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# Forbes Public School Newsletter

*"Maintaining A Tradition of Excellence"*



Our two week intensive swimming program has been a great success again this year. Students have gained in confidence and skills which will help them as we arrive into the hotter months where students engage in swimming activities.

This has been a wonderful opportunity for children and I would like to thank all the staff who facilitated the program this year.

The end of the year is approaching quickly and we have many formal occasions planned. Our annual Presentation Night will be at the Forbes High School Hall on Thursday, 13 December and we look forward to seeing as many of our school community members there to acknowledge the students efforts throughout the year.

Students are looking forward to their PBL acknowledgement day this week as we recognise their fantastic approach to upholding our school values.

A reminder that reports will be sent home on Friday, 14 December and school will conclude for 2018 on Wednesday, 19 December.

Our annual parent, carer and helper breakfast will be on Monday, 17 December to thank you for the various contributions you have supported students with across the school year. Please ensure you have completed an RSVP for this event to assist with catering.

Dafydd Thomas  
Principal

## Congratulations to our High Achievers

Congratulations to Jessica Nightingale, Isla Worland, Scarlett Francis and Rebecca Withers who received Forbes Public School's highest Award, the Honour Award at our School Assembly on Friday, 23 November.

These students must be commended as this award is the culmination of many years of application and continued participation.



Ella Kearney-Pallister, Summer Hurford, Brooke Kelly and Keith Withers each received a Blue and Gold Banner. To celebrate this achievement Mr Thomas hosted a special afternoon tea for these students along with their parents and teachers.

The following students have received a Special Achievement award this term. Rubie Hall, Ruby Coote, Dylan Bray, Jade McKeown, Jemma Hodder, Jasmine Drivilas, Toby Smart, Daniel Miller, Marley Kollias, Emma Rippon, Annabelle Dwyer, Stella Bull, Jack White, Ella Kearney-Pallister, Holly Young, Keith Withers, Brooke Kelly, Ava Kearney-Pallister, Summer Hurford,

Well done to all our students who have received an award this year!

## Forbes Public's Got Talent

Children have been busy this week practising for our Annual Talent Quest.

The Talent Quest will be held on Monday, 17 December at 9.30am in the RH Lytton OAM Memorial Hall.

Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

If you have any queries please contact Miss Jones or Mrs Boyton.



### Presentation Night

Our 2018 Annual Presentation Ceremony will be held in the Forbes High School Hall on Thursday, 13 December beginning at 6.30pm. Doors will be open from 6.15pm.

All students are asked to attend as we formally recognise the achievements of our students over the past twelve months and announce our student leaders for 2019.

Students are asked to be in full school uniform for this occasion. To ensure students are looking their best, **Thursday will be a casual day at school.**

## What's On

### Tuesday, 11th December

Year 6 Farewell

Forbes Services Memorial Club at 5.30pm

### Thursday, 13th December

Presentation Evening

Forbes High School Hall at 6.30pm

### Friday, 14th December

Whole School PBL Reward Day

Reports sent home

### Monday, 17th December

Parent Helper Breakfast—7.30am

Talent Quest in the

RH Lytton OAM Memorial Hall at 9.30am

### Tuesday, 18th December

Class Parties

2019 Classes announced

### Wednesday, 19th December

Last day of Term 4

## Principal's Pen & Pencil Awards

### KG

Lexi Millerd

Kailey Moxey

Colbie Ashcroft

Tilli-Ann Hector

Max Pointon

Bruno Bennett

Josie Townsend

### KN

Isaac Angilley

Eddie White

Abigail Bembrick

Josie Watson

Jamal Alghamdi

Jayden Tran

Amelia Kerr

### 1B

Emaliee Legg

Harvey McCleary

### 1L

Dallas Burbage

Boston Kenney

Leah Colvin

### 2A

Logan McMahon

### 2CH

Drake Steele

Snow Hodder

Alfie Quirk

### 3A

Mia Wilson

### K/6M

Corey Ovington

### 3H

Audrey Walker

### 4R

Tyler Jelbart

Arahya Hill

Jessica Johansson

Louie Hodder

Iris Walker

Hydee Fairley

Stephanie Vonthien

### 5G

Will Cheney

Lachlan Alley

Kye Kennaugh

Nick Zannes

Sam Schrader

Jason McCann

Matthew Higgins

### 6R

Grace Barbary

Michael Behan

Isla Worland

Amelia Hodges

Ella Kearney-Pallister

Jessica Nightingale

Ben Crowley

Keith Withers

### 3/6C

Alice Bray

Lockie Adams

### K/6F

Zander Carberry

## Whole School PBL Reward Day

### Friday, 14 December

Our PBL activity day is to acknowledge all the wonderful, positive behaviour our students have displayed throughout the year so far.

They will participate in a range of activities such as fishing, tie dying, cooking, movies and popcorn, water play and more!

## Swim School

During weeks 7 and 8 Forbes Public School students attended our annual intensive swimming program. The program teaches students the basic swimming and survival skills that are essential to their safety.

Each lesson began with a safety talk with a different topic taught daily. Some of these lessons included rescue sequences, beach safety and private pool safety. Students were able to ask questions about the information being explained and practice the different skills in small groups.

In the practical parts of the lessons, each group worked on a variety of swimming skills, as well as, survival and rescue skills. Some of the skills taught included gliding, floating, treading water and stroke foundations.

It has been a busy two weeks for staff and students. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts around the organisation at school and at home. The students really improved their skills and should be proud of the commitment they showed when at swimming. Well done!

Amber Avis - Intensive swimming coordinator



## Garden Beautification Project

This term, Students in K-6F have been working on mosaic projects to beautify the Learning Centre garden. As a class, they have created a stunning terracotta pot mosaic bird bath, weeded the gardens, grown some vegetables and transplanted strawberry plants.

Additionally, all Year 6 support unit students have left their mark on Forbes Public School by collaborating on 2 mosaic stepping stones before going to high school. New stepping stones from the path will be decorated and grouted each year by future year 6 students to commemorate their time at our school. All students have done a wonderful job sprucing up the garden space.

It looks great!



## Kinder Start

Last Tuesday we completed our 5 week block of Kinder Start for 2018. It was wonderful to see the eagerness and excitement of the children as they prepare to join our Forbes Public School family in 2019.

During Kinder Start we met lots of new friends, enjoyed stories, played outside games and did some fabulous art and craft activities.

We are looking forward to seeing all the children again in 2019 when they begin Kindergarten.

## Softball in Forbes

Forbes Softball Association runs a mixed competition on Thursday nights at Halpins Flat 6:00pm—7:30pm.

Season runs Term 4 and Term 1

Juniors aged 16 and over \$60. Adults \$80

All equipment supplied

Contact Isabel for more information 0428139360

Or go online and register at:  
<https://membership.sportstg.com/index.cgi>

## Assembly Awards

**The following awards were presented at the school assembly held on Friday, 23 November**

6R	-	Bethany Miller	-	Fantastic effort in Maths
		Jonah Bennett	-	A great year in 6R
5/6D	-	Jemma Davis	-	Improvement in all areas
		Cohen Stavleu	-	Excellent representative on the Wiradjuri Camp
5G	-	Nick Zannes	-	Consistent effort in class
		Jemma Hodder	-	Trying hard in Reading groups
4J	-	Emily Speer	-	A positive attitude toward all learning areas
		Jacob Thom	-	Always displaying our PBL values
4R	-	Stephanie Vonthien	-	Consistently working hard in all areas
		Chloe Little	-	Displaying a positive attitude at all times
3H	-	Shelbea Kennaugh	-	Great work in class
		Zac Bush	-	Excellent effort in Handwriting
3A	-	Angus Van Der Weiden	-	Effort in Reading groups
		Rebecca Moxey	-	Attention to detail during Writing
3/6C	-	Charlie Gallagher	-	Being a responsible class member
2CH	-	Toby Smart	-	Achievement in all areas
		Jack White	-	Dedication to learning
2A	-	Eli Gharib	-	Bringing a great sense of humour to our class
		Lani Breheny	-	Hard work in all areas
1L	-	Leah Colvin	-	Trying hard in all areas
		Elsie Walker	-	Always following PBL values
1B	-	Grace Fairley	-	Consistent effort in all areas
		Hendrix Gunn	-	Writing great persuasive texts
KN	-	Lucy Fairley	-	Great progress in Reading
		Anderson McMahon	-	Fantastic use of descriptive word in Writing
KG	-	Tilli-Ann Hector	-	A great effort during independent writing
		Lachlan Henry	-	using expression while reading
K/6F	-	Jonah Butler	-	Sharing news with confidence



### Havannah House Christmas Lunch



25<sup>th</sup> December from 12.00noon

Forbes Town Hall - Harold Street, Forbes

A time of good food, great entertainment, fun  
company, celebration and laughter.

All are welcome.

For more information, book transport, or RSVP  
please contact Havannah House Office  
on 6852 1366

#### Havannah House Christmas Volunteers

If you are interested in supporting the Havannah House Christmas Lunch either on Christmas Day or in the Lead up to Christmas, please contact the Havannah House Office on 6852 1366.

For your information and safety there will be a Volunteers Orientation afternoon on Saturday, 15 December 2018, 2.00pm at Havannah House, including afternoon tea.

### Save the Date

#### 2019 Swimming Carnival

Our Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday, 15th February** (Term 1 Week 3) 2019.

If your child is going into year 2 next year and is turning 8 in 2019 (January 1 – December 31) or if your child is going into years 3–6 they will be participating in the swimming carnival.

When students return to school we will be asking parents to enter their children in the following races: 25 metres freestyle (unassisted), 100 metres freestyle, 50 metres freestyle / butterfly / backstroke / breaststroke, 200 metres individual medley, shallow end races and small pool games. Times will be also be entered (for the long pool events) if known.

Helpers will be needed on the day so if you are able to assist it's a really fun day.

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday, 15th February 2019.

## Sporting Schools Grants 2018

Sporting Schools offer grants to Primary Schools across Australia with their main goal being to assist young children to foster a lifelong interest in sport. At Forbes Public School we were fortunate enough to secure a grant each term in 2018.

In Term 1 Primary students turning 8 in 2018 participated in a 5 week Athletics Program run by Ernie Sluitor a professional Athletics coach from Athletics Australia. Students' skills improved after being instructed by such an expert in the field with years of experience. Teachers also benefited from learning athletics coaching technicalities which they used during Friday Athletics Sports sessions to further enhance learning opportunities for students.

Week 1 – Shot Put, Week 2 – Discus, Week 3 –Long Jump, Week 4 –High Jump, Week 5 – Sprints.

Programs like these, not only develop participants' appetite to be physically active, but also grow the participants' passion for the sport of Athletics.

In term 2 our students from Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in a five week Golf program run by Gecko Sports Young & Regional NSW. They were introduced to the skills of putting, chipping and driving. The children really enjoyed the chance to experience a game that they wouldn't normally be exposed to, and many showed natural ability with a golf club in hand. Geoff Palmer from Gecko Sports commented on how wonderful the kids at Forbes Public School are and how he really enjoyed the chance to visit our school and deliver sporting programs. During his time here, he also refereed League Tag with the Primary students and Premier's Sporting Challenge Leaders Brooke Kelly and Jemma Davis. Geoff was impressed with their leadership skills and the way Primary students were willing to play sport at lunchtime.

In Term 3 Primary students participated in a 5 week Lacrosse Program run by Gecko Sports Young & Regional NSW. Students learnt skills in scooping, passing, trapping, defending, team tactics and scoring. This was a game not familiar to Forbes Public School students and they were able to transfer their skills learnt in other sports to participate and thrive in Lacrosse. Mrs Stitt conducted a 5 week Infants Lacrosse program so that the whole school benefitted from the Sporting Schools Grant in Term 3.

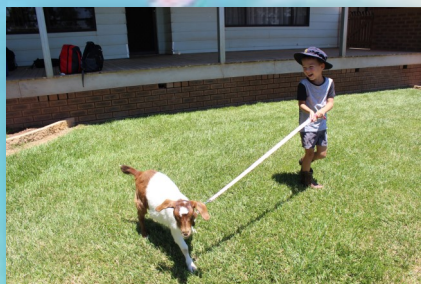
In Term 4 Infants students participated in a 5 week T-Ball Program run by Gecko Sports Young & Regional NSW. Students learnt skills in throwing, catching ground balls/high balls, batting, base running, game tactics, scoring fundamentals and fielding. Infants students loved learning new skills and enjoyed the game of T-Ball. New T-Ball equipment was purchased for the Infants students also.

On behalf of the Forbes Public School Community I would like to extend our appreciation for the 200 million dollar Australian Government Initiative, Sporting Schools Grants. We are honoured to be part of this beneficial partnership which allows us to utilise local sporting experts to run Sports Clinics on Fridays as part of our Friday Sports Program. Clinics are run in classes so groups are small and students get 5 weeks of instruction, including games. Mrs Stitt reinforces the Sporting Schools Program by further instructing during Sports Skills classes to practice these new skills and to maintain momentum. We look forward to another year in this positive partnership.



# Kinder Farm Excursion





**We had a great time!**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



## Fishing Day

11th January 2019  
10am-12pm  
followed by BBQ  
Grinstead Oval

3 x 20 minutes sessions:  
Casting | Knot Tying | Catch & Release  
PLUS: 1 hour fishing session

RSVP 9th January  
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## Mural

January 14th-17th  
Forbes Youth and  
Community Centre

RSVP 11th January  
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## Obstacool

(inflatable obstacle course)  
December 22nd 9am-3pm  
Nelson Park

Parental supervision required  
for children under the age of 16



## Pool Inflatable

January  
4th 10am-2pm | 7th 12pm-4pm  
25th 10am-2pm | 29th 12pm-4pm  
Forbes Town Pool  
\$4.00 entry. Normal pool rules apply



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# Lachlan Valley Fishing Club Catch a Carp Day

Sunday 16th December 2018  
8am to 2pm

Registration- Back of Forbes  
Bowling Club

There will be prizes  
up for grabs on the day. Club  
members must submit their  
catch to be in the  
running.

Hope to see you all there for  
a fun day of fishing.

Enquires- Gavin

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