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FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Report - Mrs Alison Jenner

Welcome back to another exciting year at Forster Public School! We are thrilled to have our students back and ready to embark on a new academic journey together. We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for a year full of learning and growth.

Enrolment Update

We are pleased to report that our enrolment numbers are looking strong this year, with 21 mainstream classes and 5 support classes. This stability allows us to maintain our current structure without the need for any re-organisation at this stage. We appreciate all the feedback we've received from parents and thank you for your engagement in this process. Your concerns are important to us, and we are continuing to work through them to ensure a supportive environment for all our students.

Modifications to the Supported Learning Playground

We are excited to share that significant modifications are underway in our Supported Learning area playground. We are upgrading the fencing in the back playground to enhance safety, implementing a drainage upgrade to improve accessibility and usability during various weather conditions, and adding a turfed area to provide a more inviting and comfortable environment for play and learning. These improvements aim to create a more engaging outdoor space for our students and will be completed in the coming months.

BEST START Assessments for Kindergarten

Next week, we will be conducting the BEST START assessments for our Kindergarten students. These assessments provide valuable insights into each child's learning and development, allowing our staff to tailor their support and instruction to meet individual needs. Mrs Mutch, Mrs Cross, Mrs Meadows, Mrs Lacey and Miss Tyrie will be supporting the class teachers with the administration of the assessments and are looking forward to working closely with the students during this process to help them feel comfortable and confident.

New 'Kiss and Drop' System Trial

To enhance safety during the busy afternoon pick-up period, we are trialling a new system at the "Kiss and Drop" zone. Children will now wait in the front gated area instead of near the road, creating a safer environment as parents park and collect their children. Students will be called out to meet their parents as they arrive. We appreciate the community's patience as we implement this new process and work towards ensuring the safety of all our students during this bustling time.

Swimming Carnival Congratulations

A huge congratulations to all participants in our annual swimming carnival! It was wonderful to see our students showcase their talents and sportsmanship in the pool. A special thank you goes out to the parents and volunteers who assisted at the swimming carnival. Your support helped make the event a success, and we are grateful for your involvement in our school community.



25 Feb Meet & Greet Afternoon

27 FebManning Zone
Swimming Carnival

5 Mar School Photos





Meet and Greet Afternoon

We would like to let everyone know about our upcoming "Meet and Greet" afternoon with teachers on Tuesday, 25th February, from 3:20pm to.4.20pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, learn about stage structures, and discuss expectations for the year ahead. We encourage all parents to attend, as it fosters a strong partnership between home and school, which is vital for our students' success.

Planning for 2025

As we continue to plan, we sincerely appreciate your patience while we navigate our classing structure for 2025. We are committed to providing the best educational experience for our students and will keep you informed as we make decisions. In the meantime, we want to remind parents about the upcoming deadlines for Opportunity class and Selective High School class applications. Please ensure you keep an eye on our Facebook page for important links and updates regarding the application process.

Introducing Our New Staff

Finally, we are excited to introduce our new staff members who have joined the Forster Public School family this year:

- · Gareth Care-Unger (Supported Learning class teacher) replacing Roan Whiteman
- · Riannon Symons (Supported Learning class teacher) replacing Mikayla Akhurst while she is on maternity leave
- · Nicole Vlakic (Kinder class teacher and RFF Teacher) replacing Sara Johe
- · Marcus Rowsell (School Learning Support Officer in the Years 3-6 area)
- · Alyssa Fuller (Stage 2 class teacher)
- · Hayley Cross (Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction K-2) replacing Angela Sparks
- · Carol Thomas (School Learning Support Officer in the Supported Learning area)

We are confident that their skills and experiences will enhance our educational offerings and contribute positively to our school community. Please join us in welcoming them!

Thank you for your continued support. Together, let's make this year the best one yet for our students!

Warm regards,









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MEET OUR STAFF 2025





K22 Mrs Emily Ravell



K22 Ms Kirsten Reed



K23 Ms Leah Jenkin



K23 & RFF Ms Nicole Vlakic



K24 Ms Cindy Wood



K25 Mrs Michelle Phillip



1/19 Mr Tristan Marshall



1/20 Miss Jessie Skillen



1-2/21 Miss Michelle Sharma



2-3/16 Miss Eden Gunter



2/17 Mrs Rachel Train



2/18 Miss Rachelle Moore



3-4/4 Mrs Alex King



3-4/4 Mr Matthew Bowden



3-4/5 Mrs Renee Henderson



3-4/6 Miss Charly Breese



3-4/7 Miss Alyssa Fuller



3-4/10 Ms Belle Meadows



4-5/2 Mrs Natalie Galle



5/1 Mrs Rachel Gardner



5/3 Mr Michael Lavis



6/29 Mrs Jacqui Blanch



6/29 Mrs Katie Crompton



5-6/30 Mrs Dorota Gosling



6/31 Miss Mel Moyle



2-6/9 Miss Tiana Hazelwood



1-6/26 Ms Riannon Symonds



1-2/27 Ms Natasha Briggs



3-6/28 Mr Levi Worth



2-6/32 Mr Gareth Care-Unger



Librarian Mrs Jodie



RFF Mr Peter Anderson



RFF Mr Shaun Blacker



RFF Mr James Grimwood



RFF Mrs Maria Rae



LaST Ms Deb Milligan



LaST Ms Melea Tyrie



LaST Mrs Lisa Lacey



Intervention Mrs Megan Meadows



FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL EET OUR STAFF



APCI Ms Hayley Cross



APCI Mrs Davina Donnelly



Mrs Kym



Counsellor Miss Ashley Evans



Miss Brittney Paulsen



SLSO



SLSO Mrs Tess Crawley Mr Scott Chapman



SLSO Miss Samantha Brennan



SLSO Mrs Lynsay Chisolm



SLSO Mrs Kerrie VanSteen



SLSO Mrs Jenny Kneebone



SLSO Mrs Karen Fuller



Mrs Peteena Eveleigh



Mrs Ashana Spinelli



Mr lan Redman



SLSO Mrs Leanne Jones



SLSO Mr Kye Webb



Mrs Jacinta Dillon



SLSO Mrs Carol Thomas



SLSO Mrs Sarah Verdich



SLSO Mr Marcus Rowsell



Band Ms Elizabeth Berry



Kitchen/Garden Mrs Steph Hiles



Canteen Supervisor Mrs Danika LeMessurier



SAM Mrs Kim Worth



Business Manager Mrs Liz Gepp



SAO Mrs Kylie



SAO Mrs Tracey



SAO Ms Helen



SAO Mrs Karen Dickson



General Assistant Mr Andrew O'Brien



Assistant Principal Mr Matthew Spinelli



Assistant Principal/3-4/11 Mrs Kelly



Assistant Principal Mr Mark



Assistant Principal Ms Sonia Kennedy



Assistant Principal Mrs Kate Mutch



APL & S Mrs Barb Wright



APL & S Mr Scott Machon



Principal Mrs Alison Jenner



Deputy Principal Mrs Tianne Buderus





Congratulations to our first PBL Award winners for 2025.

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

Fortnightly Focus:

We are respectful by always following staff instructions

PAX Quiet

We are so excited to be implementing PAX GBG at our school. Our First Strategy is PAX Quiet to help everyone create a peaceful and productive learning environment at Forster P.S



PBL Awards

Term 1 - Weeks 3 & 4

Kindergarten (ESI)









Miles K23

Lincoln K22

Mia K24

Bodhi K25

Stage 1









Elijah 2/17

Evie 2/18

Luna 1/21

Jahdae 1/20

Stage 2









Sol 3-4/6

Ahnarlah 3-4/10

Bailey 3-4/4

Hannah 3-4/4

Stage 3









Caleb 5/1

Oden 5/3

Lola-Rose 6/29

Cooper 6/30



2025 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

REGO CLOSES 24 FEBRUARY 2025

NET - 5 AND 6 YEAR OLDS - \$110 SET - 7 AND 8 YEAR OLDS - \$110 GO - 9 AND 10 YEAR OLD -\$130

REGISTER THROUGH THE QR CODE OR HTTPS://www.playhq.com/netballaustralia/register/9eb2ef

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL FORSTERNETBALLCLUB@GMAIL.COM



2025 **REGISTRATION**

Join our club for friendly matches, skill building sessions, or competitive play – it's all about having fun and embracing the spirit of netball

NetSetGo will be separately registered.

2025 Fees Junior \$150 Senior \$165

Register through the QR Code

https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/org/forsternetball-club/11f78c69

Registration Closes 24 February 2025



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for more information please email forsternetballclub@gmail.co

JOIN FORSTER TUNCURRY BOARDRIDERS

2025 registrations now open!

Season starts Feb 9th. From U12s through to Masters, the whole family can get involved!

Club competitions held Sunday, once a month

See website or scan the QR code for more details



forstertuncurryboardriders.com





Calendar 2025

Eastern division

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Key dates

Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.



○→□ First to last days for all students:

Term 1: 6 February to 11 April Term 2: 30 April to 4 July

Term 3: 22 July to 26 September Term 4: 14 October to 19 December

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Term 3: 21 July

Term 4: 13 October

School holidays:

Summer 2024 -25: 22 December 2024 to 30 January 2025

Autumn: 14 April to 24 April Winter: 7 July to 18 July

Spring: 29 September to 10 October Summer 2025 - 26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026

Public holidays