



Forbes Public School Newsletter
29th August 2025
Term 3 Week 6



"Maintaining A Tradition of Excellence"



Riding for the Disabled in Young

This fortnight, several of our students from the LC have been fortunate to participate in the Riding for the Disabled program in Young. The sessions have been filled with smiles, confidence-building, and the joy of learning new skills alongside the wonderful volunteers who make this experience possible.

Musica Viva Visit

We were delighted to welcome Musica Viva to our school. Students were treated to an incredible live performance, experiencing music that was both inspiring and engaging. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to connect with the arts and explore the magic of live music.

Premier's Debating – Round 5

Congratulations to our debating team, who represented our school proudly in Round 5 of the Premier's Debating Challenge against Parkes East Public School. Their teamwork, preparation, and critical thinking skills were outstanding. We are very proud of their effort and sportsmanship.

Lachlan Athletics Carnival in Parkes

Our athletes recently competed in the Lachlan Athletics Carnival held in Parkes. With determination and team spirit, they gave their very best in each event. We congratulate all competitors for their effort, persistence, and for representing our school so positively.

Prep for Big School

We were thrilled to welcome our littlest scholars for their very first "Prep for Big School" session. It was a joy to see their excitement as they explored our school setting, met new friends, and took their first steps into school life. We look forward to supporting them as they begin this wonderful learning journey.

Tis the season

We've had an increasing number of staff and student absences due to illness ranging from general flu and tummy bugs to RSV and Influenza. To help keep our school community healthy, we kindly ask that anyone showing symptoms rests at home until they're well again.

Meg Staples—Principal

Fishing and Franks Evening

Calling all dads or adult male or female role models to join us on the lake for an afternoon of fishing and a Frankfurt or two with your child/children.

Thursday, 18th September 2025

Apex Lakeside (Aeroplane) Park, Forbes

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Bring fishing gear, bait, chair sunscreen, hat

\$5 per hotdog



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

KA	Harrison McMahon
Ryder Kelly	Zach Dunford
Hudson Skinner	Amara Coleman
Harper Rath	5/6A
1HM	Grace Fuge
Annie Wythes	Ari Hogan
Tommy Cogswell	Jane Currey
Jack Thurston-Mundy	Abby Lee
2D	Ninjin Oyunbold
Toby Bush	Charlie De Mamiel
Willa Thornton	Kaiden Coleman
Elizah Redfern	5/6K
Nate Dumbrell	Shaun Gartner
Emmi Hodge	Wyatt Coble
2MB	Emma Currey
Esther Skinner	Stella Morris
Dash Gaffney	Kaitlyn Rankmore
Bronte Sheldrick	5/6P
Leo Towney	Max Moore
Mackenzie Manson	Delta Steele
Chelsea Webb	Ash Sinclair
Lex Townsend	Tonarah Cran
3/4M	5/6T
Chase Mackay	Owen Baxter
Sonny Bennett	Violet Millerd
Murphy Harrison	Sylvie Coates
3/4G	Gracie Robbins
Fletcher Morrison	Mitchell Gartner
Zoe Stephenson	Isla Ball
Lainee Currey	Hugh Halls
Bryce Wilcox	Jakaylia Ware
Vienna Simmons	Beau Barnett
3/4W	Kaiden Townsend
Rosie Coates	K/6HP
Porter Collits	Aayra Budathoki
Frankie Hogben	Shriya Budathoki
Charlie Constable	Trace Gray
Jack Little	Bentley Freshfield-Robb
Madison West	2/6S
John Brown	Cameron Grace

Debating v Parkes East Parrots

On Wednesday 21 August, Forbes Public's Argu-Mentals went head-to-head with the Parkes East Parrots in the Premier's Debating Challenge.

The topic was 'That students should have to play weekend sports', with our team taking the affirmative side. Our debaters presented strong and well-structured arguments, responding confidently to the opposition's points.

The adjudicator commented that both teams were highly convincing, making it a very close debate. In the end, Forbes Public secured the win by just one point.

This debate marked the final round of this year's challenge, and we are very proud of the effort and teamwork our students displayed throughout the competition.



MAJOR AWARDS

Congratulations to these students on receiving major awards at our whole school assembly held on Friday, 15th August 2025.



Leo Dwyer
Honour Award



Lucas Chen
Honour Award



Abby Lee
Blue & Gold Banner



Jack Bull
Blue & Gold Banner



Nate Whitty
Blue & Gold Banner



Telmen Oyunbold
Special Achievement



Evie Sutton
Special Achievement



Cameron Cran
Special Achievement

Musica Viva in Schools performance

Last week, students at Forbes Public School were treated to a live performance of Two-Wheeled Time Machine, presented by Musica Viva in Schools.

Using the imaginative concept of a time-travelling bicycle, the concert explored how music has evolved across cultures and historical periods. The performance blended storytelling, live instrumental music, and student participation, sparking curiosity and creativity across all year levels.

The experience not only entertained but also supported classroom learning by reinforcing key musical concepts such as beat, rhythm, melody, and instrumentation. Since the performance, students have been enthusiastically experimenting with both tuned and untuned instruments during music lessons, composing and performing their own original pieces.

We extend our thanks to Musica Viva for providing this opportunity to our students.



Assembly Awards

The following awards were presented at the school assembly held on Friday, 15th August 2025.

KA	-	Nevaeh Greenaway	-	Improvement in writing
		Frankie Henley-Bennett	-	showing determination in all areas
KG	-	Koa Towney	-	Working hard in all areas
		Hunter Keat	-	Fantastic effort in mathematics
KJ	-	Wyatt Newham	-	Fantastic effort in mathematics
		Darcy Bray	-	Fantastic effort in using adjectives in her writing
1HM	-	Hudson Payne	-	Working hard in maths
		Isabelle Wiegold	-	Improved application in all areas
1J	-	Millie Dang	-	Fantastic effort in handwriting
		Maci McMahon	-	Great effort in mathematics
2D	-	Dakota Newham	-	Working collaboratively with peers
		Dominic Colvin	-	Working collaboratively with peers
2MB	-	Sophie Churchill	-	Always being reliable and completing tasks responsibly
		Mack Acheson	-	Outstanding improvement in his application in reading
2R	-	Phoebe Newman	-	Being a great class role model
		Harriet Buckanen	-	Always challenging herself in her learning
3/4G	-	Zoe Stephenson	-	Consistent effort in class
		Matilda Rees	-	Always on task and ready to learn
3/4M	-	Emmett Burbage	-	Always having a great go at school
		Audrey White	-	Amazing bookwork
3/4W	-	Sadie McConnell	-	Consistent effort in all learning areas
		Airlie Lennane	-	Always having a great go at school
5/6A	-	Toby Hutchings	-	Improved effort in writing
		Rylee Nikolic	-	Showing kindness towards others
5/6K	-	Lola Quirk	-	Effort in maths
		Sativa Gavin	-	Thoughtful contributions in class discussions
5/6P	-	Charli McGovern	-	consistent effort in all learning areas
		Kallie Trainor	-	Actively participating in class discussions
5/6T	-	Jarrold Thornton	-	Effort and improvement in literacy
		Primrose Walker	-	A positive attitude towards learning
2/6C	-	Kodan Jackson	-	Excellent results in subtraction facts practice
K/6F	-	Claudia Carstairs	-	Working hard in all areas
2/6S	-	Reuben Douglass	-	Responsible, respectful, safe behaviour

Term 3 Week 4 Assembly GEM Awards

Showing Empathy and Kindness at School

KA	-	Samantha Cogswell	2MB	-	Harlow Frogley	5/6K	-	Lahni Schrader
KG	-	Tennessee Lennane	2R	-	Levi Nicholson	5/6P	-	Max Moore
KJ	-	Naomi Reid	3/4G	-	Jack Ball	5/6T	-	Tilly Madge
1HM	-	Annie Wythes	3/4M	-	Piper Newham	2/6C	-	Saxon Haynes
1J	-	Charlie Cole	3/4W	-	John Brown	K/6F	-	Vinnie Wright
2D	-	Nate Dumbrell	5/6A	-	Huxley Beard	2/6S	-	Archer Sherritt

Bullying No Way Week

Theme: *Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.*

In week 4 our school proudly celebrated **Bullying No Way Week** (11–15 August), joining thousands of schools across Australia in taking a stand against bullying. This year's theme encouraged us all to be brave, show kindness, and speak up when we see or experience bullying.

On **Thursday 14 August**, buddy classes came together to take part in creative and thoughtful activities:

- **Kindness Gardens** bloomed along our school fence, each flower carrying a positive message from our students.
- Large, colourful **KIND posters** were displayed in the primary area, infants area and Learning Centre.
- Our front pathway came alive with **chalk murals** filled with uplifting words and artwork for families to enjoy.

All students also took part in our **Bucket Filler** activity, inspired by the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*. Together, we reflected on how our words and actions can lift others up, and each class created a "We are Bucket Fillers" poster to share on our school fence.

It was wonderful to see our students **being bold, being kind, and speaking up** — not just during this week, but every day.



“When the Teacher’s Away, 3/4W Will Play!”

3/4W Assembly Item

With a hall packed full of proud parents, the excitement was off the charts! When Miss Wedlock had to dash to the office, the students sprung into action.

The paper plane squad soared their crafty creations right into the crowd, much to everyone’s delight! The dance crew brought smiles and energy with a lively Macarena that had toes tapping. Meanwhile, the “Teacher Takeover” group gave a cheeky peek at what happens when students try to run the show. The Chair Olympics group had everyone holding their breath as they smashed their record, zooming down the aisle in a whirlwind of fun (and a little teacher angst!). Snack time got a tasty twist with a group tossing treats to the crowd, and the grand finale had the whole assembly excited in a joyous conga line that spread smiles far and wide.

When Miss Wedlock returned, the crowd cheekily revealed that 3/4W had been quite the naughty bunch, but all in great spirit! This skit was a perfect showcase of teamwork and fun.

SPORTS REPORT

Ten Pin Bowls—Orange

On Friday 15 August our first ever tenpin bowling team travelled to Orange to participate in the Primary division of the School Sport Unit Tenpin Bowling Competition. Our team consisted of Emma, Nathaniel, Cylis and Aleeah. We had an early start and left at 9:00am by car, arriving by 10:00am in time for our first game at 11:00am.

We were hyped up and ready to go! We made a striking start as Cylis got the first strike on the fifth round of Game 1. Then our team Captain Nathaniel got his first ever strike on Game 2. The winner of Game 1 was Cylis with an astounding 112 points and Emma took out first place in Game 2 with 88 points.

We placed 3rd on the day out of the teams competing at Orange. There were also teams bowling in Dubbo and Bathurst on the same day. We came 13th overall from the 29 teams competing in the Western Zone competition.

To finish off the day we stopped in for a celebratory ice cream when we arrived back in Forbes. It was an amazing day and we all brushed up our bowling skills.

By Emma and Nathaniel



PSSA Netball—Orange

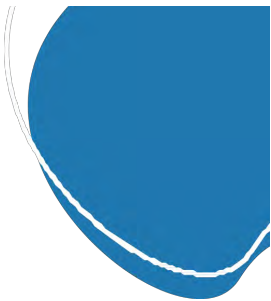
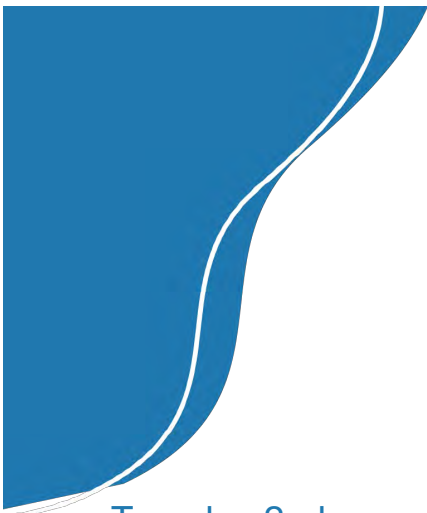
Forbes Public School PSSA netball team travelled to Orange to take on Orange Public School in the PSSA semi-finals.

Despite being a few players down, our team displayed incredible determination, perseverance and teamwork throughout the match. They fought hard against a strong opponent, never giving up and showing great sportsmanship on the court.

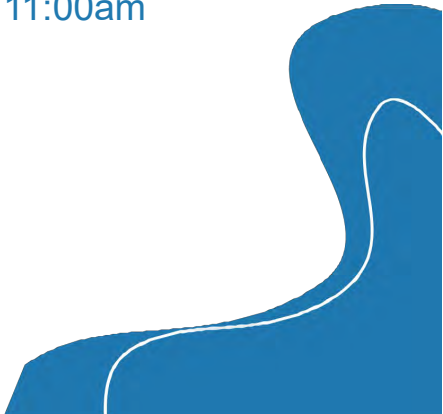
Although Forbes went down 32–7, the players should be extremely proud of their effort and the way they represented our school.

Congratulations to the team on a fantastic season!





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 7 Visual Arts students are creatively making spooky Ceramic Monster Pots. They began by designing and drawing their ideas and are now working in the pottery shed, enjoying the opportunity to express their creativity and learn pottery skills. Next, they'll dry the pots before firing and painting them.



Food Technology

Stage 5 Food Technology students created unique birthday cakes for the Food for Special Occasions unit. With assistance from a 'sous chef,' they utilised various preparation techniques and decorating skills, demonstrating creativity while learning to cater for specific events and achieve curriculum objectives.



Child Studies

This term, the Stage 5 Child Studies class is focused on 'Newborn Care.' Students are acting as parents for their egg babies, including some with twins. They have daily check-ins with Mrs Morrison to ensure the babies' health and safety, along with regular journal entries reflecting on their parenting experiences.



Show Team

The show season has begun, with our Show Team having a successful day at Bedgerabong, presenting beef heifers. Students learn to handle, parade, and judge livestock at agricultural shows, gaining practical experience that boosts confidence, discipline, and knowledge of rural industries.

Forbes Fins

Swimming Club
Incorporated

Learn new skills,
increase fitness and
have fun in a
supportive, friendly
environment, with
lessons run by
ASCTA qualified
coaches



COME & SWIM WITH FORBES FINS!

Forbes Fins Swimming Club Inc strives to provide a friendly, fun and welcoming atmosphere for all swimmers and their families focusing on their development and enjoyment of swimming in a safe and positive environment.

We encourage anyone who is interested in joining Forbes Fins Swimming Club for the 2025/2026 season to get in touch at forbesfins@gmail.com or via Facebook

Forbes Evening CWA Branch

Presents The
Winter Walk-in . . .



Soup & Slice

Wednesday, 3 September 2025 at 12.00pm

Come and enjoy @ The CWA Rooms, Lachlan
Street, Forbes

Soup, a Roll, Slice, Tea/Coffee \$10.00 per serve

Takeaway available

Last Soup and Slice for the year.....



SPRING NETBALL

Competition

Junior Comp
Ages 8-15
Girls and Boys
Wednesdays 5pm

Senior Womens 13+
Wednesdays 6:15pm
Adults Mixed*
*Pending Team Entries
Wednesdays 7:30pm

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

Forbes Netball Courts

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