

Forbes Public School Newsletter

11th April 2025

Term 1 Week 11



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Dear Families,

We look forward to welcoming back our students on Wednesday the 30th April, and even more excited to do so on our newly refurbished school site! After months of anticipation, the moment has finally arrived. We're rolling out the red carpet (literally and figuratively!) to greet our students as they return to a fresh and vibrant, learning environment. We can't wait to be with our students as they continue to explore the updated spaces and settle into another term of learning, connection, and growth.

A special shoutout goes to the talented students representing our school at the NSW State PSSA Swimming Championships this week. What an incredible achievement! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication, and we wish you all the very best as you dive into competition—go team!

As we look ahead this term, we remind our school community of the upcoming ANZAC Day March and Commemorations. It is a time for us to come together to honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of the ANZACs. The march on the 25th of April is a meaningful tradition, and we encourage families to take part, remembering and reflecting on this important piece of our national history, please keep an eye on our facebook posts for meeting times.

Finally, we hope everyone enjoys a wonderful Easter with family and friends. May the season bring happiness, rest, and a fresh start for the term ahead.

Warm regards

Meg Staples—Principal



Ivy Skinner



Nellie Collits

Major Award Recipients

Congratulations to Ivy Skinner and Nellie Collits who received major awards at our last school assembly on 4th April.

Ivy received Forbes Public School's highest award, the Honour Award while Nellie received a Blue & Gold Banner and will enjoy a special lunch with the Principal next term.

Well done to you both!

The last day of Term 1 is on Friday 11th April.

We will welcome students back to school for Term 2 on Wednesday, 30th April.

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

KG	Lillyan Baxter
Vivienne Tuimaunei	Cruz Amor
Hunter Keat	Maci McMahon
Delilah Rennick	Tyler Apps
Millie Walker	Birdie Welsh
Gloria Cran	Max Hancock
Jake Wren	Hudson Sutton
Loreida Sheldrick	Xavier Green
Koa Towney	Reggie Mongoo
Banjo Penney	Millie Dang
Eva Linsdell	2MB
Tennessee Lennane	Esther Skinner
Lincoln Rath	Chelsea Webb
Quinn McAvoy	2R
Harry Coulthurst	Levi Nicholson
KJ	Jordan Fazldeen
Blair Martin	Mac Parry
Amelia Dunn	Quinn Trotter
Darcy Bray	Lewis Linsdell
Charlie McConnell	Harriett Buckanen
Layla Hodge	Bella Lang
Harry Duncan	Arlo Skinner
Aurora Maguire	Jack Fuge
Auri Zuliani	Ava Hogan
Wyatt Newham	Lilly Schrader
Ashton Sayers	Imogen Smith
Wilder Welsh	Abel Tuimaunei
Pip Thompson	Paige Taylor
1J	Matilda West
Isabelle Norris	Jack Hazell
Charlie Cole	3/4M
Thomas Robb	Alice Gorman
Finn Anderson	3/4W
Abby McDonald	Harrison McMahon
Islee Currey	Nixon Scott
Elkie Gunn	Dimity Dumbrell
Jayla Holmes	Zach Dunford
Zoe Webb	Sadie McConnell
Archie Adams	Kelsey Lee

5/6A	Max Moore
Riley Stephenson	Kallie Trainor
Charlie De Mamiel	Bonnie Northey
Jarahlea Cobcroft	Tonarah Cran
Lauren Coffee	Ivy Skinner
Ninjin Oyunbold	Ash Sinclair
Grace Fuge	5/6K
Jane Currey	Axel Trotter
Eden Flack	Nellie Collits
Leo Dwyer	Lily Ball
Julian Butler	Mitchell Apps
Sadie Dooley	5/6T
5/6P	Violet Millerd
Lucas Brakenridge	K/6M
Delta Steele	Dustin Bray
Jack Pointon	Darrius Work

2/6C Assembly Item

2/6C presented at the Week 10 assembly, showcasing what they've been learning in their Reading Comprehension lessons. They also performed a beautiful rendition of the song *Inanay*.

Several students shared their favourite Dreamtime stories, including *How the Birds Got Their Colours*, *The Snake Serpent*, and *The Bat and the Crocodile*.

Jett provided an explanation of the song *Inanay*, telling the audience that it originates from the Yorta Yorta country in Victoria, which is neighbouring the Wiradjuri country.

The song is about the goanna (gugaa), which is a totem of the Wiradjuri people. The Wiradjuri are deeply connected to the gugaa and are responsible for caring for it and its habitat.

The students sang beautifully and did an amazing job!



ANZAC DAY MARCH



Anzac Day is on Friday, 25th April which is during the school holidays. Forbes Public School students who are able to join the march are asked to meet in Cross Street by 9.45am.

Students are asked to wear their formal winter or summer school uniform (weather pending).

Why we call upon all of our students to march on ANZAC Day:

Our servicemen and women have left us a splendid heritage. May our successors and we, prove worthy of their sacrifice.

On the morning of 25th April, 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire at Gallipoli. It was then and in the battles that followed that the Anzac tradition was formed. On this day, we remember all those who served our nation in times of war. We remember with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship. We remember what they accomplished for Australia, and indeed for the freedom of mankind. They adorn our nation's history.

We remember those who fell and served amidst the valleys and ridges of Gallipoli, on the terraced hills of Palestine, in France and Belgium, on the sands of the North African desert, amidst the mountains and olive groves of Greece, Crete and Syria, in the skies over Europe, in Singapore, in the jungles of Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, in Korea and Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq and in peacekeeping, in the skies and seas of many parts of the world, and on our own soil.

We remember staunch friends and allies, especially those who fought alongside our servicemen on that first ANZAC Day in 1915.

We gather as a school community to honor the magnificent legacy bestowed upon us by our brave servicemen and women. May both our generation and those to come rise to the challenge and live up to the sacrifice made on our behalf.

Kinder Badge Assembly

On Friday, 28th March Kindergarten received their FPS school badges to celebrate the milestone of completing their first term of big school.

Stage 3 had the special job to badge their younger peers and present them with their badge.

Our kindergarten students have made a wonderful start to school.



Assembly Awards

The following awards were presented at the school assembly held on Friday, 4th April.

KA	-	Hudson Skinner	-	Fantastic effort with his sounds
		Shelby Newcombe	-	Great work in addition
KG	-	Gloria Cran	-	Trying her best in all learning areas
		Quinn McAvoy	-	Applying herself to her learning
KJ	-	Wyatt Newham	-	Applying himself in reading groups
		Pip Thompson	-	Having a positive attitude towards learning
1HM	-	Jack Thurston-Mundy	-	Improved effort in all areas
		Lilah Horan	-	Consistent effort in all areas
1J	-	Elkie Gunn	-	Positive attitude in all learning areas
		Reggie Mongoo	-	Working hard to learn letter sounds
2D	-	Maison Irwin-Gray	-	Excellent work in Writing
		Willa Thornton	-	Confidently answering questions in Maths
2MB	-	Mack Acheson	-	Creative ideas in writing tasks
		Sophie Churchill	-	Being a respectful and responsible class member
2R	-	Jack Fuge	-	Always trying his best
		Mac Parry	-	Confidently contributing in Maths
3/4G	-	Bryce Wilcox	-	Always being on task in the classroom
		Lainee Currey	-	Always having a positive attitude
3/4M	-	Audrey White	-	Planning and presenting a wonderful speech
		Charlie Halls	-	Effort and willingness to present his speech in class
3/4W	-	Louie West	-	Always being a kind and helpful class member
		Porter Collits	-	Consistently improving his reading skills
5/6A	-	Huxley Beard	-	Outstanding attitude and positivity
		Charlee Collits	-	Outstanding effort and attitude
5/6K	-	Stella Morris	-	Preparing and presenting an excellent speech
		Billy Mayall	-	His bravery when presenting his speech
5/6P	-	Lylah Burke-Chapman	-	Working well on having a growth mindset
		Bonnie Northey	-	Participating in all activities with a positive attitude
5/6T	-	Tilly Madge	-	Consistently using her manners
		Molly Browne	-	Presenting a heartfelt speech
2/6C	-	Oliver Mellon	-	Being a responsible and helpful student
K/6HP	-	Octavia Morris	-	Working hard with learning her sounds

GEM Awards

Displaying Gratitude at School

KA	-	August Boon	2R	-	Paige Taylor	5/6P	-	Millie Hatch
KG	-	Koa Towney	3/4G	-	Matilda Rees	5/6T	-	Mitchell Gartner
KJ	-	Dean Markham	3/4M	-	Ruby Ridley	2/6C	-	Alecia Wiegold
1HM	-	Willow Butler	3/4W	-	Eliza Wythes	K/6F	-	Chad Wiegold
1J	-	Cruz Amor	5/6A	-	Abby Lee	K/6HP	-	Hudson Armour
2D	-	Audrey Price	5/6K	-	Lola Quirk	2/6S	-	Jyhlan Warhurst
2MB	-	Chelsea Webb						

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Mindfulness

Working on mindfulness gives us opportunities to develop our ability to pay attention to the present moment and our thoughts. Practising mindfulness daily can help us stay focused on set tasks and reduce stress and anxiety.

Whole Family Activity:

Mindful Walk

- ♦ As a family, go on a walk outside in nature. This might be around your local walking track, at your local park or just around your streets.
- ♦ While walking, tune into your senses and observe what you can see, hear and feel. Or you might choose to focus on one of the senses. Eg: Hear: what are all the noises you can hear on your walk?
- ♦ On your way home or when you return home, share what each person saw, heard or felt.

Family Habit Builder:

Each night at dinner, ask everyone to take one mouthful of food more mindfully than the rest and think about the flavours they can taste and how it makes them feel. (They can also thank the chef!).

High School Transition Masterclass – A Great Success!

On April 1st, our Stage 3 students had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a High School Transition Masterclass at Forbes High School. The day was filled with engaging activities as students split into groups to experience lessons in History, Maths, PE, and Textiles.

We are thrilled to report that all students had a fantastic time, showcasing their enthusiasm and school spirit throughout the day. A big thank you to Forbes High School for welcoming us and providing our students with such valuable learning experiences.

We look forward to the next Masterclass and continuing to support our students in their transition to high school!



Cross Country

The following are the results of the Cross Country Carnival and Infants Fun Run which were held on Wednesday, 2nd April.

Cross Country Results

12/13 Year Boys

1. Jack Bull
2. Jamaraki Ware
3. Lucas Brakenridge
4. Lucy Rout
5. Stella Morris
6. Emma Currey

13 Year Girl MC Class

1. Claudia Carstairs

11 Year Boys

1. Jack Pointon
2. Hugh Halls
3. Will Rees

11 Year Girls

1. Gracie Robbins
2. Sadie Dooley
3. Ella-Rose Wright

10 Year Boys

1. Nixon Scott
2. Mitchell Gartner
3. Cheyse Hoy

10 Year Girls

1. Maddison Churchill
2. Mollie Flick

3. Sophie Scott

8/9 Year Boys

1. Sonny Newcombe
2. Jimmy Madge
3. Harrison McMahon

8/9 Year Girls

1. Ava Sinclair
2. Zoe Stephenson
3. Isabel Teale

LC Results

12 Year Boys

1. Cylis Mitchell

11 Year Girls

1. Aleeah Radburn

11 Year Boys

1. Kaiden Coleman

10 Year Boys

1. Karym Mitchell
2. Vinnie Wright

8/9 Year Boys

1. Laurence Gordon
2. Chase Presnell
3. Cruz Spencer

Infants Fun Run Results

Kinder Boys

1. Banjo Penny
2. Ashton Sayers
3. Hudson Skinner

Kinder Girls

1. Gloria Cran
2. Samantha Cogswell
3. Harper Rath

Year 1 Boys

1. Cruz Amor
2. Charlie Cole
3. Tommy Cogswell

Year 1 Girls

1. Rosie Gorman
2. Zoe Webb
3. Isabelle Norris

Year 2 Boys

1. Kit Beard
2. Dash Gaffney
3. Lex Townsend

Year 2 Girls

1. Sophie Churchill
2. Abby Teale
3. Dakota Newham



Tennis Triumph!

We are excited to announce that our students had an outstanding day of tennis on Monday, 7th April, as they went head-to-head with Parkes Public School. In an impressive display of skill, determination, and teamwork, our students secured victories in all but one of their matches. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through, making us all incredibly proud.

As a result of their strong performance, our students have earned the opportunity to compete in the next round of the tournament at the beginning of the next term. While the opponent is yet to be determined, we are confident that our students will approach this challenge with the same enthusiasm and sportsmanship that they exhibited in their previous games.

We wish our talented athletes the best of luck in this exciting Round 3 matchup! Let's continue to support our team as they strive for success.

Go team!



PSSA Trials

Netball

On Thursday the 27th of March 4 girls went to the Forbes Netball courts to trial for the Lachlan PSSA Netball team.

Congratulations to Jane Currey for being selected to attend the Western Region Primary Netball day in Orange on the 9th May 2025.

AFL

On Friday, 28th March Leo Dwyer went to the final tryout for Western PSSA AFL. He was successful in making the team to attend the NSW PSSA Australian Football Championships in Sydney from 4th – 6th June, 2025. Well done Leo!

Lachlan Touch

On Friday, 4th April 6 boys travelled to Parkes to trial for the Lachlan PSSA Touch football team.

Congratulations to Leo Dwyer, Jack Bull, Jack Pointon and Declan Hurford on being selected to participate in trialling for the Western team in Dubbo on Monday the 23rd June 2025.

Rugby League

The Western Rugby League trials were held at Parkes Pioneer Oval on Monday, 7th April and were a great success.

Students showcased their talent across 3-4 games in both the Under 11's and Opens. All participants played exceptionally well, displaying strong teamwork and skill.

Special congratulations go to Ari Hogan and Jack Pointon, who were selected for the Western Under 11's team to compete in Sydney. Meanwhile, Jamaraki Ware and Leo Dwyer earned spots on the Opens team. Several other members of the Lachlan team will transition to the next level, continuing their rugby league journey.

Well done to all players for their dedication and outstanding performance!

Ten Pin Bowling Success

On Wednesday 2nd April, Year 5 student Nathaniel Baynham attended trials for the School Support Unit Representative Ten Pin Bowling Tournament in Dubbo.

As a result, Nathaniel progressed through to the 2025 Disability and Inclusive State Tournament in Ten Pin Bowling, to be held at Rooty Hill on the 3rd and 4th of June.

Congratulations Nathaniel on this achievement.

Boys AFL: Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day

On Monday, 31st March, the boys' AFL team travelled to Cowra for the highly anticipated Round 1 Gala Day of the Paul Kelly Cup. The team stepped up to the challenge, showcasing their skills and adapting quickly to the rules of AFL.

Throughout the round-robin games, the boys performed admirably, staying focused and undefeated, which secured them a spot in the final. With great teamwork and determination, they saved their best game for last, posting their biggest win of the day, defeating Mulyan PS 47 to 8.

This impressive victory marks an exciting milestone as the team now progresses to the Central West Finals Gala Day in May. A huge congratulations to all the boys for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship.

Well done, boys!

**The
AFL
FPS
Team**



League Stars Gala Day

On March 4, 2025, 63 students from the League Stars program travelled to Condobolin for an exciting NRL Gala Day. The day was filled with fun and competitive spirit, as many students had never played Rugby League before but gave their best effort, often competing against more experienced teams. Despite this challenge, the students displayed exceptional determination and teamwork throughout the day.

Special recognition was given to Hugh Halls, Jack Pointon, Madi West, Jakaylia Ware, Kobee Withers, Ruby Lidster, Nate Whitty, and Miles Turner, who were awarded Player of the Day for their outstanding performances in their respective teams.

All the students showed incredible resilience and courage by stepping outside their comfort zones, making it a memorable and inspiring event for everyone involved.

A big thank you goes to the parents who helped make the day a success, especially Adam Sinclair, Luke Stephenson, and Hannah De Mamiel for their dedication in coaching the student teams, and Scott Webb for not only coaching but also driving the bus. Your support and commitment are greatly appreciated!



Kindergarten Preschool Excursion

Last Monday and Tuesday, our Kindergarten students visited Forbes Preschool.

Students had a great time reconnecting with their peers and sharing stories of big school.





Forbes Public School

Project update | April 2025

Dear staff, parents and carers,

We are delighted to announce classes will resume in Forbes Public School's newly refurbished buildings from Day 1 Term 2.

A huge amount of work has occurred since heavy flooding significantly damaged 11 school buildings in November 2022.

Works that have taken place across Term 1 include:

- resurfacing the main sports court
- replacing 12 air conditioning units
- laying new carpet and laminate flooring
- installing new roof sheeting
- upgrading toilet facilities – new toilets, handbasins and partitions
- painting internal and external surfaces.

Learn more: [full scope of Forbes PS Term 1 work](#)

Students will join teachers and staff for a walk through the new facilities in the coming days.

All learning materials and furniture will be moved before Term 2 begins on Wednesday 30 April. The PA and bell system will also be relocated to the refurbished buildings.

Demountable building removal

Planning for the progressive removal of demountable buildings across the school site during Term 2 is well advanced.

Part of the school oval will be temporarily fenced from Day 1 Term 2 to allow for plant and contractor access to facilitate this work, via Lachlan Street, without disrupting school operations.



*Scan QR code to
visit construction
impacts webpage*

We will ensure works are carried out safely and efficiently to minimise impacts on the school community. For more information on how construction will be managed, visit the School Infrastructure website: [Managing construction impacts in your community](#)

Removal of all demountables is expected to be completed by Term 3, weather and other conditions permitting. We will keep the community informed about reinstating the school oval surface later this year.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue this important work.



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Now it is your chance to be a modern-day Lawson or Paterson, by entering this State-wide commemorative challenge for creative writing ... and maybe even see your story published in the pages of your local newspaper!

• CATEGORIES •



**Best Primary
School Student**

Story (300 words)

**Best Secondary
School Student**

Story (750 words)

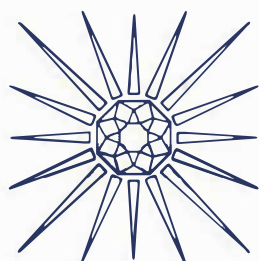
**Best Adult
Open Entry**

Story (3000 words)



ENTRY IS FREE – YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR ENTRY FORM HERE!

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 4 JULY 2025



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Primary ☐

300 word limit

Secondary ☐

750 word limit

Open (Adult) ☐

3,000 word limit

Entry Details:

Name of author:Year at school (if applicable):.....

Address:

Title of entry:

☐ I confirm that this submission is my original work, and I agree that I am taking part in a public competition

Signature (parent/guardian may sign on behalf of entrant):.....

Email:.....Best phone contact:.....

Newspaper Category ☐ 3,000 word limit

(This section is only for Country Press NSW Inc. members, their staff, and their recognised contributors.)

Newspaper:.....Author:

Title of entry:

TERMS & CONDITIONS

This competition is open to school students and adults living in readership areas of the Country Press NSW Inc. newspaper network. Boarding school students whose home address is in country NSW are also eligible.

Entry is free, thanks to sponsorship by the Manildra Group. One entry allowed per person.

*Stories may be on any topic or theme, but every entry **MUST contain the words "local newspaper"** as part of the story.*

Entries should be typed (primary school entries only may be neatly handwritten).

Word limits must not be exceeded. Pages should be numbered. Make sure the title is included on every page.

Students may also include their name on their story.

However, for open (adult) and newspaper entries, author's name should NOT appear on story copy – only on the entry form please.

Entries will not be returned, so competitors should retain their own copy.

Judging will be done independently by Fellowship of Australian Writers (NSW). The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Results will be published during Term 4, 2025, on the Country Press NSW website: cpnsw.org.au and in member newspapers. Finalists and category winners will also be personally notified.

Entries must be posted by 4 July to: PO Box 17, Manildra, NSW 2865



Looking for something to do in the School Holidays?



Come and join in the fun at a Tennis Coaching Clinic during the school holidays:
Week 1 - Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April
The starting time is 9.00am and the finishing time 12.00pm.

The main aim is for everyone to have fun in a healthy and safe environment while learning how to play tennis. The clinic is open to all children 5yrs to 15yrs with beginners most welcome.

Places are limited therefore bookings are essential. Phone Peter on 0403 335 205 or message via Facebook page "Peter Cliftons Tennis Coaching" before Friday 11th April.

YOUTH WEEK WELLNESS WORKSHOP



Mindset & Mindfulness

WHEN

Monday 14th April 2025
2:00pm - 4:00pm

WHERE

Forbes Youth & Community Centre,
Battye Street

COST

Free
Light refreshments provided

WHAT TO BRING

Yoga mat/Towel

WHY ATTEND?

- Build positive relationships
- Balance school, work and life
- Reach your goals

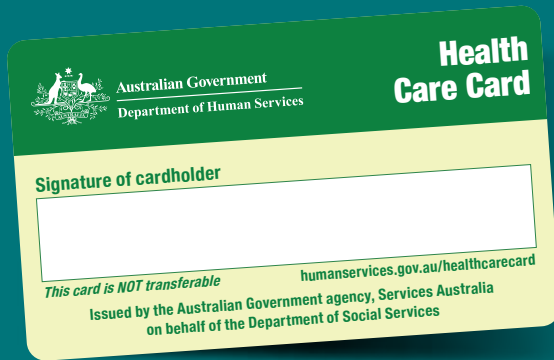
WHO?

Kitty, an experienced space holder, will inspire you to feel self-satisfied and confident.

Register via the QR Code or contact Council on 6850 2300.

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL





Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

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- ✓ Be 18 years or older
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- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
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- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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