

Forbes High School Newsletter

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Term 3 - Week 9

Friday September 11, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we near the end of Term 3 many of you would be reading our newsletter as a result of visiting our wonderful show exhibit. I am passionate about celebrating the successes of our students and the show provides a wonderful opportunity to do this on a community level. The work samples on display are of a high quality and showcase the wide ranging learning experiences that our students are engaging in on a daily basis. Students are also showcasing their talents at the show by performing live musical numbers and entertaining patrons, showing livestock as members of our show teams, competing in jumping events and by entering a wide variety of categories for judging. I'd like to thank Anita Morrison and Rex Barton for the efforts they have put into making the display a worthy representation of our school.

Our livestock show teams have been competing in a variety of events over the past month that have included the Bedgerabong Show, Dubbo Wether Trials, Forbes Show and the upcoming Eugowra Show. Over this time the skills and confidence of our students has grown immensely and they have proven excellent ambassadors for our school and wider Forbes community. Students have been recognised on an individual level for their judging and our teams have achieved excellent results in comparison to a number of bigger and well-funded agricultural high schools. This would not have been possible without the commitment of students and our staff, Mr Byrne, Mrs Eagles and Mr Apps.

On Friday 18th September we will be celebrating the achievements and recognising the contribution of our year 12 students at our annual graduation assembly. This is a time for family, friends, staff and peers to reflect upon six years of secondary education and the experiences had along the way. I would like to extend an invitation to join us at 10.00am in the school hall to mark this occasion and share in a morning tea thereafter. This is also the final newsletter before Year 12 begin their HSC examinations on Monday 12th October. I would like to wish students the very best and encourage them all to apply themselves to the best of their abilities in order to achieve at a level at which they deserve.

I recently had the pleasure of accompanying several of our year 12 students to Forbes North Public School for a morning tea to celebrate the first high school graduating class of the 'Link Up' transition program. Year 12 students revelled in mixing with current 'Link Up' students, playing games and dancing to the Wiggles. There was also a lot of reminiscing with Mrs Marks and Mr Thurston. This is a terrific example of the positive benefits of K-12 public education in our town and the opportunities made possible for our children.

I would like to congratulate all of the year 11 students who nominated for the positions of 2016 School Captains. Students were asked to respond to two questions relating to their specific skills and abilities and the importance of student leadership at our school. All students prepared and delivered high quality responses that made the decision of their peers and staff extremely difficult when casting votes. The successful candidates will be announced at our graduation assembly.

The term three school holidays begin on the 19th September, I wish all students a safe and relaxing break. School will resume on Tuesday 6th October as Monday is a public holiday.



September

11/12 – Forbes Show
14 – RSA/RCG Training
17 – League Tag (Support)
18/19 – Eugowra Show
18 – Year 12 Graduation Assembly

October

5 – Public Holiday
6 – School resumes
12 – HSC Begins

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TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Forbes High School staff have again been involved in a range of professional learning activities over the last three weeks including:

- Bridges Out of Poverty
- NSW Deputy Principal's Conference
- Northparkes Mine – Educational workshop

Teacher professional learning allows staff to continually extend on their knowledge and update their teaching practice. This will ultimately provide benefits to our students.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK

Our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

Partners in Learning Survey link https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17926&j_password=For8194

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

P&C NEWS

The next monthly P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October at the Forbes Services Memorial Club commencing at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and please bring a friend.

50 YEARS IN THE BAKING - RECIPES WANTED

As part of the 50th Year Celebration, the P&C are professionally publishing a stylish cookbook. Please help us compile this wonderful cookbook by submitting your favourite family recipes.

It is simple to submit your recipes!

Go to www.publishedauthors.com.au and submit your recipes using their quick and easy online template. If you do not have access to the internet drop your recipes into the school and it will be entered for you.

YEAR 12 DISCO & FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Last Thursday saw Year 12 celebrate their last disco. A big thank you to all students who made the effort and dressed up and came along. Discos are not possible without the supervision by staff, student participation and the behind the scenes work of the SRC. A massive thank you to Warren Baxter and Josh Goodall for DJ-ing the night. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to supervise. It is much appreciated and Year 12 is very grateful. The night was successful with record crowds on the dance floor. Year 12 raised over \$500 towards their gift to the school. Congratulations to Isobelle Herbert winning the ipod shuffle and a big thank you to Mr Gill for the donation.

Friday we celebrated Footy Colours Day. Thank you to everyone who dressed up in their favourite team colours. We raised \$281.00 for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Competition was at a high in the hall Friday lunch time with the footy passing comp. The following people won prizes which can be collected and presented by Mr Dwyer.

Ben Molloy
Warren Baxter
Ellysse Serplet-Girot
Megan Morrison.

There was a draw for the stage 6 comp. The following boys ended in a draw – Sam Clark, Louis Staines and Cooper Carroll. This will result in the boys having a pass off with the best of 10 passes granted the winner. This will take place after the Year 11 exam.



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FORBES HIGH MERINO'S DOMINATE AT DUBBO

On the 25th of August the Forbes High Show Team took four teams of Merino wethers to the 2015 School Wether Challenge at the National Merino Show and Sale.

The competition consisted of thirty six teams, from a range of public and private schools from throughout N.S.W. The teams were judged over two days on their wool quality, carcase quality and their scores added together to calculate the overall most valuable teams.

Firstly teams were judged in the production class with our Noakes team coming fourth.

All teams were then shorn, muscle and fat scanned and judged on their carcase quality. Forbes High's Dunkley team was judged champion carcase team, with our Noakes team coming second and our Kirk team coming fourth. The team's wool was then judged with our second Kirk team achieving fifth place.

All Values were then calculated together to determine the overall champion team. Forbes High was judged second, third, fourth and thirteenth with our four teams.

This was an amazing achievement with Forbes High and Yanco Agricultural School sharing the majority of the awards.

The students then participated in the Junior Judging events with 150 students competing. Again, Forbes High performed well with Sally Downie making the final 6 in the Wool Judging, and Laura Stewart making the final 6 in the Ram Judging.

Mr Byrne and Mrs Eagles were extremely proud of the student's behaviour and effort across the two days. The results we have achieved at this show were a great reward for all the hard work and dedication the show team had put into preparing the wethers for the event.

None of our achievements would be possible without the support of our local sheep producers. Forbes High would like to thank the Noakes, Dunkley and Kirk families for their support and donations this year, as well as Jason Hoey of Advanced Animal Nutrition for the donation of mineral supplement. To have three teams in the top four at the show is a credit to the producers of quality sheep genetics and nutritional science in the Lachlan area.



STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Alex Earney

School: Forbes High School

Year: 12

Age & Birthday: 18 – 19th May

Do you have any nicknames? AI

Do you have any brothers or sisters? Yes – one sister (Heather) and one brother (Henry)

What is your favourite past time? Soccer

Do you play any sports? What? Soccer, Hockey & Swimming

What is your favourite food? All Food

What do you want to do when you grow up? Become an Engineer

Who is your idol? My Mum & my Dad

What are three things you can't do without? Food, Friends & Family.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALE

The following items can be purchased from the school office at very affordable prices.

- Sport Shirts \$30.00
- Beanies \$10.00
- Art Books \$8.00
- Calculators \$25.00
- Tin Whistle \$10.00



Thank you

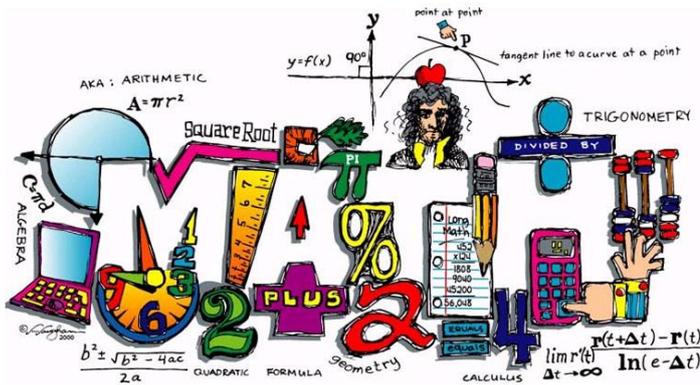
Forbes High School would like to acknowledge the on going support of our student programs from Woolworths Supermarket and Barrick Gold, Lake Cowal Mine. Without these partners many programs at Forbes High would not run.

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MATHEMATICS – SMILE TIME!

WHAT DID 'ZERO' SAY TO THE NUMBER '8'?
NICE BELT!

KNOCK KNOCK!
WHO'S THERE?
THE SQUARE ROOT OF 2!
THE SQUARE ROOT OF 2 WHO?
DON'T LISTEN TO ME I'M IRRATIONAL!!



BEDGERABONG SHOW AT A GLANCE!



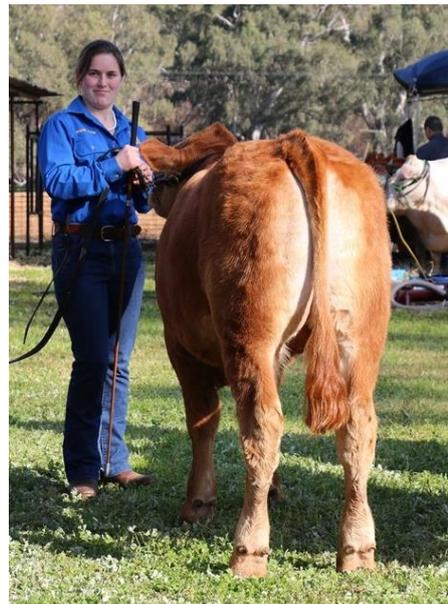
School Sports Shirts

Now \$30

Available from the School office.

PBL LOGO REVAMP

Forbes High School is giving students the opportunity to revamp the PBL Logo for 2016. For your chance to win a \$50 Find It In Forbes Gift Card, either draw or digitally design a new PBL Logo. We are also introducing a new mascot for PBL events and you are invited include a mascot as well. Make sure you incorporate the PBL values of RESPECTFUL, HONEST, RESPONSIBLE and DOING YOUR BEST into your design.



SCHOOL UNIFORM CLOTHING POOL

If you have any FHS uniforms sitting at home no longer needed can you please donate them to the FHS clothing pool.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

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AECG MEETING DATES

The Forbes Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meet once a term. Meetings commence at 11.30am. Below is a list of the 2015 meeting dates:

Monday 19th October
Catholic Education Office
Monday 7th December
Mezzanine

STAFF PROFILE

Name: Chris Moore

Place of Birth: Goulburn

Star Sign: Capricorn

Where you went to High School?

Trinity Catholic College - Goulburn

How many years working at FHS?

Almost 2 years

Number in current family? 4 (including 2 dogs)

What is the most important thing in your life? Fran – to save arguments

What is your favourite past time? Golf

Best book or movie? Shawshank Redemption

What is your favourite food? Asian

Best holiday destination? Anywhere by the beach

Who is your idol? Philippe Starck

What are three things you can't do without? Sleep, Coffee & Sunshine.



LEEP INTO LEARNING!

Stage 2 & 3 students from across five public schools converged on Forbes High School on Tuesday 25th of August for an outstanding day of learning in the Lachlan Engagement and Enrichment Program (LEEP). Students worked in groups with mentors from High School in two set subject disciplines, Mathematics and Science. The program enabled students to experience interactive and challenging projects that inspired peers in a 21st century learning environment.

The Director of Public Schools NSW Glenn Stewart was very impressed as well as the two visiting principals Mr Thomas and Mr McAlister from Forbes Public School and Forbes North Public School.

It was fantastic to see students from the five schools working together and engaged in project based learning. This high level learning opportunity created by the Forbes High School teachers and mentors, enables students to be immersed in an environment that facilitates the development of individuals to be extended through significant engagement and problem solving tasks.



facebook

The official Forbes High School Facebook is ready to launch. The page will enable the school to become more connected with students and their families and keep them up to date with school news and events.

Due to Departmental policies it is necessary to update Permission to Publish information for students and staff.

The Permission to Publish letter and note can be collected from the school office or is easily accessed via the school website (www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au), alternatively you can submit your response electronically by using the following link <http://goo.gl/forms/T3mSpCc9nA>.

It would be greatly appreciated if this information could be updated as soon as possible allowing the page to be launched.

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YEAR 12 MAJOR WORKS



Alex Earney – Mobile Loading Ramp



Isac Stewart – Modular Outdoor Setting



Isac Stewart – Drafting Race



Will Dukes – Pizza Oven



Will Dukes – Bar with Smaller Mobile Bar



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Forbes High School P&C Association Junior Dinner Dance 2015



Friday 30th October 2015

6.30 – 9.30pm

Forbes High School Hall

Tickets \$25

Includes Dinner, Drinks & Dancing

Music by DJ Dukey

Celebrating 50 Years

1965 - 2015

November 14th & 15th, 2015



Forbes High School Celebrates 50 Years of Public Education at Wyndham Avenue

Past students, teachers, staff & their families are invited to join us at a Gala Cocktail Event followed by a Tour of the School the following day to celebrate this milestone and catch up with old classmates & teachers.

Saturday 14th November, 2015 - Upstairs Function Area, Forbes Inn Hotel, Rankin Street, FORBES
Cocktails & Canapes: 7.00pm - *Dress Cocktail*

Sunday 15th November, 2015 - Forbes High School, 18 Wyndham Avenue, FORBES
School Tour: 10.30am

Cocktail Party: \$50 includes champagne on arrival, canapes & entertainment.

For ticket information & bookings please phone Anita Morrison on 0405 364 512

Online ticketing available at www.trybooking.com/HPUH or www.trybooking.com/133699

Ticket limit applies so book early and avoid disappointment.

School Tour: Guided tour of school facilities, official ceremony and morning tea.

To assist with catering bookings are encouraged by 30th October 2015 - Anita Morrison 0405364512 or anita.morrison1@det.nsw.edu.au

Event Details

Tickets & Payments

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE BABY & KIDS CLINIC

1st October

(First Thursday of the Month)

10am – 1pm

No appointment necessary – drop in at Yoorana Gunya

For more information contact:

Yoorana Gunya on (02) 68501222

Forbes Aboriginal Cancer Network

Community Gathering

Wednesday 14th October

(Second Wednesday of each month)

11.00am – 1.00pm

Church in the Schoolyard

Johnson Street, Forbes



Information sharing, educational activities and local and visiting health service providers.

FREE Healthy Lunch

Enquiries: Dee (Yoorana Gunya) – 6850 1222

Shelley (Forbes Medical Centre) – 6851 1300

Cindy (Forbes Community Health) – 6850 2233

IT'S FREE, IT SAVES LIVES AND.....IT'S COMING TO FORBES!!



1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

FREE screening mammograms are available for all women aged **50-74** years.

20 minutes every 2 years might just save your life.

EARLY DETECTION IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION

BreastScreen has appointments available in FORBES in August & September 2015.

We will be located at Victoria Park (behind the Cenotaph) on Harold Street.

CALL 13 20 50 NOW to make an appointment.

Forbes District Junior Cricket Assoc.

Registration Days

Saturday 12th September 10am – 12pm

RBCC & Sportspower

Saturday 26th September 10am – 12pm

Sportspower

or email – forbesjnrCricket@gmail.com



U/17's Cricket Training

Wednesdays

Botanical Gardens

4.30-5.45pm

For more information contact:

Chris McDean – 0429 606 254

Wayne O'Neill – 0439 856 387

Forbes & District

Foster Families Support Group

An invitation to all Foster, Kinship and

Relative Carers to join us for

an informal group get together

Tuesday 15th September

(third Tuesday of each month)

Forbes Youth & Community Centre
(cnr Press & Battye Streets, Forbes)

Mornings - 10.00am - 12.00pm

Evenings - 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Children Welcome

Morning tea provided.

For more information or support contact:

Shelley Nutley - 0428 738 172

Sharon Cheney - 0499 514 597

Denise Blackmore - 0414 894 302