# Forbes High School Newsletter



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#### Term 4 - Week 9

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Friday December 9, 2016

DECEMBER 9- School Presentation 16- Last day of school JANUARY 2017 30- School Resumes for Years 7, 11,12 31- School resumes for Years 8,9,10

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As the school year draws to an end I would like to sincerely thank the students, staff, parents and community for their ongoing support and commitment to the life of Forbes High School. As partners we are able to work collaboratively to foster positive experiences that promote the achievement of learning outcomes and improve the wellbeing of our students and children. I look forward to building on these successes in 2017 and further enhance the positive influence our students have within the wider community.

The end of 2016 will see several staff members who have made valuable contributions to the life of our school move on for a variety of reasons. Mrs Sue Cunningham, who is a long serving teacher of English and member of the executive, will transition into retirement. Heather Parker has been granted a service transfer to Illawarra High School and Emily Bass, Andrew Swan and Kate Butcherine are moving closer to family to continue their teaching careers. Collectively, I want to thank them for their efforts in supporting the staff, students and wider Forbes High School community and wish them all the best for the future.

During the month of November I have proudly witnessed the staff and students of our school demonstrate commitment and empathy towards a variety of community based initiatives to raise awareness, support and lead by example. On the 25<sup>th</sup> November the school marched as one in support of White Ribbon Day and to raise awareness of the devastating effects of domestic and family violence within our community. I would like to acknowledge our team of drummers for leading the march, Chelsea Turner for her musical performances and Ethan Markwort, Elise Dukes, John Azzi and Georgia Green for sharing their perspectives from participating in the LoveBites program on the day. Throughout the month of 'Movember' funds were raised to assist the cause relating to men's health and culminated in the annual Movember Games. In a week of (not-so) tightly contested sports I am happy to say that the staff once again defeated the students for the eighth successive year.

Our students continue to succeed and excel within the Forbes and wider community. Ellie Tomlinson and students from our Support Unit were part of the dance ensemble at the Schools Spectacular and represented our school with distinction through their performance and they were part of the telecast which was aired on channel 7. On Thursday 1 December the talents of our students in the dramatic, creative and performing arts were showcased in our MADD performance night. Both events were a culmination of a year's worth of preparation and commitment and I would like to congratulate the organising staff and performers for their efforts and fantastic performances. Money from the entry fees to the MADD night was donated to the Movember Foundation.

## **FHS-News**

Once again we held our annual Purple Day on the first Friday in December. This day acknowledges the commitment of staff and students in upholding our core values of being **Responsible, Respectful, Honest and Doing Our Best** across the school setting. During the afternoon the school was entertained by student performers and we witnessed Mr Byrne shaving off his much loved beard to raise funds for the Movember Foundation.

At time of writing, preparations were being made for our Presentation Assembly. I would like to thank in advance all our family and friends who attended on the day and for your ongoing support of our students and school. It is always a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students and reinforce our Positive Behaviour for Learning value of 'doing your best'. Semester two reports will be distributed on Friday 9 December and they contain key information from teachers on the progress and areas for improvement for students. I encourage all parents/carers and students to use this information as a basis for discussion regarding planning for future success.

The final day for students this year will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and classes will run up until this day, the school will closed for the Christmas holidays thereafter.

In closing I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday period. School will resume on Monday 30 January 2017 for years 7, 11 and 12. The remainder of students will return on Tuesday 31 January.



#### PURPLE DAY

Purple Day was again another successful day in recognising the staff and students commitment to our PBL values of being Responsible, Respectful, Honest and Doing Our Best. The Student Representative Council (SRC), along with the support from SRC Coordinator Pam O'Connell did a marvellous job providing a BBQ, talent quest and activities for staff and students on the day and helping to raise funds for Movember.



# **FHS-News**

#### WHITE RIBBON DAY MARCH

Forbes High School took the lead in the community march on Friday 25 November in support of White Ribbon Day and raising awareness of domestic violence against women. The day was a huge success with hundreds of people marching through the main st of Forbes, including all of the Forbes High School community. White Ribbon Day Ambassador and Principal of Forbes High School Mr Charles Dwyer addressed the audience along with special guest speakers Mayor Cr Graham Miller, Mr Peter Gibbs, and Ms Nova Peris OAM. Support from local community services and businesses was also present on the day with Forbes Shire Council. Centacare. North Parkes Mines. Forbes Neighbourhood Watch, Lachlan Area Command, Binaal Billa and many others also supporting this event. Throughout the event Forbes High School had students providing entertainment on the day, with Chelsea Turner performing to the crowds and students from Year 9 Georgia Green, Ethan Markwort, Elise Dukes and John Azzi also addressing the crowd to talk about their Love Bites experience.





#### **BEN HALL SHIELD**

Selected students in Years 7,8,9,10, and 11 travelled to Blayney last week to participate in the annual Ben Hall Shield. With some close matches played, Forbes was unlucky to bring home the Ben Hall Shield this year. Congratulations to the 9/10/11 Boys Touch team, 9/10/11 Girls Netball team and 9/10/11 Girls Basketball team on their wins. Students had a lovely day representing their school and demonstrated great sportsmanship.





#### SCHOOL UNIFORM CLOTHING POOL

If you have any unwanted school uniform articles lease drop them into the schools administration office so that they can be added to the school clothing pool. If you require items please contact the school office to help assist you.

#### **FAREWELL TONI!**

Staff at Forbes High School said farewell to Head Science teacher Ms Toni Edwards, as she ventures off to Scotland to participate in a twelve month teacher exchange program. Have fun Ms Edwards, we can't wait to hear about life in Kirkudbright!



#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMUNITY SAFETY COMPETITION

Congratulations to our very own Year 8 student Brielle Thornton on winning the secondary section of the Forbes Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety competition. Brielle's design will now be used by Forbes Neighbourhood Watch to promote community safety in Forbes

#### SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

Students from Forbes High School Support unit travelled to Sydney to participate in the 2016 Schools Spectacular. One of the highlights for the group was to participate in a Guinness World Record performance at the 2016 Schools Spectacular. A special mention and thanks goes to the generous donations from the Forbes Lions Club, Forbes Services Club and Forbes Shire Council. Their support has assisted the students in being able to attend this amazing event.









To keep up to date with all the news and activities happening at Forbes High School, like us on Facebook.

#### STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Daniel Ashcroft School: Forbes High School Year: 11 Age: 17 Star sign: Aquarius Do you have any nicknames? Danny, Ashy Do you have any brothers or sisters? Yes 1 brother and 1 sister What is your favourite past time? Sports Do you play any sports? Muay Thai

What is your favourite subject? Legal studies What is your favourite food? Mangoes What do you want to do when you leave school? No idea

Who is your idol? Mr Harris and his brother Wade

What are three things you can't do without? X Box, Friends and Family



#### **STAFF PROFILE**

Name: Jackie Flannery Place of Birth: Sydney Star Sign: Leo Where you went to High School? Forbes High School How many years working at FHS? 15yrs What is your role at the school? Learning and Support Teacher How many members in your family? 7 What is the most important thing in your life? Family What is your favourite past time? Reading Best book or movie? King Lear What is your favourite food? Chocolate protein balls Best holiday destination? Italy What are three things you can't do without? Sleep, Family and meditation.



#### FORBES HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

#### HSC STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR SHAPE 2016

Forbes High School would like to congratulate Reece Davie and Jordan Brett for their achievement in the Design and Technology HSC course. Both students have been nominated for inclusion in Shape 2016, the combined Technology exhibition held at the Powerhouse Museum early next year. The exhibition will feature a selection of exemplary works from HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students. We wish them both the best of luck in the second stage of the selection process.



Jordan Brett Project: Modular queen sized bed with storage that can also be separated and rearranged as 2 single beds or an entertainment unit.



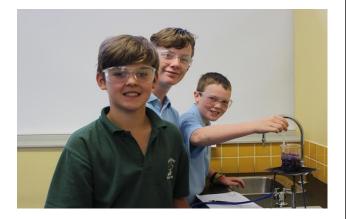
Reece Davie Project: Modular cubes that can be rearranged and locked together to form a coffee table, side tables or bookshelf.

#### YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

Over 70 Year 6 students from local primary schools visited Forbes High School for their orientation day. Year 7 Advisor for 2017 Mr Tim West, along with other FHS staff and students provided the students with a full day of lessons and activities to help transition them into High School for 2017. A great day was had by all.







#### WEST WYALONG MIXED NETBALL

Students in years 7 and 8 travelled to West Wyalong to compete in a mixed netball competition. The day raised much needed funds for local charities such as Can Assist and Country Hope. Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and came away with a number of great wins!





#### **GIRRI GIRRI PROGRAM**

Students at Forbes High School involved in the Girri Girri program have had a busy year this year participating in a range of activities within the community. Some of these events have included supporting local primary schools and the local Preschool with activities.



#### SUPPORT UNIT BOOK REVIEWS

Ms Ray's support unit class has been busy learning about how to review a book and create a report about it.

### **Book Report**

#### The Boy in the Striped pyjamas.

Do you like stories about war? If so you should read this book by John Boyne.

The main character is Bruno. Bruno moved to a new town, Out-With.

Bruno makes new a friend named Shmuel who lived on the other side of the fence.

Bruno was a nine year old boy. He had an annoying big sister named Gretel. Just like Bruno I hurt myself falling off a swing. The book is very sad.



#### FOOD TECHNOLOGY

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Mrs Leanne Alley visited Mrs Yvonne Howarth's Year 7 and Year 8 Food Technology classes to demonstrate the art of cup cake decorating. On Monday she demonstrated different piping techniques. This was followed up on Tuesday with the students decorating cakes of their own. Mrs Alley provided all of the equipment, icing and decorations for our students. She gave prizes to students for best decorated and best effort. We appreciate her giving up her time as the students benefit so much from the experience.





#### **HISTORY EXCURSION**

On the 2nd December, 17 students made the trip to Canberra to visit the Australian War Memorial. The students were a combination of Ms Jackson's Year 12 Modern History class, Ms Emmett's Stage 5 group and 6 Year 10 students who have a keen interest in history. We left school at 6:30 am, a very early start for some, and arrived in Canberra in time to start an independent tour of the site. We spent the morning in our class groups and toured different areas, until we met up again for lunch. Ms Emmett's group had a guided lesson on Remembrance, and then a special guest visit from Australian Historian Rhys Crawley, Ms Jackson's group then had their own guided tour on World War One. The Australian War Memorial was a great experience for all and after a long and educational day we boarded the bus and headed home. We would like to thank Barry for driving the bus and supplying us with awesome tunes and Mrs Cowell for assisting in making the day run smoothly.



#### Thank you

Forbes High School would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of our student programs from Woolworths Supermarket and Evolution Mining Cowal. Without these partners many programs at Forbes High would not be able to run.

#### FHS STUDENT RECOGNISED IN THE TOP THREE IN THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDRENS MUSIC FOUNDATIONS NATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION

Year 11 student Paige Ellison has placed third in the ACMF National Songwriting Competition year 11/12 section with her song "Ropes". Music teacher Mr Don Ruttan and the Forbes High School community congratulated Paige at our school assembly, where Paige performed her award winning song to the whole school. You can check out Paige and the other winners at http://acmf.com.au/nsc2016-winners/



#### AUSTRALIAN MUSIC EXAMINATIONS BOARD RECOGNITION AT FHS

Forbes High School music teacher Mr Don Ruttan congratulates Year 11 student Tyler Barnes on receiving a pass with credit in his Grade 3 Theory exam through the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB). The AMEB is one of the most respected bodies in this field. AMEB's qualifications are recognised as a national benchmark across Australia.\



#### YEAR 12 CLASS 2016 GRADUATION DINNER

Year 12 Graduates of Forbes High School made their parents and teachers proud as they were presented through the archway for their Graduation Dinner on the evening of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>November.

A huge thank you to all the graduates that attended and their families for the support they have shown to the school and each other at this event. Special thanks must also go to the organising committee of Anita Morrison(FHS Bursar), Jane Hill (Year Advisor), Emily Bass(English/Language Teacher) and Joseph Doyle Assistant Year Advisor and Math's Teacher), the cake artist Shirley Myers and the staff of the Forbes Inn lead by Beck Kennedy.



#### PBL PURPLE DAY TALENT QUEST

Congratulations to Peter Gorman and Maddi Collits on winning the Talent Quest held on Purple Day with their performance of Shaun Mendes song 'stitches'.



### 2016 Major Awards

#### Dux

Year 7 – Imogen Taylor Year 8 – Tom Boyd Year 9 – Tessa Pymont Year 10 – Chelsea Turner Year 11 – Baedon Isbester Support Unit Most Improved – Bret Brown Consistent Effort – Mark Cobb

#### 100% Attendance

David Chu Iesha Sinclair

**Canteen Helpers** Jack Piercy – Gold Award Tye Stewart – Silver Award

#### TAFE Class Awards

Jack Hodges Lockwood – Automotive Jessy-Lea Byrnes – Beauty Katharine Wright – Business Services Courtney Sinclair – Early Childhood Regan Acret – Metals and Engineering Tim Dukes – Metal and Engineering

### IPOMOEA Rotary Public Speaking

Jessica Ashcroft

### VIEW Club Literacy Award

Jayden Maloney

**Forbes Christian Bookshop Award** Elias Thom

**Crowe Howarth Commerce Award** Janssen Mores

**Indigenous Citizenship Award** *Paige Thomas* 

**Blaze Little Memorial Award** *Kristian Markwort* 

**Girri Girri Program Award** *Whitney Duffy* 

#### Blue & Gold Citizenship

Year 7 – Imogen Taylor Year 8 – Whitney Duffy Year 9 – Ethan Markwort Year 10 – Chelsea Turner Year 11 – Isobelle Herbert – Maddison Collits

**NAIDOC Medal of Excellence** Whitney Duffy

Forbes Shire Council Achievement Award Tyler Patterson

> Brad Ridley Memorial Award Morgan Penman

The Beckhouse Shield Chelsea Turner

Doug Hodges History Award Isobelle Herbert

Carmel Hodges Memorial Mathematics Award Tomas Boyd Patrick Hill Andrew Smart Memorial Scholarship Emily Godden

**ADF Leadership Awards** Chelsea Turner (Year 10) & Emily Godden (Year 12)

> **Sports Awards** Jordan Brett (Male) & Monica Pascoe (Female)

### Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal

Elysse Girot-Serplet

#### **MOVEMBER GAMES**

Staff and students at Forbes High School have once again demonstrated their commitment to supporting important local and national campaigns, with their involvement in Movember, which raises awareness and funds for men's health programs. Many of the male staff grew a moustache in support of Movember and the annual Movember games again proved a popular event amongst staff and students. It was the teachers though who took out the 2016 Movember Games Shield, with a very disheartened group of students left to ponder on what could have been!



#### ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

To help students and staff raise funds towards Movember, Science teacher Mr Damian Byrnes put up a challenge to students to raise funds to shave his beard in support of Movember. To the students credit this goal was achieved and Principal Mr Charles Dwyer had the honour of helping to remove the beard all in support of Movember!



#### MADD NIGHT

MADD Night has yet again given our fantastic students here at Forbes High School the opportunity to showcase their talents in the Creative and Performing Arts. There were13 acts on the night and each performer lifted their performance skills come show time. There were many hurdles to overcome, as there always is in a live production, but our students are highly professional and made sure the audience was thoroughly entertained.

A very special shout out must go to Mrs Hill for organising the artwork, Mr Ruttan and Mr Lemon for handling the technical side of things, and finally to our hard working students who all chipped in to help make the show a success.

We are so fortunate to have such talented students here at Forbes High School. I commend each and every one of you and hope that you continue pursuing your passion and skills in the Creative and Performing Arts. - Mr Swan





#### DRAMA NEWS

This is the last time that I will be sharing Drama news at Forbes High School. It has been a privilege to see the Drama department and students move from strength to strength throughout my time here.

#### Year 11 Drama

The year 11 Drama class have now started on the HSC topics. They are studying Australian Drama and Theatre, with a particular focus on plays that reflected Australian society in the time period of the 1960s and 1970s. They have engaged in a variety of workshops exploring the themes present in both plays being studied. Their assessment task involved them bringing scenes from the plays to life as close to professional level as they could. This has seen students source costumes, props, learn their lines, and rehearse copious times. They are really rising to the occasion and are a talented group of students.

#### Stage 5 Drama

This term has seen the students brainstorm and create a performance from scratch. It is quite a challenge to get a group of 20+ students onto the stage all at once, but this class has worked well and created a highly sophisticated performance. They decided they wanted to explore the idea of feminism and how people who don't fully understand the concept often misconstrue it. No, feminism is not about hating men, it is about seeing equality between the sexes. They have successfully created a light hearted and powerful performance. Bravo Stage 5!

#### Excursions

Earlier this term, a variety of students, Mrs Bass and myself headed to Sydney to support Maddison Collits who was successful in gaining a position in the State Drama Ensemble. She performed at the State Drama Festival, along with other highly notable works from a variety of public schools. When in Sydney, the students also saw Aladdin: The Musical. It was a great experience for the students to see a professional grade performance and also to see the work of their peers in different schools at the State Dram Festival.

Finally, I must say what a pleasure it has to be working with such talented students and staff here at Forbes High School. To my happy drama family, you are all incredibly talented and I hope that you continue to study drama in the future and you use the skills that you have gained to help you progress throughout your life. All the best!

- Mr Swan





#### WELLNESS HUB OFFICIAL OPENING

Forbes High School will be officially launching the Wellness Hub on Wednesday 1 March.



#### FAREWELL AND BEST OF LUCK!

To the wonderful teachers who will be leaving Forbes High School we wish you all the best and thank you for all you have done!

### FHS SUPPORT HUNTINGTONS DISEASE

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Executive Officer Robyn Kapp, along with Fundraising and Marketing Officer Pauline Keyvar from Huntington's NSW attended Forbes High School to receive a donation of behalf of the school community towards their organisation. Claire Maslin, along with fellow students Brittany Spencer and Elysse Girot Serplet choose Huntington's NSW as their supported charity for their Debutante Ball last term. The girls raised \$1,100 for Huntington's NSW and presented the cheque to Robyn and Pauline at the school assembly.







#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### FIGHT THE BITE!

### Mosquito borne infections

### Information for people who live in or are travelling to flood affected areas in south west and western NSW



Mosquitoes can transmit infections, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus.



Stagnant water left behind by the recent floods and heavy rain in NSW provides ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.

Take simple measures to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes and reduce your risk of infection.

#### Summary

- In the last few months, inland NSW has experienced heavy rains and significant flooding, resulting in water lying around. This water provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding.
- NSW Health has received reports of a large number of mosquitoes in south western and western NSW; mosquitoes in these areas have been detected carrying the Ross River or Barmah Forest virus.
- With the increased mosquito numbers, there is an increased risk for people to be infected with mosquito borne diseases, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus. More rarely mosquitoes may carry Murray Valley encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus.

#### Signs you may have a mosquito related disease

Many people will have no symptoms if infected. However a few days after being bitten some will feel generally unwell, and may have sore joints, muscle aches, rash, fever and tiredness.

#### Protecting yourself from a mosquito disease

Simple steps to avoid mosquito bites include:

- Checking fly screens on all windows and doors are in place and do not have any rips or holes.
- When outside cover up as much as possible with light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and covered footwear, especially in the early morning and evening.

- Apply mosquito repellent regularly to exposed areas (as directed on the container). Repellents containing Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin are best. Repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or p-Menthane-3.8-diol (PMD) also provide adequate protection.
- Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are NOT effective.
- When mosquitoes are present inside the room use over the counter insecticide sprays, especially behind furniture and in dark places.
- When camping, make sure your tent is well protected with flyscreens, or sleep under mosquito nets.

#### **Further Information**

Detailed information on reducing the risk of mosquito bites at home and while travelling can be accessed from the following link:

#### www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/ Pages/mosquito.aspx

Detailed information on control of mosquitoes during floods and public events can accessed from the following link:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/ Pages/mosquito-control-floods-and-publicevents.aspx



**STRONGER HSC STANDARDS** 

### MINIMUM LITERACY AND NUMERACY STANDARD

### Set for success in day-to-day life

The minimum standard is set at a level of literacy and numeracy needed to do things like:

of follow operating instructions in equipment manuals



🐼 write a job application

### ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS



Students will need to pass online reading, writing and numeracy tests to demonstrate achievement of the minimum standard.

From 2018, these tests will be available for students to sit at least twice a year in:

- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12

for up to 5 years after starting the HSC

### TIMELINE

#### 2017

Courses and support material for Year 9 and 10 students who are identified at risk of not demonstrating the minimum numeracy standard by the end of Year 10 published

Consultation on exemption policy

Minimum standard rules and guidelines published

Online reading, writing and numeracy tests piloted

Schools Online and Students Online websites updated

#### 2018

First Year 10 students sit online reading, writing and numeracy tests 2020 First HSC students required to meet minimum standard



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW













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You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

#### The next workshop in your area will be held:



Helping learner drivers become safe drivers



Is your child between the ages of 2-18 years old?

They may be eligible for \$1000 worth of dental treatment!

Call the Forbes Family Dentists with your Medicare card number and we can check over the phone if your child is eligible.



This is an important notice to advise that the Australian Government intends to cease the Child Dental Benefits Schedule as of the 31st of December 2016.

Contact Forbes Family Dentists to take advantage of your remaining benefit!

> Forbes Family Dentists 2 Templar Street, FORBES, NSW 2871 P: (02) 6851 5505 E: smile@forbesfamilydentists.com.au



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### Flood Relief

### **Fund-Raising Event**

proceeds donated to charity You are invited to participate in a golf tournament fund-raising event sponsored by St George Bank When: Sunday 11th December 2016 Where: Forbes Golf Club



Gather some friends to make a team to play in the **4-Ball Ambrose** event Assemble at 10:30 am for a shot-gun start at **11:00 am** 

#### Many prizes will be won

A small meal will be provided after the play A drinks cart will provide refreshments around the course Contact Daniel at the Pro Shop – 6851 1554 or 0404 127 170 – to get your rame down, to organise a handicap, or to find out more information

Cost - \$35 per person

#### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Nominations are now open for the Forbes Shire Citizen of the Year (26 years and over) and Forbes Shire Young Citizen of the Year (25 years and younger).

The awards recognise and reward community members who have displayed a consistent record of excellence and made a significant contribution to our community. Nominations are open to all residents of the Forbes Shire and the awards will be presented at Australia Day celebrations on Thursday, January 26, 2017.

Nominations close at 5pm on January 18, forms can be collected from Council's Administration Office or downloaded by <u>clicking here</u> or going to Forbes shire Council website <u>www.forbes.nsw.gov.au</u>

If you would like to be involved in this year's Australia Day planning contact Council's Community Relations Officer Blake Nicholson on 6850 2355.

From everyone at Forbes High School we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

