

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

The first two weeks as relieving Principal of Forbes High School have been incredibly rewarding and fulfilling. From the first day I have felt right at home and entire the school community has made me feel incredibly welcome. I would like to thank the staff, students and community of Forbes High School for their work and the commitment that they display towards the school. I would like to thank Ms Safija Bristina for her leadership of the school and I look forward to continuing the journey of school improvement that she has led.

Year 12 students have commenced their Higher School Certificate Examinations. This is the culmination of their 13 years of schooling and feedback from students regarding the exams has been positive. The entire school community wishes the students well for the next two weeks of exams

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and please know that the school is here to support the students during, as well as after the exams. We look forward to seeing Year 12 at the graduation dinner later after the completion of the HSC Examinations. I would like to thank Ms Kimberley Jackson as the year 12 Advisor for her ongoing support of our students. Her commitment to supporting Year 12 in all aspects of their schooling is second to none. Thank you to Mr Gregg Summerhayes and his team who are supporting the students as they undertake the examinations.

have enjoyed seeing 1 learning in action during the week across the school and being able to speak with students inside and outside the classroom. Highly visible leadership is a key aspect of my educational belief and I will continue to visit as many classrooms as possible as I further develop my understanding of the school. This will help to highlight the areas we will collectively work on ensuring Forbes High School continues its development as a school where student learning is at the core of what we do and is supported by clear wellbeing structures. Our PBL expectations is an area that we are consolidating

this term to ensure that students, parents and carers are aware of our high expectations regarding our key values of Respect, Responsibility, Doing our Best and Honesty.

Thank you to Mrs Raewyn Molloy and Mrs Nat Walker who welcomed me with flowers on behalf of the P and C. This is a key supportive body in our school and I look forward to our continued relationship. I attended the first P and C meeting for the term last Wednesday where I was able to get to know other members of the P and C body. I look forward to working closely with this group towards the betterment of Forbes High School. We all have one thing in common, ensuring that FHS allows our students to reach their potential. Please contact the school if you are interested in joining this group and their work as they support the school.

I would like to welcome new staff to Forbes High School. Ms Justine Grey has joined us as our French teacher, Ms Lesley McKenzie has started in the English/HSIE faculty as has Ms Tanikah Fenech. Ms McKenzie has replaced Ms Northam in English and Ms Fenech has replaced Ms Ward teaching Legal Studies, **Business** Studies. Commerce and other classes in HSIE. I



would like to thank Ms Northam and Ms Ward for their passion and commitment to Forbes High School and I wish them well as they explore different pathways in their lives.

You will notice significant works across the school as we have the installation of cooler classroom in many learning spaces. We also have painting of demountable classrooms, metal supports and areas at front of the school. These are being undertaken with minimal interruption to student learning and we thank the students as they follow the instructions of staff to work around our tradespeople.

Later in the term we will hold our transition for our year 6 students as they become comfortable and familiar with high school routines. Ms Tara Morrison has worked to put together a strong program for the students and I look forward to meeting with our 2021 cohort for Year 7.

I look forward to the next two weeks and the opportunity to work with the community of Forbes High School.

Warm regards, Mrs Kathleen Maksymczuk Rel. Principal.

### PBL Focus for Forbes High Congratulations



to the following students, Emily Gartner, Oscar Brown, Chervlee Byrne, Nikolas Petrovich, Brodie Morley, Meghan Fahey and Blair Barnes on receiving recognition for consistently displaying our school values of being Responsible, Respectful, Honest and Doing Your Best. Well done everyone!



## **Faculty Captions**

Fri 6

Support Sport

**Breakfast Club** 

This term junior science classes will begin studying their final topic for the yearearth and space. Year 7 have been studying the phases of the moon and completing modelling activities using Oreo's. Year 8 has been looking at our Earth and how landforms are shaped by weathering and erosion.

Year 9 and 10 have begun the term by looking at features of our universe including the different types of stars and the big bang theory.

All year groups will be completing their semester 2 exam in Week 3 or 4 of this term, which is the final assessment task for all year groups. Year 8 will also be completing their mandatory Valid 8 test in Week 3.





### **Community News**

## Parkes/Forbes CDAT Design Competition

#### Win a \$50 voucher! 🛹

RULES - Use your creativity to come up with your best design based on the slogan "Think before you drink"

- Designs must be in a maximum of four colours

- Designs must fit in the dimensions provided - Designs must be received by the

Parkes/Forbes CDAT Committee no later than Friday October 30.

- Competition is open to any student in Year 7 Year 10
- The winning design in Parkes and Forbes will each win a \$50 voucher to spend in town!



Send your entry to: youth@forbes.nsw.gov.au by Friday October 30

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Complete your design in the space below



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## **School Travel for 2021**



#### 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now <u>apply</u> online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>re-apply or update their details</u>.

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria</u>, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <a href="https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails">https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</a>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

> Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at https://transport.ex/info/corract-us/feedback/basses-concessions-feedback