

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11 Apr
K - 2 Easter Hat
Parade 9.30am

11 Apr
Last Day of Term 1

30 Apr
1st day Term 2
for students

30 Apr - 2 May
Aussie Bush Camp

2 May
Zone Cross Country



Uniform orders at
<https://fppandc-uniformshop.square.site/>



Canteen orders at
www.quickcliq.com.au

Safety . Respect . Personal Best

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,

Alison



**THANK
you
from the P & C**



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



pax Good Behavior Game

PAX Voices

PAX Voices are used to keep voices at an appropriate level in different settings. PAX Voices 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...

- Recognize appropriate behavior for different settings.
- Assess 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 day?
3. What are some times we use PAX Voices outside of school?



PAX Voices regulate sound/voice levels.

PAX Quiet provides immediate focus on you.

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 "AHHHHH!!!" 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!"

Instructions:

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

_____ Voice	
Taking a test	
_____ Voice	
Presenting to the class	
_____ Voice	
Working in pairs	
_____ Voice	
Lunchroom 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)



Lashlan 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.

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

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)



Sonny K23



Patrick K24



Pippi K25



Jax K23

Stage 1



Bentley 2/17



Xyenne 1/19



Rue 2-3/16



Evie 1/20

Stage 2



Isaac 3-4



Noah 3-4



Chase 3-4/1



Alyssa 3-4/6

Stage 3



Willow 6/29



Zane 6/31



Seth 6/29



Tayah 6/29

Active OOSH Forster

AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Onsite at Forster Public School

7AM - 6PM

MON 14 APR - TUE 29 APR

From as little as **\$11.46** per day
*based on a 90% CCS of 90%

BOOKINGS

START HERE!

YES Is your child already enrolled* with Active OOSH?

Make your bookings in your Kidsoft Parent Portal!

Log in, select "New Casual Booking" & follow the prompts!

NO You will need to sign up for an account with Kidsoft to be able to complete an enrolment form & make bookings.

Scan the QR code above or visit www.activeoosh.com.au/enrol-now

CANCELLATIONS & LATE BOOKINGS

Cancellations for all Vacation Care bookings need to be made one week prior to the session to avoid an absent fee* & can be made through your Kidsoft Parent Portal.

Late bookings made within 48hrs of a Vacation Care session will incur a surcharge of \$10. This fee will be covered by CCS, so a child with a 90% CCS will have a \$145 surcharge applied.

*We understand that unforeseen circumstances do occur. To apply to have an absent fee waived please complete the Absence Charge Appeal Form on our website. www.activeoosh.com.au

WHAT TO PACK FOR A DAY AT OOSH!

LUNCH, SNACKS & WATER BOTTLE

Please pack your child's lunch & snacks as you would during the school term PLUS extra snacks for the longer day. Please ensure your child brings with them a **reusable water bottle** clearly labelled with their name.

MEDICATION & AUTHORIZATION FORM (IF APPLICABLE)

Children who require prescribed medication while in care must have a signed medical authorization form daily. Any medication brought to the centre must be in the original packaging & be clearly labelled with the child's name.

WIDE BRIMMED HAT

To stay Sun Smart, a hat will be required for all outside activities. Please pack your child a **wide brimmed hat**.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES & TOWEL

During Summer, water based activities can be added on the day to help keep kids cool. Please pack a **change of clothes PLUS a towel** for kids to dry off each day.

PLEASE WEAR ENCLOSED SHOES

Enclosed shoes are the recommended type of footwear for all activities at Active OOSH.

WE ARE A CHILD CARE SUBSIDY APPROVED PROVIDER

Individual Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements are determined by Centrelink based on your family's circumstances.

- Families earning a combined income of less than \$530,000 are eligible to receive a Child Care Subsidy on their child care fees.
- Centrelink will also determine the number of care hours per fortnight that your CCS percentage can be applied to based on an activity test. If you exceed these hours full fees will be applied.

Please ensure you confirm your CCS entitlement in your Centrelink app to apply CCS to your fees.

Source: www.education.gov.au

PRICE KEY

A super excursion or activity at OOSH Headquarters OR a take home gift! from \$12.91 per day with a CCS of 90% \$109.00 per day full fee

An internal activity at OOSH Headquarters from \$11.46 per day with a CCS of 90% \$109.00 per day full fee

We're going on a super excursion! (includes transport & entry) from \$15.81 per day with a CCS of 90% \$109.00 per day full fee

We're going on an excursion! (includes transport & entry) from \$14.36 per day with a CCS of 90% \$109.00 per day full fee

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

MON 14TH APR SURVIVAL OR CREATIVE MODE Dive into an action-packed day of problem-solving, teamwork & creativity! From building challenges to survival games, test your skills, think outside the box, & have an unforgettable adventure.	TUES 15TH APR CINEMA EXCURSION Sit back & enjoy some scrumptious cinema snacks & get ready to laugh through the adventures of "A Minecraft Movie" with your friends at Great Lakes Cinema! Popcorn & drink included.	WED 16TH 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 inspired goodie bag!	THUR 17TH APR PCYC TAREE EXCURSION Join us for active adventures at Taree PCYC! Flip, roll, & tumble in gymnastics, learn some fun skills, & shoot some hoops in basketball. A day of movement, teamwork, & high energy fun!	FRI 18TH APR CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY
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WEEK 2

MON 21ST APR CLOSED EASTER MONDAY	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 while aiming for strikes, spares & hole in ones!	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.	THUR 24TH APR 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!	FRI 25TH APR CLOSED ANZAC DAY
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WEEK 3 - BOOK FREE DAYS

MON 28TH APR PICKLEBALL PLAYOFF 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.	TUE 29TH APR INFLATABLE WORLD EXCURSION Bounce into Fun at Inflatable World Taree! Jump, climb, & slide through the giant inflatable playground filled with obstacle courses & bouncy fun. An unforgettable day of thrills!
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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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