

Forbes Public School Newsletter

27th February 2025

Term 1 Week 5



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It has been a fantastic start to the term, with plenty of exciting activities underway. Our Choir has begun rehearsals, and the Dance Troupe is finalizing numbers for interested students. It's wonderful to see so many students engaging in these creative opportunities.

A huge congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the Lachlan PSSA. We are incredibly proud of your efforts and achievements! For those progressing to the next level of competition, we wish you the very best of luck.

We are also thrilled to be a school that supports the NSW DoE Rural South and West Middle Leadership Study Tour and will be hosting Mrs Delves from Griffith North Public School. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Delves and sharing our schools' wonderful ways of working as she shadows our executive team next week.

We are also looking forward to our Family BBQ Evening next Tuesday, you will find more information on the following pages and on our Facebook page. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet staff, explore classrooms, and connect with other families. We hope you can join us for a relaxed and enjoyable evening.

Additionally, our P&C AGM will be held next Wednesday evening, and we warmly invite all parents and caregivers to attend. This is a great chance to get involved, share your ideas, and support our school community. Children are welcome.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Meg Staples - Principal



PHOTO DAY AT FPS

Order envelopes have been sent home with all students. 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 has been 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 before photo day.

Principal Awards

These students will receive a Principal's Pen or Pencil

2MB

Layla Grace

5/6A

Charlie De Mamiel

5/6K

Lily Ball

5/6T

Owen Baxter

2/6C

Kobee Withers

K/6HP

Trace Gray

Aayra Budathoki

Shriya Budathoki

Lucas Hetherington

2/6S

Cameron Grace

Oakley Cobcroft

Kaiden Coleman

Karym Mitchell

Extended Leave Application

If your child is going to be absent from school for more than three days for non-medical reasons, we ask that you submit a request for extended leave. Extended leave forms are available from the front office. The process for applying is simple, and we recommend submitting your request at least two weeks before the planned leave to allow sufficient time for review and approval.

Please include the reason for the extended absence and any relevant details that may assist us in properly documenting the absence. If you have any questions or need assistance with the leave request, please don't hesitate to phone the school.

Reconciliation

First Reconciliation Classes will commence on Tuesday 4 March at 3.30pm in the church.

First Holy Communion:-

Parent Meeting on Wednesday 7 May at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Enrolment Masses - Saturday or Sunday 7 & 8 June at any Mass

First Holy Communion Mass - Sunday 22 June at 9.30am

Confirmation:-

Parent Meeting on Wednesday 6 August at 7pm

Confirmation Mass - Sunday 21 September at 9.30am

Please call the Parish Office on 6852 2213 or Margaret Green on 0420784597

Lachlan Swimming Carnival Results

Monday 24th February

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Tilly Madge – 3rd Butterfly

Macey Schrader – 3rd Backstroke

Sadie Dooley – 3rd Breaststroke, 1st Relay

Jamaraki Ware – 1st Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke, 2nd Backstroke, 1st Relay

Ruby Ridley – 2nd Freestyle, 2nd 200m IM, 1st Butterfly, 1st Relay

Miles Turner – 1st Backstroke, 1st 200m IM, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle, 1st Relay

Cheyse Hoy – 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Breaststroke, 1st Relay

Fletcher Morrison – 1st Relay

Lucy Rout – 3rd Breaststroke, 3rd Backstroke

Ari Hogan – 3rd backstroke

Charlie Acheson – 1st Breaststroke, 2nd Relay

Jakaylia Ware – 3rd Freestyle, 1st Relay

Madi West – 1st Relay

Sam Webb – 3rd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke, 1st Relay

Alice Gorman – 3rd Freestyle

Zoe Stephenson – 1st Freestyle, 1st Relay

Jaxon Hoy – 2nd Freestyle, 1st Butterfly

Mack Acheson – 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Butterfly

Imogen Smith – 3rd Freestyle

Jack Pointon – 3rd 100m Freestyle, 1st Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Backstroke, 2nd 200 IM, 1st Relay

Leo Dwyer – 1st 100m Freestyle, 3rd Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 3rd Breaststroke, 1st Butterfly, 1st 200m IM, 1st Relay

Nellie Collits – 1st Butterfly, 1st Relay

Jimmy Madge – 1st Freestyle

Mollie Flick – 1st Freestyle, 3rd Butterfly, 1st 200m IM, 1st Relay

Arlie Gunn – 1st Relay



Tennis Trials Overview

We are excited to share important information regarding our school's tennis program and the recent trials.

On Wednesday, February 12th, we held our tennis trials, where 14 enthusiastic students showcased their skills and passion for the sport. The trials were a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their abilities, teamwork, and sportsmanship on the court.

Team Formation

From the trials, we formed 2 competitive teams. The selection process took into account not only individual skills but also the ability to work collaboratively with teammates. We would like to extend a special thank you to Mr Clifton for his invaluable assistance in helping with the trial selections. His expertise and guidance greatly contributed to a fair and thorough selection process.

Lachlan PSSA Trials

Eight of our talented students advanced to compete at the Lachlan PSSA trials in Parkes on Friday, February 21st. This was a significant opportunity for these students to test their skills against peers from other schools in the region. We encourage everyone to show support for our representatives who compete at this level.

Western PSSA Trials

From the Lachlan PSSA trials, we are thrilled to inform you that 6 of our students have qualified to participate in the Western PSSA trials. This achievement highlights their hard work and dedication to the sport, and we are excited to see how they perform at this higher level of competition.

Upcoming Game Against Mulyan PS

In addition to the trials, we look forward to our first school game against Mulyan Public School. The date for this event is yet to be confirmed, but we anticipate it will be an exciting match that showcases the talent of our students. We will keep you updated with the details as they become available.

We wish all our students the best of luck in their upcoming competitions and encourage everyone to continue supporting one another throughout the season!

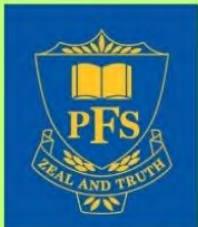
Penrith Panthers Visit

On the 11th of February, the Penrith Panthers visited Forbes Public School and spoke to students about all things Rugby League, sharing their knowledge and passion for the game.

The NRL development officers selected a range of students to join them in fun games out the front, creating an unforgettable experience for those involved. Adding to the thrill, they brought along the 2024 Grand Final trophy, giving students a rare chance to see it up close before taking a group photo to capture the moment. During the session, they also showcased footage of key NRL players and engaged students with a quiz on facts and statistics, putting their rugby league knowledge to the test. To top off an already incredible day, the Panthers ran a development program after school, which was open to the public, giving aspiring young players a chance to develop their skills and confidence.

The visit was a huge success, with students thoroughly enjoying the interactive experience.





Forbes Public School P&C



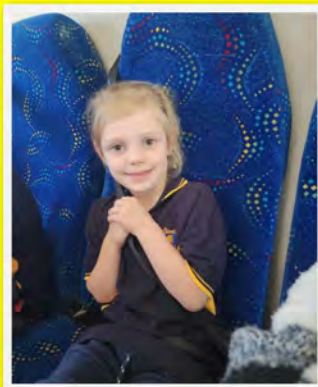
FAMILY BBQ

Tuesday 4th March 2025
5pm to 6pm



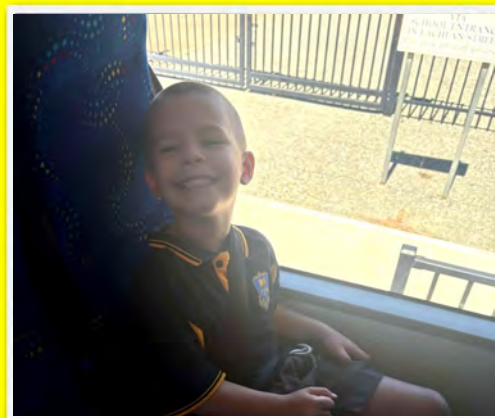
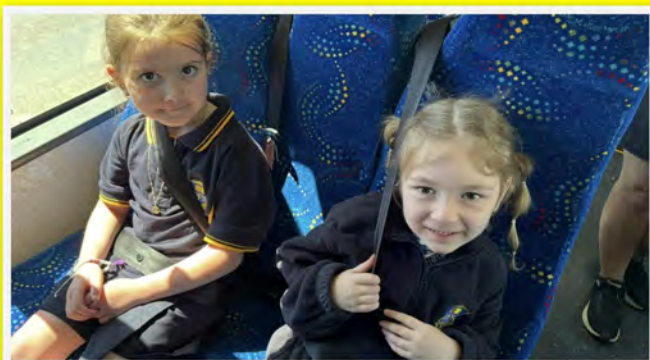
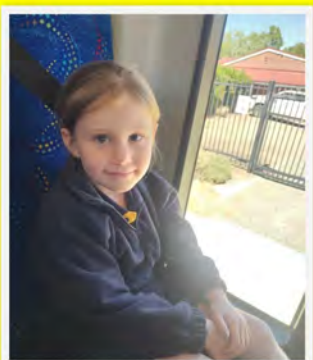
Come along to meet the FPS staff,
P&C Committee Members & other families

BBQ & drinks provided



Kinder Bus Safety

On Monday 17th February Kindergarten students learnt about ways to keep themselves and others safe when travelling on a bus before enjoying a trip around town on a big school bus.



**Forbes Public School
Annual Swimming Carnival
Friday, 14 February 2025
Carnival Results**

Girls All Age Freestyle 100m

1. Stella Morris
2. Nellie Collits
3. Lucy Rout

Boys All Age Freestyle 100m

1. Leo Dwyer
2. Jack Pointon
3. Jamaraki Ware

Girls 8 years Freestyle 50m

1. Imogen Smith
2. Ava Hogan
3. Maggie Walker

Boys 8 years Freestyle 50m

1. Mackinnon Acheson
2. Jaxon Hoy
3. Dom Colvin

Girls 9 years Freestyle 50m

1. Zoe Stephenson
2. Alice Gorman
3. Matilda Rees

Boys 9 years Freestyle 50m

1. Sam Webb
2. Jimmy Madge
3. Oliver Currey

Girls 10 years Freestyle 50m

1. Mollie Flick
2. Ruby Ridley
3. Madi West

Boys 10 years Freestyle 50m

1. Miles Turner
2. Cheyse Hoy
3. Fletcher Morrison

Girls 11 years Freestyle 50m

1. Jakaylia Ware
2. Charlie Acheson
3. Nellie Collits

Boys 11 years Freestyle 50m

1. Jack Pointon
2. Ari Hogan
3. Will Rees

Girls 12 years Freestyle 50m

1. Stella Morris
2. Lucy Rout
3. Abby Lee

Boys 12 years Freestyle 50m

1. Leo Dwyer
2. Jamaraki Ware
3. Arlie Gunn

Boys 13 years Freestyle 50m

1. Oliver Mellon

Girls Junior Breaststroke 50m

1. Mollie Flick
2. Ruby Ridley
3. Madison Churchill

Boys Junior Breaststroke 50m

1. Miles Turner
2. Cheyse Hoy
3. Fletcher Morrison

Girls 11 years Breaststroke 50m

1. Charlie Acheson
2. Sadie Dooley
3. Jakaylia Ware

Boys 11 years Breaststroke 50m

1. Jack Pointon
2. Ari Hogan
3. Hugh Halls

Girls Senior Breaststroke 50m

1. Lucy Rout
2. Stella Morris
3. Emma Currey

Boys Senior Breaststroke 50m

1. Jamaraki Ware
2. Leo Dwyer
3. Xavier Wilcox

Girls Junior Backstroke 50m

1. Macey Schrader
2. Mollie Flick
3. Ruby Ridley

Boys Junior Backstroke 50m

1. Miles Turner
2. Sam Webb
3. Cheyse Hoy

Girls 11 years Backstroke 50m

1. Charlie Acheson
2. Sadie Dooley
3. Jakaylia Ware

Boys 11 years Backstroke 50m

1. Jack Pointon
2. Ari Hogan
3. Cameron Webb

Girls Senior Backstroke 12/13 years 50m

1. Lucy Rout
2. Stella Morris
3. Emma Currey

Boys Senior Backstroke 12/13 years 50m

1. Leo Dwyer
2. Jamaraki Ware
3. Xavier Wilcox

Girls Junior Butterfly 50m

1. Mollie Flick
2. Ruby Ridley
3. Madi West

Boys Junior Butterfly 50m

1. Jaxon Hoy
2. Mackinnon Acheson

Girls 11 years Butterfly 50m

1. Nellie Collits
2. Charlie Acheson
3. Tilly Madge

Boys 11 years Butterfly 50m

1. Jack Pointon

Girls Senior Butterfly 12/13 years 50m

1. Lucy Rout
2. Stella Morris

Boys Senior Butterfly 12/13 years 50m

1. Leo Dwyer
2. Jamaraki Ware

Girls Junior Medley 200m—Butterfly/Back/Breast/Free

1. Mollie Flick
2. Ruby Ridley

Boys Junior Medley 200m—Butterfly/Back/Breast/Free

1. Miles Turner

Girls Senior Medley 200m—Butterfly/Back/Breast/Free

1. Charlie Acheson
2. Lucy Rout
3. Tilly Madge

Boys Senior Medley 200m—Butterfly/Back/Breast/Free

1. Leo Dwyer
2. Jack Pointon
3. Jamaraki Ware

Junior Girls' Relay 4 x 50m

1. Grevillea
2. Wilga
3. Kurrajong

Junior Boys' Relay 4 x 50m

1. Mallee
2. Wilga
3. Grevillea

Senior Girls Relay 4 x 50m

1. Kurrajong
2. Mallee
3. Grevillea

Senior Boys Relay 4 x 50m

1. Kurrajong
2. Grevillea
3. Wilga

Junior Mixed Relay 4 x 50m

1. Kurrajong

Overall Champions

Junior Girl	Mollie Flick
Junior Boy	Miles Turner
11 Years Girl	Charlie Acheson
11 Years Boy	Jack Pointon
Senior Girl	Lucy Rout
Senior Boy	Leo Dwyer

Records**Boys 11yrs 50m**

Jack Pointon

Junior Boys Breaststroke 50m

Miles Turner

12/13 years Boys Backstroke 50m

Leo Dwyer

Senior Boys Relay 4 x 50m

Kurrajong

Leo Dwyer, Jamaraki Ware, Ari Hogan,
Jack Bull

**A Ribbon presentation will be held on Monday, 3rd March at 9am under the COLA.
Parents are welcome to attend.**



Fun at the
Swimming
Carnival







STAY TUNED

COMING

SOON

The Term Ahead...

MARCH

- Monday 3rd - Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation 9am
- Tuesday 4th - Welcome BBQ 5pm - 6pm
- Friday 7th - 5/6A Whole School Assembly, 10am
- Friday 7th - Western Swimming Carnival Dubbo
- Monday 10th - NAPLAN week begins
- Thursday 13th - Kinder Developmental Play Groups
- Friday 14th - Learning Centre to Dream Cricket
- Tuesday 18th - Casual Clothes Day
- Wednesday 19th - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- Thursday 20th - Kinder Developmental Play Groups
- Thursday 20th - NED Show
- Friday 21st - 5/6T Whole School Assembly 10am
- Wednesday 26th - Visiting Show 'Upstage'
- Thursday 27th - Visiting Show 'All Hands on Ukes'
- Thursday 27th - Kinder Developmental Play Groups
- Friday 28th - Kinder Badge Assembly 10am
- Monday 31st - Paul Kelly Cup (AFL) Cowra

APRIL

- Tuesday 1st - Stage 3 Radio Program
 - Wednesday 2nd - School Cross Country
 - Thursday 3rd - Kinder Developmental Play Groups
 - Thursday 3rd - Peachey/Richardson Shield Condobolin
 - Friday 4th - 2/6C Whole School Assembly 10am
 - Wednesday 9th - Combined Easter Scripture Service
 - Thursday 10th - State Swimming Carnival
 - Friday 11th - State Swimming Carnival
 - Friday 11th - Last Day Term 1
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Western Girls (11-12 years) Rugby 7s Trials

Nominations are now open for Western Girls (11-12 years) Rugby 7s Trials

If your daughter turns 11 or 12 this year and is interested in trialling, please have them see Mrs MacGregor or Miss Gaffney for a nomination note. Nominations will be submitted to the convenor on Friday 14th March so notes MUST BE returned by Thursday 13th March 2025. Selection trials will be held on Friday 21/03/25 (Term 1 Week 8) with parents being responsible for providing transport to and from the trial. The State Girls Rugby 7s tournament is in Term 2 Week 6 so successful girls must be available for the competition period.



Important Rugby Announcement

Western Divisional Rugby Trials 2025

Convened by Gemma Mitchell

Manager: Anne Styles

Sport: Primary Girl's Rugby 7s Rugby Union

Date: Friday 21st March 2025

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm*

Place: Bicentennial Park, Wellington

Nomination forms for players wishing to trial can be found on the Western Schools Sports Association website, or via your schools sport coordinator. This trial is for 11 and 12 year old girls.

If you are 10 you must declare this on your nomination form.

If you have any questions please call Anne 6845 4080 during school hours.

Please ask your school to email your nomination form to:

Gemma Mitchell (Western Coach) 02 6845 4080

Anne Styles (Western Manager) 02 6845 4080

- Or ask your school sporting coordinator to email them.
- this time may change depending on numbers at the trial

Players are to provide their own headgear, mouthguards, and boots. All gear must be IRB approved. The wearing of a Mouthguard is mandatory and must be worn at all times.

PLEASE NOTE: Wet Weather - Trials will not be cancelled or postponed due to rain, snow etc. The only reason a trial will be postponed is if the respective councils close a venue. The trials at any venue may be shortened if the weather is poor and the convenor feels it is in the best interests of participants to shorten the events planned for that day.



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and [insert school name] is excited to be participating!

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

If a book is from an approved PRC series, students can enter up to 5 books as Challenge books, and can read up to 10 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. More information on the rules of the Challenge can be found [on the PRC website](#).

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by **Friday 22 August 2025** in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's [Student Experience site](#) using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found [here](#).

Students may also record their reading on the Personal Reading Log and submit it to the PRC Coordinator by 23 August 2024, who will complete the reading log on the students' behalf.

PRC Coordinator Mrs L Webb

PRC Coordinator/s at Forbes Public School

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 8 March 2025

Breakfast in the park

Lions Park | 7am - 10am

Amazing guest speakers

Kelly Foran & Belinda Mawhinney

Breakfast | Gift bag | Guest speakers | Tickets \$30 each



Tickets at

[123tix.com.au](https://www.123tix.com.au)



6850 2300



events@forbes.nsw.gov.au



Forbes Shire Council is pleased to present

Youth Week 2025 Art Competition

THEME:

**"I am _____.
We are the future,
and the future is now."**

To enter:

Submit a painting, any medium drawing, photo, or collage that represents the theme by Thursday 17th April 2025 to Town Hall, by close of business.

Age Categories: 5-10 yrs, 11-14 yrs, 15-18 yrs, 19-24 yrs.

A winner will be picked per age group.

Gallery Open Day, Town Hall

Thursday 24th April 2025

10am - 4pm

Refreshments provided

Entries are open to children and young people up to 24 yrs of age.

All artworks will be displayed at our Council Gallery Open Night.

For more information contact youth@forbes.nsw.gov.au or 6850 2300

FORBES & DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED

ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



BEGINS

EARLY MARCH

Days: Monday & Wednesdays

Available to boys & girls aged 7-17 Years Old

Venue

Botanical Gardens

College Road, Forbes, NSW, 2871

Includes:

- kit
- tracksuit,
- bag
- cap
- 20 weeks training
- gala days entry fee

Admission

\$130

NOTE: Academy fee is separate to club registration

For inquiries contact: 0412287810,
Forbessoccerclub@gmail.com or via our Facebook Page

KICK OFF YOUR FOOTBALL JOURNEY

MIXED PROGRAM



4 - 5 YEARS



TUESDAYS: 29 APRIL - 6 SEPTEMBER



3:45PM - 4:30PM



FORBES DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB



**BOTANICAL GARDENS
COLLEGE ROAD, FORBES**



\$85.00

MINIROOS.COM.AU/PLAYERS





POSTER

DESIGN COMPETITION



2025 NAIDOC

The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy

In celebration of NAIDOC Week, The Forbes NAIDOC Committee invite the local community to design our event poster!

Winner will be selected by the Forbes NAIDOC committee, with some awesome prizes up for grabs!

Must include:

The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy
Wiradjuri Dreaming Centre, Friday 4 July, 12pm-4pm

Submit your design to community@forbes.nsw.gov.au
by Friday 21 March, 5pm

COMPLETE YOUR DESIGN IN THE
SPACE BELOW

