

FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

25 Aug - 5 Sep
Yr 2 Intensive Swimming

3 Sep
P & C Fathers Day Stall

5 Sep
Hunter Athletics Carnival

12 Sep
Girls Soccer Gala Day

17 Sep
Kindy Concert
Dress Rehearsal

18 Sep
Kindy Concert
Parent Performance

19 Sep
Manning Zone Netball
Gala Day

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

16 Oct
Kindergarten 2026
Parent Info Session



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Principal's Report - Mrs Alison Jenner

The past two weeks at our school have been very busy and full of wonderful activities! I want to take this chance to say a big thank you to everyone—students, teachers, and families—for all the hard work, effort, and flexibility you have shown.

We began by celebrating Public Education and came together for Book Week, which was a fun time to enjoy stories, reading, and creativity. It was great to see so many students getting involved and sharing their love of books.

Our Year 2 students have started their Intensive Swimming lessons. This is an important program to help students become confident and safe swimmers. At the same time, our Year 1 students have been completing their Phonics Screening checks. This helps teachers see how well students are learning sounds and letters, which are important for reading.

Our student leaders have been busy with the UPP Leadership program. They are learning valuable skills and helping to guide their classmates. Many students also took part in the ICAS assessments. These tests give students a chance to challenge themselves and show what they have learned in different subjects.

Sport has been lively too! Our soccer and football teams have been training and playing games with great spirit and teamwork. We also supported the Ride for Sick Kids event, which helps raise money and awareness for children who are sick. It's wonderful to see our school community coming together for such a good cause.



Check-in Assessments have started across the school. These are short online tests for students in Years 3 to 9 that assess reading and numeracy skills, with a writing task for Year 6. The assessments help teachers understand how each student is progressing and what support they might need to improve. If you have questions about these assessments, please contact the school.

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<https://Epspandc-uniformshop.square.site/>



CANTEEN ORDERS at
www.quickcliq.com.au



Safety . Respect . Personal Best

Important Information About School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning, friendships, and future opportunities. In New South Wales, education is compulsory for children aged 6 to 17 years. This means children must be enrolled and attend school every day it is open.

If your child is absent, please provide an explanation within 7 days. Arriving at school on time is also important to avoid missing valuable learning and to help develop good habits. Supervision at Forster Public School begins at 8.25am.

If your child needs to be away for travel or other reasons, please speak with the school principal to discuss the best options. If attendance becomes a concern, the school will work with you to support your child. Regular attendance helps ensure your child achieves their best and has the best chances for success.

I want to thank everyone again for being so understanding and flexible during this busy time. Your support makes a huge difference and helps us create a positive and caring school environment where every student can succeed.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our school.

Alison



Weeks 7 & 8

Positive Behaviour for Learning focus...

PAX Leaders are in the right place at the right time.

Library News

Mrs Jodie Lednor
Teacher Librarian

From the borrowing desk...

Forster Public School Library has had a tremendous Term 3, with tons of fun activities leading up to our amazing Book Week/Education Week celebrations in Week 5! Our wonderful RFF teachers Miss V and Mrs Rae helped Mrs Lednor and Mrs Dickson to make the library look fabulous. Miss V's bespoke cardboard balloons and beautiful "Book an Adventure" display were a delightful addition to the library decor, and students from classes all over the school contributed to our numerous displays with work completed during geography and library lessons.

Our Stage 2 classes enjoyed reading "Hello Lighthouse" by Sophie Blackall, then imagining they were lighthouse keepers. They wrote letters from this perspective to family and friends, exploring the more fearsome (and fun!) aspects of this fascinating way of life. Kindergarten designed their very own buses after reading the story "We Live in a Bus" by Dave Petzold, and Stage 1 classes made very creative houses for tooth fairies based on the book "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Tooth Fairy (And Some Things You Didn't)" by Briony Stewart.

Book Week and Education Week whizzed by, with the joint assembly on Monday morning, our whole school read-in on Tuesday morning, and the Book Week parade and open classrooms on Wednesday morning. We relocated the Book Week parade to the hall due to the inclement weather, and we really appreciated the patience of family and friends while we adjusted to the changes and ironed out a few technical hiccups.

We had many visitors to Forster Public School Library during Book Week/Education Week open day, and it was terrific to share our beautiful space with families. Many people were also checking in to see if we had a Book Fair, so this is a great time to say we are indeed having a Book Fair at Forster Public School this year, once again to celebrate Grandparents' Day. This will happen in Week 5 of Term 4, with more details to come.

Our Student Library Assistant program continues to be very popular, and provide an essential service to our school during break times with their continual support and eagerness to help others. Thank you! Thank you too to all our wonderful families who continue to support Scholastic Book Club! Not only are you purchasing quality books for your families, but you are also helping our school with Scholastic Rewards which we can put towards new books for our library. Issue 6 is currently open now, with great savings on great books! Keep reading, everyone!



Kitchen Garden



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER
KITCHEN GARDEN
FOUNDATION
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing



This term Stage 2 have been enjoying the kitchen program with the theme, paddock to plate. They will end the term with a lunch fiesta of smashed tacos and ice cold homemade lemonade.

So far this term we have explored what plant flour comes from and how yeast works in recipes.

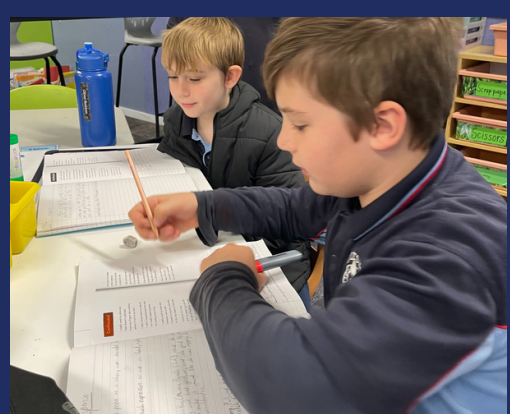
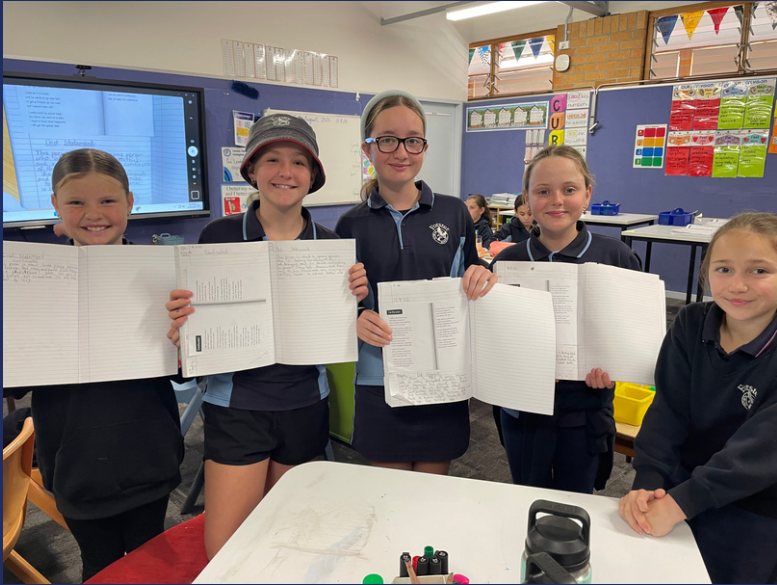
The children have made flat bread tortilla's for their feast and next week will be squeezing lots of lemons for their very own lemonade.

Hands on learning in our kitchen program is much loved by the children with many getting the opportunity to try skills for the first time-using peelers and graters, and practising cleaning up after!

Captivating Classrooms at FPS



4-5/11 have been enjoying
studying poetry!



K24 have been
learning all about
possums!



The students in
Supported Learning
have been playing
the Ukulele with
Mrs Gosling!

Intensive Swimming Year 2



FORSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten **Enrolments**

**Now
open
for
2026**

Enrol online or call
us on 65556766



**Enrol
Today**

Register your
child for
the Colour Blast
at:

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



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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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Congratulations to our
PBL Award winners for
weeks 5 & 6.
Thank you for upholding
our core school values of

SAFETY
RESPECT
PERSONAL BEST

Fortnightly Focus:
Pax Leaders are in
the right place at
the right time

PBL Awards

Term 3 - Weeks 5 & 6

Kindergarten (Early Stage 1)



Callie
K23

Nalarni
K24

Archie
K24

Lucy
K24

Charlotte
K25

Benji
K25

Zendaya
K25

Stage 1



Lucy
1/20

Marley
1/20

Lachlan
1/20

Zadie
1/20

Estelle
1-2/21

Mackenzie
1/19

Lina
1/19



Lucas
2/17

Lyla
2-3/16

Nikola
2/18

Willow
2/18

Ruby
2/17

Sylvie
2/18

Harper
2/18

Good for kids
good for life



Power Up with Breakfast

Eating a healthy breakfast kickstarts the day, giving you energy for physical activity and boosting focus, concentration, and memory — all important for learning!

Breakfast is also a great time to get important nutrients. Here are some easy and healthy breakfast ideas:

- 1 Wholegrain cereals like Weet-Bix, Cheerios, Sultana Bran, or porridge
- 1 Wholegrain toast with avocado, tomato, or reduced-fat cheese
- 1 Untoasted muesli with low-fat yoghurt
- 1 Raisin toast
- 1 Fruit and veggie smoothies

In a rush? Try quick grab-and-go options like a tub of low-fat yoghurt, a piece of fruit, overnight oats, or dry cereal to snack on.

Even a small breakfast can help your child do their best at school!



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 our respects to Elders past and present.



Did you know that children should
do 1 hour of physical activity per day?

That's why we are an **accredited**
Activated OSHC service!

NEW SPORTS PROGRAM

NOW AT Active OOSH 

Activated OSHC is an evidence-based program designed to help children at OSHC get the right amount of physical activity and screen time so that they can be healthy and happy.

As an Activated OSHC service, we are committed to providing your child with opportunities to be physically active. This includes plenty of time for free play and structured games, as well as limiting the time available for some screen-based activities such as playing video games & watching movies.



You can also help your child to be physically active by role modelling an active lifestyle at home. For ideas on fun activities for the whole family, look here:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/play-media-technology>

