

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

11 Aug - 29 Aug
Year 1 Phonics Screening

19 Aug
ICAS Science
ICAS Spelling

20 Aug
Book Week Parade/Open
Classrooms/Lunch
9am

21 Aug
UPP Leadership Day 2

22 Aug
Zone Soccer Gala Day

Public Speaking Finals
Macksville

25 Aug - 5 Sep
Yr 2 Intensive Swimming

25 Sep
P & C Colour Blast
Fun Run
(Have you registered?)



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Principal's Report - Mrs Alison Jenner

We have had a wonderfully busy and rewarding few weeks at Forster Public School, filled with valuable learning experiences and celebrations that highlight the talents and hard work of our students and staff.

ICAS Assessments in Digital Technologies, Writing, and English

We recently participated in the ICAS assessments, which extend students in key learning areas. Our students took part in Digital Technologies, Writing, and English assessments, each providing unique opportunities to demonstrate their skills and creativity. These assessments are particularly beneficial for our High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) students, helping us identify and support their learning needs. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Miliigan, whose meticulous organisation and dedication ensured the smooth running of these assessments. Her work has opened doors for our students to engage in rigorous academic challenges and continue to grow.

Kindergarten's 100 Days of Learning Celebration

Our Kindergarten students recently celebrated a milestone — 100 days of learning! This is such a special achievement in their educational journey. Over these 100 days, our little learners have blossomed in so many ways, developing foundational skills in literacy, numeracy, and social interaction. It's delightful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity grow each day. To put it simply: they've had 100 days of fun, discovery, and lots of "aha" moments — and we can't wait to see what the next 100 days bring!

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Our Year 6 students have just returned safely from their week-long excursion to Canberra. During the trip, students participated in a wide range of educational activities including visits to the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, and Questacon. These experiences bring classroom learning to life, deepening students' understanding of our nation's capital. We extend our sincere gratitude to the staff members-Mark, Mel, Jacqui, Katie, Tiana and Britt who volunteered their time, leaving their families behind to support and supervise the students throughout this enriching journey. Their commitment ensured that the trip was both educational and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Aussie of the Month Awards and Afternoon Tea

Congratulations to all our Aussie of the Month nominees and winners! These awards recognise students who consistently demonstrate outstanding behaviour. It was wonderful to see so many students and their families join us for afternoon tea to celebrate this achievement together. These gatherings help build a strong sense of community and remind us all of the values we cherish at Forster Public School.

Academic Excellence Awards at the Great Lakes Learning Community Assembly

We also want to celebrate the impressive academic achievements of our students who were recognised with Academic Excellence awards at the recent Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly. These awards highlight the dedication, perseverance, and hard work of our students across a range of subjects. We are proud of their commitment to learning and encourage all students to strive for their personal best.

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site/](https://epspandc-uniformshop.square.site/)



CANTEEN ORDERS at
[www.quickcliq.com.
au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)



Safety . Respect . Personal Best

Zone Athletics Competition

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Zone Athletics competition! Participating in these events is about more than just winning; it's about challenging yourself, setting personal goals, and demonstrating sportsmanship. We are proud of every student who competed and gave their best effort. Events like these ignite students' personal best and help them develop their sporting potential in a supportive environment.

External Validation Against the School Excellence Framework

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a high-quality education, our school recently underwent External Validation. This process involves an independent review of our school's performance against the Department of Education's School Excellence Framework. It is an important opportunity to reflect on our strengths and identify areas for growth. The feedback we receive guides our planning and ensures we continue to meet the needs of our students and community.

Looking Ahead: Public Education Week and Book Week

We are excited to look forward to an engaging and fun-filled week as we celebrate both Public Education Week and Book Week. These events offer wonderful opportunities for students, staff, and families to come together and celebrate learning, creativity, and the joy of reading. The 2025 themes — "Ignite Your Potential" for Public Education Week and "Book an Adventure" for Book Week — perfectly capture the spirit of growth and exploration we encourage at Forster Public School. We can't wait to share these special celebrations with you all.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Alison 

Wednesday 20 August – Book Week Parade/Open Day/Picnic Lunch – 9am



Book Week Parade/Open Classrooms/Picnic Lunch

Come dressed as your favourite book character

This year's theme is "Book an Adventure!"



Families are invited to attend from 9am for our Book Week Parade,

followed by open classrooms and a picnic lunch on the lawn. Bring a

packed lunch or purchase a sausage sandwich from our BBQ. There will also

be a drink stall run by our student leaders.

(Softdrinks can only be purchased by adults)



Weeks 5 & 6

Positive Behaviour for Learning focus...

PAX Leaders always follow staff instructions

Zone Athletics



On Friday 8th August we had over 50 students attend Manning Zone Athletics Carnival. They persevered through the rain and weather, competing hard with great sportsmanship. We had some wonderful results across the board. Special mention to Zane Fletcher on breaking the 1500m record which his older brother and former student Liam previously held.

The following students placed in the top 3 and will compete at Hunter in September:

Junior Boys Relay 3rd: Zach K, Astyn B, Elliott F, Hendrix C

Senior Girls Relay 3rd: Aiva B, Ella K, Lexie J, Layne F

Georgia L: 8 yrs Girls 3rd 100m

Hazel C: Snr Girls 1st Shot Put & Discus

Lexi C: 11 yr Girls 1st Shot Put

Willow G: Snr Girls 3rd Shot Put

Lola K: Discus

Zane F: Snr Boys 1st Long Jump, 800m & 1500m, 2nd 200m,

Max W: Jnr Boys 3rd Shot Put

Zach K: 10 yr Boys 1st 100m

Jack F: Jnr Boys 3rd 800m

Oden R: 11 yr Boys 2nd 800m

Cali M: Jnr Girls MC 1st Long Jump, 2nd Shot Put & Discus

Elkie W: Jnr Girls MC 1st Discus

Brooklyn W: Jnr Boys MC 1st Long Jump, Shot Put, 100m & 800m, 2nd Discus & 200m

Lachlan R: Jnr Boys MC 1st Discus & 200m, 2nd Shot Put, 100m & 800m, 3rd Long Jump

Isaac R: Jnr Boys MC 3rd Shot Put, Discus & 100m

Jack H: Snr Boys MC 1st Long Jump, Discus, 200m & 800m, 2nd Shot Put, 3rd 100m

Xavier C: Snr Boys MC 1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus, Long Jump, 100m & 200m

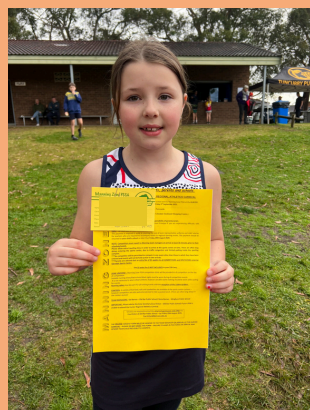
Paul F: Snr Boys MC 3rd Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump & 200m

Mathias B: 1st MC 100m

Wonderful results and we wish them all the best at Hunter!



Tiana Pinkney - Sports Organiser



Principals Award Assembly



Our Principal's Award Assembly was held on Friday 8 August with over 100 students receiving awards!

Thank you to all the parents & carers who were able to come along and make the day such a special occasion!



Congratulations to all recipients!

Public Education and Book Week Assembly



**Public
Education
Week 2025**





Congratulations to our
PBL Award winners for
weeks 3 & 4 .
Thank you for upholding
our core school values of

SAFETY
RESPECT
PERSONAL BEST

Fortnightly Focus:

**PAX Leaders
use appropriate
language to
communicate with
others.**

This fortnight we are
focusing on identifying and
stopping "spleems" in the
classroom

In the PAX Good Behavior
Game, "spleems" are a term
used to describe unwanted
or disruptive behaviors in the
classroom.



PBL Awards

Term 3 - Weeks 3 & 4

Kindergarten (ESI)



Mia K25



Olivia K23



Flynn K25



Wyatt K25

Stage 1



Olive 2/18



Arlo 1/19



Levi 2-3/16



Tyruss 2/17

Stage 2



Leif 3-4/10



Evie 3-4



George 3-4



Matilda 3-4/5

Stage 3



Matilda 6/31



Lexie 6/31



Payton 6/31



Jax 6/31

Register your
child for
the Colour Blast
at:

<https://colourblast.com.au/student-parent-registrations/?school-id=MTUyODA=>



All students must be registered to participate in the event being held on 25th September



We're here to support
positive attendance habits.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= 4 weeks

= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



= 8 weeks

= Over 2.5 years missed

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Good for kids
good for life



Game: Tricky Catches

Try this activity at home to challenge your coordination and practice the skill of catching.

You will need:

- Different items to catch (e.g. a tennis ball, bean bags, frisbee, soft ball, large ball or a rolled up pair of socks).

How to play:

- Find a space away from others and hold your throwing object.
- Throw your object into the air and do a trick before catching it.

You could:

- See how many times you can spin in a circle
- See how many times you can clap
- Try to do a burpee
- Do a dance



Hunter New England
Local Health District

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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

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



Australian
Air League

NSW Group

JOIN NOW

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR
LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON
PLEASE CONTACT**

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**NIPPERS RETURNING
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

**SKILLS EVALUATION WILL BE HELD
9AM SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER
AT THE BULLRING**

ENQUIRIES:
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