



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and the Forbes High School community,

Welcome to Term 4

We have had a brilliant start to the term with so many experiences for our school community within the first two weeks of the term. The calendar for this term is full of wonderful opportunities for our school with many excursions and rewards. Years 8 and 9 are heading to Lake Burrendong later in the term, students are attending School Spectacular and, we have the return of the Ben Hall Shield on the 14th of November.

I encourage all our students to be involved with these different activities. Participation in learning experiences outside the classroom is instrumental to a rich and rewarding school experience.

Staff Farewell

This week sees Jenny Boyd, one of our dedicated and committed School Administration Staff members finish at Forbes High School as Jenny takes on another role in our Forbes community. Jenny has been an integral part of our team across many roles from supporting students in the classroom to working in our office, again supporting the smooth running of our school. I personally have thoroughly enjoyed working with Jenny and know how much I will miss her and her experience and expertise.

Jenny, on behalf of Forbes High School, thank you for your service to our school, our staff, our students, and our community. You will be missed but I know that you will always be a close member of our school community. All the very best in your exciting new role.



Higher School Certificate

The Higher School Certificate written examination commenced last week. Students have been working with teachers over the study break in the holiday period and were relieved to commence the final examinations. The students are firmly into the rhythm of the exams, and we wish them all the very best for the final weeks. We also are looking forward to celebrating their final graduation on the 10th of November.

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Last weekend students from the early 1970s returned to FHS for their reunion which was planned for 2020. Between Covid and the floods, we had several false starts before this wonderful event was able to be held. It was fantastic to see students return, share memories, and explore the school and marvel at the changes that have taken place.

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Attendance

School days are filled with so many opportunities for all students. From learning to sport to creativity to social interactions and simply having fun, this can only occur if students are in attendance. Every day matters!



Thank you for your partnership with Forbes High School, please contact us at any time if you have any concerns or questions.

Regards, Kathleen Maksymczuk



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 4. It is exciting to be into the final term of the year and, as always, it is amazing how quickly the year has gone by.

Attendance Recognition

The school will be continuing with its focus on attendance. It is terrific to report that we have had an increase in attendance at 90% and above since the same time last year. I am always impressed with the number of our students who have such great attendance, particularly those who come to school on everyday that the school is open!

In recognising student attendance we will be having two rewards this term. We want recognise those with 90% and above or with significantly improved attendance in Term 4. We will also have a separate reward for those with 90% and above attendance across the whole year. In addition, we will continue the draw for a \$10 canteen voucher for students who attend for full days on Fridays.



Congratulations Thomas, Logan, Montana, Hayden, and Rebecca who were Friday Week 1 winners!

We at Forbes High School encourage all of our students to be here on everyday possible. Research continues to show the importance of regular attendance at school to set children up for a great future. Routine and punctuality, and the opportunity to develop literacy, numeracy and critical thinking skills are just some of the benefits of regular attendance at school.

Communication

We know that things come up and students cannot attend due to illness or other significant events. We ask that if such events impact your child that you communicate with the school. Please respond to the school SMS with the reason for your child's absence. If you know your child will be absent for a number of days please phone the school or respond to the text message with the details, otherwise you will keep getting the messages.

Behaviour Recognition

Those students with very low behaviour incidents recorded have been offered the opportunity to attend the Schools Spectacular performance. Planning for this excursion is well underway and it is exciting to be able to take 50 students to Sydney for the day.

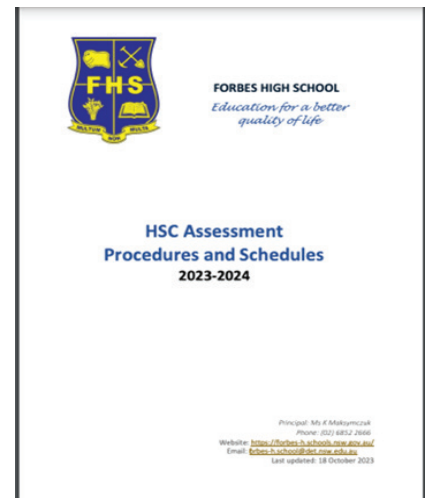




Assessment

Year 11

As always in Term 4 we welcome our Year 11 students into their HSC studies. Students have been given their Assessment Booklets which explains the school's assessment procedures and each subject's assessment requirements. Parents and carers of Year 11 students would ask their child to see this booklet and familiarise themselves with the assessment expectations of the school and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).



Year 10



Students in Year 10 will be sitting formal exams in the Hall for their core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and History. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their skills in studying for exams, answering exam-style questions and working under examination conditions. These exams will be held on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th of October. These exams are formal assessment tasks and students are expected to be in attendance for them. If your child is sick or will be absent for a valid reason they will need to complete a Special Consideration form which is available from their Year Adviser Miss Wilson or Deputy Principal, Mrs Jones. please contact the school

In addition, students who student Stage 5 Commerce, will also sit an exam in the hall.

Mobile Devices

This is a reminder that mobile devices are now banned in NSW government schools. All students at Forbes High School should have a Yondr pouch which they use daily. If your child has misplaced or damaged their pouch please ask them to see a Deputy Principal to have it replaced. Please reminder that there are consequences for not following the school mobile devices procedure.



I hope everyone has a great Term 4!

Regards,

Mrs Lee-Anne Jones

The Cargo to Grenfell Walk is a registered fundraising event that takes place annually in March between the two regional towns of Cargo and Grenfell, both located in the Central West of New South Wales.

Participants are put to the test of both mental and physical endurance during the 96km trek with the aim to raise awareness and funds to increase education around mental health wellbeing and suicide prevention. As a community-based event, we would love to see the locals of the Central West come on board and register for the event, supporting a great cause to improve mental health awareness & resources within Central West NSW.

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For more Information or to register scan the QR Code >>>

Any questions about the event, registration or if you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please contact Toby Barons on 0421 880 088 or email c2gwalk@gmail.com

TERM 4 WEEK 5

- M 6th Nov - Year 9 exams
- T 7th Nov - Year 9 exams
- W 8th Nov - Year 9 exams
- T 9th Nov -Year 9 exams
- F 10th Nov - Year 9 exams

TERM 4 WEEK 6

- M 13th Nov
- T 14th Oct - Ben Hall Shield visit with Blayney High School
- W 15th Nov
- T 16th Nov - Induction Ceremony for SRC and House captains
- F 17th Nov

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is running from the Canteen every morning from 8:30am. Come and grab some toast to start your day.



Kathleen Maksymczuk
Principal



David Lickess
Deputy Principal



Lee-Anne Jones
Deputy Principal

YEAR 7 ADVISOR
Kimberley Jackson

YEAR 8 ADVISOR
Shanna Nock

YEAR 9 ADVISOR
Tara Morrison

YEAR 10 ADVISOR
Hayley Wilson

YEAR 11 YEAR ADVISOR
Riley Pike

YEAR 12 YEAR ADVISOR
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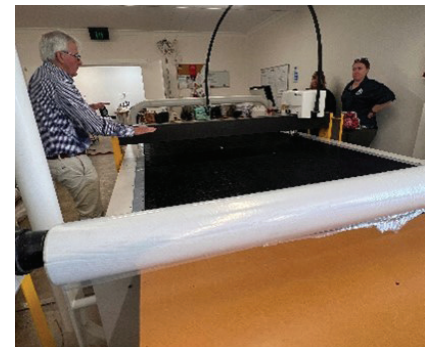
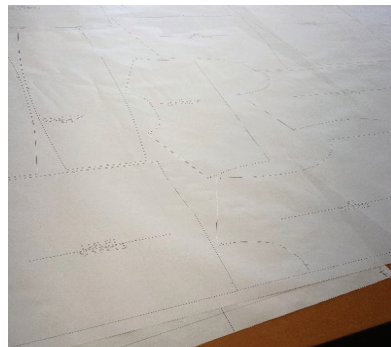
WELLBEING / TRANSITION
Amy Adams





LOCAL TEXTILES BUSINESS EXCURSION

Year 9/10 Textiles Technology visited Woollerina and Meek & Me to gain knowledge on the processes local business do to produce textile garments for their customers.



Warwick explained the process of selecting wool from Australian farmers, the cleaning of greasy wool, yarn size for particular garments, turning yarn into a fabric, creating patterns, cutting patterns, production line to create garments, quality and longevity of woollen products, storage of garments and online marketing.



Kellie and Tabitha showed and explained the process of creating designs digitally, use of computer programs, importance of selecting quality garments for printing, benefits of quality printing machines, other technology used in creating products, process of starting a new business, and marketing.





PARENT SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement also conducted this Term. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Please use the following link to complete the survey.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/forbeshs>

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

The survey is available in 23 languages.





A quick guide to your **it's in the bag donation**

Donate at Bunnings 10 - 26 November 2023

Make Christmas special for someone living in crisis this year by donating an Adult, Teen or Mum & Bub bag. Fill a new bag or a pre-loved one (in excellent condition) with life's essentials and a few luxury items to help someone in need.

If you are creating a Teen or Mum & Bub bag, please tag your bag using a ribbon or a downloadable tag from our website. This tag will show the type of bag you have created. Teen bags should have a yellow tag/ribbon, and Mum & Bub bags a purple tag/ribbon.

Bag Essentials

- ♥ shampoo & conditioner
- ♥ roll on deodorant
- ♥ toothbrush & toothpaste
- ♥ sealed packet of pads &/or tampons
- ♥ body wash or soap

All items included in the bag *must be new* and in *sealed packaging* for health and safety reasons.

Additional

Mum & Bub Bag Essentials

- ♥ maternity pads
- ♥ breast pads
- ♥ baby wipes
- ♥ dummies
- ♥ new born nappies
- ♥ baby shampoo
- ♥ baby wash
- ♥ nappy rash cream
- ♥ disposable nappy bags

Optional Luxury Items

- ♥ make up
- ♥ towel
- ♥ face wipes
- ♥ socks
- ♥ stationery
- ♥ small umbrella
- ♥ jewellery
- ♥ wet wipes
- ♥ books
- ♥ gift vouchers
- ♥ scrunchies
- ♥ undies
- ♥ ear phones
- ♥ mask or sanitiser
- ♥ lip gloss
- ♥ tissues
- ♥ movie ticket

Teens might also like...

- ♥ A handwritten note or card to give a personal touch to your special donation!

Please do not include:

Pharmaceutical items (condoms, throat lozenges, paracetamol etc) | Razors/knives/scissors
Food or drinks | Spray deodorant/shampoo and other aerosols
Loose tampons and pads or unsealed menstrual cups



share the dignity

For more information, please visit
www.sharethedignity.org.au



Share the Dignity

Share the Dignity is a women's charity in Australia, that works to make a real difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or doing it tough. They provide basic hygiene products to women in need, that all Australian women should have access to, regardless of their adversities.

To support the great work that Share the Dignity does for Australian women, Forbes High are working to support their, 'It's in the Bag' campaign. It's in the Bag is one of Australia's most loved Christmas appeals, where we encourage everyday Australians to put together Adult, Teen or Mum and Bub bags filled with essential items, and maybe some everyday luxuries and a handwritten note, to donate to someone in need for Christmas.

See attached the image of what can be in the bags, if you do not have the ability to donate a whole bag, just one or a few of those items can be donated, and the school will create bags with the various donated items.

Please send these in with your child to take to the library to Mrs Price, or to the wellness hub to Abbey, alternatively if you do not have a child at the school, please feel free to drop these at the front office.



CLEANERS WANTED

Joss Facility Management provides cleaning services to local Schools and other sites in this area. We are looking for local people to assist us in maintaining these sites by joining our Company as a Cleaner.

A Joss cleaner's role includes: Cleaning, stocking and supplying designated facility areas (dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc)

Joss Facility Management provide staff with a uniform, training and a supportive work environment.

APPLY
NOW:



We invite you to register your interest in working with Joss by sending an email to careers@jossgroup.com.au or call 02 6051 1900.

Joss welcome you to visit our website www.jossgroup.com.au for further information on our Company. We look forward to welcoming some new faces to our team.



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Carols by Candlelight

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2023
VICTORIA PARK, FORBES
7PM SANTA & ACTIVITIES
8PM CAROLS

LOCAL PERFORMERS
SANTA

FOOD, DRINKS AND
GLOW CANDLES
ON SALE

BYO CHAIR OR BLANKET

FORBES
TOWN & DISTRICT
BANDS

FORBES
SHIRE COUNCIL



Communities
& Justice

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

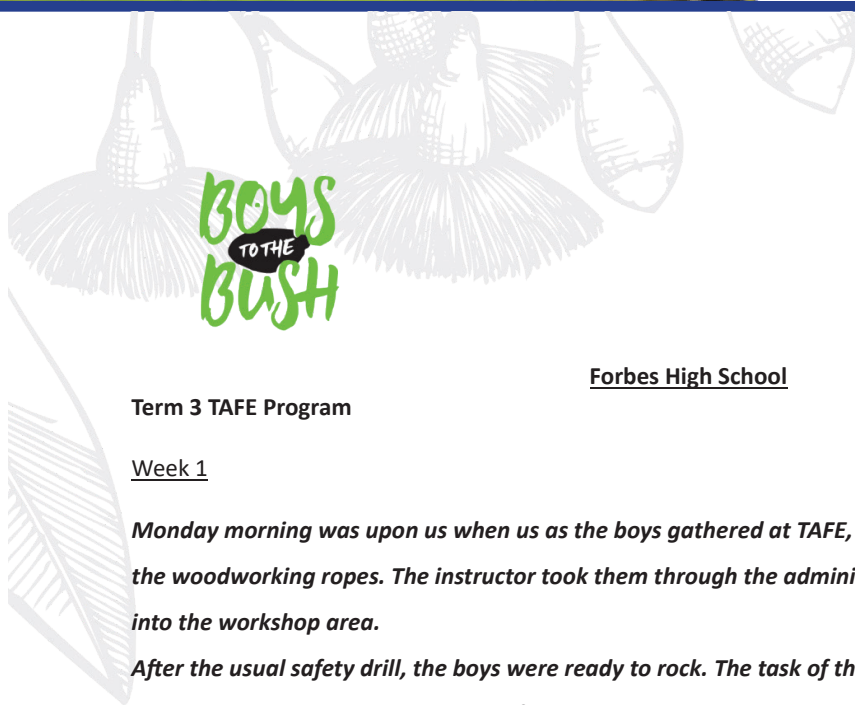
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE.

We're looking for people who can provide emergency care, short-term care, care for siblings, or care for children with a disability.

You can be a couple, single or a family, rent or own your home. Carers receive specialist training, financial assistance and support.

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child?

Email WesternNSWcarerenquires@facs.nsw.gov.au directly or visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/carers and click on 'enquire about fostering' to learn more.



Forbes High School

Term 3 TAFE Program

Week 1

Monday morning was upon us when us as the boys gathered at TAFE, all pumped up for a day of learning the woodworking ropes. The instructor took them through the administration before making their way into the workshop area.

After the usual safety drill, the boys were ready to rock. The task of the day was to build a wooden chair. He explained the process and some of the skills they would be learning.

The boys got straight to it and worked very well. The chiselling took some getting used to, but they got there in the end. Ashton, though, was the real MVP. His frame looked great, and he took great pride in his work.

Lunchtime came, and we hit up the local bakery for some amazing pies. Man, they were tasty! The talked all things snapchat, facebook, girls and footy and enjoyed the break.

Back in the workshop, their frames were coming together nicely. They worked hard for the remainder of the afternoon until it was time to clean the workshop and head home.

As the day wrapped up, our instructor gave them props for our teamwork and skills. They left TAFE that day with a sense of accomplishment and a big smile, looking forward to the next day of woodworking adventures.

Week 2

Today the boys got the opportunity to experience welding. The day kicked off with safety talks, where the importance of adhering to safety protocols and guidelines was emphasised. Each boy had the chance to set up the welder and engage in some practice welds, gaining hands-on experience in the process.

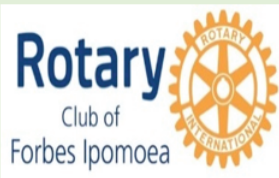
Throughout the day, the boys learned about quenching, a crucial aspect of the welding process.

Understanding how to safely and effectively cool the heated metal is a fundamental skill in welding, and it seems like the boys were actively engaged in the learning process. The supervisor overseeing the activity was impressed with the boys' skills, which likely speaks to their attentiveness and ability to grasp the concepts quickly. As a reward for their efforts, the supervisor granted them some time to get creative, allowing them to use their newly acquired skills to craft something small.

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ROTARY IPOMOEA 11TH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Friday 1st December to Sunday 3rd December.

Forbes Town Hall.



Contact -0439708456 or 0427201445 to make an entry or ask for information.

Enter individually or enter your school, club, family, community group and support this Rotary Ipomoea project to provide a family experience for Forbes and District this Christmas. Big or small we love them all.