



Forbes Public School Newsletter

14th February 2025

Term 1 Week 3



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Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing summer break.

As we step into this new academic year, we are excited to continue fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive. This year we are working towards providing a variety of sporting, academic and arts opportunity, starting with the registration of a choir and dance group, both to perform throughout the year at various locations. We will be calling for singers and dancers in the coming weeks to take part in these groups.

Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for an incredible year of learning, growth, and new opportunities. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our school community.

Keep an eye out for our FPS *In the Limelight* Facebook posts where we look forward to sharing the spotlight with each class over the duration of the year.

Today, many of our students will battle excitement and nerves as they participate in our annual swimming carnival. The day will provide an opportunity for students to challenge themselves and have fun, be it swimming a certain distance for the first time, maybe trying a new stroke, or just engaging in the fun water activities. We are looking forward to sharing the day with our students and community.

This year, we look forward to building strong relationships, setting new goals, and embracing challenges with confidence. We encourage students to stay curious, be kind, and give their best effort in everything they do. Parents, your partnership is invaluable, and we appreciate your support in making this school a place where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired. Let's make this year one of achievement, creativity, and success. Welcome back—we are so glad to have you here!

Meg Staples - Principal

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Paula Brayne

On Thursday, Forbes Public staff and students farewelled Mrs Paula Brayne. Mrs Brayne has been working within our school for the last 2 years in a Student Support Officer role as part of flood recovery support implemented by the Department of Education.

Mrs Brayne has worked as part of the Learning and Support team with staff and students to support wellbeing across K-6, delivering small group interventions including Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds, in class support, social skills games room during play breaks and 1:1 individualised support sessions. We have been very fortunate to have an SSO of Mrs Brayne's calibre. Today we acknowledge the positive impact she has had on our school community and say a huge thanks for all she has done during her time at FPS.

Staff enjoyed a morning tea with Mrs Brayne and students had the opportunity to say 'see you later' when she visited each classroom.

Mrs Brayne said she was very grateful for her time at Forbes Public and all of the wonderful students and families she had the opportunity to meet and help. Mrs Brayne is sad to leave but excited about the new 'season' ahead of her.

Mrs Brayne will continue supporting families in our area in her new role with Catholic Care. We wish Mrs Brayne all the best for her new chapter.

Goodbye for now from FPS!





SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

NEW ASSEMBLY TIME
for 2025
10am

Assemblies will be held fortnightly beginning on
Friday 21st February in the School Hall

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Principal Pen or Pencil after filling their charts from 2024.

Year 1

Charlie Cole
Tyler Apps
Lawson Redfern
Lilah Horan
Birdie Welsh
Harriet Watson
Austin Byrnes
Rosie Gorman
Isabelle Wiegold
Archie Adams
Finn Anderson
Hudson Payne
Dustin Tarrant
Maci McMahon
Iva Nicholson
Elkie Gunn
Eve Tattersall
Lil Baxter
Isabelle Norris
Zoe Webb
Annie Wythes

Hudson Sutton

Islee Currey
Abby McDonald
Tom Robb
Reggie Mongoo
Lola Simpson
Max Hancock
Reggie Anderson
Beau Dukes
Will Parslow-Smith
Cruz Amor
Millie Dang
Tennyson Acker

Year 2

Jack Hazel
Harriet Buckanen
Arlie O'Connor
Arlo Skinner
Archer Sherritt

Year 3

Rosie Coates
Jack Ball

Ava Sinclair

Cameron Cran
Lainee Currey
Louie West
Kelsey Lee
Molly De Mamiel

Year 4

Kendall Chua
Zachary Dunford
Eliza Wythes
Gigi Greig
Cheyse Hoy

Learning Centre

Kyson Mcanulty
Will Davis
Scarlett Bailey
Dustin Bray
Olivia Markham
Claudia Carstairs
Chad Wiegold
Shriya Budathoki
Elias Acret

Year 5

Molly Browne
Kallie Trainor
Jarryd Whittaker
Millie Hatch
Lylah Burke-Chapman
Bonnie Northey
Nate Whitty

Caitlyn Eagles
Penny Gordon
Riley Stephenson
Lola Quirk
Austin Webb
Mitchell Gartner

Alia Zuliani
Axel Trotter
Gracie Robbins

2/6C

Noah Johansson

Year 6

Delta Steele

Welcome to our new staff members

Miss Wedlock 3/4W



My name is Ash Wedlock and I am thrilled to be teaching a 3/4 class this year.

I completed my university degree at the University of New England in Armidale. During the 2024 school year, I had the opportunity to work as a casual teacher in Dubbo. I am excited to share that 2025 marks my first year teaching my own class.

I grew up in Sydney and moved away after I finished school. I lived at college on campus in Armidale for three years, and then I spent last year living in Dubbo. I have only recently moved to Forbes, and I have found the town extremely friendly and inviting!

I have a love for the outdoors and have always enjoyed the country life much more than the city life! My hobbies outside of school are netball, cooking, and spending quality time with friends and family.

I am looking forward to learning and growing as a new teacher and meeting all people involved in the Forbes Public School community.

Miss Prior 5/6P

Hello FPS community,

My name is Sophie Prior and I am thrilled to be teaching Stage 3 this year. A little about myself, I have grown up in Forbes and love this little town. I have recently returned from Newcastle after 3 years teaching near Lake Macquarie. I am lucky to have also taught in England for 2 years after I graduated, which was an unforgettable experience.

It has already been a wonderful start to the year, getting to know the staff and students of Forbes Public School. Everyone has been extremely welcoming and helpful and I am looking forward to being part of such a positive school community.



2025 School Photo Day!

Wednesday, 19 March 2025

Next week, each child will receive a photo order envelope. Students are required to return their envelopes on School photo day even **if they are not ordering photos**. Please **DO NOT** send your child's individual envelope to school before photo day.

Payment can be made online or by enclosing the correct money as no change can be given.

A Sibling envelope will be sent home with the eldest child if they have a brother or sister attending FPS. **Sibling** photos will only be available for **students attending our school**. To enable us to plan for sibling photos, envelopes must be returned to the front office **before** photo day if you choose to have a sibling photo taken.

We ask students to wear their full summer uniform.

Girls in Summer tunic, white socks and black shoes. Boys in Navy and Gold polo shirts, grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes.

If you need assistance with school uniforms please contact the school or your child's teacher.

The school canteen is open for uniform sales every Tuesday,



HELPFUL INFORMATION For Parents and Carers

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.

Please do not send change of routine through the school email as these can sometimes be missed.

Money

Money that is sent to school for visiting shows, sport, excursions etc. needs to be in a sealed envelope or snap lock bag 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 invoiced shortly.

Appointments

Parents wishing to speak to teachers must make an appointment either by phoning the office or by contacting your child's class teacher via their preferred method of communication.

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.

Early Arrivals

Students should not arrive at school before 8.30am. A teacher on duty will open the entrance gate at this time.

Late Arrivals

Students arriving late to school must be signed in through the office by a **parent or carer**. A note will be printed for the classroom teacher.

Permission Notes

Permission notes for Town Excursions, Medical Information and Permission to use Photographs were sent home last week. Please return these notes to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Pick Ups

All students in Years K—6 are picked up through the main entrance. The gates will be opened at 3pm when a staff member is on duty.

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. The Sentral for Parent Portal app will help with this process. Absence explanations may also be emailed to your child's class teacher or phoned through the front office.

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 before you leave. 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.

The WWCC can be completed online and then finalised at a Service NSW registry. A WWCC number is then generated and we ask you to please bring this into the office for our records.

Any enquiries please phone 6852 1934.

We are excited to announce that the Royal Far West team are coming to visit our school next week. During the visit they will spend some time in our classrooms, talk with staff and provide an opportunity for parents to contact them directly.

Please contact the team via:

community.recovery@royalfarwest.org.au or 02 8622 6808 or email the school or if you have questions/queries about the RFW visit or your child being involved in the classroom visits/activities, please discuss with school staff.

Community Recovery Program



RFW are coming to visit Forbes Public School

Allied Health Clinicians from Royal Far West (RFW) will be visiting our school between **Monday 17th – Friday 22nd February**.

RFW will be supporting the School throughout 2025 and 2026 with their Community Recovery Program.



How can RFW help?

During the visit, RFW will introduce its services and engage with students and parents/carers interested in accessing support. Clinicians will spend time in classrooms and meet with parents/carers. **RFW services are FREE** for children and parents. Some of the services which will be offered ongoing:

- Support for children: **Free individual online tele-therapy for children** with specific needs (Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychology).
- Support for school staff: Professional Learning sessions on topics of interest.
- Support for parents/carers: **Free tailored parenting support from a social worker & access to online parenting groups** (Tuning in to Kids & Circle of Security).

Next Steps

If you have questions/queries about the RFW visit or your child being involved in the classroom visits/activities, please notify school staff. If you have any questions about RFW services or you would like to **organize an individual meeting**, you can contact community.recovery@royalfarwest.org.au or 02 8622 6808

The RFW visiting team:



Darby, Psychologist



Tayla, OT



Chris, Social Worker



Lily, Speech Therapist

STAY TUNED

COMING

SOON

The Term Ahead...

FEBURARY

- Friday 14th, Primary School Swimming Carnival
- Monday 17th Royal Far West School Visit Week
- Monday 17th, Kinder Bus Excursion
- Wednesday 19th, Back up Swimming Carnival Date
- Friday 21st, First Whole School Assembly *New Time 10am
- Monday 24th, Lachlan Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 25th, Kinder Vision Screening
- Friday 28th, Clean up Australia Day Program

MARCH

- Friday 7th, Whole School Assembly, 10am
- Friday 7th, Western Swimming Carnival
- Monday 10th, NAPLAN week begins
- Wednesday 19th, SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- Friday 21st, Whole School Assembly 10am
- Wednesday, 26th Visiting Show

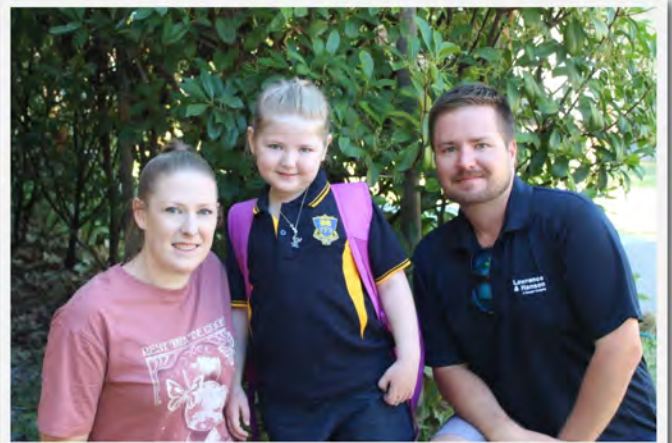
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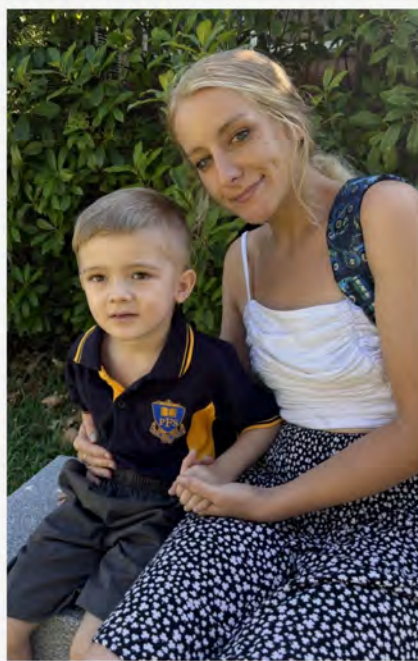
- Tuesday 2nd, School Cross Country
- Friday 4th, Kinder Badging Assembly
- Wednesday 9th, Combined Easter Scripture Service
- Thursday 10th, State Swimming Carnival
- Friday 11th, Last Day Term 1

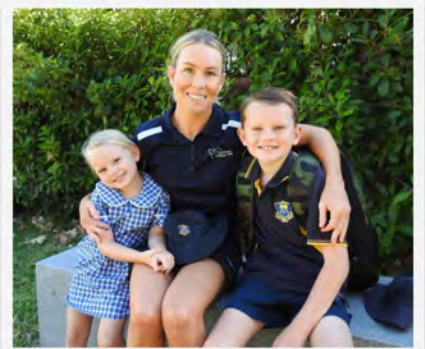
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regarding opportunities
for Choir, Dance & the
arts.

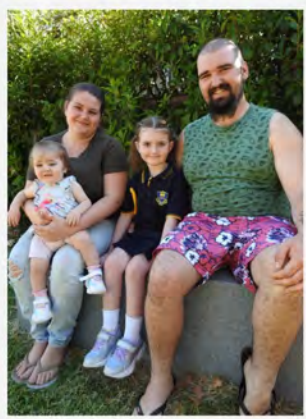
Forbes Public
School.....
In the Limelight

Welcome Kindergarten 2025











NEW TO FORBES?

JOIN US FOR OUR BIENNIAL
WELCOME TO FORBES EVENT!

Thursday 27 February | 5.30pm for 6pm

Vandenberg Hotel
Court Street, Forbes

Come along and enjoy our hospitality, meet Council staff, community groups and Councillors all in a relaxed atmosphere.

RSVP: Thursday 20 February 2025
events@forbes.nsw.gov.au | 6850 2300



**Lifestyle
Solutions**



You can make a difference in the life of a child!

Become a Therapeutic Home-Based Carer with Lifestyle Solutions

Are you passionate about helping a child reach their full potential? Do you have the skills, compassion, and dedication to support children and young people with high and complex needs? If so, we invite you to become a Therapeutic Home-Based Care (THBC) Carer!

As a THBC carer you will receive:

- Generous Tax Free Allowance: \$80K +
- Ongoing support: specialist therapeutic support
- Training: additional training

About the role

As a THBC Carer: As a THBC Carer, you will play a central role in providing a **safe, nurturing, and therapeutic environment** for a child. You will be supported by a team of professionals, including therapeutic specialists, to ensure you have the resources and guidance needed to succeed.

We have an urgent need to find the right person to support a young child in the Parkes, Young and Forbes area who is clever, energetic, affectionate, loves water and the outdoors and has some complex support needs

Interested in working with us?

If you are interested in having a confidential discussion, please contact Sharon Scott as soon as possible:

 **0408 438 502**

 **Sharon.scott@lifestylesolutions.org.au**

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For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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Forbes Assessment Clinic 2025



Wholechild Specialists are pleased to bring our developmental assessment clinic to Forbes again in 2025.

Our highly experienced team offer comprehensive diagnostic assessments for individuals of all ages.

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- ADHD
- Functional Capacity Assessments
- Cognitive & Academic Assessments

Specific Learning Assessments for Dyscalculia, Dyslexia, Giftedness, Intellectual Disability (verbal and non-verbal assessments)

A wide variety of other assessments available - contact us for more information.



Contact us:

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Phone: (02) 6361 9967

Web: www.wholechildspecialists.com.au







CHOOSE YOUR
**AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTY ADVENTURE**



PLAY

**Forbes (After School)
Auskick Centre**

Years: K-2

When: Wednesday's
5th March - 26th March

Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Location: Gaggin Oval

Price: \$65

Everyone receives an awesome pack



SCAN ME



**Forbes (After School)
Superkick Centre**

Years: 3-6

When: Wednesday's
5th March - 26th March

Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Location: Gaggin Oval

Price: \$65

Everyone receives an awesome pack

Contact: Will Flynn at will.flynn@afl.com.au or 0419809569 for more info

VISIT PLAY.AFL



Forbes Basketball is excited to kick off a junior competition in term 1 of 2025!

Details

Location: Monday evenings Courts at Red Bend Catholic College

Date: Term 1 2025.

Times: (Times may change slightly once draw is finalised)

- Aussie Hoops 5-7yr olds - **4:30 - 5pm**
- 8-10 year olds - **5pm - 5:30pm**
- 11-12 year olds - **5:30pm - 6pm**
- 13-15 yr olds - **6pm - 6:30pm**
- 16-17 yr olds - **6:30pm - 7pm**

GIRLS! We want you! Bring a friend down. We are keen to hold a girls competition if we get numbers!

Commencing Feb 3 and 10 with a Come and Try and registration day. It's the perfect opportunity to meet new friends, show off your skills, and have a blast!

Breakdown of our age groups and competition:

Aussie Hoops: 5-7 year olds

Ford Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's official introductory program, providing a fun and inclusive Basketball experience.

Primary Teams: 8-10 year olds & 11-12 year olds. Teams will be formed by our awesome committee! Nominate a friend to play with. Bibs provided.

High School: 13-15 & 16-18 year olds make their own teams! Players register individually, then captain email your team list to forbesbasketball@gmail.com

Registration links all on our Facebook page - Forbes Basketball Association. Make sure you are following to stay updated!

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE HOME INTERNET?



If there is a school age student at your home and you don't have an nbn connection, you could qualify for free home internet until 30 June 2028.



School Student Broadband Initiative

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Powered by nbn

FREE HOME INTERNET FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

nbn is implementing this Australian Government program that is offering 30,000 families and carers who look after school age children and are struggling to pay bills free home internet.

To apply, follow the four steps below:

- 1 Contact the National Referral Centre on **1800 954 610** Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm (AEDT) or visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- 2 They'll ask you some questions to see if this offer is right for you.
- 3 If you qualify, you'll get a voucher.
- 4 Use the voucher to connect through your chosen participating internet provider. Use your voucher before the 30,000 places are taken.*



LEARN MORE

Scan QR Code to learn more.

THE BEST PART IS



Free home internet until 30 June 2028



The Wi-Fi router is free and you can keep it



There is no lock-in contract



Assistance provided by the National Referral Centre



Callback, webchat and interpreting are available

* Applications close when 30,000 places are reached. Being issued a voucher does not reserve your place in this program and you must use your voucher before the 30,000 places are taken otherwise it becomes invalid.

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An Australian Government Initiative





WESTERN NSW JUNIOR DANCE ENSEMBLE

● **Calling all talented young dancers!** ●
Are you ready to take your dancing to the next level?

The Western NSW Junior Dance Ensemble is searching for passionate and skilled Years 5 to 8 dancers from NSW Public Schools to take to the stage at the Western NSW Dance Festival!

Applications are now open and close on:
Friday 21 March 2025 (Term 1 Week 4)

For more details and to apply scan the QR code below

**SCAN
ME**

