



## Forbes Public School Newsletter

18th June 2020

Term 2 Week 8



*"Maintaining A Tradition of Excellence"*



What a wonderful fortnight we have had at Forbes Public School!

The school has been abuzz with excitement over a handball competition organised by Ms Henderson, for students in Stage 2 at lunch time, and the STEM challenge organised by Miss Patterson for Stage 3 students has proven to be an interesting way for students to learn about engineering structures.

The canteen has been a popular place for staff and students, proving to be a hub of delicious food choices and friendly faces. The P&C would like to thank our school community for their continued support of our canteen service.

The SRC continued to engage in GRIP leadership sessions with me, working through leadership modules and activities each Wednesday. The students have enjoyed brainstorming wonderful ideas for our playground with SRC Coordinators Ms Chen and Mr Gaffney. As a result, the SRC will conduct some structured active play in the infant's playground each Tuesday at lunch time. The structured active play initiative will involve SRC leaders organising both quiet and physical activities for our infant's students to engage in if they choose to. Next week's lunch time physical activity will be tennis balls on the oval and the quiet activity will be drawing, blocks and puzzles at the infant's table area.

In the primary playground, students continue to enjoy the opportunity to engage in lunch time fitness with Mrs Stitt. Students can choose to join in the sessions and have enjoyed the challenge! Thank you Mrs Stitt for organising and giving your lunch time to provide this wonderful opportunity to our primary students.

As a result of COVID-19, over the past months our students have had to spend time using technology as a means of remote learning, (before returning to school face to face) and in some instances outside school hours, to communicate with family and friends. Because of the increased use of technology in general, we feel it is important to reinforce safe and responsible use of technology. At school over the coming weeks we will be discussing this with our students and utilising outside expertise. We look forward to working in partnership with our parent communities to keep our students well informed and safe. Included in the newsletter are some tips which you might find useful.

Have a great fortnight  
Meg Staples—Principal

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### Whole School Assemblies at Forbes Public School

To celebrate student attitude, improvement and achievement at FPS, students will engage in a Virtual Assembly each second Friday.

In line with Covid-19 procedures each class will participate virtually from their individual classrooms. As we are still not able to invite parents to our assemblies we will ensure that students receiving major awards, will have their photo taken and a laminated copy sent home, so that families may have a record of their child's special moment. Any enquiries please contact Mr Gaffney on 6852 1934.



### CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact : Joss Facility Management via email on [cleaning@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:cleaning@jossgroup.com.au)

Check us out of Facebook **Joss Cleaning** or visit our webpage [www.jossgroup.com.au](http://www.jossgroup.com.au)

## Commendation Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Pen or Pencil

### KD

Riley Stephenson

### KN

Sadie Dooley

### 1A

Stella Morris

Jack Bull

### 1B

Anakin Zammit-Woods

Lily Ball

Daivik Patel

William Plowes

### 2WH

Maggie Dooley

Lucy Fairley

Maxy Mulley

### 3K

Chelsea Rankmore

Leah Colvin

### 3/4A

Wade Goldsmith

Mia Bryant

Stella Bull

Harvey McCleary

Alfie Quirk

William Watson

### 4H

Snow Hodder

Ruby Coote

### 5/6D

Jessica Johansson

Audrey Walker

Noah Bryant

Hollie Stavleu

Tess Worland

Chloe Little

Louie Hodder

### 5/6W

Shelbea Kennaugh

Keira Lebrocque

Brodie Brown

Laura Chudleigh

Ben Boyd

Liam Kearney-Pallister

William Boyton

Reece Matheson

Marcus Colvin

Abbey Browne

### 3/6C

Laynie McDaniel



Audrey Walker and Rebecca Moxey

## STEAM with Miss Patterson

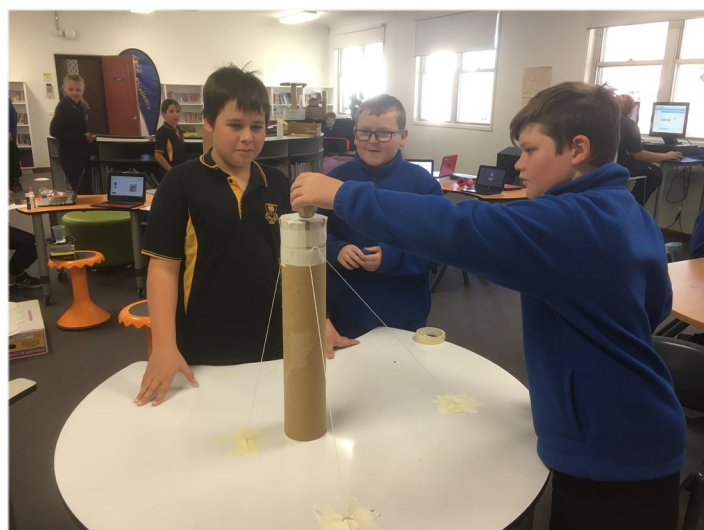
Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics

This term, Stage 3 students have been using scientific inquiry practices to build a tower during their library time once a week.

They have learned about the processes that engineers go through from the planning stage through to the final build. In the planning component they had to first ask an inquiry question or two regarding planning for, and building a tower that can hold an egg on top for at least 15 minutes and/or that can withstand the external factor of a slingshot being flung at it.

There has been an incredible range of towers planned for and built, both at home, and at school.

The following photos are showing the ingenuity of the students during this project.



Noah Bryant, Will Hamilton and Tyler Jelbart



Zoe Fraser and Cruz McMahon



Reece Matheson and Oliver Scott



Matilda Stitt and Faith Paahi

### ICAS Competitions

These competitions are for students in Years 3-6. Please be advised that ICAS will be conducted online this year and that writing will no longer be available. Each subject will have a 5 day sitting window period (see dates below).

Payment is made directly through the UNSW Global online shop at: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>. Payment is to be made by Sunday, 26 July 2020.

The Parent access code for online registration and payment is FAY204.

Cost is as follows:

Science	\$15.95 AUD (inc GST)
Digital Technologies	\$15.95 AUD (inc GST)
English	\$15.95 AUD (inc GST)
Mathematics	\$15.95 AUD (inc GST)
Spelling Bee	\$15.95 AUD (inc GST)
Writing	<b>*No longer available in 2020</b>

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

If you need assistance or would like more information, please contact Mr Cutrupi on 6852 1934.

Subject	Sitting Dates
ICAS Science	Monday, 17 August to Friday, 21 August 2020
ICAS Writing*	<b>No longer available in 2020</b>
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday, 24 August to Friday, 28 August 2020
ICAS English	Monday, 24 August to Friday, 28 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	Monday, 31 August to Friday, 4 September 2020
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday, 31 August to Friday, 4 September 2020



## Reconciliation Week at Forbes Public School

On Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, staff and students celebrated National Reconciliation Week.

National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

Year 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students used Zoom to present to the school the history of the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander flag and why reconciliation day is important.

Following on, the school participated in a staggered reflection walk around the oval and completed an activity where students wrote what reconciliation means to them.



## **Cancelled School Sporting Events for 2020**

The School Sport Unit wishes to advise that the following Sports events have been cancelled for Term 3, 2020.

- NSWPSSA Cross Country
- NSWPSSA Netball state championship
- NSWPSSA Boys Touch state championship
- NSWPSSA Rugby Union state championship
- NSWPSSA Girls Rugby 7s
- NSWPSSA Golf state championship
- NSWPSSA Boys Softball state championship
- NSWPSSA Girls Touch state championship
- NSWPSSA Girls Softball state championship
- Primary Girls Cricket trials
- Primary Boys Cricket trials

The following Sports events have been cancelled for Term 4, 2020.

- NSWPSSA Athletics

All Term 3 and Term 4 2020 NSWPSSA activities are now cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

All NSWPSSA and knockouts/statewide competitions have also been cancelled for 2020.

The health and wellbeing of everyone involved is paramount and at the heart of this decision. We recognise the pressures that schools are currently experiencing and supporting staff and students remains our highest priority.

We thank you for your understanding during this time.

Regards

The School Sport Unit

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## **e-Safety Advice from the NSW Government**

As children start to navigate the online world and interact with others more independently, they are more likely to be exposed to risks of bullying or unwanted contact, accidentally come across inappropriate content or rack up bills through in-app purchases.

Your guidance can help them be aware of the risks and understand what is expected of them, and let them know you are always there to support them.

For kids aged 5 to 12, it is important to:

- \* Keep the computer or device in an area of your home that can be supervised and check in regularly with your child to see what they are viewing.
- \* Stay engaged with their online activity. If they agree, consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they use most so you can see how they work and understand the risks.
- \* Explore the online world with them to help establish that this is not just a solitary activity. Play games with them. Do a creative project together.
- \* Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.
- \* Encourage respect and empathy. Teach them to avoid sharing or posting things that may upset others.
- \* Start building resilience. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material.

For more information: [esafety.gov.au/parents](https://esafety.gov.au/parents)





# **SOCCER** **IS BACK FOR 2020**

**REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE SEASON**

**Online registrations:** [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

**Face to Face Registrations:** at Sweet 3 Vintage Van  
by the Lake 10am- 12:30pm Saturday's