



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Carers and our FHS community,

It is hard to believe that another year has finished, and the Christmas break is here. It has been a year of challenges and adversity, but also incredible resilience and strong community spirit. The student support of each other has been exceptional and have appreciated their flexibility this term.

We will be sad to see our partner school, Forbes Public leave us, it has been a wonderful experience having their staff and students onsite and As a school, we have been so grateful that we were able to support them through this difficult period. As one community of schools, it is integral that we work shoulder to shoulder.

HSC 2022

Our Year 12, 2022 cohort have performed extremely well in this year's HSC. Congratulations to all students on their achievement and I know that for most, their pathway post high school is well and truly secured. Although our cohort may have been small in number, no one would ever be able to question their passion and determination to succeed. Congratulations to all student for their commitment to learning which resulted in 2 Band 6 results and 11 Band 5s across multiple subjects.



Presentation Assembly

The Presentation Assembly was a wonderful way to recognise student achievement across all aspects of school life. Academic, sporting, cultural, citizenship and attendance were all aspects of schooling life which was recognised. Thank you to our parents and distinguished guests who were able to attend.





Transition

Last week we had three brilliant days of transition. It was fantastic to see our 2023 Year 7 students engaging in high school life and collaborating with the peer support leaders. We look forward to the ongoing partnership between the students next year.



Thank you to our P and C for their continued support of FHS. We have a fantastic partnership and As a school, we value their input to our school. Please consider joining the P and C, you do not need to take on a role, rather have a voice in shaping the direction of our school.

Have a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. From all of us at Forbes High School, we wish you a restful break and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.

School resumes for staff on the 27th and 30th January. Years 7, 11 and 12 will commence on Tuesday 31st January, with all students returning on 1st February 2023.

Warmest regards and best wishes,

Kathleen Maksymczuk
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It seems like an age since I last wrote for the newsletter, what with all the events of this term. I feel honoured and privileged to call myself an honorary local in our extended community (I know it takes a lot longer than I have been here to be a true local). Families, friends, and colleagues have all, in some way been affected by what the weather has thrown at us and yet, through it all, Forbes High School stands in the centre, and provides some sense of "normality". Through adversity comes joy, and I have certainly felt that over the last few weeks every time I am greeted by the smiling happy faces of kindergarten through to year 6 students from Forbes Public as they walk around the school. It has been a breath of fresh air and the high school students have responded magnificently by taking it in their stride, handing over their learning spaces and even going into the infants' classes to help teach.

It has been a recurring theme in my newsletter items this year that this school community is one of the most amazing that I have ever had the privilege of working in. The care, compassion and spirit has not been broken and we are set up to move into 2023 with vigour and great things being organised to happen.

While writing this, I have just finished presiding over the end of year presentation assembly. The turn out from family and friends was lovely to see and again confirms the support that we have from our extended community. I would like to set a challenge for next year. As well as those that regularly attend, I would love to see new faces at school events as I truly believe that it takes a village to raise a child and we, as a school community are that village.

As you are all aware, the uniform is changing in 2023 (please see attached page that explains more). Due to the flooding and postal issues, Gunns have not been able to get all the t-shirts embroidered in time for us to get one to every student. However, they will be available over the holidays from Gunns and at the start of next year we will issue every student with a t-shirt for their junior or senior years. We are still in the process of sourcing an appropriate jumper and envisage this will occur over the break. We would love to see every student in the new uniform from day 1, 2023.

Thank you once again for an amazing year and I hope that each and every one of you has a restful and safe break, ready for 2023.

Yours sincerely,

David Lickess
Deputy Principal



FORBES HIGH SCHOOL MAJOR ASSEMBLY 2022

Dux of Year 7 :- Karla Osborne
Dux of Year 8 :- Stephanie Vonthein
Dux of Year 9 :- Annaliese Green
Dux of Year 10 :- Grace Barbary
Dux of Year 11 :- Claudia Cheney

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Year 7 Citizenship Awards: - Lacey Osborne, Karla Osborne
Blue and Gold Award: - Blake Bray
Year 8 Citizenship Awards: - Stephanie Vonthein, Logan Davies
Blue and Gold Award: - Chloe Little
Year 9 Citizenship Awards: - Philip Klingner, Zac Fraser
Blue and Gold Award: - Annaliese Green
Year 10 Citizenship Awards: - Grace Barbary, Bethany Miller
Blue and Gold: - Isabella Brown
Year 11 Citizenship Awards: - Kirby Maslin, Laura Vonthein
Blue and Gold Award: - Georgia Cole

100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Skye Saville, Sarah-Jane Sullivan, Stephanie Vonthein

TAFE AWARDS

Lily Boyd - Achievement in TVET Animal Studies
Angela Emery - Achievement in TVET Animal Studies
Jessica Tudgey - Achievement in TVET Animal Studies
Chloe Cowell - Achievement in TVET Early Childhood
Danan-Lee Nixon-Tamblyn - Achievement in TVET Early Childhood
Brooklyn Vinecombe - Achievement in TVET Early Childhood

ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS

Drew Barter
Annaliese Green

LITERACY AWARD

Emma Mitchell-Melon

FORBES CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP SCRIPTURE AWARD

Logan Davies



NSW FARMERS ASSOCIATION AWARD

Chloe Little

FORBES HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCE AWARD

Grace Barbary

THE INDIGENOUS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Ebonnie Covlin-Hopely

THE GIRRI GIRRI SPORTS ACADEMY AWARD

Lochie Farrelly

THE BLAZE LITTLE MEMORIAL AWARD

Brooklyn Read

THE FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ewan Barter

BRAD RIDLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

Meghan Fahey

CARMEL HODGES MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR MATHEMATICS

Stage 4 - Methmi Hettiarachchi Gamage Stage 5 - Grace Barbary

PHIL DONATO MP - SCHOOL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2022

Lily Boyd

**THE BECKHOUSE SHIELD FOR YEAR 10 STUDENT
EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, EFFORT AND SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP**

Isabella Brown

THE CHOON PA KOREAN LANGUAGE AWARD

Grace Barbary

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP - CERTIFICATE III IN RETAIL

Haylee Sullivan

THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

YEAR 10 : - Isabella Brown

THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD

YEAR 10: - Grace Barbary

WILLIAM RUBENSOHN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Marcus Colvin, Belle Hartwig

FORBES HIGH SCHOOL P & C - STATE SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Annaliese Green, Eamonn Ryan, Will Bailey, Philip Klingner, Alex Lemon, Jessica Tudgey, Kirby Maslin



FORBES HIGH SCHOOL SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Kirby Maslin

CHAMPION SPORTS HOUSE

Gamilaroi

SEMESTER 2 - 2022 Awards List - Year 7 Awards

- Angus Carpenter** - *Academic Award* for Geography
Liam Fraser - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Geography (Mandatory)
Zoe Fraser - *Academic Award* for Technology (Mandatory), Personal Development, Health & Physical Education, Visual Arts
Flynn Freshfield - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Language - Wiradjuri
- *Academic Award* for Geography (Mandatory)
Lindsay Moore - *Academic Award* for Language - Wiradjuri
Jaydrien Mores - *Academic Award* for Science
Sienna O'Malley - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Visual Arts
Karla Osborne - *Outstanding Academic Award* for English, Personal Development, Health & Physical Education, Science, Music
Lacey Osborne - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Academic Award for English, Music, Science
Aidan Shanahan - *Academic Award* for English, Mathematics
Isabel Shaw - *Academic Award* for English
Roxanne Taylor - *Academic Award* for Technology (Mandatory), Language - French

SEMESTER 2 - 2022 Awards List - Year 8 Awards

- Amelia Behan** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for English
Tylah Bond - *Academic Award* for Technology (Mandatory)
Ben Boyd - *Outstanding Academic Award* for English
Madison Burbage - *Academic Award* for English
Konnor Coleman - *Academic Award* for Technology (Mandatory)
Marcus Colvin - *Academic Award* for English, Science
Kai Cowell - *Academic Award* for Language - French
Hydee Fairley - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Visual Arts
Bella Henry - *Outstanding Academic Award* for English

- Methmi Gamage** - *Academic Award* for Visual Arts, History (mandatory), Mathematics
Adelaide Langham - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Chloe Little - *Academic Award* for Music
Emma Mitchell-Mellon - *Academic Award* for English, Language - Wiradjuri
Halle Molloy - *Academic Award* for Agricultural Technology
Bradán Mugridge - *Academic Award* for Geography (Mandatory), Science
Tylah Rogers - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Language - Wiradjuri
Seth Swansborough - *Academic Award* for Mathematics
Stephanie Vonthien - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Music
Academic Award for Personal Development Health and Physical Education

SEMESTER 2 - 2022 Awards List - Year 9 Awards

- Ewan Barter** - *Academic Award* for Aboriginal Studies
Zac Fraser - *Academic Award* for Agricultural Technology
Sarah Herford - *Academic Award* for English
Philip Klingner - *Academic Award* for Industrial Technology - Metal
Bella Male - *Outstanding Academic Award* for Geography (Mandatory)
Chase Moses - *Academic Award* for Geography (Mandatory), Industrial Technology - Wood
Halle Rattenbury - *Academic Award* for English
Lexie Rattenbury - *Academic Award* for English
Eamonn Ryan - *Academic Award* for Agricultural Technology
Skye Saville - *Academic Award* for Visual Arts, Textile Technology
Hannah Williams - *Academic Award* for Mathematics



SEMESTER 2 - 2022 Awards List - Year 10 Awards

- Peta Allen** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Visual Arts
- *Academic Award* for Agricultural Technology
- Grace Barbary** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Mathematics, English
- *Academic Award* for Textiles Technology,
History, Science
- Isaac Barnard** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Food Technology, Industrial Technology - Metal
- *Academic Award* for Mathematics, Personal
Development, Health and Physical Development
- Finn Berry** - *Academic Award* for Mathematics
- Isabella Brown** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Industrial Technology - Wood, Science, Child
Studies
- *Academic Award* for Food Technology, English,
Personal Development Health and Physical
Education
- Ebonnie Colvin** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Aboriginal Studies
- Jade Emerson** - *Academic Award* for Child Studies
- Bea Miller** - *Academic Award* for Drama
- Danny Sideris** - *Academic Award* for Industrial
Technology - Wood
- Rai Yapp** - *Academic Award* for English

Kirby Maslin - *Academic Award* for Community and
Family Studies

Laura Vonthien - *Academic Award* for English Advanced
Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics Advanced

SEMESTER 2 – 2022 Awards List - Year 11 Awards

- Lily Boyd** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Textiles and Design
- *Academic Award* for Business Studies
- Oscar Browne** - *Academic Award* for Maths Life Skills
- Claudia Cheney** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Modern History, English Advanced
- *Academic Award* for Drama, Visual Arts,
Industrial Technology - Multimedia
- Georgia Cole** - *Academic Award* for Primary Industries
- Chloe Cowell** - *Academic Award* for English Life Skills
- Angela Emery** - *Academic Award* for English Life Skills
- Meg Fahey** - *Outstanding Academic Award* for
Primary Industries
- *Academic Award* for English Standard,
Agriculture
- Avril Green** - *Academic Award* for English Studies,
Numeracy, Exploring Childhood
- Claire Little** - *Academic Award* for Personal
Development, Health and Physical Education
Mathematics Standard, Sport, Lifestyle and
Recreation, Industrial Technology - Metal



FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MRS ANGELA BOTTARO-PORTER

As I look back upon my 8 years at Forbes High School, I feel blessed to have made some great friends, worked with amazing colleagues, taught wonderful students and been part of a caring community.

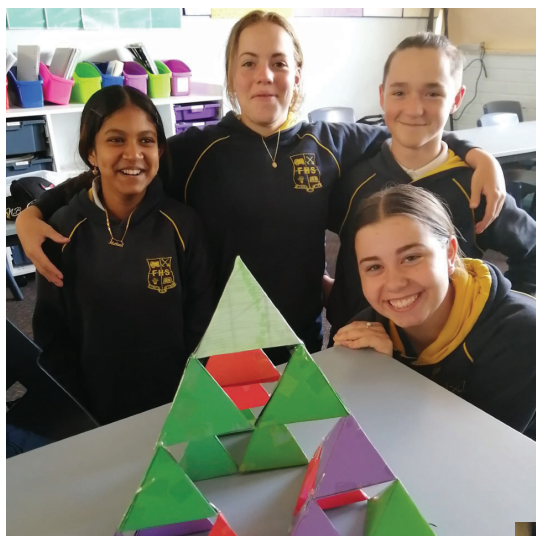
I have always believed that having a smile and being kind to each other is the key to wonderful relationships, and I have definitely made some lifelong memories of students, colleagues, cleaners, canteen staff and community members.

There are too many people to thank, so this is a general thank you to everyone who has supported me both as a teacher and a friend.

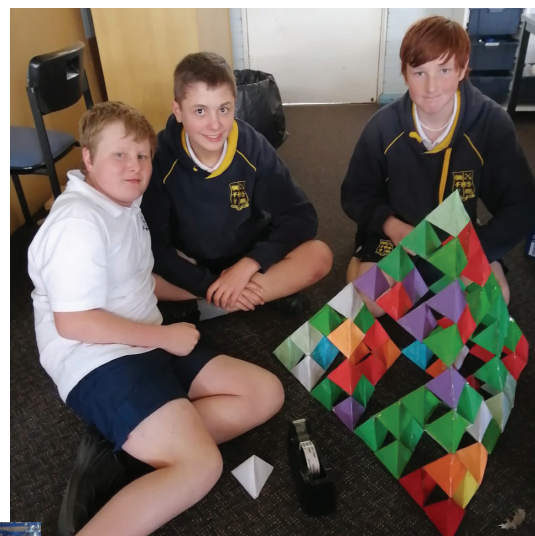
I would like to acknowledge the Mathematics Faculty, especially Susan and Lauren, for their unwavering understanding and support during the past few years which have been very challenging and difficult for all of us.

A message to current and former students – remember Mathematics is a language and you can only improve through practice and a positive mindset. Most of you will recall me telling you to say “I don’t know it YET” instead of giving up! I believe all of you have potential if you put your mind to it!

So this is not farewell but good-bye for now as I embark on my own personal journey.



8MA Euclid made Sierpinski Fractal Tree out of Tetrahedrons (triangular pyramids). It now takes pride of place in the foyer of the office as a lovely Christmas decoration.





AGRICULTURE

What a busy term in agriculture. Our students competed in Scone Beef Bonanza with 5 steers, with 4/5 placing on the hoof and 2 placing 3rd in their classes on the hoof. We would like to thank local beef farmers Dustin Kemp, Richard Cole, Cam Dunn, Annika and Jai Wynberg for supporting us and supplying us with steers.



The farm has been a buzz with the sound of little people with the Primary School students having a taster lesson in Agriculture. Lots of cow leading and chicken holding. It was lovely to see so much enthusiasm and be able to share our wonderful resources with them.



Mr Byrne and his helpers had a wonderful Year 6 transition lesson, with a tour of the Ag farm, parading the heifers and collecting the eggs. We are really excited to welcome our new year 7's next year.

The Primary Industry students have been sowing our summer crops of millet and forage sorghum ready for our prime lambs. So there will be lots of feed for our stock when we return to school.

We would like to say a massive thankyou to Mr Byrne for all of his hard work and dedication to our school, showteam and ag farm over the last 11 years and wish him a wonderful next 12 months leave.

We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Christmas with their families and friends.

We have chickens available for sale, until next Tuesday. Please contact the front office on 68 522 666 and ask for Mrs Eagles.



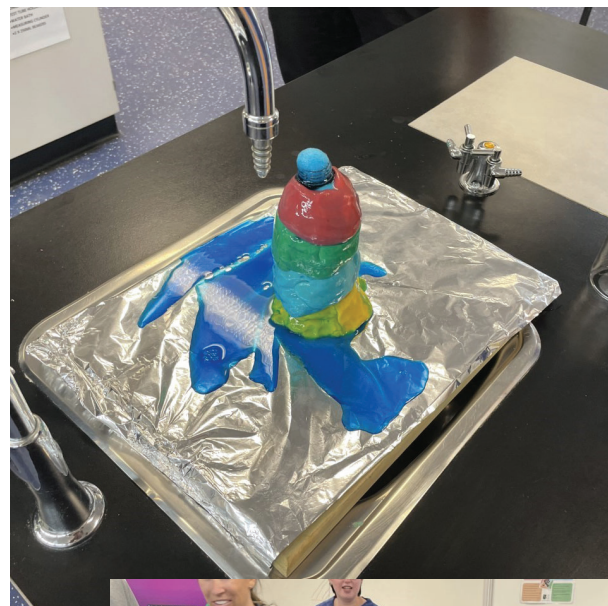
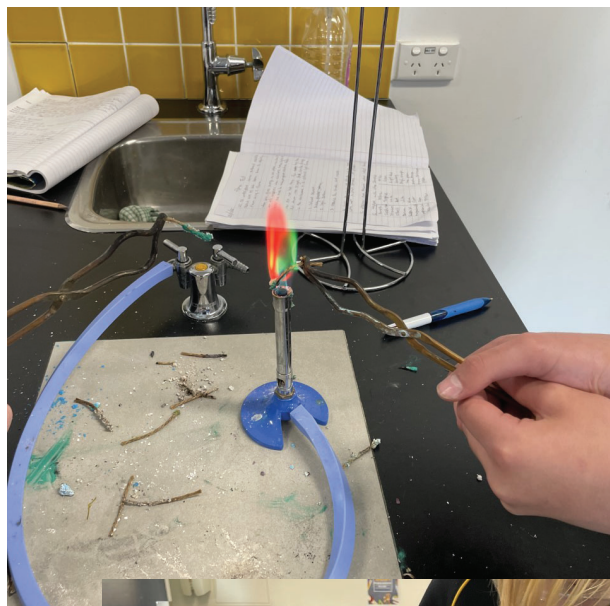


SCIENCE

This term in science, students have been completing work in a multitude of different areas. Year 7 has been working hard on their topic of earth and space, learning all about the international space station and our solar system. Students have found particular interest tracking where the international space station is every lesson. Did you know the international space station orbits the earth 16 times a day. That's once every 90 minutes! To achieve this the international space station has to travel at 7.66 km/s or 28,000 km/h, that's about 52 times faster than the fastest car in the world.

Year 8 has been enjoying working on their chemistry topic. This topic has been their first foray into the periodic table, learning all about the first 20 elements. To do this they have completed many experiments like creating a pH indicator using cabbage, burning magnesium and completing the flame test. In the process of learning the names and symbols of the first 20 elements some students have become expert bingo players.

Much like year 7, Year 9 has been engaged in their earth and space topic, investigating the earth. They've looked at tectonic plates and how they effect how the earth is formed. This has involved students engaging in a range of practical activities, in particular, learning about the structure of volcanos by building them and making them explode.



A LOOK BACK AT THIS YEAR IN THE PERFORMING ARTS!

Our students have thrived in Drama, Musical Theatre Sport, the NSW State Drama Festival, and represented the school with pride on excursions as they explored the Arts. I am very proud of all students who gave up their lunch time for rehearsals, or simply did their best in the Drama classroom. Well done to our hardworking students, and I look forward to working together on our school musical in December, 2023!

-Mrs Smith







BOYS TO THE BUSH - WEEK 5 SUMMARY

The final session was upon us after a long term interrupted by floods. The boys have been fantastic during the program, and we hope they got a lot out of it. Today we had a few activities planned as well as some fun to finish off.

Fencing at the Farm

Our job for the morning was to take all the debris from a fence on a property about 10km from town. When we arrived, the boys put sunscreen on and collected their gloves. They worked well and cleared the first fence line with no hassles. Dylan Bray was the standout and did not stop the whole time. It was also a great time to talk about helping others who may need it, such as during the floods.





Goldridge Estate (Forbes Shire Council)

As part of our community engagement today, we met up with Ash and Alex from Forbs Shire Council. They talked to us about the new Goldridge Estate. They explained to the boys the process for establishing a new estate, with things such as water, power and roads needing to be built or hooked up. They also talked about careers within the council and some of the training opportunities they offer. During the presentation the boys listened well and were respectful.



Lunch and Pool

For lunch today we cooked a BBQ back at the shed. A few boys helped with the cooking whilst the others played hide and seek. It was nice to see them enjoying a simple game that we all played as kids. After lunch we finished off some more fence work before heading to the local pool to cool off. The boys all behaved themselves at the pool and i was very happy with the work ethic they displayed today.





Road safety

40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
- educationstandards.nsw.edu.au
- education.nsw.gov.au

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the 40km/h speed limit isn't followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Forbes Community Health are holding additional Immunisation Clinics leading up to Christmas

- Friday 2nd December
- Friday 9th December
- Friday 16th December
- Thursday 22nd December

Bookings essential – call Denise on:

6850 7305 or 0438 013 762



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



Wanna be someone's BFF?
Follow these seven steps.

1 BE A GOOD LISTENER

Sometimes being a good friend means just being willing to listen. You don't need to have all the answers, and don't assume your friend wants advice – they may just want to talk, and to have someone hear what they're saying.

2 GET THE FACTS

If your friend has a medical or mental health issue, learn about what they've been diagnosed with. Being interested in what they're going through shows them you care.

3 ASK THEM WHAT THEY NEED

If you're worried about someone and want to be there for them, ask them what they need. You'll then know what they'll find helpful when going through tough times.

4 BE FREE WITH YOUR HUGS

Hugging your friends is a great way to show that you care for them. Physical contact can be comforting, especially when someone feels alone. Just make sure you ask first.

5 KEEP IN TOUCH

Show your friends you're there for them by making an effort to keep in touch through social media, emails, texts and calls.

6 TELL THEM HOW YOU FEEL

You can make a real difference to how someone is feeling just by letting them know that they're important to you. So, go for it!

7 BE WILLING TO MAKE A TOUGH CALL

If you think your friend's safety is at risk, you might need to act without their consent and get help. It can be a tough call, but remember that good friends care enough to step up.

Read more here: reachout.com.au/australia/relationships/a-good-friend





GERRIC for Gifted Students Program

Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023
Online & on-campus



9-13 January
2023



Online



UNSW Campus,
Kensington



9:00am - 3:00pm

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10

The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.



Follow the QR code for more
information about our
program

Scholarships Available!

Contact us: gerric@unsw.edu.au





Eugowra Community - Christmas Present Drive

Families will be able to come to the Eugowra Public School to choose Christmas gifts. Please follow the signs. Gift wrapping available.



Dates and times

Tuesday 20th December 2022 – 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Wednesday 21st December 2022- 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Thursday 22nd December 2022 – 4.00pm to 7.00pm

There will be lots of gifts on offer for all age groups from 0-18 years and limited adult gifts. Volunteers available to assist with wrapping your gifts. There will be a limit of 3 gifts per child.



A massive thankyou to all groups, individuals and organisations that have donated these amazing toys and gifts