



# Forbes North Public School Newsletter

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**1W & 5/6M are enjoying being back at school**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

By now many in the community will be aware that one of our students, Nate Markwort, is currently in hospital in Sydney and is looking at a significant extended stay while receiving treatment. School staff, the student parliament and the P&C have organised for a “Blue Day for Nate” fundraiser to be held on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed all in blue – Nate’s favourite colour – and make a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go directly to Nate’s family to assist with the ongoing cost of such an extensive hospital stay. There will also be a blue cupcake stall on the day, and blue bandannas will be available from the school office in the lead up to the event. More details are in the newsletter.

Have a great week!  
Steve McAlister  
Principal

### Connect Meets

A reminder that our Connect Meets will be conducted next week. 5/6M, 5/6P and 5/6Y will hold there Connects on Monday February 24th; KWK, 1O, 1W, 2J and 2O will be on Tuesday the 25th; and 3K, 3/4J and 4/5F will be on Wednesday the 26th. Booking sheets and Student Profile sheets have been sent home and should be returned to school ASAP. Alternative Meet times can be arranged if the scheduled days do not suit.

### Pedestrian Safety

Keeping our students safe at school is of the highest priority for all of us at Forbes North. This extends to insuring that students arrive and leave the school safely each day. I would like to remind all drivers who use the Facey street pick-up and drop-off that no vehicle should be parked within 20 metres on approach to the pedestrian crossing, or within 10 metres past the crossing. This applies on both sides of the street. Forbes Council have indicated that Police will be making ‘drive-by’ observations to insure the approaches to the crossing are clear.

### Found

A backpack has been handed in at the school office. Please contact the school administration staff if you are the owner.

### Attendance

If you are experiencing any difficulty getting your child to attend school, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs Fliedner. Thank you, Mrs Fliedner - Assistant Principal

### Swimming for Sport

In preparation for our annual Swimming Carnival our Sports Coordinator Miss McManus has organised for sport sessions to be held at Forbes Pool.

The third session on Wednesday February 19th sees Years 2 (8 year olds) 3 and 4 attending from 12:30pm.

### Sporting House Captains

Congratulations to our sporting house and vice house captains for 2020! Their first official duty will be this Friday, where they lead their house mates at the swimming carnival.

#### Paterson

Captains	Olly Flick & Hunter Bilsborough	Vice Captains	Phoebe Walker & Konnor Coleman
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#### Oxley

Captains	Savannah Spice & Jacob Joyce	Vice Captains	Lara Stevenson & Nash Pout
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#### Lawson

Captains	Milli Robson & Jake Tomlinson	Vice Captains	Harmony Pout & Hayden Howarth
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#### Evans

Captains	Imogen Collits & Tyson McKinnon	Vice Captains	Charlotte Markwort & Albie Hughes
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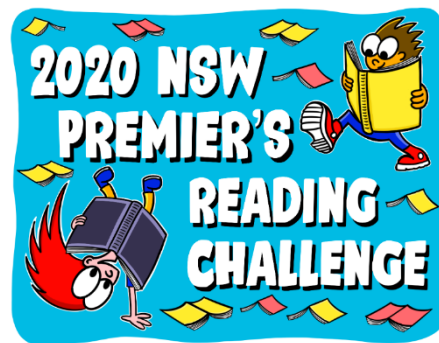


## Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

It's that time of the year again when all children have the opportunity to join in the fun of the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge**. If children would like to do this challenge a parental permission slip needs to be filled out and returned to school. These notes were sent home last week.

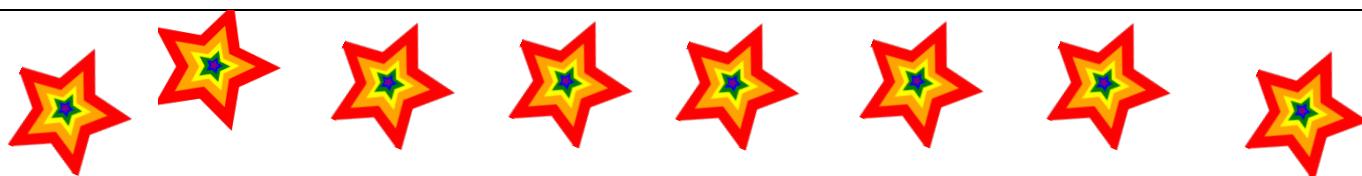
The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students. Reading a quality book every night or a quality book a week will not only help your child with literacy, but will also instil a love for reading. Reading challenge books can be borrowed from the school library or you may have some at home that are part of the reading challenge list. Students have until the end of August 2020 to read the required amount of books. Students in K-2 can have someone read the books to them.

Year level	PRC books	Free choice books	Total number of Books
K-2	25	5	30
3-4	15	5	20
5-6	15	5	20



The **School Swimming Carnival** is on Friday February 21st. Please find order of events below, with starting time of 9.30am. We are looking forward to a great day at the pool.

FREESTYLE					BUTTERFLY			
1.	Girls	All Age	100m		35.	Girls	Junior (8-10)	50m
2.	Boys	All Age	100m		36.	Boys	Junior (8-10)	50m
3.	Girls	9 years	50m	12/13yrs Noodle	37.	Girls	11 Years	50m
4.	Boys	9 years	50m		38.	Boys	11 Years	50m
5.	Girls	8 years	50m	10yrs Noodle	39.	Girls	12/13 years	50m
6.	Boys	8 years	50m		40.	Boys	12/13 years	50m
7.	Girls	10 years	50m	8yrs Noodle	OPEN INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY			
8.	Boys	10 years	50m		41.	Girls	All Age	200m
9.	Girls	11 years	50m	9yrs Noodle	42.	Boys	All Age	200m
10.	Boys	11 years	50m		RELAY			
11.	Girls	12/13 years	50m	11yrs Noodle	43.	Junior House	4x50	
12.	Boys	12/13 years	50m		44.	Senior House	4x50	
13.	Girls	8 years	25m					
14.	Boys	8 years	25m					
15.	Girls	9 years	25m	8yrs kick				
16.	Boys	9 years	25m					
17.	Girls	10 years	25m	9yrs kick				
18.	Boys	10 years	25m					
19.	Girls	11 years	25m	10yrs kick				
20.	Boys	11 years	25m					
21.	Girls	12/13 years	25m	11yrs kick				
22.	Boys	12/13 years	25m					
BREASTSTROKE								
23.	Girls	Junior (8-10)	50m	12/13yrs kick				
24.	Boys	Junior (8-10)	50m					
25.	Girls	11 Years	50m	10yr pingpong				
26.	Boys	11 Years	50m					
27.	Girls	12/13 years	50m	11yr pingpong				
28.	Boys	12/13 years	50m					
BACKSTROKE								
29.	Girls	Junior (8-10)	50m	12/13yr pingpong				
30.	Boys	Junior (8-10)	50m					
31.	Girls	11 Years	50m	9yr pingpong				
32.	Boys	11 Years	50m					
33.	Girls	12/13 years	50m	8yr pingpong				
34.	Boys	12/13 years	50m					



## PBL FOCUS –

Years 3-6: Play fairly by following the rules of the game

Kinder/1/2: Sun safety

Class lessons will look at our school wide matrix and teachers will talk to their students about behaviour expectations across the school.

Our celebrations tally has been updated.



What will the next celebration be?



Tallies so far are.....

Zooper Dooper	Play at Nelson Park	T-Shirt day	Casual Hat
838	792	110	246

FORBES NORTH PS - Term 1 2020						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
4	17 FEBRUARY  Parliament Induction 12pm  Lachlan PSSA Tennis Trials	18 FEBRUARY  P & C meeting 2pm	19 FEBRUARY  Swimming for Sport Yrs 2-6 Turning 8 or above  Kinder Bus Safety Talk 9:30am	20 FEBRUARY  Launching Rocket Learners 1:30pm  NetWaste Visits (3K + 3/4J)	21 FEBRUARY  <b>SWIMMIN CARNIVAL</b>  Cricket Clinics (Yr 1)	22/23 FEB
	24 FEBRUARY  Connect Meet (5/6M, 5/6P, 5/6Y)	25 FEBRUARY  Connect Meet (KWK, 1O, 1W, 2J, 2O)  Lachlan PSSA Boys/irls Soccer	26 FEBRUARY  Connect Meet (3K, 3/4J, 4/5F)	27 FEBRUARY  Condo Swimming Training	28 FEBRUARY  PSSA Swimming Carnival at Condo	
5						29 FEB/ 1 MAR

## • STUDENT AWARDS WEEK 3, TERM 1

Class	Student of the Week	PBL Award	Merit Award
KWK	Jack Spice	Olivia Knight	Scarlett Radburn Karsha Hobson
1O	Benji Massurit	Pearl Karaitiana	Jaiden Hartwig Ehren Miller
1W	Logan Stevenson	Rachel Inches	Freya Dumbrell Maloo Woodbridge
2J	Payton Reid	Ruby Dumbrell	Jaylah Hodge Flynn Collits
2O	Zara Paradowski	Rubi Merrit	Emmett Blake Lola Hughes
3K	Jamieson Hodge	Eliza Hosler	Swaye O'Leary Lorcan Ryan
3/4J	Sarah Hayward	Matari Perceval Edwards	Azariah Pout Leelan Graham
4/5F	Angus Van Der Weiden	Nevaeh Spice	Lucy Wright Dylan Britton
5/6M	Phoebe Walker	Jack Gilchrist	Tallara Antram Timmy Duke
5/6P	Laura Greenhill	Olly Flick	Kadan Buckmaster Paige McCarthy
5/6Y	Wyatt Harvey	Albie Hughes	Matilda Blake Blaze Allen



[Library](#)  
Jackson Markwort



[Kitchen](#)  
Imogen Collits

### PBL focus

Years 3-6: Play fairly by  
following the rules of the game  
Kinder/1/2: Sun safety





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## Launching Rocket Learners

Information sessions for parents and carers of children at Forbes North Public School

You are invited to attend Launching Rocket Learners at Forbes North Public School in Term 1 of 2020. There will be four sessions in term one and you can come to one or come to all sessions, it would be great to see you there



**Thursday 20th February at 1:30pm**  
**The ins and outs of Best Start**



**Thursday 5th March at 1:30pm**  
**Literacy - a journey not a destination**



**Thursday 19th March at 1:30pm**  
**Strategies to help an anxious child**



**Thursday 2nd April at 1:30pm**  
**Big Ideas in Number**

# 2020

All sessions will be held at Forbes North Public School from 1:30pm to 2:30pm followed by afternoon tea and School pick up time. Some child minding will be provided. RSVP necessary. Your early reply would be greatly appreciated.

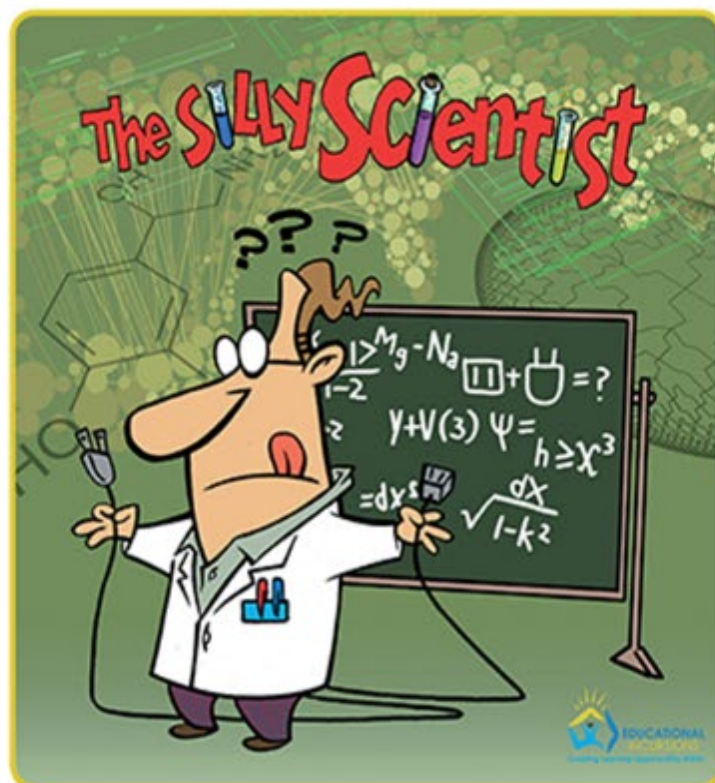
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**Steve McAlister**  
Principal

**Louise Hoey and Jenny Henry**  
Instructional Leaders

**Maree Yapp**  
Forbes North SaCC





## Taking students on a science journey

### Visiting Performance for the 'The Silly Scientists'

Term 1

Week 7

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Note:** *Students who have paid the voluntary school contribution fees **do not need** to pay to attend. For students who have not paid the VSC but would like to **attend the performance** it is a set fee of \$6.00 and **MUST** be paid by **Monday 2nd March.***

“The Silly Scientist Show” is an interactive performance which aims to promote positive attitudes to participating in Science related activities. Our aim is to highlight the ‘everyday’ accessibility of Science in students’ everyday lives.

Children will view a performance designed to entertain students with comedy and singing, whilst highlighting many aspects of Science.

What if you were told that there  
was something you could do  
every day to help your child learn  
better, feel better, behave better  
and grow better?  
What if you were also told that it  
would not cost you a cent?  
Finally, what if you were told that  
your child's doctor says it is an  
essential part of childhood?



So, what is the answer?

Let the children play! Play has scores of benefits for  
a child's learning and wellbeing:

- Physical development, including coordination and fine and gross motor skills;
- Social development, including the development of skills in collaboration, negotiation, and conflict resolution;
- Emotional development, such as helping children develop persistence, self-regulation and empathy for others;
- Cognitive development, including inquiry skills, the development of scientific and mathematical thinking and literacy skills.
- Creativity, including divergent thinking and generating multiple approaches to solving problems.



Forbes North PS has been chosen to be one of our champions of play in the first phase of this project, and we will be working closely with them to provide LEGO to the students and opportunities to play in an unstructured way in the school day. As part of the data collection, your child's teacher will be making some observations and informal assessments. We will also be asking you to complete a survey about your child before and after the play intervention, to see what change has occurred. The questionnaires will also include some questions about your beliefs about the value of play and components of the school day. If you have any questions about the research, or want to discuss any concerns, please get in touch with the research team at [gonski@unsw.edu.au](mailto:gonski@unsw.edu.au)



# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption



Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school Principal.