be an exciting and industrious time at Forbes High School. Our year 12 students have recently completed their Trial HSC examinations. The results that they achieve will provide them with feedback on their progress and possible areas for improvement going forward towards their final exams. The HSC examinations will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and conclude on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. I encourage students to manage their time effectively in terms of study, work and leisure activities in order give themselves the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability.

It is nearing the time for students currently in year 10 to make subject selections for their Stage 6 pattern of study. In preparation for this and to allow students and parents to make informed decisions we will be holding a subject selection evening on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August. This will take place in the school library from 6.00pm. There will be a presentation of the selection process and specific staff will be available to assist with questions relating to the courses on offer. I do encourage you to attend in order to be able to make the best choices possible.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be holding our Semester 2 Parent/Teacher interviews in the Hall from 5-7pm. This time offers an excellent opportunity for discussion to take place in relation to your child's progress and other pertinent information. Interview time booking sheets will be sent home with students in the coming week.

I would like to congratulate Jarrod and Mitchell Andrews on their selection in NSW Combined High Schools lawn bowls team. Jarrod and Mitchell competed in the Western team with their sister Kaitlyn finishing fourth at the state championships in Wagga Wagga. As a result of their performances these two students have continued the proud history of sporting success at Forbes High and we wish them every success when they compete in Port Macquarie in September.

Further congratulations are afforded to our stage 5 and NAIDOC debating teams who have recently competed in their respective Western region finals. Our stage 5 team debated fiercely and was awarded runner-up to Orange HS, with our NAIDOC team performing outstandingly to take out the competition from Kelso HS and move forward to the state finals in Sydney. As a result of her excellent communication skills demonstrated throughout the series of debates, Maddison Collits was selected to represent Western region.

Our Year 6 into 7 transition program has continued to be led by Mrs Slack-Smith and has approached an exciting time for students. The opportunity has now been provided for students from our local primary schools to attend Forbes HS on a Wednesday afternoon to participate in 'taster' lessons and experience what high school classes' look, feel and sound like. The success of this program is built on a strong partnership between our local public schools and is essential in better preparing students for such a major change in their lives.

The annual Forbes Show on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September is fast approaching and we will again be exhibiting the tremendous work of our students. Over the past two years our display has led to us being awarded 'best commercial exhibit' and we are keen to claim the title for a third year running. We hope to see you there and come up and say hello. The day has been gazetted as a 'local event day' and not a public holiday therefore the school will be open from 9am to 3.10pm.

Have a great weekend  
Charles Dwyer



## GOOD LUCK YEAR 10 FOR THE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Year 10 will be traveling to Newcastle on Monday in preparations for their NSW finals of the Science & Engineering Challenge. The NSW finals will be held on Tuesday at the campus of the University of Newcastle. Year 10 managed to make the finals after outshining the opposition at the Regional competition held at Red Bend. We are proud to represent the community of Forbes and Forbes High School at this event which showcases competitors from some of NSW most prestigious and selective schools. We would like to thank our generous sponsors who have helped enormously to make this trip possible – Forbes Motor Show, Forbes Small Winemakers, Forbes Rotary & Forbes High School P&C.



### August

- 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Science & Engineering Challenge Newcastle
- 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Dubbo Sheep Competition
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Stage 6 Information Night 7.30pm Library
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Senior Dance Troupe to Orange Eisteddfod

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 12 Disco
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 Mock Car Crash
- 5<sup>th</sup> – FHS on Tour
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 11 Final Exams Begin
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Support Unit League Tag to Wellington
- 17<sup>th</sup> – FHS NAIDOC Day Celebrations
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 12 Graduation Assembly 10am

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## FORBES HIGH DEBATES WAY TO GRAND FINAL

Forbes High School was at the top of their game when Year 9 and 10 debaters were preparing for the regional finals recently.

After remaining undefeated in their Zone, Forbes High School (Team B) were invited to attend the Western NSW Premier's Debating Challenge Final at Dubbo College Senior Campus.

The teenage team, consisting of Maddison Collits, Georgia Woods, Danielle Jenkins, Nic Mulligan, and Jessy-Lea Byrnes, squared off against other zone winners of the western region, which consisted of teams from Trangie, Orange, and Kelso. They debated the topic 'censoring violent song lyrics', against Denison College Kelso High School, in the second semi-final with a convincing win by the end, earning themselves a place in the Grand Final against Orange High School.

Forbes High valiantly debated against a strong opposition, but were unable to take the win. "They didn't go down without a fight, with students proving they were worthy of the gold. However they were named runners-up at the regional final, bringing Forbes High School back into the mix of top end debaters in Central West", said teacher and Team Coach Mr Andrew Swan.

"The students are great examples of the talent we have here at Forbes High. It was a pleasure to coach them, though I must admit, the students had such strong skills that they barely needed any coaching".

A highlight of the grand final was local student, Maddison Collits, being selected in the Western NSW Junior Debating Squad. She will represent Forbes High School and Western NSW in Sydney at a gala event consisting of the very best debaters from all over the state.

Excited about the news, Maddison Collits is thrilled to be selected for such a prestigious role. "I was shocked and surprised to be included, but I am looking forward to it!" said Collits.

Students will now take a well-earned rest, but not without supporting Maddison through her upcoming journey.

For updated school news, highlights, enrolment details and to keep updated with Maddison's journey ahead, please visit

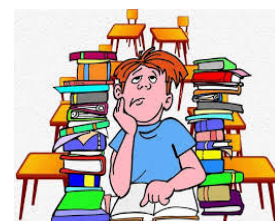
[www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au).



Maddison Collits debating in Dubbo

## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ASSESSMENTS?

Help with Assessment Tasks is available in the Library at lunchtimes. Please see Mrs Flannery if you would like assistance. Remember that it is best to seek assistance before the assessment is due!!



## YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING DISCO

Year 12 are currently fundraising to purchase a parting gift for the school and will be hosting a "DISCO" on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 6.30pm – 9.30pm in the school hall. There is a gold coin entry fee and food and drinks will be available.



## P&C NEWS

The next meeting of the Forbes High School P&C will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at the Forbes Services Memorial Club commencing at 7.00pm. We will be discussing the 2014 Junior Dinner Dance and Major Raffle. Everyone is welcome to attend and please bring a friend.

# FHS - News

## 15 YEARS BASKETBALL

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August students in year 8 and 9 travelled out to West Wyalong to compete in the CHS 15's Basketball knockout. The competition was small this year with withdrawals from Boroowa and Cowra High School, leaving the competition with only Forbes, West Wyalong, and Parkes High School. As a result, students played one game at a time on the full sized court allowing the boys and girls teams to watch and cheer each other on.

The boys were up first against the long undefeated West Wyalong. Our boys took a while to find their feet, giving West Wyalong an undesired lead. Jimson displayed some skillful dribbling and the boys began to gel as a team more in the second half. Unfortunately this was not enough to beat the well-drilled West Wyalong losing 72-12.

The girls were up next to face West Wyalong. Their effort in defence was excellent, showing they had paid close attention at training. The girls managed to keep the score line down in the first half, which was a huge feat against such a strong team. Unfortunately, the girls were finding it difficult to score and the score line blew out in the second half giving West Wyalong a 41-2 win.

The boys played Parkes in the following game. They started much stronger than their first game. Unfortunately, a few lapses in concentration in defense and an increasing foul count saw Parkes take the game 28-14. With a little more training and experience the boys will improve and next year they will give Parkes a run for their money.

The girls wrapped up the final game for the day playing Parkes. The girls maintained their strong defense from the previous game against West Wyalong and managed to get their eye in, scoring some quick first points. The girls maintained a comfortable lead up until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter where they became a little too comfortable. Better late than never Parkes found their game and began to close the gap. Our girls struggled to score again and found themselves holding on by one basket. Luckily the girls maintained their composure and kept possession of the ball in the last minute taking the game 16-14.

Overall, the day was great fun and the students proudly represented Forbes as respectful and responsible sportsmen and women. A big thank you to Bradley Bainbridge for recently acquiring his bus license to transport the students to West Wyalong and for coaching the boys team. To really look the part he needed to be wearing his bus hat and 'captain of the coach' badge and show respect to fellow bus drivers. Hopefully with a little more experience he will uphold the bus driver etiquette. Also a big thank you to Sarah Anstey (AKA super coach) who maintained Forbes High School's dignity by securing the only win of the day.



15 Years Girls Team



15 Years Boys Team

## IT'S SHOW TIME!

Attention families! Forbes Show is almost upon us, with the 5-6<sup>th</sup> of September just around the corner. Now is the time to get in early to the Show Office and pay your memberships before the big rush for the cut-off date of Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Annual membership is \$35 which covers entry for you, one guest and members of the family to High School age, together with parking. Single membership is \$25 and covers one adult and 3 school aged children. While you are paying your memberships make sure you buy some ride tickets, at \$25 per sheet for \$30 worth of rides, they are definitely worth pre-buying! Another thing to consider is buying your entry cards for Pavilion Entries if you or your children are competing any of the events. These can be bought now at the Show Office from 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday, or from "Glass Menagerie" on Templar St, to avoid the Thursday morning rush in the President's Room next to the Show Office on the day before the Show. Show Schedules can be picked up at the "Forbes Advocate" Office or the Show Office. If you are looking for any further information, call Jan Facey at the Show Office on (02) 6852 1311.

### Thank you

Forbes High School would like to acknowledge the on going support of our student programs from Woolworths Supermarket and Barrick Gold, Lake Cowal Mine. Without these partners many programs at Forbes High would not run.

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## STAGE 5 GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY



Last semester students were set the challenge of designing a 'Graphics Package' for a restaurant or café of their design. This included developing concepts for a Logo, Menu and Business Card. Students produced their final designs using Adobe Illustrator Software. The results are impressive given the students limited experience with the software and they should all be proud of their efforts.

Mr Moore

**Left:** A random selection of the creative designs produced by students as part of the project.

**Bellow:** Students demonstrating the process of both individual and collaborative work that was required during the project



Jacob Beard & Mitchell Ashcroft



Brooke Howarth & Britney Dukes



Patrick Turner & Hamish Coles

## WESTERN REGION LAWN BOWLS

Recently two of our Senior students, Jarrod Andrews Year 12 and Mitchell Andrews Year 11, competed in the Western Region Lawn Bowls Competition. The two brothers competed well in on the day and were selected in the Combined High Schools Open Team which will compete at the Championships in Port Macquarie from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> September.



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## SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is constantly being updated with new photos, calendar dates and information. Visit [www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) to find photos and information about our wonderful school.

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## NAIDOC DEBATING TEAM



Nic Mulligan, Maddison Collits, Dean Murray, Paige Thomas & Georgia Woods



Maddison Collits & Paige Thomas with some of the prizes won by the team.

## FOR SALE!



### PRE LOVED SCHOOL BUS

1997 Toyota Coaster, 4.2 litre diesel, 22 seater, manual, power steering, dual zone air conditioning with automatic door. This bus has only done 160,000kms is serviced regularly in excellent condition registered till December 2014. \$17500.00 ono  
For more information please phone Forbes High School on 68522666

## DEBATERS DO IT AGAIN

Fresh from their recent success at the Western NSW Premier's Debating Finals, where they placed as runners up, Forbes High School has won the Western NSW NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge.

Organiser of the event, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer for the Department of Education and Communities Dean Murray, was pleased with the success of the day. "The Aboriginal Education Team believes in supporting schools in the development of public speaking and debating to foster the role of young people in environmental and community leadership."

The competition also aims to bring together Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal students. As such, the requirements were that high schools field a team consisting of two Aboriginal students, and two Non-Aboriginal students.

Forbes High School fielded a team of the following students: Maddison Collits (Year 9), Paige Thomas (Year 7), Danielle Jenkins (Year 10) and Nic Mulligan (Year 9). Jessy-lea Byrnes (Year 9) and Bronte Haynes (Year 11) also assisted with research and writing of speeches.

The students debated whether or not the Australian Government has properly recognised the contribution of Aboriginal service men and women, during and after wartime, which is the theme of 2014 NAIDOC. In preparing for the debate, students researched both sides of this argument and presented a case for the affirmative and the negative.

Placing second in the Lachlan qualifying round, Forbes High went on to star in the Grand Final in Dubbo against Denison College, Kelso High School. They argued the negative case and won convincingly.

As such, the team has been selected to go to the State Finals held at Parliament House, Sydney on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. The team members were awarded with commemorative plaques, and a trophy and didgeridoo to present and display at the school.

Teacher Mrs. Emily Bass was proud of the team's efforts. "The students worked hard for this, and are absolutely thrilled to head to the State Finals."

While in Sydney for the debate, students will partake in cultural activities and build positive relationships with other schools and students.

Team member Nic Mulligan cannot wait to represent Forbes High School at the event. "I am excited and hopeful that we as a team can do our school and community proud."

For updated school news, highlights, enrolment details and to keep updated with the team's journey ahead, please visit [www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FORBES SHOW BALL

Forbes Show Ball is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August this year, with the theme of 'An Enchanted Evening'. The Forbes Show Ball is a fabulous night out, with a wonderful mix of people from the community who come together to support the Forbes Show and the Showgirl competition, and to just enjoy a wonderful formal evening out! Tickets this year are \$65, which includes a 'picnic dinner' from 'Eat your Greens' and live music entertainment from Greg Hush. The event is BYO. The M.C. for the evening will be Mr Rowan Woods, and there will be a lucky door prize too. Tickets are for sale at 'Glass Menagerie' on Templar St, and they will be limited this year, to make plenty of room for dancing - there will be a dance card printed on the back of everyone's tickets, so make sure you put your dancing shoes on!

### LEGAL FIRST AID – FREE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014  
9.30am – 12.30pm  
Forbes Services Memorial Club  
41-43 Templar Street, Forbes  
Morning Tea provided.

*This free workshop is for frontline staff and volunteers in organisations that come into contact with people experiencing hardship. Learn how to identify whether your clients' problems are legal issues that could benefit from legal advice. Learn to make effective referrals to free legal services.*

#### Bookings essential

To register please phone Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre on 02 47824155 or email [bookings@eeclc.org.au](mailto:bookings@eeclc.org.au)

elizabeth evatt  
community legal centre



### MYTIME PLAYGROUP

Are you a parent or carer of a child (aged 0-16) with a disability or chronic medical condition?

'MyTime' playgroup is commencing in the Forbes/Parkes/Condobolin area on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

This is a weekly playgroup run from 10-12 noon at Little Learners Early Intervention Centre, Reid St Forbes (next to Forbes Pre School).

We hope to offer fun, friendship and support to families, and encourage children's learning and development through play.

Contact:  
Stacey McLelland  
MyTime Facilitator  
Playgroup NSW1800 171 882  
[staceygoodger@gmail.com](mailto:staceygoodger@gmail.com)

## PARKES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

Parke's Christian School's  
*Spring Fair*  
Please join us for a day packed with fun, fantastic food and market stalls

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 9:30am

Market Stalls	Mini Golf	Sumo Wrestling
Art Show	BBQ Lunch	Crafts
Garden Extravaganza	Jumping Castle	Kids Lucky Dip
Devonshire Tea	Face Painting	and so much more...

Parke's Christian School • Back Trundle Road, Parkes • 6862 4164

## AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS – GRENFELL

As an Army Cadet you'll be offered challenging & inspiring experiences. You will learn valuable life and work skills.

**Monday Parade Nights**  
**Grenfell Show Ground**  
**Alexandra Street**  
**GRENFELL NSW 2810**

**6.00 pm – 9.00 pm**

**For more information contact:**

**Lt. (AAC) Lorraine Mason**  
**0418 438 840**

**L.Cpl. (AAC) Camille Baldwin**  
**0427 661 211**

## AECG MEETING REMINDER

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 11.30am at Catholic Education Office, Johnson Street, Forbes.

## AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BLOOD SERVICE

**WHEN DID YOU  
LAST  
GIVE BLOOD?**



**Mon – Thurs**  
**25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9.40am – 2.50pm**

**Daily**

**Harold Street, Forbes**

**Phone: 131495**

**For an appointment**

## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Student Exchange to the USA?

Applications for January 2015 semester & year-long programs are OPEN NOW!

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