#### ERM 1, WEEK 5

#### **WELCOME TO FORBES HIGH**

Our motto is 'Multum non Multa', Quality not Quantity. We are a dynamic school with creative teachers, striving to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Forbes High School strives to create an inclusive environment where students challenge and extend their academic boundaries with the support and reinforcement of strong community connections. At Forbes High School, we build opportunities by providing a positive learning and wellbeing environment for all our students so that they may become the best versions of themselves.

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#### **OUR AIM IS FOR:**

- Students to have a positive education
   experience
- Students to experience success in their learning
- Staff, students and parents to collaborate to ensure a successful educational journey
- All students are provided a rich education allowing for successful future pathways









#### FORBES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2025

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### Mrs Kathleen Maksymczuk

Dear parents, carers, students, and the Forbes High community,

It is hard to imagine that we are moving so quickly through the term. There are so many outstanding activities occurring across our school and we are so grateful to be able to provide these learning opportunities for our students. These last two weeks have been incredibly busy with so many activities both inside and outside the classroom, we hope you enjoy our newsletter which captures these events.



#### Welcome to Year 7 and New Families

Tuesday afternoon we welcomed Year 7 parents and new families to Forbes High to meet the staff and commence the strong partnership which underpins a successful education. Thank you to our families and staff for spending time together and sharing afternoon tea together.



#### **Swimming Carnival**

Thursday of Week 4 was one of the most exciting days on school calendar – the swimming carnival! The weather was glorious, and the students were excited for the day ahead. And what a day we had! The competition was strong but also filled with support and camaraderie. I am certain that all students went home lacking their voice as the chanting and support of each other was exceptional. The day was a perfect representation of our school and the passion and pride that they have for our school community. Enjoy the pictures of the day.

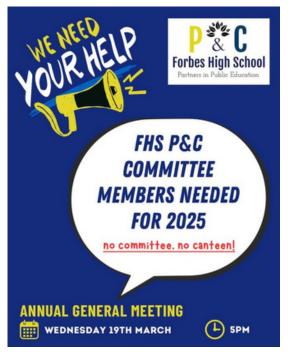


#### Year 12 Discovery Days

Year 12 travelled to Canberra and Wollongong to experience university life. An excellent event, this yearly trip allows our students consider the different to opportunities that are available for them and make informed their decisions about future pathways. A great experience was had by all students and thank you to Ms Wilson and Mr Starr for accompanying our students.



#### **Parents and Citizens**



I am encouraging our families to be involved in our school and one of the best ways to do this is via the P and C. The P and C meet once a term and are passionate advocates for our school and this is a great forum for you to have your say and be involved. The commitment is not a huge one and I know that this is a great opportunity to support your child's education.

Our school canteen, Café on Wyndham is a special space in our school and the P and C need your support to continue to run our canteen. The nourishment, including breakfast club is made possible by the work of the P and C. Without them, our canteen would not operate.

Please come along to our next meeting and support our school.

#### NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments will commence in Week 7 of the term for students in Years 7 and 9. These assessments allow us to obtain a snapshot of where students are up to with their learning and for us to make the necessary adjustments to ensure their learning needs are met. Please encourage your child to give their best in the assessments.

All students have settled into the term well. We are excited for the next few weeks of learning and if you need to contact us for any reason, please call our fantastic front office staff. Thank you for your support of our school.

Warm regards, Kathleen Maksymczuk



Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests. For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

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## **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**







#### Click here

## **MORE PHOTOS**

The spirit of our school radiated during last Thursday's swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day filled with happiness as both staff and students united, showcasing remarkable pride, passion and camaraderie among our students.



## **STAGE 6 GEOGRAPHY**

## **KOSCIUSZKO EXCURSION**



**MORE PHOTOS** 

The purpose of this excursion was to complete the fieldwork hours required by NESA. Students engaged in various activities, which included flora and fauna surveys, water and soil testing, as well as hiking.















## WELCOME TO FHS

Last Tuesday, we organised an afternoon tea for Year 7 and new families at FHS. Guests savoured delightful treats prepared by our hospitality faculty while interacting with teachers and staff. This gathering cultivated a sense of belonging and connection among families, setting a positive tone for the year ahead at FHS.



















## JUNIOR AECG MEETING

The Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group aims to improve educational opportunities for Aboriginal students by advocating for culturally inclusive curricula and Indigenous perspectives. They identify challenges faced by peers and propose innovative solutions to foster a supportive learning environment, empowering students to excel academically while respecting their cultural heritage. Belle, Jamal and Halle represented FHS.





## UNIVERSITY DISCOVERY DAYS

In Week 4, Year 12 students visited various tertiary education providers, giving them the opportunity to discover and explore a range of post-school options.

On Day 1, they explored the Canberra Institute of Technology and Canberra University, then traveled to Wollongong, where they enjoyed a beach walk and played ten-pin bowling. On Day 2, they took part in a variety of activities and lectures related to UOW Discovery Day.



## **BUNNINGS BBQ**

On Saturday, students and staff gathered at Bunnings Forbes to barbeque mouth-watering sausages and sell tickets for a 100 Club. All the proceeds will support 37 fabulous students who will showcase their talents at Pulse Alive 2025.



## **TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY**

The U15 Boys' and Girls' Touch Football teams participated in a Western Gala Day in Mudgee on Monday, February 24th. Both teams showcased remarkable effort during their matches, reflecting a strong sense of school pride. Great job!



















## **FACULTY NEWS**

## Geography



As they gear up for their upcoming study of Alpine ecosystems and global sustainability at Kosciuszko National Park in Week 5, Year 12 Geography students are actively engaged in the classroom, investigating invasive species, human impacts, and the strategies employed by the National Park to address these challenges.

## Support Unit

Under Mr Moore's guidance, Technology Mandatory students hone their sawing skills. This practice includes measuring, marking out, using the tenon saw and understanding the appropriate woodworking tools to utilise.











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Forbes High School Photo Catch-Up Day

17/3/2025

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- 4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

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# Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

You can provide consent for their school vaccinations online.

NSW

In collaboration with NSW Health, FHS will be offering vaccinations for students in Years 7 and 10 on Friday, 14th March.

Year 7

tetanus -pertussis

(dTpa)

Human

(HPV)

Year 10

Diphtheria-

papillomavirus

Meningococcal

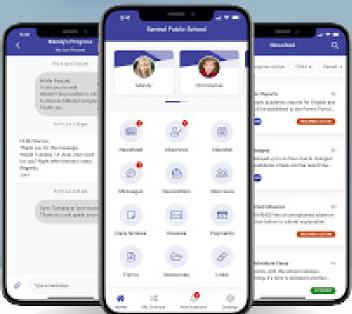
Please note that vaccinations will only be administered if consent has been obtained.

You can provide your consent online at: <u>https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage</u>

For further details on these routine vaccinations, please visit <u>www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisations</u>.







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#### DOWNLOAD THE APP HERE

### **Sentral for Parents App Features**

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Notify the school of absences easily within the app.

- View and pay for school fees, excursions, and more.
- Receive newsfeed and notices about important events
- View calendar items to stay up to date with school events



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## NAPLAN test window: 12/3/25 - 18/3/25

## NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



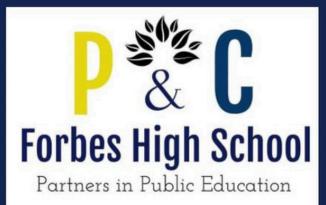
- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY

 NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

> Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests. For more information on NAPLAN, visit <u>nap.edu.au</u>.

> > NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy



# FHS PAC AGN MEETING



**HELD AT** FORBES HIGH SCHOOL



FHS PSC

COMMITTEE

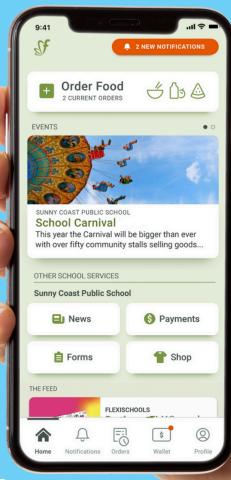
MEMBERS NEEDED

FOR 2025

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 Download the Flexischools app and select "Register"
 Enter your email and hit submit to create an account
 Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email (check spam if lost)
 Follow the prompts to complete your registration, creating a password and adding your personal details
 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new" then hit "Save" once done. Now you're ready to start ordering!
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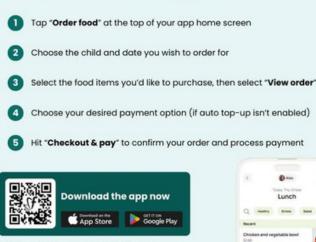
 Select "Profile" in your Flexischools app navigation bar
 Select the relevant student to expand their details
 Scroll down and enter your child's student card or key tag number you can set a daily spending limit here too
 Tap "Save" once finished to confirm

Note: A student card can only be linked to a single Flexischools account at a time



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## How to place a canteen order via the Flexischools app





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## <u>CAFÉ ON WYNDHAM MENU 2025</u>

## SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

Grain or White Bread		
Cheese or Vegemite	\$2.50	
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50	
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50	
Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50	
No Meat Salad	\$4.00	
(Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cheese & beetroot)		
Ham & Salad	\$6.00	
Chicken & Salad	\$6.00	
Tuna & Salad	\$6.00	
Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap	\$6.00	
Bread Rolls - Add	\$0.50c	
Toasted - Add	\$0.50c	

### **SALADS**

Chilli Tender Salad	\$6.00
Garden Salad	\$5.00
Garden Salad - Add	\$6.00
(Chicken/Ham/Egg or Tuna)	

## DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$2.00
Water 1 Litre	\$3.50
Juice Bombs	\$3.00
Classic Milk Assorted Flavours 500ml	\$4.00
Orchy Orange Juice 500ml	\$4.00
Soft Drink Cans - No Sugar	\$3.00
Up & Go	\$3.00



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**ALOSES** 

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#### **HOT FOOD**

Traveller Pies	\$5.00
Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo Burger	\$5.50
Chicken Burger with the Lot	\$6.50
(Beetroot, cheese, tomato, carrot, lettuce	& mayo)
Beef & Cheese Burger	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$5.50
Chicken Sticks Wrap	\$5.00
Chicken Sticks (6 pack)	\$4.50
Melt -Chicken, Cheese & BBQ Sauce	\$4.00
Melt -Ham, Cheese & BBQ Sauce	\$4.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Tomato & BBQ Sauce (each)	\$0.50c
Gravy	\$0.50c
(ALL ITEMS ABOVE MUST be ordered for Lunch)	

## **SNACKS**

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	Chips 28gm	\$2.00
	Fruit Muffins	\$2.00
	Jelly Cups	\$1.50
	Popcorn	\$0.50c
	Seasonal Fruit Cups	\$3.50
	Seasonal Fruit	\$2.00

## **ICE BLOCKS**

Quelch Sticks	\$0.50c
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50
Paddle Pops	\$2.50
Snap Stix	\$1.50

#### Orders: MUST BE PLACED by 11:30am



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If there is a school age student at your home and you don't have an nbn connection, you could qualify for free home internet until 30 June 2028.



An Australian Government Initiative Powered by nbn

## FREE HOME INTERNET FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

nbn is implementing this Australian Government program that is offering 30,000 families and carers who look after school age children and are struggling to pay bills free home internet.

To apply, follow the four steps below:

- Contact the National Referral Centre on
   1800 954 610 Monday Friday, 10am 6pm (AEDT) or visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- 2 They'll ask you some questions to see if this offer is right for you.
- 3 If you qualify, you'll get a voucher.
- Use the voucher to connect through your chosen participating internet provider. Use your voucher before the 30,000 places are taken.\*



Scan QR Code to learn more.



Free home internet until 30 June 2028





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There is no lock-in contract



Assistance provided by the National Referral Centre



Callback, webchat and interpreting are available

\* Applications close when 30,000 places are reached. Being issued a voucher does not reserve your place in this program and you must use your voucher before the 30,000 places are taken otherwise it becomes invalid.

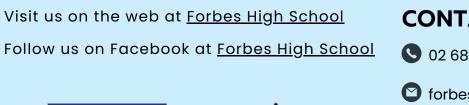


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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mon, 3rd Mar	Tue, 4th Mar	Wed. 5th Mar	Thurs. 6th Mar
Pulse Alive - First Nations rehearsal	Western Swimming Training	Come and Try Athletics Girinyalanah Girls Group	Jemalong Residential Visit
Fri, 7th Mar	Sat. 8th Mar	Sun, 9th Mar	Mon. 10th Mar
Tue, 11th Mar	Wed, 12th Mar	Thurs, 13th Mar	Fri, 14th Mar
Year 10 Geography - Taronga Zoo	Pulse Alive - Massed Dance rehearsal NAPLAN	Seniors Week NAPLAN	Dream Cricket NAPLAN Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations
Sat. 15th Mar	Sun, 16th Mar	Mon, 17th Mar	Tue. 18th Mar
		School Photos Catch-Up Day NAPLAN	NAPLAN



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## Forbes Local AECG 2025 Calendar

TERM 1	TERM 2
WEEK 4 WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY ORBES NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNIOR - 10:30AM SENIOR - 11:30AM	WEEK 5 WEDNESDAY 28 MAY FORBES PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNIOR - 10:30AM SENIOR - 11:30AM
<ul> <li>IMPORTANT DATES:</li> <li>26 JANUARY -SURVIVAL DAY</li> <li>13 FEBRUARY - NATIONAL APOLOGY ANNIVERSARY</li> <li>19 MARCH - NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY</li> <li>21 MARCH - HARMONY DAY</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>IMPORTANT DATES:</li> <li>26 MAY - NATIONAL SORRY DAY</li> <li>27 MAY - 1967 REFERENDUM</li> <li>27 MAY TO 3 JUNE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK</li> <li>3 JUNE - MABO DAY</li> <li>5-12 JULY - NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK (HOLIDAYS)</li> </ul>
TERM 3	TERM 4
WEEK 5 WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST ST LAURENCE'S PRIMARY JUNIOR - 10:30AM SENIOR - 11:30AM	WEEK 1 WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED JUNIOR - 10:30AM SENIOR - 11:30AM (AGM)
• 4 AUGUST - NATIONAL ABORIGINAL	IMPORTANT DATES:

 2 SEPTEMBER - INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY

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- EXPLORE DIVERSE ROLES AND PATHWAYS IN THE INDUSTRY
- MEET INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AND WIN PRIZES!

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## After School Robotics Workshops Parkes: Tuesday 18 March 2025

Parkes you asked us to come back soon and we listened! Western Enrichment Learning Lab's popular robotics programs are back in Parkes. WELL provides engaging and fun activities for school children using **LEGO Spike Essential** and **LEGO Spike Prime** robotics kits and Chromebook computers. Children work in pairs using Scratch Junior and Scratch coding. No previous experience is necessary.





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Venue:

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- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops





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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Saturday 8 March 2025

Breakfast in the park

Lions Park | 7am - 10am

## Amazing guest speakers Kelly Foran & Belinda Mawhinney

Breakfast | Gift bag | Guest speakers | Tickets \$30 each







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## DEPRESSION, STRESS + ANXIETY

## **COPING SKILLS CLASS**

Practical strategies and support for navigating stress, anxiety, and depressive moods.



## PARKES | FORBES | EUGOWRA | MOLONG

Blue Healers Coping Skills Class When: Tuesday 18 March 2025 Time: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Where: FORBES, Venue TBA Cost: FREE

Join us for our Coping Skills Class, where you'll discover practical strategies and gain valuable support to navigate the challenges of stress, anxiety, and depressive moods. This educational session is designed to empower you with the knowledge and tools to help yourself or better understand and support others. Whether you're seeking personal growth or looking to enhance your ability to assist those around you, this class offers a wealth of practical insights.

Remember, this is an educational opportunity, not a therapy or support group, so come ready to learn and grow in a supportive environment. Don't miss out on this chance to invest in your mental well-being and that of your loved ones!

Feel free to share this invitation with others who might benefit from attending. Participants will be given resources to take home including the Blue Healers Eating for Happiness Cookbook, Thats the Spirit Book, coffee mug and more.

Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea included This workshop is brought to you with the assistance of the Community Wellbeing Grants – NSW Mental Health and Wellbeing Flood and Disaster Recovery.

For more information contact: NALAG Centre for Loss & Grief Ph: 02 6882 9222 E: info@nalag.org.au





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# ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM

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## EARLY MARCH

Days: Monday & Wednesdays Available to boys & girls aged 7-17 Years Old

#### Venue

Botanical Gardens College Road, Forbes, NSW, 2871

## Admission \$130

#### Includes:

- kit
- tracksuit,
- bag
- cap
- 20 weeks training
- gala days entry fee

NOTE: Academy fee is separate to club registration

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