



Forbes Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 4



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A Huge Thank You

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Education Week celebrations, Book Fair Parade, Book Fair, and Open Classrooms. Your enthusiasm to join in the fun with us made this event truly special. We are thrilled to announce that we earned over \$2,000 at the Book Fair which will be spent on literacy resources over the next 12 months to benefit all of our students.

Bullying No Way! Week

This week, we acknowledged Bullying No Way! Week—an important opportunity to empower students with strategies to identify and stand up against bullying, become upstanders, show kindness, and support one another. Through classroom discussions, activities, and whole-school initiatives, we worked together to build a culture of respect and inclusion that extends beyond just one week.

Stage 1 Excursion to Dubbo

Our Stage 1 excursion to Dubbo was a resounding success! Students enjoyed visiting Dubbo and travelling on the bus! Highlights included taking part in hands-on activities at the Royal Flying Doctors Service and Rural Fire Service education centres, that linked beautifully into their classroom learning.

Debating Success

Our talented debaters continued their journey in the Premier's Debating Challenge, with Forbes Public proudly hosting last week's competition. It was inspiring to see our students think critically, speak confidently, and show such sportsmanship throughout the event.

Sporting Highlights

Students from both mainstream and special education settings enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the Inter-School Touch Gala Day in Parkes. It was fantastic to hear reports of outstanding teamwork, encouragement, and skill development across the day.

Teacher Learning with Eddie Woo

Several staff members attended a teachers' conference in Bathurst, where they had the privilege of hearing from renowned educator Eddie Woo. His engaging numeracy strategies and practical insights will be implemented in classrooms, enhancing student learning experiences across the school.

All Abilities Ten Pin Bowling

We wish our Learning Centre students the very best as they travel to Orange on Friday to compete in the All Abilities Ten Pin Bowling competition. We know they will represent our school with pride.

Inter-School Sports with Forbes North

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Forbes North Public School, where students will engage in inter-school sports rotations each fortnight. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to build friendships, develop new skills, and enjoy working with staff and students across schools.

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

1HM

Lilah Horan
 Eve Tattersall

2D

Artie Spackman
 Freddie Scott
 Isla Rath

2MB

Jaxon Hoy

3/4W

Gemma Markham
 Eliza Wythes
 Kelsey Lee
 Khaleal Cran
 Phoebe Smith
 Kendall Chua
 Airlie Lennane
 Immanuel Simpson
 Sadie McConnell

5/6T

Harry Smith
 Mitchell Gartner
 Tilly Madge
 Primrose Walker
 Jarrod Thornton
 Jack Bull
 Declan Hurford
 Lucy Rout
 Charlie Acheson
 Violet Millerd
 Beau Barnett
 Sylvie Coates
 Owen Baxter
 Gracie Robbins
 Ruby Lidster
 Cruze Hill
 Molly Browne
 Hugh Halls

K/6HP

Hudson Armour

2/6C

Noah Johansson
 Kodan Jackson

2/6S

Jyhlán Warhurst
 Archer Sherritt

5/6A

Caitlyn Eagles
 Riley Stephenson
 Jarahlea Cobcroft
 Julian Butler
 Sadie Dooley
 Rylee Nikolic
 Brilee Olney
 Huxley Beard
 Harry Rosser
 Jane Currey
 Lauren Coffee
 Leo Dwyer

5/6K

Charlie De Mamiel
 Sadie Dooley
 Lachlan Manson
 Jamaraki Ware
 Ninjin Oyunbold
 Abby Lee
 Jane Currey
 Grace Fuge
 Ari Hogan
 Charlee Collits
 Bailey Spice
 Eden Flack
 Xavier Wilcox
 Nellie Collits
 Lola Quirk
 Sativa Gavin
 Lahni Schrader
 Lucy Webb
 Penny Gordon

Premiers' Debating Challenge

Our debaters shone in round three of the Premiers' Debating Challenge. The Nutty Negotiators argued against the idea that 5/6 students should spend one week of their school holidays doing charity work, while The Argu-Mentals debated for fining parents when their children are mean to other students.

Both teams faced strong competition from Grenfell opponents, and while neither came away with a win, they impressed with their teamwork, confidence and quick thinking.

Well done, debaters!



musica viva

music to inspire

Musica Viva will be visiting our school and presenting an engaging musical experience titled "Two Wheel Time Machine" on Wednesday, 20th August. The cost is \$8 per student.

Families are welcome to pay using any of the following methods:

- **Sentral App** - Quick and easy payments can be made directly through the Sentral for Parents app. (If you do not have access to the Sentral app, please phone the office for an access key).
- **Cash** - Send money to school in a clearly labelled envelope or zip lock bag with your child's name, class, and what the payment is for.
- **In Person** - You can call into the school office to pay by **cash or EFTPOS**.

Please make payment by **Monday, 18th August** to ensure your child does not miss this fun and educational musical experience. We're looking forward to a fantastic performance that students are sure to enjoy!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the office. Thank you for your continued support!



Assembly Awards

The following awards were presented at the school assembly held on Friday, 1st August.

KA	-	Harper Rath	-	Always doing her best work
		Ryder Kelly	-	Great effort in Literacy
KG	-	Eva Linsdell	-	Using her sound knowledge when writing
		Willow Cullen	-	Improved effort to write neatly and correctly form letters
KJ	-	Harry Duncan	-	Diligent approach to all learning tasks
		Aurora Maguire	-	Huge improvement in sounding out words
1HM	-	Austin Byrnes	-	Application in Maths
		Harriet Watson	-	Application in Maths
1J	-	Hudson Sutton	-	Fantastic start to Term 3
		Zoe Webb	-	Confidently contributing to class discussions
2D	-	Elizah Redfern	-	Gaining the confidence to share stories with peers
		Tommy Krakouer	-	Trying his best in all areas
2MB	-	Esther Skinner	-	Always applying herself to her learning
		Dash Gaffney	-	Consistently applying himself to improve reading and writing
2R	-	Jack Hazell	-	Making positive choices in the classroom
		Paige Taylor	-	Insightful classroom contributions
3/4G	-	Olivia Gamble	-	Building confidence to contribute in class
		Jimmy Madge	-	Consistent effort in Mathematics
3/4M	-	Charlie Halls	-	Always trying his best
		Tilly Whitty	-	Always presenting quality work
3/4W	-	Kelsey Lee	-	Always presenting quality work
		Lincoln Molloy	-	Great effort in sentence writing
5/6A	-	Bailey Spice	-	Effort and application in writing lessons
		Caitlyn Eagles	-	Displaying kindness towards others
5/6K	-	Xavier Wilcox	-	Being an active participant in classroom discussion
		Hallie Tomkinson	-	Dedication to learning
5/6P	-	James Gamble	-	Improved independence in class
		Max Hogben	-	Positive contributions to class discussions
5/6T	-	Owen Baxter	-	Wonderful information report in Writing
		Dusty Bennett	-	Excellent attitude in class
2/6C	-	Oliver Mellon	-	Consistent effort in all areas

GEM Awards Showing Empathy and Kindness

KA	-	Trace Gaffney	2D	-	Isla Rath	5/6A	-	Grace Fuge
KG	-	Lincoln Rath	2MB	-	Mack Acheson	5/6K	-	Lily Ball
KJ	-	Layla Hodge	2R	-	Lilly Schrader	5/6P	-	Amelia Ambachtsheer
1HM	-	Isabelle Wiegold	3/4G	-	Macey Schrader	5/6T	-	Violet Millerd
1J	-	Tom Robb	3/4M	-	Chase Mackay	2/6C	-	Alan Rossiter
			3/4W	-	Harrison McMahon			

Major Awards



CONGRATULATIONS

Cameron Webb
on receiving the FPS
Blue and Gold Banner
and

Alicia Wiegold
on receiving a Special
Achievement award



At the beginning of Term 3 the above students enjoyed a special lunch with Ms Staples to celebrate their Blue & Gold Banner achievement!

3/4G Take to the Stage

On Friday 1st August, the 3/4G students took to the stage for their assembly item — and what a performance it was! Surprising the audience with a lively flash mob dance to the classic hit YMCA, the students brought smiles, laughter, and plenty of applause from the crowd.

With confidence shining through every move, the class performed brilliantly, showing off their teamwork, rhythm, and enthusiasm. The energy in the room was electric, and it was clear the students were having just as much fun as the audience.

We want to thank our friends and family that filled the hall, cheering them on and making the performance even more special.

Local Government Week Event

Our Stage 3 students had an enriching experience at the Local Government Week event held on Thursday, 7th August. The day was filled with engaging activities where students learned about important topics such as tourism, Landcare, waste management, and the role of the rangers service. They also had the opportunity to interact with members of the local government, gaining valuable insights into how local services operate.

To make the day even more enjoyable, the council organised a BBQ for all attendees, fostering a sense of community among the participating primary schools. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect with their peers and learn about the vital services that support our community. Thank you to everyone involved in making this event a success!



100 DAYS AT FORBES PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten celebrated the milestone of reaching 100 days of school!

Students celebrated by taking part in various activities including making a 100 biscuit, writing about what they will look like/eat at 100, building towers using 100 cups and making a self portrait of themselves at 100 years old.

We are extremely proud of our littlest learners and all of their achievements so far. Keep up the great work Kindergarten!



Stage 1 Excursion – RFDS and NSW RFS

On Wednesday 6 August, 99 excited Stage 1 students, accompanied by 11 staff members, travelled to Dubbo for a day of discovery at the **Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)** and the **NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Training Academy**.

At the RFDS, students learned about the vital work carried out by this life-saving service. They had the unique opportunity to meet both a pilot and a nurse who had personal connections to our school community. Students explored the museum, experimented with pedal-powered radios from the past, and enjoyed hands-on activities using modern interactive displays. A highlight for many was climbing into the pilot and patient seats of the model RFDS plane outside the museum.

The NSW RFS visit offered equally exciting experiences. Students explored three flight simulation rooms — one for practising fire and flood rescues, another for mapping and photographing fires, and a third where pilots train to share airspace with other aircraft. Students watched their teacher don a virtual reality headset to demonstrate the flight simulator. Outside, the children climbed into a real fire truck and discussed how firefighting tools and technology have evolved over time.

It was a day full of learning, curiosity, and appreciation for the incredible work of our emergency services. We thank the volunteers and staff at both the RFDS and NSW RFS for generously sharing their time and expertise, and our own dedicated staff for making this memorable experience possible.



Book Fair Character Parade 2025



Education Week 2025 Open Classrooms



SPORTS REPORT

Stage 3 Soccer

On Friday 1st August, FPS Stage 3 boys and girls travelled to the Botanical Gardens to participate in the PSSA Soccer knockout gala day.

Round 1 of games saw both the boys and girls teams go head to head with Forbes North. The girls played really well as a team but unfortunately went down to North 4-2. The boys were consistent throughout their game and were fortunate enough to score on a regular basis to win 7-1.

Round 2 of games saw the girls head into the back draw to have a friendly game against Parkes East while the boys were up against Condobolin. This was a tough game with the play going from end to end throughout the entire match. Locked at 2-2 with around a minute to play, we had an unlucky play with an accidental handball inside the box, giving Condobolin a chance to seal the match with a last minute penalty goal which they put away.

The last round of games for the day saw both teams playing friendly matches. The girls were up against Middleton with the boys playing Parkes. Scores were not kept in either of these matches as this game was all about fun and enjoying the remainder of the day.

Congratulations to both teams. All players showed great sportsmanship and consistent PBL values throughout the entire day. It was nice not only to see both sides playing as a team, but also conversing with players from other schools really showing the spirit of FPS!



Girls Western Rugby League trials

Congratulations to Jakalia Ware, Ruby Lidster, Gracie Robbins, Nellie Collits, Lexie Hoy, Charlie Acheson and Stella Morris who trialed for the first ever girls Western Rugby League team on Tuesday 29th July in Dubbo where over 100 girls trialed.

Our girls all played exceptionally well with Lexie making it through to the possible probable's playoff.



PSSA AFL Round 4

On Wednesday 30th July, our school AFL team travelled to Dubbo to play against Orana Heights Public School. The weather conditions were not in our favour with it raining all throughout the game.

The team played exceptionally well and came out with a win 66-38. The next game will be at home against Griffith East Public School.

Boys Touch Football

On Friday 8th August, our boys touch football team proudly represented the school in the quarter and semi finals of the NSWPSSA knockout competition, held at Forbes High School.

In the quarter final against Mulyan Public School, the boys played with great energy and teamwork, securing a 13–6 win. Their strong defense, excellent communication, and well-executed three-man drives were a highlight of the match. It was a fantastic team effort that earned them a place in the semi final later that day.

Despite being exhausted from their earlier game, the boys showed resilience and determination as they faced a strong Calare Public School side in the semi final. Calare came out with intensity and put our team under pressure early. Our boys continued to work hard, diving for tries and defending strongly, but were unfortunately defeated 12–2.

We are incredibly proud of the team for reaching this stage of the competition. Their sportsmanship, perseverance, and teamwork were outstanding. A big thank you to both Mulyan and Calare Public Schools for travelling to Forbes to compete in what was a great day of touch football. We would also like to thank Miss Rachael Kelly and Callum Rowbotham for being our referees for the two games!



PSSA State Quarter Final Recap: Forbes Public School vs. Griffith East Public School

Our school Tennis Team recently travelled to Griffith for the PSSA state quarter finals, where we faced off against Griffith East Public School. It was an extremely tough game, and we knew we were up against a formidable opponent.



All of our students played exceptionally well, demonstrating great skill and sportsmanship throughout the match. Despite the challenge, our team managed to secure a few wins against the strong Griffith East team. Unfortunately, we were unable to clinch victory this round, but we couldn't be prouder of the outstanding effort displayed by all our tennis players.

A special shout-out goes to Nate Whitty, who stepped in as our reserve player this round due to an injury to another student. His contributions were invaluable, and we commend his readiness to support the team.

Thank you to all our players for a fantastic year of tennis! Your hard work and dedication have truly shone through. We look forward to building on this experience in the future!



Congratulations Leo

Western Rugby Union—Leo had a great week winning the conveyors shield with 3 wins, 2 losses and a washout game and was awarded the western medal for best and fairest.

Snow Sport—during the holidays Leo represented Forbes Public School in the Northern NSW and QLD Interschool championships in Alpine and Ski Cross where he positioned in the top 30 in both events.





NSWPSSA PRIMARY RUGBY LEAGUE 12 YEARS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Hosted by Sydney South West Sports Association from 17-19th June at Liverpool Catholic Club, Hoxton Park.



WESTERN



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First Row L to R: Harrison Sheehy, Isaac Carr, Jack Brazier, Leo Dwyer, Cruz Fischbeck, Harlym Sloane, Yann Wyner, Joey Lamb
Second Row L to R: Paul Faulkner (Coach), Jamaraki Ware, Joseph Fitzgerald, Isaac Saban, Levi Duare, Bronx Rodriguez, Ben Bruce (Manager)
Third Row L to R: Quade Peterson, Harrison Mitchell, Tye Newstead, Albert Rich

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NSWPSSA Rugby League

Congratulations to Jamaraki Ware and Leo Dwyer of Forbes Public School who competed as a part of the Western team in the NSW PSSA Opens Rugby League carnival, held June 17-19 at Hoxton Park in the Sydney South West School Sports area. The carnival included 13 Regional teams from all of NSW including Public, Catholic and Independent School systems. The Western team lead by coach Mr Ben Bruce of Wellington Public School, acquitted themselves tremendously well over the 3 days. Despite strong competition the team grew in confidence and cohesion each game, impressing coaches, parents and spectators with their resilience, determination and commitment to their teammates.

The Western team found themselves facing the host team in their first round and although able to match Sydney South West for most of the game found them too strong in the end. A win against North Coast was a highlight as were competitive games against Polding, Sydney North and South Coast.

Over the 3 days of the championships Jamaraki and Leo worked hard and showed a positive attitude in each and every game and should be commended and congratulated on their efforts throughout the carnival. Wonderful representatives of Forbes Public School – Jamaraki and Leo should be proud of their efforts and achievements with their high skills, team values and leadership on display for everyone to see.

Quade Peterson was named Western, Players' Player of the tournament and was presented with his medallion by coach Bruce.

Thanks and congratulations should also go to all of the parents who not only took time from work and arranged for transport, but also cheered and supported the team each game, adding to the good nature of the carnival. With the calibre of the kids in this year's Western Open team, rugby league and school sports, look in good shape for the future.

Paul Faulkner



Prep 4 Big School

Is your child enrolling in
Kindergarten in 2026?



Children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2026, are invited to attend our Prep 4 Big School Program.

Prep 4 Big School will commence on Tuesday, 26th August and will continue until Thursday, 25th September. We are offering three sessions which will run from 9.30am and finish at 12.30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our school bus will be available to return children to their Early Childhood Learning Centres at the end of their session.

Please contact our school by Tuesday, 12th August to indicate the preferred day for your child to attend.

We look forward to welcoming our future Kindergarten students!



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FORBES SKATEPARK
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In memory of Corey Woodhouse, aged 14



For every child who struggles in silence.

For every family who didn't see the signs.

For every young person who needs to know they're not alone

We're raising awareness about **mental health services** – so that when a child or parent needs help, they know where to turn and how to get it

What's On:

- Rock painting
- Paper plane making
- Bracelet making
- Jumping castle
- Sausage sizzle (proceeds to charity)
- Ice cream van
- Lucky door prizes

Sunday 24th August 2025

10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Stephen Field, Forbes NSW

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Stargazing with Murriyang

Join CWAS at CSIRO's Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre for a night observing the stars.

Friday 29th August 2025

5:30pm to 8pm

No booking required for this free event. BBQ available and cost applies – cash ONLY

This is a family winter event, so please rug up! If the weather is cloudy or stormy please call to confirm – (02) 6861 1777.

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Australia's National Science Agency



YOUTH IN AVIATION

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Inspiring and educating young people about the many opportunities within the aviation industry. This event will be free for all attendees, it is common for regional communities to miss out on opportunities like this, and at Temora Flyers Inc we are dedicated to ensuring the future of aviation is promoted and the freedom of flight is shared with our youth.

SATURDAY
6
SEPTEMBER

*Featuring
Matt Hall
Racing!*



FREE!
Family Event



The event will feature:

Aerial Displays - Exciting performances in the sky.

Food & Drinks - Available throughout the event.

Youth Made Markets - Supporting young entrepreneurs.

Young Eagle Flights - Free introductory flights for young participants.

Static Displays - Showcasing a variety of aircraft & aviation technology.

Careers Expo & Stalls - Connecting youth with industry professionals.

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