

Forbes Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6



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Dear Families and Carers

As we move through the term, Weeks 5 and 6 have brought with them some wonderful opportunities for connection, learning, and celebration of student achievements.

National Sorry Day & Interschool Collaboration

Last week, we paused to reflect on National Sorry Day—a significant moment in acknowledging the strength of Stolen Generation Survivors and the ongoing journey toward reconciliation. Our school joined with others in a special interschool collaboration to mark the day with respect and purpose. These shared experiences are important in helping our students understand our shared history and build a more inclusive future.

Athletics Carnival

The sun was shining and spirits were high as students took to the track and field for our annual athletics carnival. It was a fantastic day full of colour, cheer, and determination. We're proud of every student who participated, cheered on their peers, and gave it their all.

Learning Centre – Riding for the Disabled

Our Learning Centre students have continued their Riding for the Disabled program this fortnight, and the joy on their faces says it all. These sessions not only offer unique learning experiences but also build confidence and connection. We're grateful for the continued partnership with RDA and the positive impact it has on our students.

Kindergarten Walk-Through Afternoon & Evening

We will welcome many families to our Kindergarten 2026 walk-through sessions, next Tuesday, held across the afternoon and evening. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community, showcase our learning environments, and share what makes our school a supportive and exciting place to learn and grow. We look forward to welcoming these new scholars and their families onto our school site.

Celebrating High Potential and Gifted Education

Next Thursday and Friday, our school will be celebrating High Potential and Gifted Education with a variety of enrichment activities taking place across classrooms. These opportunities allow students to explore new challenges, think creatively, and showcase their talents in new and engaging ways.

Meg Staples - Principal



"Maintaining A Tradition of Excellence"

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

KA	Louie West
Trace Gaffney	John Brown
1HM	Harrison McMahon
Hudson Payne	Rosie Coates
Beau Dukes	5/6A
Lawson Redfern	Leo Dwyer
Lilah Horan	Jamaraki Ware
2D	Charlie De Mamiel
Toby Bush	Julian Butler
Tommy Krakouer	Riley Buckanen
Dom Colvin	Riley Stephenson
Rebecca Keat	Rylee Nikolic
Audrey Price	5/6K
2MB	Hallie Tomkinson
Grayson Walmsley	Kaitlyn Rankmore
2R	Lexie Hoy
Percy Harrison	Lahni Schrader
Matilda West	Mitchell Apps
Ava Hogan	Nate Whitty
Imogen Smith	Emma Currey
Shanelle Colvin	Xavier Wilcox
3/4M	Nellie Collits
Chase Smith	Georgie West
Darby Edgerton	Stella Morris
Audrey White	Lily Ball
Miles Turner	Jarryd Whittaker
Callie Fazldeen	Lola Quirk
Fraser Wythes	Lucy Webb
3/4G	Will Rees
Matilda Rees	5/6P
Grace Hogben	James Gamble
Jimmy Madge	Cameron Webb
Finley Butler	Amelia Ambachtsheer
Cheyse Hoy	Millie Hatch
Zoe Stephenson	Max Hogben
Edward Malcolm	5/6T
3/4W	Charlie Acheson
Gemma Markham	Kaiden Townsend
Madi West	Ella-Rose Wright
Amara Coleman	Ruby Lidster

Jack Bull	Noah Johansson
Owen Baxter	Kobee Withers
Isla Ball	2/6S
Mitchell Gartner	Archer Sherritt
Tilly Madge	Cameron Grace
2/6C	Kaiden Coleman-Dukes
Alecia Wiegold	Chase Presnell
Emilie Buckanen	Jyhlan Warhurst
Kodan Jackson	

2/6S Assembly Item

In Week Four, the students of 2/6S performed an assembly item featuring a recitation of Shel Silverstein's humorous song, "Boa Constrictor."

The audience laughed as the students playfully covered their mouths to mumble when the snake reached their heads. They then led a lively call-and-response version using signs to cue the crowd.

The performance helped students build confidence, improve public-speaking skills, and overcome stage fright.

Well done 2/6S!

CWA Public Speaking

On Tuesday, 27th May, Pheobe Smith, Miles Turner, Georgie West and Alia Zuliani travelled to Parkes to represent Forbes Public School in the CWA Public Speaking competition among students from across the central west.

The four students wrote and presented speeches that were interesting to listen to and entertaining for their audience.

[Congratulations](#) to these students for their wonderful effort and participation in public speaking.



Premier's Debating Workshop



Forbes Public School proudly hosted the Premier's Debating Workshop this week, an exciting event led by the NSW Department of Education's Arts Unit. The workshop brought together enthusiastic young debaters from across the region to build their skills and confidence in public speaking.

Fifteen students from Forbes Public were joined by peers from eight other schools for the full-day event, which focused on the fundamentals of debating, including structuring arguments, rebuttals, teamwork and persuasive speaking. Students participated in a series of engaging activities designed to strengthen their ability to think critically and speak with clarity under pressure.

The workshop provided an invaluable opportunity for students to collaborate with others, learn from experienced facilitators and prepare for future debating competitions. Forbes Public School was thrilled to host the event and looks forward to seeing its students apply their new skills in upcoming debates.

Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

This year, our school community came together to acknowledge Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week with meaningful activities that fostered understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture and history. All classes participated by reading a variety of Aboriginal literature, allowing students to engage with stories that highlight the significance of Sorry Day and the ongoing journey towards reconciliation.

On Thursday, 29th May, students collaborated in buddy class groups to create symbolic bridges that represented significant connections between the past, present, and future. This creative activity tied into the week's theme, encouraging students to reflect on the importance of reconciliation and how they can contribute to a more inclusive and respectful society.

We are proud of our students for their thoughtful participation and commitment to learning about Aboriginal cultures and the significance of reconciliation. Thank you to all staff and students for making this week a memorable and impactful experience!



Compass Music Festival

What an amazing experience 32 Forbes Public School students had on Wednesday, 28th May 2025. Accompanied by Mr Northey, Mrs Prow and Mrs Stephenson, the students set off at 7.20am for Canobolas Rural Technology High School in Orange to rehearse and perform in the Compass Music Festival. Students from around the region, came together to perform 5 songs, including "Manly Ferry". This song was written by Ian Jefferson, who was also the conductor of the choir and the orchestra.

During the performance, the students sang beautifully. It was heartwarming to see them immersed in the music and enjoying the experience of a live orchestra instead of backing tracks!

The choir performance was a fantastic experience for the students and teachers. Each student is to be congratulated on the persistence and enthusiasm they have shown leading up to the event and for having the confidence to perform in front of a large audience.

A huge thank you to Mrs Stephenson for joining the choir each week and thank you parents for allowing your children the opportunity to be a part of the performance and your support by coming to see the students in action.



National Simultaneous Story Time

National Simultaneous Story Time was held on Wednesday, 21st May. Students from all over the country read to the story 'The Truck Cat' by Deborah Frenkel.

This year, we were fortunate to enjoy readings of the book by Jacek Koman and Sally Rippon, along with an Auslan interpretation.

The story is about a cat called Tinka. Tinka along with his human, Yacoub, travel roads wide and narrow, near and distant, but no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. Yacoub drives his truck to make a living, learning the landscape of a new country along the way, and longing for connection. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other – and, in doing so, might find more than they expected ...



Assembly Awards

The following awards were presented at the school assembly held on Friday, 23rd May.

KA	-	Huxley Radburn	-	Trying his best in reading and writing
		Reggie Kelly	-	Fantastic effort in reading
KG	-	Willow Cullen	-	Making an excellent start at Forbes Public School
		Harry Coulthurst	-	Outstanding effort learning and reading his 'tricky words'
KJ	-	Blair Martin	-	Fantastic effort in learning to read and write 'tricky words'
		Auri Zuliani	-	For her diligent approach to all learning tasks
1HM	-	Dustin Tarrant	-	Improvement in reading
		Frankie Morrison	-	Consistent effort in all areas
1J	-	Jayla Holmes	-	Demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning
		Max Hancock	-	For being a kind and helpful class member
2D	-	Maggie Walker	-	Always following PBL values
		Elizah Redfern	-	Consistent application in all areas
2MB	-	Liddia Mcanulty	-	Sharing ideas in writing
		Arlie O'Connor	-	Fantastic effort in Maths
2R	-	Percy Harrison	-	Trying really hard to make good choices
		Jack Hazell	-	Great work when writing persuasive texts
3/4G	-	Grace Hogben	-	Always following the PBL values
		Sonny Newcombe	-	Having a positive attitude
3/4M	-	Alice Gorman	-	Working hard in spelling lessons
		Miles Turner	-	Being creative when working on his space project
3/4W	-	Frankie Hogben	-	Improved participation in phonics lessons
		Jack Little	-	Improved effort to keep bookwork neat
5/6A	-	Charlie De Mamiel	-	Ongoing positive attitude
		Lachlan Manson	-	Consistent effort in class
5/6K	-	Alia Zuliani	-	Her positive attitude towards learning
		Arlie Gunn	-	Working hard in Mathematics
5/6P	-	Lylah Burke	-	Improved participation in lessons
		Delta Steele	-	Working hard to achieve her learning goals
5/6T	-	Dusty Bennett	-	A smooth transition to FPS
		Beau Barnett	-	Establishing great reading routines
2/6C	-	Oliver Mellon	-	Being a responsible student in all areas
K/6HP	-	Octavia Morris	-	For improvement in sound work
2/6S	-	Oakley Cobcroft	-	Increased effort in Literacy and Maths

GEM Awards Displaying Mindfulness at School

KA	-	Shelby Newcombe	2MB	-	Scarlett Dunn	5/6K	-	Axel Trotter
KG	-	Millie Walker	2R	-	Shanelle Colvin	5/6P	-	Layla Phillips
KJ	-	Darcy Bray	3/4G	-	Chase Smith	5/6T	-	Isla Ball
1HM	-	Iva Nicholson	3/4M	-	Miles Turner	2/6C	-	Allura Baxter
1J	-	Lil Baxter	3/4W	-	Madi West	K/6F	-	Kai-el Baxter
2D	-	Kota Newham	5/6A	-	Eden Flack	K/6HP	-	Aayra Budathoki

AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who were presented with major awards at our whole school assembly on Friday, 23rd May.



Lily Ball
Honour Award



Blue & Gold Banner



Rosie Coates
Special Achievement



Madison West
Special Achievement



Gemma Markham
Special Achievement



Sonny Newcombe
Special Achievement



Charlie Constable
Special Achievement



Zachary Dunford
Special Achievement

Tennis

We are thrilled to share that our students delivered an exceptional performance in tennis on Monday, 21st May, against Milthorpe Public School. Their skill, determination, and teamwork were on full display as they achieved victories in all but one of their matches. The hard work and dedication of our students truly shone through, making us incredibly proud.

Thanks to their impressive performance, our students have secured a spot in the finals against Tottenham Public School on 17th June. We are confident they will approach this new challenge with the same enthusiasm and sportsmanship they demonstrated in their previous games.

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

Go team! L—R: Clara Skinner, Lachlan Manson, Will Rees, Ivy Skinner



Forbes Evening CWA Branch

Presents The
Winter Walk in . . .



Soup Kitchen

On Wednesday, 2 July 2025 at 12.30pm

Come and enjoy @ The CWA Rooms,

Lachlan Street, Forbes

Soup and a Roll \$5.00 per bowl.

EUGOWRA COMMUNITY CHILDRENS CENTRE PRESENTS

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6:30pm Start
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\$160 PER TABLE
MAX 8 PEOPLE

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1X PORK

TABLE SLIDER PACK

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AND 6X PORK



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- 1 Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store:** Go to <https://bit.ly/haroldshop> to access the store
- 2 Select your customer type:** Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school
- 3 Place your order:** Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout
- 4 Important Dates:** Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and **close one day prior**. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- 5 Delivery:** All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.

Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Cowra, NSW



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday & Thursday
18 & 19 June, 2025
9:30am - 2:30pm



Club Cowra
101 Brisbane Street
COWRA NSW 2794

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

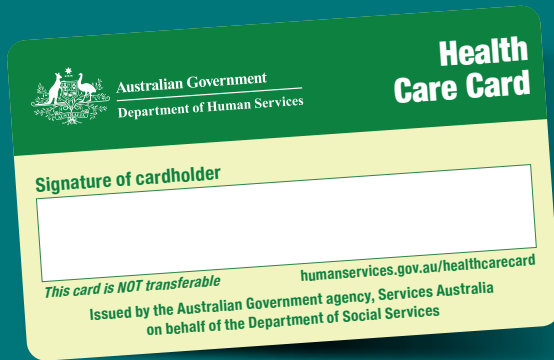
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For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

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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