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FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Report - Mrs Alison Jenner

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some significant events and share important information regarding upcoming activities.

ANZAC Day Service

Last Wednesday, our school community came together for an ANZAC Day service. This event is a vital part of our school calendar, allowing us to honour the brave men and women who have served in the Australian Defence Forces. I was immensely proud of our students, who displayed such respect throughout the assembly. Their attentive participation and thoughtful reflections truly embodied the spirit of ANZAC Day.

Marching Together on ANZAC Day

I would like to remind families that we will be marching together on ANZAC Day, Friday 25th April. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to show solidarity and respect for those who have served. We encourage all students to wear their school uniform and join us in the march. Further details about the meeting point and time will be provided closer to the date. Let's all come together to honour our heroes!

Easter Hat Parade

The excitement was certainly building for our K-2 Easter hat parade held today. This event is a delightful tradition at our school, where students showcase their creativity by wearing hats they have decorated for Easter. A heartfelt thank you to our P&C for their incredible efforts in organising the Easter egg raffle and prizes. Your dedication ensures that our events are enjoyable and memorable for all students.

Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp

At the start of Term 2, our Year 5 students will embark on an exciting adventure to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. This camp is an excellent opportunity for students to engage in team-building activities, outdoor education, and develop lifelong skills. Students will participate in various programs designed to foster resilience, cooperation, and a love for the environment. We encourage all Year 5 families to ensure their students are prepared for this memorable experience.



11 Apr K - 2 Easter Hat Parade 9.30am

11 Apr Last Day of Term 1

> **30 Apr** lst day Term 2 for students

30 Apr - 2 May Aussie Bush Camp

2 May Zone Cross Country





Celebrating Student Achievements

As Term 1 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to congratulate all our students on their achievements. Whether it be academic or sporting successes, improvements in their learning, or contributions to school life, each of you should be proud of your efforts. Your hard work and determination set a great foundation for the rest of the school year. Keep striving for excellence!

Farewell to Mrs King

As we conclude this term, we also bid farewell to Mrs King from our teaching team. We are grateful for her dedication and contributions to our school community. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and know she will be missed by both staff and students alike.

Staff Development Days

Please remember that there will be two staff development days at the start of Term 2. On these days, teachers engage in professional learning to enhance their teaching practices and improve student outcomes. Our staff will undertake targeted professional development, focusing on High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE). This training will equip our teachers with strategies to better support and challenge our high-achieving students, ensuring that we foster a learning environment that meets the diverse needs of all learners. We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 30th April 2025, refreshed and ready for a productive Term 2.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful break. Enjoy the Easter holidays with your loved ones!

Warm regards,













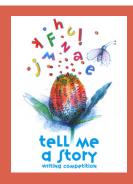
Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in the P & C Easter raffle. We were able to raise \$1385 which will go directly back to the school.

We would like to thank the Natural Waffle Icecream Parlour, Woolworths Forster & Coles Forster for their generous contribution.

Congratulations to all winners!



Wishing all our families a safe and happy Easter break and we look forward to seeing all our students back at school on Wednesday 30 April.



During the upcoming school holidays, the TMAS group will be running writing and art workshops at the Forster library to help students hone their skills. The writing workshop is being run by Michael Davies, a published children's author with the help of some of our team of retired teachers. The art workshops will be run by Geoff Pelley, a retired HS art teacher and professional artist Peta Ellis. 12th April Art 10:00 am -1:00 pm Writing 1:00 -3:00 pm 19th April Writing 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Art 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm Register your child's interest at info@tellmeastory.org.au



help students assess and match their own voices for every activity. PAX Voices allow students to predict appropriate volume while allowing the teacher to offer non-harsh guidance.

Right away, PAX Voices will help students..

- Use appropriate voices for different settings. Require less guidance and corrective feedback. Respond more appropriately and quickly to adult feedback

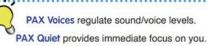
In the long run, PAX Voices helps students..

- ecognize appropriate behavior for different settings. ssess unfamiliar activities without a great deal of feedback needed



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using PAX Voices

- 1. When did you have to use PAX Voices today? Which one did you need to use?
- 2. What are some other times you think you could use PAX Voices throughout the
- 3. What are some times we use PAX Voices outside of school?



PAX Voices Story and Activity Directions: An adult at home and the child reads this short story together as a play.

While sitting at a table, the child is showing the adult at home their newest art class project. All of a sudden, a loud "AHHHHHH!!!" came from the other room.

Adult at home: "I'm sorry, I didn't hear what you call this art project."

Child: "Well, that's because the person in the other room was using a 10-foot voice."

Adult at home: "A 10-foot voice? I have never heard of a 10-foot voice."

Child: "Today at school, our teacher taught us about PAX Voices. A 10-foot voice is when we can be loud, like at recess or in gym.

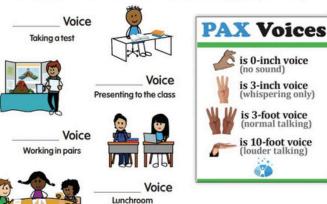
Adult at home: "Oh, I get it. What voice are you using right now?"

Child: "I'm using a 3-foot voice because you are sitting next to me."

Adult at home: "That makes sense. Are there other PAX Voices you use in school?"

Child: "Yes, my teacher has a poster that looks just like this in our classroom!"

Look at each of these school activities. Write which voice level is appropriate for that activity.



Conversations





Congratulations to our PBL Award winners for weeks 9 & 10.

Thank you for upholding our school values of SAFETY RESPECT PERSONAL BEST



Fortnightly Focus:

PAX Leaders are respectful communicators.

PAX Voices

We are so excited to be implementing PAX GBG at our school. Our next Strategy is PAX Voices. This is a strategy your child's teacher is using to guide children in making positive choices. It helps them match a suitable voice level to everyday school activities.



PBL Awards

Term 1 - Weeks 9 & 10

Kindergarten (ESI)









Lachlan K23

Violet K22

Lash K22

Isla K22

Stage 1









Evie 2-3/16

Araluen 2/17

Ruby 1/20

Jayden 2-3/16

Stage 2









Ollie 4-5/2

Lachlan 3-4/10

Vinnie 3-4/5

George 3-4/5

Stage 3









Zane 6/31

Kyiah 5/1

Ella 5/1

Cooper 4-5/2



Congratulations to our PBL Award winners for week 11.

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Fortnightly Focus:

PAX Leaders always do their personal best

PBL Rewards Day

Well done to our wonderful students that have made it to the PBL Rewards Day.

Enjoy your disco! You've earnt it for consistently upholding our school values this term ©



PBL Awards

Term 1 - Week 11

Kindergarten (ESI)







Patrick K24



Pippi K25



Jax K23

Stage 1



Bentley 2/17



Xyanne 1/19



Rue 2-3/16



Evie 1/20

Stage 2



Isaac 3-%



Noah 3-%



Chase 3-4/7



Alysso 3-4/6

Stage 3



Willow 6/29



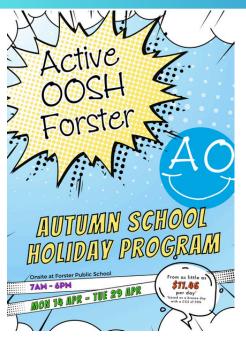
Zone 6/31



Seth 6/29



Tayah 6/29













SURVIVAL OR **CREATIVE MODE**

Dive into an action-pack day of problem-solving, teamwork & creativity! From building challenge to survival games, test yo skills, think outside the b & have an unforgettable



CINEMA **EXCURSION**

scrumptious cinema snacks & get ready to laugh through the adventures of "A Minecr Movie" with your friends Great Lakes Cinema! Popcorn & drink include



WED TETH APR EASTER FUN

FACTORY

Hop into an egg-citing adventure & enjoy egg hunts, festive crafts, games & sweet treats in a day packed with fun. Get ready for a hopping good time & take home an Easter



PCYC TAREE EXCURSION



Active OOSH FORSTER



GOOD FRIDAY





TUE 22ND APR

FORSTER ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Get ready to strike up some fun with Ten Pin, Laser Tag & Dino Putt Putt. A great way to stay active & connect with friends



WED 23RD APR

CANDY CREATIONS LAB

A sweet adventure where imagination meets sweetness! Become a kid confectioner, craft delicious treats, experiment with flavours design your own candy masterpieces.



CLUB OLD BAR EXCURSION

Enjoy a fantastic day of barefoot bowls, mini putt-putt, & exciting games on the bowling green. After all the fun, refuel with a delicious pizza lunch - the perfect mix of activity, laughs, & yum!





ANZAC DAY



PICKLEBALL PLAYOFF

Come & try the game that's bouncing, sma Come & try the game that's bouncing, smashing, & sweeping the world—catch the craze & join the fun! Develop new skills, practice teamwork & enjoy friendly matches in this fast-paced, fun-filled sport.



INFLATABLE WORLD EXCURSION

Inflatable World Taree! Jump, climb, & slide through the giant inflatable playground filled with obstacle courses & bouncy fun. An unforgettable day of thrills!



Do you need Uniforms?

The P & C Uniform Shop is open **Tuesdays & Thursdays** 8.30am - 9.30am

> (Or order online via our school website)



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