



Forbes Public School Newsletter

26th September 2025

Term 3 Week 10



“Maintaining A Tradition of Excellence”



We have enjoyed an eventful and rewarding Term 3 and are looking forward to all that Term 4 will bring. Please note that Term 4 will begin for students on Tuesday 14 October.

We are absolutely thrilled to share the exciting news that our school has been named finalists in the NSW Tennis Awards. This is a statewide award open to all public, independent, and Catholic primary and secondary schools — what a huge category to be finalists in!

A huge acknowledgement must go to Peter Clifton and Trevor Toole, who have been instrumental in developing tennis skills for our students, and also to the dedicated staff who have supported training sessions and school programs.

Our Prep for Big School program has now finished. Our littlest scholars settled in beautifully, and it was a joy to pop in and see them thriving as they prepare for Kindergarten next year. Our Kinder Transition program will start with the announcement of our 2026 Kindergarten teachers in Term 4.

Last week, Mrs Avis and I travelled to Newcastle to observe Explicit Teaching and Cognitive Load Theory in practice. We look forward to sharing key findings and our learning with staff on the Staff Development Day (SDD) in Term 4.

Don't forget to check out the Street Dreams display by Forbes Shire Council this weekend. Our students have been busy engaging in creative thinking and contributing their ideas to this wonderful community display.

The Riding for the Disabled program continues to be a huge success, with both students and staff thoroughly enjoying the experience each fortnight. By all accounts they have made huge improvements and are enjoying working with the horses.

Congratulations also to all of our students who represented our school at the Western Region Athletics Carnival. Many trained hard and battled nerves to compete, with some returning athletes and others representing for the first time. Well done to everyone involved — we are so proud of you all!

As we wrap up the term, we wish everyone a wonderful spring break. We look forward to welcoming our students back, refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 4 ahead.

Meg Staples—Principal



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

KA

Oakleigh Staines
Huxley Radburn
Boston Graff
Reggie Kelly
Nevaeh Greenaway
August Boon
Frankie Henley-Bennett
Samantha Cogswell
Trace Gaffney

KG

Gloria Cran
Koa Towney
Vivienne Tuimaunei
Tennessee Lennane
Delilah Rennick
Hunter Keat
Quinn McAvoy
Lori Sheldrick
Millie Walker
Harry Coulthurst
Banjo Penney
Willow Cullen
Jake Wren
Lincoln Rath
Eva Linsdell

KJ

Charlie McConnell
Blair Martin
Harry Duncan
Darcy Bray
Aurora Maguire
Layla Hodge
Wilder Welsh
Pip Thompson
Amelia Dunn
Wyatt Newham
Ashton Sayers
Naomi Reid

1HM

Beau Dukes
Amity Sammut
Lawson Redfern
Hudson Payne
Rosie Gorman
Lola Simpson
Isabelle Wiegold
Iva Nicholson
Tennyson Acker
Eve Tattersall
Will Parslow-Smith
Austin Byrnes

1J

Maci McMahon
Charlie Cole
Milly Simpson
Archie Adams
Abbygail McDonald
Isabelle Norris
Millie Dang
Xavier Green
Lil Baxter
Elkie Gunn
Birdie Welsh
Islee Currey
Tyler Apps
Max Hancock
Hudson Sutton
Finn Anderson

2D

Becky Keat
Audrey Price
Maison Irwin-Gray
Maggie Walker
Isla Rath

2MB

Lailani McGlashan
Grayson Walmsley
Liddia Mcanulty

2R

Mac Parry
Quinn Trotter
Phoebe Newman
Imogen Smith
Matilda West
Levi Nicholson
Abel Tuimaunei
Paige Taylor
Ava Hogan
Lilly Schrader

3/4G

Gigi Greig
Jack Ball
Jimmy Madge
Grace Hogben
Presley Reid
Jobe Sallaway
Bryce Wilcox

3/4M

Dallas Colvin
Miles Turner
Ruby Ridley
Edward Malcolm
Tilly Whitty
Darby Edgerton
Isabel Teale
Haddie Bentick
Aislinn Baynham
Evie Sutton

5/6K

Lola Quirk
Nate Whitty
Lucy Webb
Hallie Tomkinson
Alia Zuliani
Lahni Schrader
K/6HP
Lucas Hetherington
Hudson Armour
Braith Reid
Octavia Morris

3/4W

Kendall Chua
Sam Webb
Harrison McMahon
Frankie Hogben
Gemma Markham
Sadie McConnell
Khaleal Cran
Murphy Harrison
Eliza Wythes
Madi West
Louie West

Amara Coleman

5/6A

Riley Stephenson
Jarahlea Cobcroft
Harry Rosser
Caitlyn Eagles
Lauren Coffee
Riley Buckanen
Bailey Spice
Julian Butler
Eden Flack
Abby Lee
Grace Fuge
Toby Hutchings

5/6P

Lylah Burke
Max Hogben
Kallie Trainor
Penny Gordon
Nathaniel Baynham
Max Moore

5/6T

Ella-Rose Wright
Isla Ball
Primrose Walker
Lucy Rout
Tilly Madge
Charlie Acheson
Jakaylia Ware

Major Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a major award at our last assembly on Friday, 12th September.



Mitchell Gartner

Blue
&
Gold
Banners



Charlie De Mamiel

Kinder Visit to Forbes Preschool

On Monday, 22nd September, our Kindergarten students visited Forbes Preschool for a morning of play-based learning with children who will be starting school next year. Everyone had a great time joining in the activities, making friends, and sharing lots of fun together.



Assembly Awards

The following awards were presented at the school assembly held on Friday, 12th September

KA	-	Harper Rath	-	Outstanding effort in maths
		Reggie Kelly	-	Acting more considerately and respectfully
KG	-	Lori Sheldrick	-	Improvement in reading
		Jake Wren	-	Effort and improvement in reading
KJ	-	Layla Hodge	-	Effort and improvement in reading
		Wilder Welsh	-	Improved effort in writing lessons
1HM	-	Annie Wythes	-	Consistent application in all areas
		Willow Butler	-	Being a kind and caring classmate
1J	-	Lil Baxter	-	Always trying her best
		Tyler Apps	-	Following the school PBL values
2D	-	Abby Teale	-	Always participating in class activities
		Audrey Price	-	Always contributing in class discussions
2MB	-	Mackenzie Manson	-	Contributing insightful and thoughtful ideas in discussions
		Grayson Walmsley	-	Always demonstrating the class PBL values
2R	-	Ava Hogan	-	Effort and enthusiasm when writing
		Jack Fuge	-	Challenging himself in maths
3/4G	-	Chase Smith	-	Improvement in reading
		Finley Butler	-	Improved effort in class
3/4M	-	Piper Newman	-	Always trying her best in class
		Edward Malcolm	-	Writing with beautiful handwriting
3/4W	-	Sam Webb	-	Contributing thoughtful ideas in class discussions
		Murphy Harrison	-	An enthusiastic approach to her learning
5/6A	-	Jane Currey	-	Her commitment to improvement
		Harry Rosser	-	Effort in reading fluency
5/6K	-	Will Rees	-	Being an active participant in classroom discussion
		Nellie Collits	-	Effort in literacy
5/6P	-	Jack Pointon	-	Effort in writing his Titanic information report
		Nathaniel Baynham	-	Effort in writing his Titanic information report
5/6T	-	Cruze Hill	-	Effort and improvement in reading
		Isla Ball	-	Commitment to learning
2/6C	-	Noah Johansson	-	Always being a respectful and responsible learner

Term 3 Week 8 Assembly GEM Awards Displaying Gratitude

KA	-	Hudson Skinner	2MB	-	Liddia Mcanulty	5/6A	-	Leo Dwyer
KG	-	Gloris Cran	2R	-	Mac Parry	5/6K	-	Georgie West
KJ	-	Wyatt Newham	3/4G	-	Lainee Currey	5/6P	-	Penny Gordon
1HM	-	Lola Simpson	3/4M	-	Charlie Halls	5/6T	-	Charlie Acheson
1J	-	Elkie Gunn	3/4W	-	Rosie Coates	2/6C	-	Oliver Mellon
2D	-	Maggie Walker						

Special Ed High School Transition

This term, students from 2/6C and LC have officially started their journey into the Special Education Transition Program to high school, and what an exciting beginning it has been!

From the very first session, students were eager and enthusiastic to meet some of the high school teachers and new peers. These early introductions have helped build confidence and excitement about the next big step in their schooling.

Throughout the program, students have taken part in a range of engaging, hands-on learning experiences. One highlight was the construction of a mini model house, which allowed students to use creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Another fun and educational activity involved exploring plant biology — after learning about the different parts of a flower, students had the opportunity to dissect a real flower and even create their own beautiful paper flower models.



Adding to the excitement, the students also took a journey back in time to learn about the lost city of Pompeii. Through storytelling and exploration, they gained a fascinating glimpse into ancient history and natural disasters.

It has been wonderful to see the students engaged, curious, and growing in confidence as they take these important steps towards high school. We're proud of all they've achieved so far and are looking forward to what's ahead in the program!

Boys to the Bush Community Day

Last week, Stage 3 students attended the Boys to the Bush Community Day. The focus was on Engagement, Respect and Community. Although the rain forced the activities indoors at the town hall, the students still had an amazing day. They listened attentively to guest speakers, participated in a range of interactive activities and danced their hearts out. The day was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with others, celebrate community values and have fun.



Term 4 Tennis Clinics

FPS have received a Sporting Schools grant from the Federal Government to run tennis clinics in Term 4 2025. Infants did their clinics in Term 2 so it is Primary students turn.

All primary students will receive free tennis lessons in weeks 3-7 on Wednesdays.

- **Week 3 - Wednesday 29 October,**
- **Week 4 - Wednesday 5 November**
- **Week 5 - Wednesday 12 November**
- **Week 6 - Wednesday 19 November**
- **Week 7 - Wednesday 26 November**

No equipment is needed but students are required to wear sports uniform, hat and bring a water bottle on those dates. We look forward to welcoming back Peter Clifton and Tiffany Skinner.



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 29th September to Friday 3rd October

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 26th September.

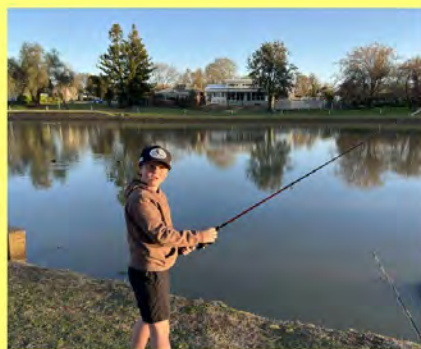


Fishing and Franks Community Engagement Event a Great Success

On 18th September, our school hosted a delightful Fishing and Franks community engagement event at the lake, welcoming 75 students and their families for an afternoon filled with fun and connection. The beautiful weather set the perfect scene as everyone enjoyed fishing together, followed by a delicious dinner of Franks.

This event aimed to foster positive relationships by bringing together students, their families, and positive role models from the community. By engaging in such welcoming and supportive activities, we continue to strengthen our school community and support students' learning journeys.

A huge shout out to all the FPS staff who assisted in making this event such a success—your dedication and support were invaluable.



Forbes Show Art Winners 2025

Congratulations to all the students who had entries in the Forbes Show.

The following children received places and ribbons for their work.

Kindergarten

Wyatt Newham	Drawing 3D	1st
Amelia Dunn	Drawing 3D	3rd
Harper Rath	Drawing 3D	4th
Wilder Welsh	Painting patterns	1st
Nevaeh Greenaway	Painting patterns	4th
Naomi Reid	Mixed Media	1st
Reggie Kelly	Painting	4th
Charlie McConnell	Digital Art Fantasy	2nd

Year 1

Xavier Green	Drawing 3D	1st
Islee Currey	Drawing 3D	2nd
Lola Simpson	Drawing 3D	3rd
Olivia Markham	Tactile	1st
Birdie Welsh	Mixed Media	2nd
Reggie Anderson	Digital Art Fantasy	3rd
Isabelle Wiegold	Painting patterns	3rd

Year 2

Freddie Scott	Drawing 3D	1st
Mack Anderson	Painting patterns	1st
Bronte Sheldrick	Mixed media	1st
Hudson Scott	Mixed media	2nd

Year 2

Lailani McGlashan	Painting patterns	2nd
Trace Gray	Painting patterns	3rd
Isla Rath	Painting patterns	4th
Abel Tuimaunei	Digital Art Fantasy	4th



Primary

Year 3

Tilly Whitty	Drawing 3D	1st
Darby Edgerton	Digital Art Fantasy	1st
Telmen Oyunbold	Digital Art Fantasy	3rd
Darby Edgerton	Mixed Media	2nd
Aislinn Baynham	Mixed Media	4th
Isabele Teale	Painting Patterns	3rd

Year 4

Olivia Gamble	Digital Art Fantasy	1st
John Brown	Digital Art Fantasy	3rd
Nixon Scott	Digital Art Fantasy	4th
Dallas Colvin	Drawing 3D	2nd
Wyatt Hearn	Drawing 3D	4th
Gigi Greig	Painting Patterns	3rd

Year 5

Lola Quirk	Drawing 3D	1st
Cameron Webb	Drawing 3D	2nd
Cruze Hill	Drawing 3D	4th
Penny Gordon	Digital Art Fantasy	1st
Violet Millerd	Digital Art Fantasy	2nd
Lucy Webb	Digital Art Fantasy	3rd
Jarahlea Cobcroft	Digital Art Fantasy	4th
Huxley Beard	Painting Patterns	1st
Ninjin Oyunbold	Painting Patterns	2nd
Lachlan Manson	Mixed Media	1st
Charlie McGovern	Mixed Media	2nd
Max Moore	Mixed Media	3rd
Lexie Hoy	Mixed Media	4th
Alia Zuliana	Drawing	4th

Year 6

Layla Phillips	Painting Patterns	1st
Delta Steele	Painting Patterns	3rd
Lauren Coffee	Drawing 3D	2nd
Arlie Gunn	Drawing 3D	3rd
Stella Morris	Drawing 3D	4th
Ivy Skinner	Mixed Media	2nd

Learning Centre

Kobee Withers	Paper Craft	1st
Saxon Haynes	Drawing	1st
Kiara Usher	Drawing	2nd
Oliver Mellon	Drawing	3rd
Noah Johannson	Painting Patterns	2nd
Darrius Work	Tactile	3rd



ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

At our recent assembly, 2MB proudly showcased their singing talents with two lively performances.

The class sang *Catch a Falling Star* by Perry Como and *Get Back Up Again* from Trolls, songs they had also performed with the rest of Year 2 at the Forbes Eisteddfod. The students were very proud to share their singing with the school and brought lots of energy to the stage. They especially enjoyed adding fun actions to *Get Back Up Again*, which made the performance even more engaging.

Their hard work and enthusiasm shone through as they sang beautifully and confidently in front of the audience.

Library Book Return Reminder

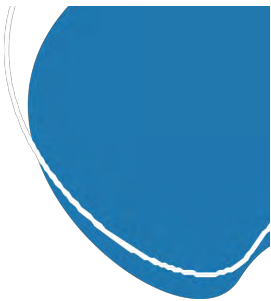
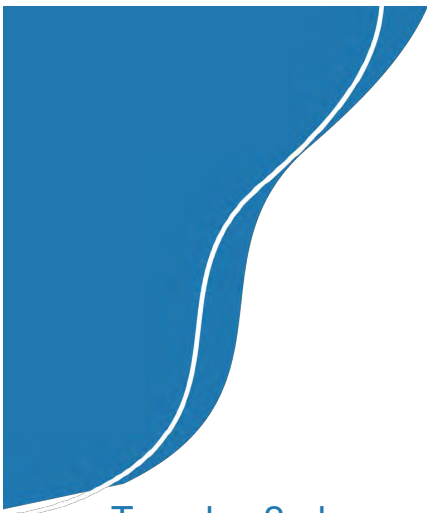
As we near the end of year, we are asking all students to please check at home for any school library books or home readers that may still be borrowed.

We kindly ask that all books be returned to the school Library by Friday 31st October so that we can ensure our collection is ready for next year.

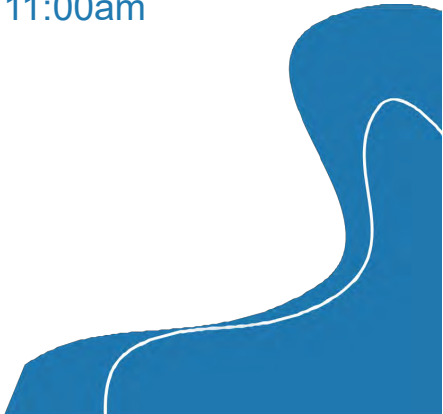
Your help in reminding your child to look in bags, bookshelves, and around the house is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting our school library!





STAY TUNED COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 2nd
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - Girls Cricket v Orange
 - Wednesday 3rd
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - AFL Forbes v Griffiths East PS at Forbes
 - Thursday 4th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
 - Friday 5th
 - Stage 2 & 3 Special Sport
 - Monday 8th
 - Todd Woodbridge Cup - Stage 2 Team
 - Tuesday 9th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - Riding for the Disabled - Young
 - Wednesday 10th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - BTTB Stage 2 Engagement Day
 - Thursday 11th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - RU OK Day
 - Friday 12th
 - 2MB Assembly - 10am
 - Stage 2 & 3 Special Sport
 - Tuesday 16th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - Wednesday 17th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - Thursday 18th
 - Fishing & Franks at the Lake 5:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Friday 19th
 - Western Athletics Dubbo
 - Monday 22nd
 - Kinder Preschool Visit 10:00am - 11:00am
 - Tuesday 23rd
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - Wednesday 24th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - Thursday 25th
 - Prep 4 Big School
 - Friday 26th
 - PBL Reward Day
- Last day of Term 3
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SNAPSHOT

@ Forbes High School



Visual Arts

Year 11 Visual Arts students are exploring environmental themes through pottery by hand-building animal sculptures that represent climate change. This project connects creativity to real life issues and meets essential curriculum outcomes for their Preliminary HSC course, requiring artworks in at least two expressive forms.



Drumbeat

Year 7 Drumbeat is an engaging group drumming program that fosters student teamwork, self-expression, and skills like listening and coordination. It enhances collaboration and communication, boosts confidence, and promotes a sense of belonging while enriching creative learning and supporting overall well-being.



Hospitality

Year 12 Hospitality students, working towards their Certificate II in Hospitality, have been putting their skills into action over the year by catering for school events and running the popular fortnightly Café 203 for staff. It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to gain real-world experience while serving up delicious treats.



Strong Men Program

The Strong Men Program focuses on developing leadership skills, cultural connections, personal health, and community bonds. Recently, the boys visited the Forbes High School greenhouse and Tommy Ward Back Yard Boxing, serviced a motorbike with Currey's Mechanical & Maintenance and went fishing with Brett from NSW Fisheries.

A **free webinar** for parents/carers & educators



Thurs
Nov 6
7:30pm
AEDT



LOGGED OUT

Skills for confidently navigating
Australia's teen social media ban

Learn practical strategies for auditing current use and communities, backing up digital memories, and supporting vulnerable teens who rely on social media for connection.

Skills explored in the session include:

- **managing conflict** around compliance & circumvention
- dealing with **sibling dynamics** and age differences
- **understanding the justification** for the changes and preparing for the summer
- **creating technology use agreements** for all platforms (and family members!)



Presented by
psychologist
Jocelyn Brewer

Former teacher
with a Masters of
Cyberpsychology

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Now!*



Registration
is free, but
required
[**>> HERE**](#)



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COMMUNITY
PRESENTS**

TRIVIA NIGHT



17TH OCTOBER 2025

7.30pm @

Bedgerabong Hall

**\$10 per person- cash at the door
FUN & GAMES**

BYO nibbles and refreshments

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**Teams of 8-10
people**



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PLUS... Raffles + Lucky Door Prizes + Complimentary drink on arrival.



6pm–9pm
FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

Tickets



* NO CHILDREN FOR EVENING SHOW
3–4pm – Children & families
welcome to view and purchase
art (free entry – donations welcome)

QUESTACON FASCINATING SCIENCE



1 September - 31 October

Coventry Room gallery, Parkes Library and Cultural Centre

Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday - Sunday: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Public Holiday - Closed

Parkes Library and Cultural Centre
25 Bogan St, Parkes
6861 2309



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NEW SOUTH WALES



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School Holiday Activities

**TUES
30
SEPTEMBER**

SCIENTISTS IN TRAINING

- ✍ **FREE, 10:30AM - 12:00PM, Years K - 2**
FREE, 2:00PM - 4:00PM, Years 3 - 6
Learn to be a Scientist and enjoy a guided tour of the Fascinating Science Exhibition from Questacon.

**TUES
30
SEPTEMBER**

AFTER HOURS FOR YOUTH

- ✍ **FREE, 5:00PM - 7:00PM, Years 7 - 12**
Enjoy exclusive access to Questacon and challenge your friends to solve the 24 hands-on exhibits. Includes pizza in the Makerspace. Bookings via Humanitix.

**WED
1
OCTOBER**

ROBOTICS

- ✍ **\$10, 10:00AM - 12:00PM, Years 2 - 6**
Work in pairs using LEGO Spike Essential robotics kits. Bookings via Humanitix.

**THURS
2
OCTOBER**

ROBO BATTLES

- ✍ **\$10, 10:00AM - 12:30PM, Years 5 - 10**
Work in pairs using LEGO Spike Prime robotics kits and battle it out on the plank. Bookings via Humanitix.

**TUES
7
OCTOBER**

HOLIDAY FLICKS (PG)

- ✍ **FREE, 10:30AM - 12:00PM, Years K - 6**
Watch your favourite comic book come to life in a brand new movie in the Makerspace. Juice and popcorn provided!

Bookings via Humanitix.
School aged children only.



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Do you want to better understand your child's behaviour?

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1-6 yrs although beneficial for all ages.

www.circleofsecurityinternational.com

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An evidenced based, emotion focused parenting course that helps parents/carers to recognise, understand and manage their children's emotions.

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www.tuningintokids.org.au/parents

Who is it for?

Parents/carers living in the following NSW LGAs: *Cabonne, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Dubbo, Forbes, Gunnedah, Snowy Valleys, Glen Ines Severn, Snowy Monaro*

Where?

Online via Zoom. Access to stable internet, a computer/device, and a private space will be required.

When?

Tuning in to Kids: 10am – 12 pm, Wed 22nd Oct to 3rd Dec (weekly 2hr sessions for 7 wks)

Circle of Security: 10am-12pm, Wed 15th Oct to 3rd Dec (weekly 2 hr sessions for 8 wks)

Book now:

Email or call our team to register your interest. community.recovery@royalfarwest.org.au or (02) 8622 6808

"I am so incredibly grateful for this course!"

"I couldn't be more thankful for my learning and the strategies that are making an amazing difference with both my boys" - Parent

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**TUESDAY
30 SEPTEMBER
FORBES SKATEPARK
12PM - 3PM**



*For more information contact Council's Community
Relations Officer on community@forbes.nsw.gov.au or 02
6850 2300*

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DAY & TIME

EVENT

MONDAY 29

YOUTH FIRST AID, Youth Centre

TUESDAY 30

CDAT YOUTH CONNECT, Skatepark

WEDNESDAY 1

CIRCUS WORKSHOP, Youth Centre

WEDNESDAY 8

SKATEBOARD PAINTING, Youth Centre

THURSDAY 9

PAINTING SESSIONS, Youth Centre

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WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS!

