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Year 11
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Forbes High School's Amazing Year 7 Students for 2021



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

As we enter the final weeks of 2020, I would like to thank you all for your support of Forbes High School. The last two months I have been incredibly proud and humbled to work alongside passionate staff who all contribute to the education of our students and I would like to acknowledge the vitally important role that you all play in ensuring Forbes High is an outstanding educational facility.

The last two weeks have been busy – this may be an understatement of sorts! We have had incredibly successful transition and orientation days for our Year 7, 2021. We thank our partner primary schools and parents for supporting the change in day when our scheduled day was forecast to be in excess of 42 degrees. Our aim has been to allow our future students the opportunity to experience high school and all that it has to offer and on Thursday, 3rd December, our 2021 students did just that. It was wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm, especially during the amazing race in the afternoon. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work and organisation of Mrs Tara Morrison and her team who made the day a wonderful success. Forbes High School is looking forward to the start of 2021 and our new Year 7 students and families.

Friday 4th December we had our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) rewards day, our annual Purple Day. The afternoon was filled with activities, student participation, competitions and a stunning fashion parade. Students were treated to pizza for lunch as well as music to entertain them prior to the afternoon of fun filled adventures. Our PBL team did a wonderful job in organising the day, including Mr Jason Nottingham and Mrs Angela Bottaro-Porter. It is days such as Friday that remind us that at the end of a challenging year the amazing rewards that come with working in education. Forbes High School staff and students were exceptional in the pride and commitment that they demonstrated to our school.

The cooler classrooms initiative continues and we should see the final rooms being finalised as the school year closes. This will ensure that the first few months of 2021, which can be very warm, we will be able to engage our students in a learning space which will allow them to maximise their potential. Once again, our students have been patient as we have had to move learning spaces to allow the work to be completed.

Presentation Day is Friday 11th December and I would like to congratulate all of our students who will receive awards during the assemblies. To all of our students, well done in completing another year of school and ensure that you reflect on what you could do a little differently as we start to consider 2021. Self-reflection is a key skill and it is this time of year that we can start to consider how we can build upon our successes into the New Year.

In our next newsletter, I will update you on staff changes for 2021 and outline our directions for the new school year. Please remember to return any raffle tickets to the front office by Friday 11th December as the draw will take place on Monday 14th December.

As always, thank you for your involvement in Forbes High School.

Regards
Kathleen Maksymczuk



Deputy Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it has been an exciting Term 4 at Forbes High School and as usual, students and staff are working together on many initiatives and activities to help improve Forbes High School for all school community members. I would like to share some important information with you on some key activities at school especially as we come out of COVID restrictions and gear up for 2021:

Forbes High School Student Supports

The staff at Forbes High School have been working hard to design and implement systems to support student learning and wellbeing. Many of these were scaled back or offered through alternate delivery in 2020, which at times has been challenging for students, staff, parents and carers. These services are organised through our Learning and Wellbeing (LaW) Team that meets weekly to case manage students who require additional support for their learning or wellbeing needs.

Supports delivered consistently through the Forbes High School Wellness Hub and include:

Student Support Officer - Mrs Brooke Sargent

School Counsellors – Mrs Michelle Burkitt and Mrs Elisabeth McIntyre

Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) – Mr Barry Merritt

Learning and Support Teachers – Mrs Jackie Flannery and Mrs Vivienne Bolam

Partner organisations including – NSW Health (Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Dietitian, Social Workers/Psychologists, Smoking Cessation and Women's Health), The Benevolent Society, CatholicCare, Yoorana Gunya, Youth Hope, Binaal Billa, Family Support and NSW Police Liaison Support.

If you have a student that you feel needs additional support, please contact their Year Advisor during school hours. We can then assess any needs and put into place specific supports to build their capacity in that area of improvement.

If parents would like to discuss these or other issues please contact the school on (02) 68522 666 and ask to speak to the relevant staff member.

Have a great end of term and safe holiday and festive season. I am looking forward to working with you all in 2021.

Mr Nottingham



What's Happening

Weeks of Term 4

Week 9

Mon 7
Tue 8 Community Access
Wed 9 Yr 9 Urbanisation to Orange
Thurs 10 Support Sport
Fri 11 Presentation Assembly
P&C Raffle Tickets due in

Week 10

Mon 14 P&C Raffle Drawn
Tue 15 Community Access
Wed 16

Sick Child and Absences

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and please let the school know. If they are unwell, there is no expectation that they need to complete school work. It is important that unwell students rest.

If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and the school will be in contact with the parent.

Reminder

Presentation
Assembly
Friday 11th December

Year 7 & 8 starts
at 10am

Year 9, 10 & 11 starts
at 12:30 pm

PBL Focus for Forbes High



Congratulations to the following students, Emily Molloy, Rai Yap, Ryan Pritchett, Kitana Green, Angela Emery and Avril Green on receiving recognition for consistently displaying our school values of being Responsible, Respectful, Honest and Doing Your Best. Well done everyone!

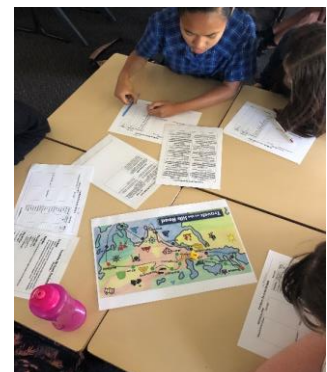
Faculty Report from English

This term in English, Year 7, have completed a unit on Australian. This allowed them to study the play Honey Spot by Jack Davis. Students participated in drama activities, worked together in groups to create scenes and worked as a class to analyse the play and see how Australian culture has changed over the years by taking a deep dive into what it means to be Australian. Here is Miss Wilson's class acting out some scenes from Honey Spot.



Faculty Report from HSIE

This term Year 8 History has been learning about The Black Plague in Europe during the Middle Ages. They have been involved in interactive and collaborative activities that promote higher order thinking. Miss Adams's year 8 class had the opportunity to show their knowledge of the symptoms of the plague by creating buboes on their bodies. Miss Nock's class investigated the impact of trading on the spread of the plague in an interactive board game. History at Forbes High School is always looking to engage our students in learning that stimulates the mind and promotes interpersonal skills.





Faculty Report from TAS

This term, Year 7 are working on Food Technology, Mixed Materials Technology and Digital Technology. In Mixed Materials Technology, students are finishing off their wind chimes. They have developed these using aluminium tube and marine plywood. Lots of measuring, angles and sawing have taken place allowing the students to make the linkage between what they do in other subjects and the TAS field. In Food Technology students have been working towards the development and creation of their own cakes and biscuits.



Year 8 are working on menu development, timber and textiles by creating a deck chair and engineering creating a light project to allow students to think in engineering terms while also creating a desk lamp from curved aluminium. The “design your ultimate hamburger” assessment task is always one of the most popular tasks for the year with students creating amazing mouth-watering looking burgers.





Faculty Report from TAS

Our elective classes are fast finishing their individual courses both in theory and practical aspects. In Timber there is lots of gluing, jointing and sanding happening for the coffee tables and stools. In Metalwork the BBQs are progressing well with the specialisation students creating a Hack saw. In Food Technology Mrs Coote has had the students working outside their comfort zones by utilising weird and wonderful ingredients such as cricket powder. They have also been creating individual finger foods as part of their assessment tasks.

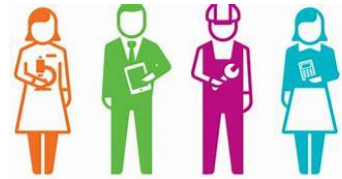


Year 11 have started their HSC studies and are furiously tackling the rigours of senior studies. In Industrial Technology they are working towards the development of ideas for their final Major project with our VET students tackling the working knowledge needed to progress and be successful in a trade in 2020 onwards. The Hospitality students are getting lots of experience at school doing coffees for the staff and hopefully will be back out and about next year with the SKILLS Van.





Faculty Report from Careers



What's happening in Careers?

Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to do work experience in Weeks 7, 8 and 9. Several students have organised their work experience with these wonderful local Businesses: Hozpots Garden Centre, Flannery's Pharmacy, Midpro, Sorelles Beauty, V.Air, Bedgerabong Public School, Forbes Small Engines, MD Steel, Bright Beginnings, ACE Machining, Forbes Preschool, Bunnings, DSB Mechanical, Abe Duggan Plumbing, Forbes Learning Ladder, Bright Beginnings, Eugowra Childcare, Forbes North Primary School, Forbes Public School, MKP Plastering, Parkes Burger Hub, Parkes Coffee Pot, John Welsh Building, BW & JA Horan Builders, Head On In Eugowra, Eugowra Family Day Care, Lachlan Commodities, Parkes Vet Clinic, B&S Godden Builders, Blush, Central West Diesel, Darren Cowan Welding, Forbes Family Dentist, Hair and Hype, Central West Allied Health, Bernardis, C&D Flooring, Anytime Fitness, Soil C Quest.

We are very grateful to the local businesses that have our students every year, and have welcomed new businesses that accommodated for our Year 10 students. Work Experience is such a valuable time, to help students decide the right career path for them. Thank you to all the businesses who hosted, supported, encouraged and gave advice to our students.



Mrs Price and Mr West will be visiting these local businesses whilst the students are conducting work experience. We hope Year 10 enjoy their time away from the classroom and gain new skills, knowledge, and make some informed decisions about their future careers.

Any concerns during work experience please contact the school and speak to Mrs Georgie Price or Mr Daniel West.





Faculty Report from Year 6 into 7 Transition

On Tuesday 17th and Tuesday 24th of November, Year 6 students from local primary schools attended Forbes High School for transition. They were able to experience taster lessons in Tech Mandatory (wood) where Mr Lickess guided them in making an earphone holder. Music was with Mr Ruttan, where they learnt about pitch and also got to play the drums! They were able to have a taste of Agriculture with Mrs Eagles, where they were lucky enough to see freshly hatched chickens! English was with Ms Wilson where they learnt all about description words, HSIE with Miss Nock where they learnt what was discovered first in history. Finally, they had Aboriginal Art with Sammi Naden where they learnt about the art of dot painting.

Orientation Day was on Thursday 3rd of December and students attended Forbes High School for the whole day. This gave students a real taste of what a day in the life of a student at Forbes High School is like. The day started off with a tour of the school, showing students where key learning areas are located and explaining how to navigate the school grounds. Students then had taster lessons in Mathematics with Mrs Larkings, Science with Miss Hall and Food Technology with Mrs Coote where they got to complete an experiment in science and make ice cream in Food Technology. The day was finished off with an amazing race to help familiarise them with the school and see how much they were paying attention during the tour. Forbes High School looks forward to welcome these students into Year 7 for their first day on January the 29th 2021.





Faculty Report from Girri Girri

JT Youth

On Tuesday the 10th of November our Girri Girri Sports Academy spent an hour talking with NRL great Johnathon Thurston who runs a program called JT Youth. JT Youth is a program made possible by Evolution Mining and aims to empower young people to be 'strong, confident and amazing'. A message that comes directly from Johnathon himself. We spoke about mental health and the importance of looking after your whole self, not just your physical health and also about setting goals. The students gained a lot from the hour and would like to thank Evolution Mining for making it possible.



Girri Girri Sports Academy visits Forbes Preschool

On Thursday 12th Of November a number of students from the Girri Girri Sports Academy visited Forbes Preschool to help celebrate NAIDOC week. Students played traditional aboriginal games and enjoyed spending time education future generations on Aboriginal culture.





Forbes High School

P&C meeting

Wednesday 9th December

6pm, Club Forbes



PCYC – Fit for Life

Wednesday mornings at FHS

7:45-8:15am in Hall

Cooked breakfast included

Variety of activities

Lead by 3x PCYC trained instructors

Transport to school included

Turn up Wednesday mornings!



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News from the P & C

Forbes High School P&C Raffle

The P&C are holding their first fundraiser of the year to support the school. We have nine amazing prizes valued at over \$1500, thanks to the generous donations of members and local community businesses.

Tickets are available through the school.

Forbes High School P&C ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2020

Tickets \$2ea or \$10 for 6

Book of 12 \$20

1ST PRIZE- 2019 Signed NSW State of Origin jersey- **value Priceless!**

2nd PRIZE- Yellow Box coffee table- value \$525

3rd PRIZE- Brush cutter- value \$200

4th PRIZE- Fuel voucher- value \$150

5th PRIZE- Drink & Food Xmas Hamper -value \$150

6th PRIZE- Drink & Food Xmas Hamper -value \$150

7th PRIZE- Home Hamper -value \$150

8th PRIZE- Kids Hamper- value- \$130

9TH PRIZE- Kids Hamper- value \$130

**DRAWN MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020. PLEASE RETURN TICKETS TO
SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER**

SAFER DRIVER BOOKINGS

If you are looking for a way to gain 20 hours in your learner's logbook and learn practical ways to stay safer on the road then book into our Safer Drivers program. Module 1 is 18/12/20 and then Module 2 will be held on 19/12/20.

Don't miss out. Head to our website down below to book.

<https://www.pcyedrivereducationprograms-sdc.org.au/#empoweringyoungpeople>



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Join a FREE online workshop full of practical advice and information for parents and other supervisors of learner drivers completing the Graduated Licensing Scheme.

The next workshop in your area will be held online:

TIME & DATE:

Thursday 10 December
6pm - 7.30pm

VENUE:

Via Zoom -
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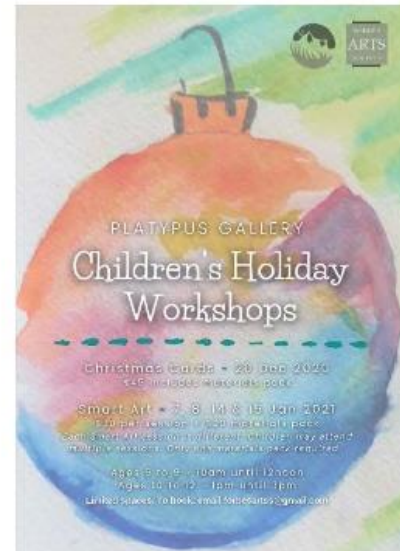
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January 2021 Children's Workshops

Workshop 1	Thursday 7 January 2020
Workshop 2	Friday 8 January 2020
Workshop 3	Thursday 14 January 2020
Workshop 4	Friday 15 January 2020
6 – 9 years	10:00 am to 12:00 noon
10 – 12 years	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm



Location: Platypus Gallery, 111 Lachlan Street, Forbes NSW

Cost: \$ 30 per workshop plus \$20 materials pack

Each Smart Art session is different. Children may attend multiple sessions. Only one material pack required for children attending multiple sessions.

Children need to bring art shirt/smock or wear old clothes. Bring water bottle or similar drink, NO soft drink.

Experienced art teacher with 'Working with Children' clearance. Children will be supervised at all times. Children must be dropped off and picked up by parent or other appropriate guardian.

Class limit is 6 participants, COVID-19 restrictions apply.

Workshop overview:

- Workshop 1** Making Marks while Looking and Seeing - participants will draw everyday objects, exploring shape, light, shade and depth.
- Workshop 2** Participants will explore mono-printing using a variety of mixed media and everyday items to create unusual works on watercolour paper
- Workshop 3** Participants will incorporate a variety of painting techniques with watercolour and acrylic paints while exploring colour, patterns and composition.
- Workshop 4** Participants will create their own acrylic painting on canvas incorporating skills learned.