

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

6 May
Boys & Girls PSSA Touch
Knockout Round 1

7 May
Mothers Day Stall

SRC Assembly 12.40pm

9 May
Zone Cross Country

18 June
School Athletics Carnival
8 years and over

19 June
Infants Athletics Carnival

11 - 15 August
Yr 6 Canberra Camp

Principal's Report - Mrs Alison Jenner

Welcome back to Term 2.

As we welcome Term 2, we want to take a moment to share some important updates and highlights from our school community.

Staff Development Day

The Staff Development Days at the commencement of Term 2 were dedicated to High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE). This professional learning opportunity for all public-school teachers in the Great Lakes Learning Community aimed to enhance our teaching practices in order to better support the diverse needs of our students. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of planning additional opportunities that will empower our students to realise their potential across the intellectual, creative, social, and physical domains.

Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Our Year 5 students return today from the Great Aussie Bush Camp, where they embraced a unique outdoor experience, despite the weather being very wet and rainy. We want to extend a huge thank you to the dedicated staff members who attended and supported our students during this adventure. Your commitment to our children's learning and well-being is greatly appreciated!

Introducing Our New Staff Member

We are thrilled to welcome Mr Aaron Fox to our school community! He will be teaching 3-4/4 along with Mr Bowden and will also take on the role of Assistant Principal across Years 3-6. Aaron brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our team, and we look forward to the positive impact he will have on our students and school culture.



Beautification of the Supported Learning Playground

We are thrilled to announce that during the recent holidays, the Supported Learning playground underwent a beautiful transformation with the installation of new turf. This enhancement has created a vibrant and inviting space for our students to enjoy. The lush grass area is already a hit among the children, providing them with a safe and comfortable environment to play, explore, and engage in physical activities. It's wonderful to see our students making the most of this new space, fostering not only their physical development but also their social interactions as they play together in this refreshed setting.



Safety . Respect . Personal Best

NSW Public Schools Student Survey

In Term 2, we are offering our students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. This survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences, and wellbeing. Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made.

The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours. Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

ICAS

Several students from our school who performed well on ICAS assessments were invited to participate in a select assessment for talented students. Congratulations to Ollie and Marcus who took up this opportunity and did themselves and their families proud. We are also very proud of your efforts.

Attendance Reminder

As we start this new term, we would like to remind all families of the importance of regular attendance. Consistent attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and social development. Please ensure your child is at school every day, ready to learn.

Community Calendar

Don't forget to check our community calendar for upcoming events this term. We have a variety of activities planned, and we encourage you to participate and support our school community.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on another exciting term!

Alison



Staff Development Day

**MOTHER'S DAY
STALL &
RAFFLE**

Wednesday 7th May
(Back up day - Friday 9 May for any students who were absent on Wednesday)

\$5 Gifts and \$10 Gifts
Gift Bag & Card \$3

Raffle Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Cash and Eftpos Accepted!
Available under the Cola
30th April & 2nd May
Drawn 9th of May

Tickets can also be purchased online
fjspandc-uniform.square.site



PBL News

Welcome back!

This term, students and staff will continue working together to create a peaceful and productive learning environment at Forster Public School.

All students have received a PBL Rewards Chart and will be working hard to achieve their weekly stamp. The stamps will be awarded to students who have not received any negative behaviour entries on School Bytes for the given week. It will acknowledge our students who are consistently upholding our core values of Safety, Respect and Personal Best. The goal is to achieve all ten stamps, however to encourage pro-social choices, students who receive more than 8 stamps will be invited to attend our PBL Rewards Day.

PBL Reward Day - Term 2, 2025											
Follow our school values to receive your weekly stamp											
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We will also continue learning about and using more strategies from the PAX Good Behaviour Game. Please check in with your children and ask them about how PAX is helping them across the school.

Wishing everyone a successful Term 2
(The Positive Behaviour for Learning Team)



Weeks 1 - 2
**Positive Behaviour
for Learning focus...**

**PAX Leaders always follow
classroom expectations.**

Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp



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Do you need
UNIFORMS?

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

(Or order online via
our school website)



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updates at
"Forster Public
School"

Communicating with our school

All contact with our school is to be consistent with the School Community Charter respecting that our staff are primarily engaged with the teaching and caring of our students.

By phone



Urgent matters

Urgent matters require an action or response from staff on the same day, like:

- your student's attendance
- changes to arrangements that need to be communicated to your student
- your student's health and wellbeing.

Non-urgent matters

Including:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing brief information to the school
- raising a concern.

What you can expect

If necessary, you will need to leave a message with our office staff who will identify the best person to respond to your call, if needed. The response will happen by the end of the next school day.

Our school phone number is:

02 6555 6766

You are welcome to phone our school during school hours 8.30am - 3.30pm.

By email



Our school email address is:

forster-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

You can email us about non-urgent matters that do not require a same day response, like:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing information to the school such as specialist reports
- raising a concern.

For matters that require an action or response from staff on the same day, please phone the school.

What you can expect

Emails will be:

- read within 3 school days of receipt
- acknowledged, if required
- assessed to decide what action is needed, including if a response is required
- monitored between Monday to Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm, during school terms only
- responded to by relevant staff only.

In person



How to contact our school

Parents are welcome to meet with our school staff.

- We prefer you phone or email a request, briefly explaining the issues you wish to discuss,
- or if the staff member is available at the end of the school day, have a very brief meeting. Please understand they may have other duties to attend to.

You are welcome to bring a support person or advocate, with prior notice, to be present at any meeting.

What you can expect

Our staff will:

- respond to your request within 3 school days
- discuss with you a mutually agreeable time to meet and agree on what will be discussed
- decide who is best to meet with you.



Support North Coast Deaf Camp!

Buy Socks & Give Back!

From **May 1st** to **May 23rd**, every purchase on the **Jolly Soles website** helps us raise funds for the North Coast Deaf Camp.

Shop online at **Jolly Soles**, and 10% of all sales during this period will support the North Coast Deaf Camp!

With fun, colourful designs and high-quality comfort, there's a pair for everyone!

Orders ship directly to you — no hassle, just great socks for a great cause.

Visit jollysoles.com.au/collections/individual-pairs, or follow the QR below to grab yours today!



Screen Free Week

Get involved in the global event during the first week of May and step away from screens for recreation.

It's a great opportunity to spend time doing things that don't involve technology, like being active, learning new hobbies, and enjoying family time.

During Screen-Free Week, we encourage students and families to:

- Play outdoor games or sports
- Explore nature and enjoy the outdoors
- Learn a new dance
- Spend quality time with family, like having a board game night or going for a walk
- Try a new hobby, like drawing, cooking, or crafting



Hunter New England
Local Health District

@HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Good for Kids acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.