



Forbes Public School Newsletter

"Maintaining A Tradition of Excellence"

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Principal

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome new and returning families back to Forbes Public School for our 2020 school year.

I am thrilled to be back at school and working with such a dedicated team of Educators. We are all looking forward to an exciting and productive year and have enjoyed setting a positive school tone during our first week back together.

Walking through classrooms and the playground it is wonderful to see such settled students who have enjoyed spending the first week back both catching up with old friends as well as making new ones.

I warmly invite anyone who wants to be more involved at our school to join our P&C or contact the school to take advantage of opportunities to volunteer with canteen, reading groups or other school activities.

We welcome Miss Bianca Garlick who was permanently appointed to our school at the end of last year under the new graduate scheme. Miss Garlick, an ex Forbes Public School student, was thrilled to have been offered a position at our school. Miss Garlick has relocated from Wollongong, sharing with our staff a passion for learning and settling well into our team. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to our wonderful school community.



A reminder that we will be welcoming everyone back to our new school year with a free BBQ next Wednesday at 5.30pm.

We have so much to look forward to this year, and I just know that this term will be the start to what will be a fantastic year at FPS!

Meg Staples - Principal



Welcome to
2020

From the Staff
at FPS

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. If possible 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 out 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 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 Town Excursions, Medical Information and Permission to use Photographs will be 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.

Assembly

Our first Official Assembly for 2020 will be held on Friday, 21 February starting at approximately 2.10pm.

This is our 'Welcome Kindergarten' and badge presentation and will be hosted by our SRC.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday, 25 February 2020.

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, 24 February to ensure uniforms are available for Tuesday.

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 School Stream App has a section under forms to report an absence to the school. The absence explanation will be emailed directly to our school.

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.

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.

Safety Around Our School

"Pick Ups" at the Lachlan Street gates near the zebra crossing is an important area for our school community. It is vital that this is a safe and structured area due to the number of cars pulling up at the kiss and drop zone, the number of parents collecting students and the need for students to cross the road on exiting our school.

Students will be lined up in various sections including those on bikes, scooters, walkers and those individuals being collected. Parents and carers are asked to wait outside the gate and students will then be directed to you. If you are arriving in a car please make sure you are parked or stopped in the correct area as the police often patrol our school zone for safety reasons.

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.

Taxis, 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.



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FAMILY

BBQ

FOOD, DRINKS & JUMPING CASTLE PROVIDED AT NO COST

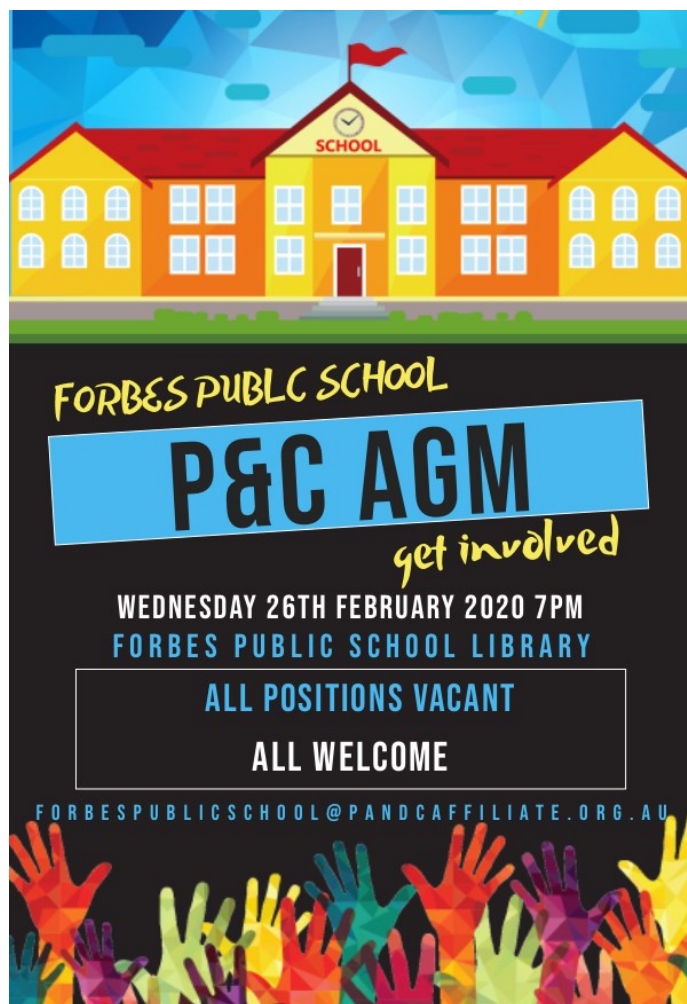
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Regional Athletics

On the 2nd and 3rd of February, Dubbo held the regional Little Athletics Carnival. Many children from Forbes Public School participated in the event and we have 3 children from our school going to Sydney in March to represent Forbes at the NSW State Little Athletics championships.

Laura Chudleigh	-	1 st Long Jump
		2 nd 80m Hurdles
Jackson Beaudin	-	2 nd 400m
Laine Jackson	-	2 nd 70m sprint

Will Watson placed 3rd in High Jump and 3rd in 60m hurdles. Unfortunately only the first 2 competitors qualify for state

Other children who participated in the carnival and broke many PB's were Josie Watson, Indy Maynard and Brock Maynard.

Well done and congratulations to all the



2020 Forbes Public School Annual Swimming Carnival

When: **Friday, 14 February 2020**

Who: All students in years 3 – 6
Year 2 students who are 8 or turning 8 in 2020 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

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

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

What to Pack:

Water bottle

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

The pool canteen will only be open to adults.

All family members can pre-order lunch from the canteen (see attached)

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, nut-free food such as cut up fruit, slices, muffins, quiche or sandwiches we will feed our wonderful volunteers. This 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 and relay swimmers - fastest 4 swimmers in each age division Junior (8, 9, 10 years) and Senior (11, 12, 13 years) at our carnival are eligible to go to the Condobolin Olympic Pool for the Lachlan PSSA Swimming Trials on **Friday, 28 February 2020** (Term 1, Week 5). Following Condobolin, a squad of swimmers (first 3 placegetters in all events) will be eligible to represent Lachlan PSSA at the Western PSSA Swimming Trials at the Dubbo Olympic Pool on **Friday, 13 March 2020** (Term 1, Week 7). Following Dubbo, a squad of swimmers will be eligible to represent Western PSSA at the NSW PSSA Swimming Titles in Sydney at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre on **Monday and Tuesday 6 – 7 April 2020** (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 sports who congratulate each other and are good role models.



Swimming Carnival Lunch Orders

Friday 14 February, 2020

- The canteen will not be available at the pool for students.
- Lunches for students and families can be **pre-ordered** through the Forbes Public School Tucker Box.
- The lunches will be delivered to the pool for students and family members to enjoy pool side.
- Please fill in the order form below.
- Exact money and form MUST go to the canteen with your child on a Wednesday or Friday morning by **Wednesday 12 February**.
- Please do not give this order form and money to the front office or the classroom teacher.



Swimming Carnival Lunch Orders

Return order form and exact money to the Tucker Box on
Wednesday or Friday Mornings

Orders due: **Wednesday, 12 February**

Students and families can ALL order lunch this year

TUCKERBOX MENU FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL


Name: _____ Class _____

Item	Price	Qty	Total Amount
Meat Pie	\$4.00		
Sausage Roll	\$3.00		
Ham Salad	\$5.00		
Chicken Salad	\$5.00		
Small Vege Platter	\$3.50		
Small Fruit Salad	\$3.50		
Juice Popper	\$2.00		
Water	\$2.00		
Total Enclosed			



Forbes Public School

February 2020

Term 1	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1		28 Staff Development Day	29 Best Start Assessments Years 1—6 Return	30 Best Start Assessments	31 Best Start Assessments	1	2
Week 2	3 First Day for Kindergarten	4	5	6 Newsletter	7 AFL Skills K—4	8	9
Week 3	10 Lachlan PSSA Tennis Trials—Parkes	11	12 P & C Welcome BBQ— 5:30pm	13 Internet Safety Talk	14 Annual Swimming Carnival for all Years 3—6 and eligible 8 year olds.	15	16
Week 4	17 Swimming Carnival back-up date	18	19 Swimming Practice for students going to Condo 1:20—2:50pm	20 Newsletter	21 Assembly—Welcoming Kindergarten and badge presentation run by SRC	22	23
Week 5	24 Casual Clothes Day for students	25 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Radio Show at 2LVR Girls and Boys Soccer trials— Parkes 	26 P & C AGM - 7pm in the FPS Library Everyone is welcome! Swimming Practice for students going to Condo 1:20—2:50pm	27	28 Lachlan PSSA Swimming Carnival—Condo <i>Clean Up Australia Day!</i>		



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