



Forbes Public School Newsletter

"Maintaining A Tradition of Excellence"

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Dafydd Thomas
Principal

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Community
Notices



Welcome back to the start of another great year at Forbes Public School. It was fantastic to see all the students return last week with enthusiasm and anticipation for the year ahead. Our students had many great adventures to tell from their break and I was impressed as they quickly returned to routine with our PBL values of being safe, responsible and respectful. Staff have worked hard over the break and the last few weeks, to plan many fantastic learning opportunities for the term.

Our 2019 Kindergarten students started their first day of 'Big' school on Monday with excitement and eagerness, as parents and carers waved them off. As I visited each class, the smiles of the students certainly told a positive story of their first day at Forbes Public. We warmly welcome all our new students and all the new families across the school into the Forbes Public Community and look forward to working with you over the coming years.

This will be my last FPS newsletter as it is with a saddened heart that I announce after five wonderful years at Forbes, I will be finishing up my time as Principal of Forbes Public School.

I was recently offered a new position based out of Orange District Office as a Principal, School Leadership in the High Performance Directorate. I have decided to accept this offer and will start there on the 18th of February 2019. This decision was difficult as the students, staff and the community of Forbes have been such an incredible blessing during the time I have worked here.

Mrs Nicole Livermore, who is an experienced Assistant Principal and has completed a number of relieving roles, will be the Relieving Principal until a new person is recruited for this position. This process will enable the school to continue its vision for 2019. Mrs Livermore will ensure a smooth transition, working closely with our leadership team and staff, to carry on the great successes at FPS for all students, while the recruiting process is completed for the new principal this term.

Miss Jessica Crawford will replace Mrs Livermore on 1L during this time. Miss Crawford has worked extensively across our school and will continue the learning program in place for the students in Year 1.

I would like to sincerely thank the Forbes community and school for all their support over the years I have been principal, as we have all strived to provide the best learning culture for students. I look forward to hearing how the tradition of excellence continues to shine over the next few years.

Dafydd Thomas — Principal

WWCC for Volunteers

As part of the processes involved in supporting students across our school, Parents and Carers who assist in any way are required to complete the Working With Children's Check (WWCC) for Volunteers.

This can be completed online and then finalised at a Service NSW RMS registry. A WWCC number is then generated and we ask you to please bring this into the office for our records. Support or advice around this process can be accessed from our office staff if needed.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park area off Browne Street is an important zone for specialised transport required for students in the Learning Centre support classes.

Taxi's, designated vehicles and approved individuals need this area kept clear. Please ensure that you are not dropping students off in this car park or accessing the driveway. Buses are also regularly using this area and it is important to keep the area clear.

Drop offs should be made in the 'Kiss and Drop' zone in Lachlan Street.

Student Absences

Forbes Public School, like all DEC schools is required to record partial and full absences for all students.

Please ensure if your child is away an explanation is sent through as soon as possible. Our 'Absence Cheque Books' and School Stream App are to help with this process. Our cheque book contains 10 slips that provide a space for the family to record and keep the absent details and a cut off section that can be completed containing all the information we need for our records. If you would like one of our cheque books you can pick one up from the office or send a note to your child's class teacher.

The departmental Home School Liaison Officers are regularly examining our school rolls for attendance.

If you need to take additional holiday time during the school year, The Department of Education requires students to complete an application for extended leave. These forms are held in the office and need to be completed and returned to school for approval. Please contact the office if you need one.

School Photos



School photos will be taken on Tuesday, 26 February 2019.

Photo envelopes will be sent home when they arrive. All photos are on a prepaid basis.

Money cannot be taken before this and needs to be sent with your child on the day.

Family photos will be available for **siblings attending our school** (sorry no parents or babies etc.)

Full summer uniform will be required so a casual day will be held on Monday, 25 February to ensure uniforms are available for Tuesday.

OFFICE HOUSEKEEPING

Change of Routine

If your child has a change of routine a note must be sent to the class teacher that morning.

Sometimes changes are unavoidable and parents need to ring the office. All messages should be phoned in by 2.00pm to ensure your child receives the message.

Money

Money that is sent to school for visiting shows, sport, excursions etc. needs to be in a sealed envelope with child's name, class and what it is for.

Visiting shows must be paid as early as possible to avoid your child missing out. Pre payment accounts will be sent shortly.

Visitors to the School and Appointments

All parents visiting the school must enter through the front office and sign in.

Parents wishing to speak to teachers must make an appointment at the office. Teachers are not available during class time.

Property

Please label all clothing and property with your child's name. The school endeavours to return all lost property to its rightful owner.

Toys and valued items such as mp3 players are not the responsibility of the school and are not encouraged.

Late Arrivals

Students arriving late to school must enter through the front office and receive a late pass. Parents need to send a note with their child explaining their lateness.

Permission Notes

Permission notes for Generic Excursions, Sensitive Issues, Medical Information and Permission to use Photographs were sent home this week. Could you please return these notes to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Student updates will be sent home in the coming weeks. It is important to check all the information we have on file and return these forms even if there are no changes.

Tennis Lessons

Peter Clifton will be holding Tennis coaching lessons after school on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons.

Contact Peter on 0403 335 205.



Assembly

Our first Official Assembly for 2019 will be held on Friday, 22 February starting at approximately 2.10pm. This is our 'Welcome Kindergarten' and badge presentation.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Peace Poster Competition

In 2018, Laura Chudleigh (then in Year 3) entered the Sam Lewis Peace and Environment Awards, conducted by New South Wales Teachers Federation.

Laura received Highly Commended for her poster designed to align with the theme of *'The importance of working together to promote peace and the benefit this can bring to the community'*.

Congratulations Laura.



2018 Beep Test

On the last day of school last year we held the annual Forbes Public School Beep Test. This is an endurance running test and assesses cardiovascular functioning.

Heats were held during Sports Skills Classes in Years 2 - 6. Each child was given the opportunity to keep running between two lines 20 metres apart until they could no longer make the line before the beep sounded. The fastest 2 boys and the fastest 2 girls from each year went into the finals to compete against staff.

The overall fastest student was Harry Staines, fastest female teacher Miss Jones and the fastest overall was Mr Gaffney and Mr Avis.

Congratulations to all finalist and winners.



Winners!!



All lined up and ready to start the Beep Test



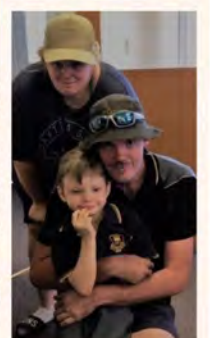
At Forbes Public School!

During Term 4 2018, the following students, Emma Rippon, Ruby Coote, Angus Van Der Weiden, Abbey Fuge, Zoe Clarke, Keira LeBrocq, Julia Sullivan, Madison Burbage, Ebonnie Hopley, Harjot Mand, Hollie Stavleu, Charlie Gallagher, Ruth Whitty and Jasmine Drvilas participated in free lunch-time Rock N' Roll Dance lessons with Stanley Alexander and his wife Stela Turla who were the Rock 'N' Roll coordinators for the **Parkes Elvis Festival McDonald's Rock 'N' Roll Competition**.

Their aim was to teach school children in the Parkes/Forbes area Rock 'N' Roll skills for consideration to participate as competitors in 2 competitions. Maddison, Julia, Ebonnie and Charlie chose to attend the School Holiday Dance Workshop and competition on Friday, 11 January 2019 and received certificates for their outstanding achievement. Ebonnie, Charlie, Keira and Emma chose to attend the Parkes Elvis Festival McDonald's Rock 'N' Roll Competition on Saturday, 12 January 2019 and also received certificates for their brilliant dancing skills. Keira and Emma progressed through to the final!

All students should be very proud of themselves.













P&C AGM

7PM 13TH FEB

FORBES PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C AGM
WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY @7PM
COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED
ALL POSITIONS VACANT

EMAIL FORBESPUBLICSCHOOL@PANDCAFFILIATE.ORG.AU FOR
MORE INFO OR POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

2019 Forbes Public School Annual Swimming Carnival

When: **THIS Friday** **February 15, 2019**

Who: All students in years 3 – 6
Year 2 students who are 8 or turning 8 in 2019 and **can swim 50 metres unassisted.**

Where: Forbes Olympic Pool

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Events:

Open 100 metre freestyle, 50 metre age races (freestyle), 50 metre backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly (Junior, 11 years and Senior), Open 200 Metre Individual Medley, Relays, 25 metre races any stroke, shallow end races, small pool activities.

House Points:

Points are awarded for participation in all events, placegetters, war cries, positive crowd participation and behaviour.

Individual Champions:

Girl and boy champions will be divided into the following divisions Junior (8, 9, 10 year olds), 11 years and Senior (12 and 13 year olds)

Requirements:

Swimming Permission Note/ Medical Form and Nomination Form (Strong Swimmers Only) MUST be returned.

Please pay \$2.00 OR write your child's Season Ticket Number on the permission note.

What to Pack:

Water bottle

Healthy snacks like sandwiches, fruit, health bars, jelly cups, cheese, juice

School lunch orders from the canteen will be available if necessary.

The pool canteen will only be open to adults.

If you are ordering from the school canteen – write SC on the order

What to Wear:

Coloured t-shirt in your house colour

Wilga – blue, Kurrajong – yellow, Mallee – green, Grevillea - red

School hat

Sunscreen

Provided:

House coloured swimming caps will be distributed and must be returned

Helpers: Volunteers are needed, please complete the Helper Note or contact the school on 6852 1934.

Food Donations:

If anyone would like to drop off (to the pool) some healthy food such as cut up fruit, slices, muffins, quiche or sandwiches to be handed out to all the wonderful volunteers it would be greatly appreciated.

Dismissal:

All students will return to school unless their parents sign them out at the Recorder's Desk. No child will be allowed to wait at the pool for parents.

Representative opportunities: Provided the student is not disqualified at the School Carnival by the referee.

The top 2 place getters in each event at our carnival are eligible to go to Condobolin Olympic Pool for the 2019 Lachlan PSSA Swimming Trials on **Friday 1 March, 2019** (Term 1, Week 5). Relays are the fastest 4 swimmers in each age division - Junior, 11 years, Senior. Following Condobolin, a squad of swimmers will be eligible to go to the Western PSSA Swimming Trials at the Dubbo Olympic Pool on **Thursday 14 March, 2019** (Term 1, Week 7). Following Dubbo, a squad of swimmers will be eligible to represent Western PSSA at the NSW PSSA Swimming Trials in Sydney at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre on **Thursday and Friday 11 – 12 April, 2019** (Term 1, Week 11).

Rules: The same school rules apply at the pool as at our school.


Goal: The Forbes Public School Swimming Carnival is a fun day and we encourage students to watch and cheer for their classmates. We urge competitors to be good sportsmen and women who congratulate each other and are good role models.





Forbes Public School

February 2019

Term 1	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1		29 Staff Development Day	30 Best Start Assessments Years 1—6 Return	31 Best Start Assessments	1 Best Start Assessments	2	3
Week 2	4 Kinder Start School	5 String Workshop for Stages 2 & 3 ICT safe use for Students in Stage 2	6 Stage 2 & 3 Leadership Day	7 Newsletter ICT safe use for Students in Stage 3	8 String Workshop for Stages 2 & 3	9	10
Week 3	11 Lachlan PSSA Tennis Trials—Parkes	12	13 Scripture Starts P & C AGM—7pm	14	15 Annual Swimming Carnival for all Years 3—6 and eligible 8 year olds.	16	17
Week 4	18 Swimming Carnival back-up date K-2 NRL clinic	19	20	21 Newsletter	22 Assembly—Welcoming Kindergarten and badge presentation run by SRC	23	24
Week 5	25 AFL Promotion Talk Casual Clothes Day for students	26 LEEP 	27	28 LEEP	1st March		

123 Magic for Dads

Effective Discipline for children 2-12

Who's in Charge at Your House?

It's not easy being a parent. You want kids who listen and children you can enjoy. You want to raise happy and competent youngsters, but you don't have a lot of free time to read discipline and parenting books. The 1-2-3 Magic program addresses the difficult task of child discipline with humour, keen insight and proven experience in three straightforward steps.

In 1-2-3 Magic, dads will learn:

Step 1: Controlling Obnoxious Behaviour

Step 2: Encouraging Good Behaviour

Step 3: Strengthening Your Relationship

When: 19th and 26th February 2019

Where: Forbes CatholicCare Office – 134 Lachlan Street

Time: 6pm until 8.30pm

Cost: Free with supper provided

The course is presented in 2 x 2.5-hour sessions including a short supper break provided (DVD format with handouts, practical tips and discussion topics). Follow-up support is available through CatholicCare's Men and Family Relationships Team.

Limited spaces available – Book your seat now to avoid disappointment by calling **CatholicCare on 68501777**.

For more information:
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m. 0400495272

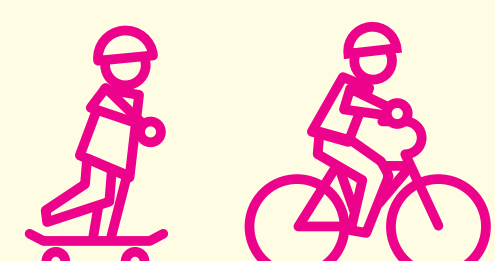
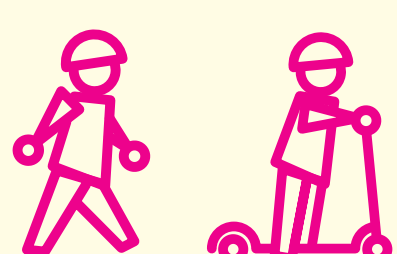
NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019



FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation,
who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school.

Visit ride2school.com.au to find out more.



Registrations are open!

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation, who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school! Even if you have students who can't actively travel the whole way, we encourage them to be dropped off closer to school and ride or walk the rest of the way.

If you register by **Friday 8 March**, you will receive a National Ride2School Day pack including posters, stickers, and other resources to help you celebrate!

To register, follow these simple steps:

- > Create an account at ride2school.com.au
- > Register for National Ride2School Day

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019



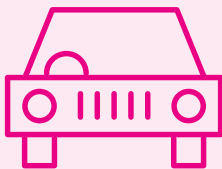


RIDE2 SCHOOL

Barriers to active travel

One of the biggest barriers to increasing the number of students actively travelling to school can be concern from parents.

These concerns include:



Cars

91% of parents are concerned about traffic



Stranger danger

86% of parents are concerned about other people



Riding ability

52% of parents are concerned about their child's bike skills

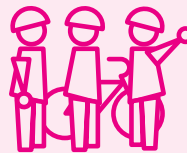
With the help of Ride2School it is easy to overcome these barriers and make bike riding easy and comfortable. Ride2School can help you:



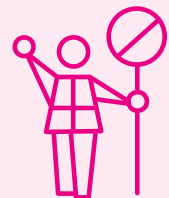
Develop designated **active travel routes** to condense riders and walkers and provide safety in numbers.



Improve riding ability and confidence through **bike education** sessions.

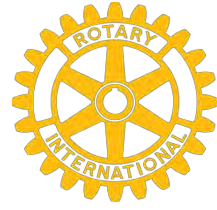


Gradually introduce riding by encouraging small trips, because **part way is ok.**



Ask for **safer places to ride and walk** including zebra crossings, paths and traffic calming measures.

Rotary Ipomoea



Saturday **Feb 9th**

Market

NOW at

LION'S PARK

New setting is shady and has access to shade and toilets and beautiful lakeside views.

Market is from 8am to 12.30 pm.

For more information please phone Helen on 68514930

Forbes Autumn Horse Show

Featuring Equestrian Interschools classes

- *Have fun riding with your class mates
- *Represent your school
- *Attire = school jumper & tie
- *Plain saddle cloth



SUNDAY MARCH 31ST
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