

Forbes High School Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 6

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RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well we are in the middle of term four and it has been a very busy time at Forbes High School. I have been working with our Community Liaison Officer Natalie Walker on gathering feedback from students, staff, parents and community members on how well the school is delivering on its three strategic directions: Student Learning, School Learning and Community Engagement from our 2015 – 2017 School Plan. All were asked for feedback on the following: What is Forbes High School doing well? What could Forbes High School do better? What do I wish Forbes High School could do? We are now compiling the feedback from all three groups to find where they correlate and will use this to guide the focus of our 2018 – 2020 School Plan and its Strategic Directions. I would like to thank everyone who has provided input into this valuable process.

The school recently commemorated Remembrance Day with a ceremony held in our hall. This ceremony was organised by our Head Teacher English/History Mr McKee, as part of the ceremony he invited two members of the Forbes Sub-Branch of RSL, Mr Michael Walker and Mr Allan Bauman to oversee proceedings. Our Student leadership team and the modern history class did a sterling effort during the assembly with numerous readings relevant to the event and a rousing rendition of the National Anthem sung by the students in their relevant houses. Our student's behaviour was impeccable and was an excellent display of our core PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Doing Your Best. It was a proud day to be the Relieving Principal of Forbes High School. The following day I again had the honour of escorting our School Captains and Vice Captains down to Victoria Park for the town ceremony at 11.00am. There along with the captains from Red Bend Catholic College they solemnly read the names of the fallen from Forbes and the district in all wars that Australia has played a role in.

I would like to share with you some of the wide variety of opportunities open to students at Forbes High School. In recent weeks students from Forbes High School have been involved in a huge range of educational activities including; hosting our annual Ben Hall Shield Sports Day against Blayney High School, Forbes High School was victorious dominating most sports; Mr Harris' Year 11 Geography class had a chilly 4 day visit to Kosciuszko National Park for a HSC Ecosystem at Risk Alpine study, all students had an excellent and challenging time; students from Year 10 History and our support classes travelled to Sydney to visit the Jewish Museum. For many it was a deeply moving experience meeting a survivor of the Holocaust, something they had just recently studied. This is a small taste of the many sporting, educational and cultural opportunities available to students throughout the year. I invite all students to take these opportunities to broaden their horizons and grow as individuals. It's a BIG world out there!!

In closing I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday 25th November at Forbes Services Memorial Club to acknowledge and celebrate the fine young men and women who are graduating from Forbes High School in 2017. This is the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of our departing Year 12 students and we all wish them luck in whatever their endeavour.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report, if I have raised issues you would like to discuss further with the school, please feel free to contact the school to allow us to clarify any questions you may have.



CALNDAR

Nov

- 20- 1 Dec-** Tafe YES program
- 21-** LEEP STEM
- 21-** Woolarina visit
- 21-** PAT vocab test
- 22-** WRD League
- 23-** LEEP Ag
- 24-** WRD March
- 25-** Yr. 12 Graduation
- 28-** MADD night
- 28-** Valley FM
- 29-** Youth Wellness Road show
- 29-** Learner Driver
- 30-** Wiradjuri visit
- Dec**
- 4-6-** Stage 4 excursion
- 5-** Yr. 6 orientation
- 8-** Presentation assembly

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FORBES HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR DINNER DANCE

Students had a fantastic time with friends celebrating another amazing year at Forbes High School. The annual P&C Junior Dinner Dance provided students with the opportunity to let their hair down and have some fun. Thank you to all of the wonderful staff and parents who helped out on the evening to make it such a success.



HALLOWEEN SPIRIT HITS OUR CANTEEN

Our ladies in the canteen did a fantastic job at creating a Halloween feel in the canteen for students this term. Always great to have a little fun at work!



SCHOOL UNIFORM CLOTHING POOL

If you have any unwanted school uniform articles please drop them into the school's 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.

GRENFELL LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

On Wednesday 25 October, we went away on a League Tag Gala day with five referees and two teams. We set off early in the morning to reach Grenfell and with four games each the finals were in our reach. Jessie, Kara, Janssen, Savannah, Chloe, Tahlia and Montana all got the ball across the line. A fantastic effort was also contributed on the day by Ebony, Jodie, Lily, Ilesha, Jess, Amy, Nyla, Rubi and Jillisa. We came up against some pretty tough schools, playing in the A and D pools. We may have lost to Orange by one but we had lots of fun competing against them. We made sure we were assertive on the field and tried our best. On the day we proved better than Condobolin, Canowindra and Parkes Christian School, unfortunately we didn't win enough games in each pool to qualify for the finals. Each game we aimed to learn a little more about the game they call Tag. Our five referees did a brilliant job on the day representing our school; they even scored some bags as a thank you. The team would also like to thank Mr Merritt and Miss Crain for taking us over for the day and giving us the chance to play.

- Lily Walsh



MOVEMBER AT FORBES HIGH SCHOOL

Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. Male staff at Forbes High School has again chosen to highlight the importance of Movember during the month of November, showing their support and growing a moustache. We cannot wait to see how creative some of the staff will get this year. If anyone would like to support our school team you are more than welcome to click on the link below.

<https://moteam.co/forbes-high-school>

- Mr Doyle



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MADD NIGHT- A NIGHT FILLED WITH MUSIC, ART, DANCE & DRAMA!

Forbes High School would like to invite all of our school community to an evening full of lots of fun, creativity and even a spot of foolishness. Our **MADD** night is a great opportunity for our creative students to showcase their amazing talents across the creative and performing arts. It's a gold coin donation, with young children free to enter.

Drinks and a sausage sizzle will be available on the night to purchase. We look forward to seeing you all there to support our creative and talented students. For further information you can contact either Mrs. Hill or Ms. Harrigan on 68522666.

- Mrs Hill & Ms Harrigan



BEYOND PROUD OF OUR SHOW TEAM!

Forbes High School Show Team students finished off their year with amazing results at the Scone Beef Bonanza earlier this term.

Mrs. Price and I took five steers and nine students to Scone to compete in the Scone Beef Bonanza. Jed Matheson and Jasmine Casey both placing 5th in their paraders class, which really is an excellent result considering 900 students were competing with 426 steers over the weekend.

- Mrs Eagles



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STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Melissa Taylor

Year: 11

Star sign: Capricorn

Do you have any nicknames? Mel

Do you have any brothers or sisters? Yes 1 brother

What is your favourite past time? Cooking

Do you play any sports? No

What is your favourite subject? Math

What is your favourite food? Tim Tams

What do you want to do when you leave school? Primary school teacher

What are three things you can't do without? Sleep, food and my phone.



STAFF PROFILE

Name: Leah Williams

Place of Birth: Parkes

Star Sign: Taurus

Where you went to High School?

Tullamore Central School

How many years working at FHS? 4

What is your role at the school? School

Administration Officer/ Wellness Officer

How many members in your family? 3

What is the most important thing in your life? My Children

Best book or movie? 13 Hours

What is your favourite food? Don't really have one just love all food.

Best holiday destination? Australia a beautiful place!

What are three things you can't do without? Forbes High School Assemblies, FHS Wellness Hub & my children.



FORBES HIGH 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.

WHITE RIBBON DAY MARCH

Forbes High School continues to be leaders in the annual Forbes White Ribbon Day Community March. With our whole school community attending on the day, our school is proud to march in support of stopping men's violence against women. If any of our families would like to come along on the day and participate in the march we will be meeting at 10am in Cross St.

FORBES WHITE RIBBON DAY
COMMUNITY
MARCH



Will YOU walk with us for our annual

White Ribbon Day March

Friday 24th November 2017

We are marching in support of Australia's campaign to stop men's violence against women—**White Ribbon Day**.

We will meet at Cross Street in front of Carpet Court **10.00am** & finish in **Victoria Park** where our youth will share their thoughts on why it is so important to stand up and speak out against violence and how **together we** can all make Forbes a safer community for everyone.

A **FREE** sausage sizzle will be provided for all participants.

All of Forbes community are invited and we hope we can count on YOU to walk with us!

CMOC- NORTH PARKES MINES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CUP

Students from Forbes High School and Parkes High School will be participating in the first ever Cmoc- North Parkes Mines Domestic Violence Cup. The competition will take place at Forbes High School on Wednesday 22 November, with entry via the side gate (Calarie rd.). All members of the community are welcome to attend. The day is just one of many initiatives Forbes High School is actively involved in to support the Forbes community. For further information please contact Mr Merritt at school on 68522666.

Cmoc-Northparkes Mines DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CUP

Where: Forbes High School * Entry via side gate (Calarie Rd)

When: 22/11/2017 **Start:** 9:30am Sharp! **Finish:** Approx. 11:30am

Activities:

- Opens Rugby league game 20minute quarters. Forbes High School V's Parkes High School
- Adam, Jamie and Forbes High School representatives will conduct Welcome and Cleansing Dance
- A Minutes Silence will be undertaken in honour of domestic violence victims
- Sausage BBQ provided by Forbes Domestic and Family Violence Committee
- The Oliver Carlisle Memorial Medal will be awarded to the best sportsman from Parkes High School



FORBES HIGH SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERS WELLNESS HUB QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Confidence is something you create within yourself. It begins by believing in who you are!"

-Anonymous

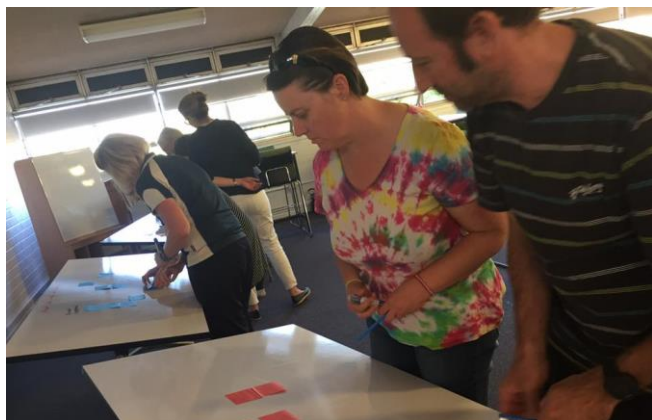


FHS & Community Partners - Working together for students success

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STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Forbes High School held some information sessions for staff, students and families to attend this term to help provide feedback on the schools upcoming strategic plan. The sessions were supported by Ms. Partridge from the Department of Education's communication and engagement team, who is also supporting the school in the development of our communication and engagement strategy. Thank you to everyone for attending the information sessions, we truly value the input provided. It was great to see that across all sessions we had unanimous results about the great things we have achieved at Forbes High School such as the Wellness Hub, quality teaching, diversity of subjects & activities offered and pathways to employment opportunities. Forbes High School is looking forward to achieving even more into the future to support our students learning.



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.

SUPPORTING PARTNER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Forbes High School are already supporting the teaching and learning of our new students for 2018. With year 6 students from Forbes North Public School participating in Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) testing and Google G Suite classroom sessions with our regional Head teacher for Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Mr. Hetherington. Students were supported throughout the day by 2018 Year 7 Advisor Mrs. Coote.



NAIDOC WEEK 2018 POSTER COMPETITION

Under the theme - *Because of her, we can!* - NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July 2018.

The National NAIDOC poster competition and award nominations will open in the coming weeks. Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander artists aged 13+ are encouraged to start working on artwork which reflects the 2018 theme. Keep an eye on the website and the National NAIDOC Facebook page for more details.

Further information can be found on their website <http://www.naidoc.org.au/news/2018-national-naidoc-theme-announced>



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!
8-15 JULY 2018

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WELLNESS HUB INFORMATION

"Forbes High School and Community Partners working together for student success"

In cooperation with our community partners Forbes High School has created a safe place for students and their parents/carers to assist with a wide range of concerns. We have provided our community partners with six onsite offices for these interactions.

Forbes High School Wellness Hub provides free private and confidential services to our students and their parents/carers who may have a wide range of issues; from everyday topics such as family, friends and school or simply feeling 'down' to more serious issues of child abuse (exclude), bullying, nutritional health, mental health, smoking, alcohol and other drug use, homelessness and suicide.

Wellness Hub services we currently have available to students and their parents/carers are;

Organisations	Positions
Binaal Billa	Counsellor/Caseworker
LiveBetter	LiveBetter/Ability Links Team Member
Centacare	Links2Home Youth/Homelessness
Centacare	Mental Health Team – Early Intervention
Community Health Services	Women's Health Nurse
Community Health Services	Nurse Practitioner
Community Health Services	Caseworker
Community Health Services	Dietician
Community Health Services	Orange Sexual Health Nurse
Community Health Services	Dietician
Community Health Services	Community Health Drug & Alcohol
Hearing Support	Itinerant Support Teacher
Lifestyle Solutions	Psychiatrist
Yoorana Gunya	Parenting Program Coordinator
Youth Hope	Youth and Family
Uniting	Family Connector

Contact Forbes High School on 02 68 522 666 if you would like to make an appointment. Or you can fill out a referral form from the front office or from our website and send it to forbes-h.wellnesshub@det.nsw.edu.au and we will contact you. If you would like further information please also visit our website www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/caring-for-students/wellness-hub

It is important to seek help early if you notice any major change in your child's behaviour.

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BEN HALL SHIELD 2017

On the 31st of October the annual Ben Hall Shield between Forbes High School and Blayney High School was held. Students had been training for weeks to take on Blayney High School in touch football, netball, basketball and beach volleyball. With the home ground advantage Forbes High were confident we could bring the shield home. Blayney started off strong winning the junior girls and boys basketball games and junior and senior girls touch football. It was Forbes High School though who came home very strong winning a total of 7 out of 11 games, including volleyball, junior and senior girls netball, senior girls and boys basketball and both the junior and senior boys touch football. Students from both schools showed outstanding skill and even better sportsmanship and we look forward to the competition again in 2018.

- Mrs Morrison



PAT RETEST AND VOCABULARY TRIAL 2017

In Term 2 we tested all junior students at Forbes High School with ACER's Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) to gather data to inform how best to teach our students. This included a 45 minute test on reading and mathematics. We used the data gathered and combined with other data sources such as NAPLAN Smart Data and informal classroom assessment, placed students in similar ability groups to focus on literacy.

During Week Six (20th November -25th November, this week) we plan to retest our junior students to determine if any improvement is made to their previous results. This retest will also include year six students from our contributing schools as this will assist our teachers to gain a better understanding of their learning needs. All students will sit these exams in either their regular English or Mathematics classes to minimise disruption. In addition The Australian Centre for Educational Research (ACER) has invited our school to participate in the trialling of their new vocabulary test. This will be applied to students in years 7 to 11 in week 7 (27th November to the 1st December). Raw results will be made available. For further information please contact Jason McKee at Forbes High School.

- Mr McKee

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

The 2018 school captains performed their first official duties at the 2017 Remembrance Day service at Victoria Park this month laying a wreath on behalf of the school. Along with vice captains and Relieving Principal Mr. Nottingham, Forbes High School are honoured to continue to be a part of such a special day in our community.





Practical Support for Higher School Certificate Examinations

Information for Students and Parents

The Board of Studies has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate examinations. This practical support, known as provisions, assists students to read examination questions and to write their answers. Provisions include rest breaks and extra time. The use of any provision is not written on the student's results.

Students may need provisions for:

- a permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty
- a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or
- an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do.

To apply for provisions, the school submits an online application to the Board of Studies. This application tells us which provisions the student is requesting and includes recent evidence. Evidence may include medical reports, reading results, spelling results, writing samples and teacher comments.

Much of the evidence can be collected by the school, but the parents' role is welcome and needed. Parents help by talking with the school, describing the student's needs, and providing the school with medical or other reports.

Applications for provisions should be submitted by the school to the Board of Studies by the end of Term 1. Late applications are accepted for an emergency, such as a broken arm, until the time of the examinations.

Once the Board of Studies has made a decision about which provisions are approved or declined, a decision letter is provided to the school. The school will provide the student with a copy of the letter.

If you or the school are not satisfied with the Board's decision, it is possible for the school to lodge an appeal. Appeals must state why the Board's decision is unsuitable and must include new evidence to support the appeal.

If you think that you or your child may require support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations, please discuss the matter with the Year Adviser, School Counsellor or teacher.

PBL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students Jake Bryant, Laura Campbell, Isaac Neilsen, William Stamp and Nikolas Petrovich, Sean Darcy, Jessica Williams, Chloe Howarth, Jariah Gannon and Josh Wood on receiving recognition for consistently displaying our school values of being Responsible, Respectful, Honest and Doing your Best during the last few weeks. Well done everyone!



HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS FREE TWO HOUR WORKSHOP FOR FORBES

Parents and supervisors of local learner drivers are encouraged to attend a free workshop which will be held at Forbes High School on Wednesday 29 November at 6pm.

The free two hour workshop, *Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers*, will offer parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

Forbes Shire Council's Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer, Melanie Sutor, who is presenting the workshop says it is well worth attending. "Parents and supervisors of learner drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer. That is why Forbes Shire Council has teamed up with Roads and Maritime Services to hold these FREE two hour workshops to offer practical advice to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

"The workshop covers the changes to the licencing system that will come into effect from 20 November 2017, how to use the Learner Driver Logbook including the use of digital logbooks, licence conditions for learner and P-plate drivers, the benefits of on-road driving sessions, tips on supervising a learner driver and more.

Light refreshments will be available during the workshop. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Ms Sutor on (02) 6861 2364.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As we get towards the end of the year just a reminder to make sure students are attending school regularly. The table below shows how regularly taking time off can affect your child's schooling.

Please let us know if your child will be away as soon as possible through a phone call, message or email. If you have any issues or know your child will be away for an extended period of time, please get in contact with the school. You can contact our friendly office staff on 68522666 or email forbes-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and let them know if your child is or will be away. If you need to speak with our relieving principal or year advisor they can also be contacted through the school to help you in anyway.

Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter. Supporting student learning matters at Forbes High School!



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



COMMUNITY NEWS

MOONLIGHT CINEMA

Adult Supervision of Children
This is a drug and alcohol free event

Oh brother.

Friday 24th November

Entry 7PM
Movie Starts 8PM
JENNY MURPHY PARK FORBES

ILLUMINATION PRESENTS
DESPICABLE ME 3

FREE EVENT
Plenty of fun for the whole family with FREE popcorn, fairy floss & jumping castle

Pack a picnic or a BBQ will be available on the night at a small cost

For more Information please contact Mick on: 68501777 or mbrowne@centacarewff.org.au

FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL
CentaCare Wilcannia - Forbes



Helping learner drivers become safe drivers



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

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:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
Wed 29 November 6pm - 8pm	Forbes High School	Melanie Sutor Road Safety Officer
Wed 6 December 6pm - 8pm	Parkes Christian School	02 6861 2364



Rotary Ipomoea's CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2017



Make an entry and come and join us to see the wonderful display of Christmas trees in the Forbes Town Hall

Festival opens with an official opening with refreshments at 6pm December 1st

Open 9am - 5pm Saturday December 2nd

Open 9am - 1pm Sunday December 3rd

Make an entry phone Helen 68514930 or Sue-anne 68515197 Email sueanne.nixon@hotmail.com

\$5 to enter a tree/ deliver between 8am - noon Dec 1st - Anyone can enter any type of tree.

Town Hall fees for this event have been kindly waived by Forbes Shire Council

**FORBES PUBLIC
SCHOOL MARKETS
SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER
9AM - 1PM**

STALLHOLDER APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!
PLEASE COMMENT BELOW
WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
& WE WILL SEND YOU AN APPLICATION
FORM!