



Relieving Principal
Kathleen Maksymczuk



Deputy Principal
Jason Nottingham
Alexis Hunter



Year 7
Sarah Kelly

Year 8
Riley Pike

Year 9
Peita Coote

Year 10
Georgina Price

Year 11
Rachel Eagles

Year 12
Kimberley Jackson

Careers Advisor
Georgina Price

School Counsellor/s
Michelle Burkitt
Elizabeth Macintyre

**Student Support
Officer**
Brooke Sargent

**HT
Wellbeing/Transition
and SRC Coordinator**
Pam McConnell

Forbes High School's Amazing Students of 2020

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



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2020 Major Awards

Dux

Year 7 – Hallie Rattenbury
Year 8 – Isabella Brown
Year 9 – Claudia Cheney
Year 10 – Rohan Webb
Year 11 – Hannah Staines
Support Unit Most Improved – Henry Mattiske
Consistent Effort – Logan Harvey

Blue & Gold Citizenship

Year 7 – Annaliese Green
Year 8 – Isabella Brown
Year 9 – Georgie Cole
Year 10 – Emily Gartner
Year 11 – Hannah Staines

Rotary Public Speaking

Annaliese Green

Forbes Christian Bookshop Award

Tait Ryan

View Club Literacy Award

Laura Vonthien

NSW Farmers Association Award

Isabella Brown

Crowe Horwath Commence Award

Laura Vonthien

Indigenous Citizenship Award

Matty Duke

Forbes Shire Council Achievement Award

Blair Barnes

Outstanding Achievement in Girri Girri

Alice Walsh

Blaze Little Memorial Award

Matty Duke

Brad Ridley Memorial Award

Jasmine Casey

The Beckhouse Shield

Emily Gartner

Carmel Hodges Memorial Mathematics Award

Grace Barbary

Emily Gartner

Forbes Teachers Association Award

Matilda Langham

TAFE

Jessica Croucher

William Rubensohn Foundation Scholarship

Jesse Price

Isabelle Smith

Australian Defence Force Award

Emily Gartner

Rohan Webb

MP Phil Donato “2020 Citizen of the Year”

Matty Duke



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year, and it has been an exciting term full of rich learning experiences for all of us here at Forbes High School. It seems like it was just yesterday that I started and I believe that we have grown together as a school over the past 10 weeks and I know how much I am looking forward to this journey of growth continuing into 2021.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the team that I am so fortunate to work with every day. All of the staff at Forbes High demonstrate outstanding commitment to education and a passion for our students. In my absence last week, Presentation Day was a celebration of student achievement and I thank Mr Jason Nottingham for relieving during that period and his support in the organisation of the day. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the team in the front office for ensuring that all awards and reports were finalised ensuring that the day was a success. Thank you to our parents and carers who were able to celebrate their child's achievement in what has been a challenging year.

There have been changes to staff development days for the beginning of 2021. School staff return on the 27th and 28th January 2021. Students in years 7, 11 and 12 will commence on Friday 29th January and all students returning Monday 1st February. For new families who move to Forbes over the holidays or for general enquiries, the school will be open on Monday 18th January 2021.

This time of the year also brings staff movement. We are saying goodbye to several staff this year as people look to undertake different roles and seek change. Mrs Alexis Hunter our Deputy Principal's secondment to Forbes High School has reached its completion. Alexis has shared with us rich expertise in many areas such as HSC marking and curriculum expertise. I know how much she will be missed by us all. Mrs Michelle Burkitt our school counsellor has made the decision to look at broadening her career in the psychology field. A significant gap will be left by Michelle and we thank her for her many years of service and commitment to our school and the Department of Education.

There are staff who are taking leave for 2021 for different reasons and we are hoping that they return to Forbes High School in 2022. Some of our team who are doing something a bit different in 2021 are, Mr Tim West, Mr Brad Bainbridge and Miss Sarah Kelly. We wish them well and thank them for their work at our school. Lauren Jordan has a move with her family to the coast which is an exciting opportunity and Mrs Jackie Mitton has found a position closer to home. Sam Limbert also has a move with her family to another area of the state and Miss Justine Malingrey has accepted a position in a school in Sydney. Mrs Myra Singh has a wonderful opportunity with the CSIRO and I thank Anna Hull for her work in PDHPE and CAPA. Thank you to all of our staff who have been such an integral part of our school and I know that all of the staff, students, parents and community wish all of our departing staff the very best.

I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. I imagine that we are all looking forward to 2021 and the new opportunities that the year will bring. I am excited to welcome new staff to the school and the opportunity to work with the community of Forbes High School in 2021.

Warm regards,
Mrs Kathleen Maksymczuk
Rel. Principal.



Deputy Principal's Message

Hi Forbes Community,

It is hard to believe that the school year is drawing to a close and that Christmas and 2021 are almost upon us.

With it being the last week of school, it seems appropriate to take time to reflect on the year that has been. 2020 - a year that will be difficult to forget. One that unfolded in a way we never expected, but a year that nevertheless prompted our resilience, flexibility, care and strength as a school and as a community.

Our staff and students were very quickly immersed in remote learning with very little time to prepare. Though we all continued to engage in a wide array of activities that enriched our students' learning experiences within the virtual classroom, and upon our return to face-to-face, in our real classrooms.

These last two weeks have been very busy indeed and I would like to thank all of our school community members for your continual engagement in school life. A very special thank you to the parents and family members who attended the 7 - 11 Presentation Assemblies last Friday. It was a wonderful celebration of the efforts and talents of our students in 2020 and it was very special experiencing this with you.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff of Forbes High School and thank them for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the social, emotional and academic wellbeing of our students. Many thanks to them for everything they do, often unseen but very much appreciated.

It has been a privilege working with your children and being part of this community.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy and healthy 2021.

Best wishes,
Alexis Hunter
Deputy Principal



What's Happening

Weeks of Term 1 2021

Week 1

25 Jan
26 Jan Australia Day
27 Jan Staff Development Day
28 Jan Staff Development Day
29 Jan Yr 7, 11 & 12 Return to School

Week 2

1 Feb Whole School Resumes
2 Feb Breakfast Club
3 Feb Breakfast Club
4 Feb Breakfast Club
5 Feb Breakfast Club

Important Information Students Working Whilst Enrolled at School

A reminder that students cannot be enrolled in school and in full time work as well.

Reminder

2021 Return Dates

Year 7, 11 & 12
Friday 29 January

Whole School
Resumes
Monday 1st February

PBL Focus for Forbes High



Our Term 4 PBL Winners are Avril Green and Alex Lemon! These two winners were drawn from all the purple slips students had deposited throughout the year for recognition in upholding our school values of being honest, being responsible, being respectful and doing their best.

Faculty Report from Science & Agriculture

Students have been working on the Earth and Space topics in Science this term. Students in Years 7 to 10 have completed their Semester 2 examinations and achieved some pleasing results. Year 7 2021 students were given a Science taster lesson on Orientation Day and conducted an experiment using the Bunsen burner.

Year 8 Agriculture students have been learning about plant production and producing planter boxes. Stage 5 Agriculture students have been studying vegetable production with a focus on potatoes.

Together with Year 8 they have hand-sewed a paddock with maize and grew potatoes. Mrs Eagles and Mr Byrne look forward to again working with students in 2021, and hopefully being able to participate in shows with the Show Team.





Equipment required for 2021 Science and Ag

In 2021, students will need the following equipment for Science and Agriculture classes:

- 2x 128-page books or Science and 1x 128-page book for Stage 5 Agriculture
- Black fully enclosed leather shoes
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pens
- Lead Pencils





News from the P & C

On behalf of the Forbes High School P&C we would like to say thank you to Kath and the staff of Forbes High School for the work and support provided to all of the students, and families through what has been a very challenging year.

It has also been a difficult year for the P&C, with school closures and limited ability to fundraise, but thanks to a dedicated team we were able to get our Christmas raffle in at the end of the year.

The raffle was drawn on Monday 14th December by Relieving Principal Kathleen Maksymczuk. Congratulations to the following winners and a big thankyou to everyone that supported our fundraising efforts. We were able to raise \$3414.85.

The raffle winners are listed below;

1st PRIZE Winner of the 2019 Signed NSW State of Origin jersey is **Terry Boyker**

2nd PRIZE Winner of the Yellow Box coffee table is **Janelle Berger**

3rd PRIZE Winner of the Brush cutter- value \$200 is **Greg Hartwig**

4th PRIZE Winner of the Fuel voucher- value \$150 is **Sue Boland**

5th PRIZE Winner of the Drink & Food Xmas Hamper is **Barry Read**

6th PRIZE Winner of the Drink & Food Xmas Hamper is **Deb Lockwood**

7th PRIZE Winner of the Home Hamper -value \$150 is **Ngari Walsh**

8th PRIZE Winner of the Kids Hamper- value- \$130 is **Matt Simmonds**

9TH PRIZE Winner of the Kids Hamper- value \$130 is **John Brown (Rambo)**

Thank you to the following business houses and families who also donated towards the raffle in 2020. Fraser family, Forbes Woolworths, Forbes Pizza House, Molloy family, Walker family, Frank Spice, Loomzys, Vandenberg Hotel, Forbes Spotlight, and Roundabout Bakery.

Even though it has been a difficult year, the P&C have been able to donate the following in 2020 to the school:

\$500.00 for the repainting of Ag stock yards and new wash bay

\$500.00 for Science textbooks

\$871.00 for 3 x outdoor chess sets

\$1000.00 for the Equestrian team

\$950.00 for Support Unit Shed



Forbes High School

P & C Meeting 2021

Wednesday 10th February

6pm, Venue to be Advised

All welcome!



News from the P & C

As always we would like to invite our families to become members and help support the P&C in 2021. We have 21 members to date and we would love to increase that for 2021. Membership is only \$2 and forms can be found on the school website. As we say, many hands make light work!

I'd also like to thank my Executive, Deb Hodges Lockwood, Joanne Barnard, Lisa Fraser and Nat Walker for their support and dedication to the P&C and the school. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Canteen Manager Christine Crawford, who has been fantastic this year, especially with the challenges being presented over the course of the year.

We wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas over the holiday break and a Happy New Year. Let's hope it's a little kinder to us all!

Kind Regards
Raewyn Molloy
P&C President



Bike, Skate and Scooter Road Safety Program For Aboriginal Children (At no cost to participants)

Where: Forbes Netball Courts
When: Friday 15th January, 2021
Time: 10.30am to 1.00pm

The Program teaches:

- Practical bike skills
- Increase bike handling skills
- Understand NSW Road Rules
- Visibility whilst riding
- Understand safe riding in the community

Participants receive:

- Aboriginal designed helmet
- Bike Service
- Snacks and refreshments
- Bikes available to use on the day if required

Bring your own bike for a free service & repair

All Ages Welcome

Contact:

Bike and Fitness

Mobile: 0411 260 735

Email: aboriginalbikesafety@gmail.com

Register Now!
Limited to 20
participants

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ride

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