



Forbes North Public School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience in regards to the COVID-19 response. We appreciate that some of the messaging around this issue has been confusing. The message from the Premier indicated that schools will remain open however all students should remain home unless they are the child of an essential worker.

As a school we realise that all school communities are unique and that some of our families are not in a position to cater for their child's learning at home. We are following direction from the Department to provide adjusted learning to all students at this time.

Those of you who have accessed the advice for parents and carers provided by the Department will be aware of the 'learning from home' packages available to our students. We are working as a school community to adapt packages to our school context to provide students with meaningful teaching and learning opportunities that are accessible at home.

Students who need to remain at school will be supervised by teaching staff to complete the same tasks as those who are self-isolating at home. Online and offline options will be available to students.

Offline packages can be collected from the school office from tomorrow, Wednesday March 25th. These packages can be returned to the school for marking upon completion. Each unit of work will include a suggested timetable to assist with support and supervision. Each unit of work will be designed to last for a period of one week.

Students who are accessing the online units will also be able to contact teachers and submit completed tasks through Google Classrooms. Staff will be rostered on to support students through this online learning platform.

We thank you for your understanding and encourage everyone to practise essential hygiene protocols. Stay safe and we will keep you updated via Facebook, SkoolBag App and our school website as often as we can.

Please take care

Steve McAlister
Principal

Canteen Closed

In accordance with direction given by the Department of Education, following consultation with NSW Health our school canteen will cease operations immediately. There will be no capacity for the ordering of lunches and purchasing snacks and drinks from the canteen from close of business today, Tuesday March 24th.

The canteen will remain closed until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Suspension of Kitchen Lessons

In accordance with direction given by the Department of Education, following consultation with NSW Health our regular Kitchen lessons will be suspended until further notice. Students, whether working at school or at home, will be completing common, stage-based adjusted units of work.

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

Advice for school communities

The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of COVID-19 in our schools.

We continue to work closely with NSW Health and the Australian Government to monitor and respond to developments and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Our schools have adopted social distancing measures, including cancelling or postponing:

- assemblies, events and conferences
- all major arts, sports and initiative activities and events (including whole-school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools)
- excursions and travel (both within and outside Australia).

If you or your child is unwell with a respiratory illness, stay at home until symptoms clear up.

The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is the same way you would protect yourself from catching flu or other respiratory illnesses.

The Department of Education is working closely with NSW Health in responding to COVID-19 cases. Schools will take action in accordance with NSW Health advice on a confirmed case of COVID-19 where there has been an impact on our school. All other confirmed cases are a personal matter for those involved and they will be managed directly by NSW Health. People assessed as being a 'close contact' of a member of the community are identified and contacted by NSW Health and given appropriate advice.

NSW public schools resources for teaching the importance of handwashing.

Is the department going to close all schools?

Schools are open and will continue to offer the essential service education provides for the community.

When will schools close?

Schools are open and will continue to offer the essential service education provides for the community.

The Government is taking advice from the country's leading public health experts on the measures required to manage the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

The advice today is clear, closing schools at this time is not a necessary public health measure. If this advice changes, we will respond accordingly.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school, NSW Health will advise whether it necessary to temporarily close while contact tracing occurs. Contact tracing will identify members of the community who need to self-isolate to limit further infection through the community. Schools will be cleaned appropriately and reopen as soon as it is possible to do so.

Will school holidays be moved forward?

There are no plans to adjust school holidays, but if this changes you will be notified.

Learning from home

Explore the department's learning from home resources for teachers and parents to support both online and offline learning for all students.

Further information <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus>

Dads in Kinder Day

On Tuesday 3rd March we celebrated 'Dads in School Day' in KWK. The kindergarten students had special visitors including their dads, pops, uncles and grandfathers on the day. They showed off their classroom and completed drawings, built with Lego and blocks then played outside with their visitors. Each child and their visitor painted one another's hands then created a hand print canvas to take home. We enjoyed sausage sandwiches and a popper for lunch together and a delicious pavlova roll (Thanks, Terry Murphy!!!). Thank you to Mic & Col from Catholic Care for running the day and providing lunch to our students and their guests.



SCHOOL BANKING

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.



Fete and Easter Raffle

It is with regret I inform our School community that the following fundraising activities are cancelled:

- School Fete
- Easter Raffle
- Forbes Services Memorial Club Community Chest Raffle

In happy news our Mother's Day Stall will go ahead in May for our students and we look forward to better times ahead.

Wishing you all continued good health,

Maree Yapp
P&C President

STUDENT AWARDS WEEK 8, TERM 1

Class	Student of the Week	PBL Award	Merit Award
KWK	Allura Baxter	Ruby Neilsen	Jax Murphy Kobie Milides
10	Harry Bilsborough	Charlotte McClenahan	Benji Massurit Pearl Karaitiana
1W	Sasha McCarthy	Ila Kennedy	Logan Stevenson Tyson Karaitiana-Halls
2J	Eleanor Rodgers	Arabella Myers	Ruby Dumbrell Lexie Finn
2O	Alani Brunt	Conrad Bain	Emmett Blake Lola Hughes
3K	Kaileiha Skinner	Lillian Scott	Deklen Miller Lorcan Ryan
3/4J	Naomi Klingner	Rachel Bilsborough	Laila Hartwig Aidan Campbell
4/5F	Aurora Farrelly	Sadie Hughes	Jackson Dukes Riley Thomas
5/6M	Isabel Shaw	Zaine Fishwick	Jack Gilchrist Rydah Hancock
5/6P	Drew Green	Karla Osborne	Hunter Markwort Ashton Johansson
5/6Y	Harmony Pout	Brett Jones	Lacey Osborne Roxanne Taylor



Library
Blaze Allen



Kitchen
Tyler O'Malley

PBL award for
stop, think and act



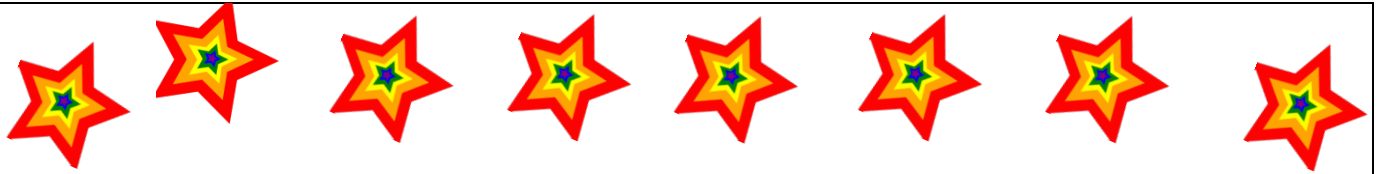
SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Merv Hennock & Son's Pty Ltd (Forbes Bus Lines) would like to reassure all schools that we have put in place extra cleaning measures to make sure all buses are kept as clean as possible.

These measures include:

1. All touch points such as handrails and handles and driver areas wiped & disinfected with wipes after each run.
2. All hand marks cleaned off windows after each run.
3. Each bus provided with a can of Glen-20 spray disinfectant for drivers to use and box of tissues.
4. Hand Sanitizer supplied to drivers to ensure hands are sanitized before and after each run.
5. Drivers and staff are performing these extra duties on top of their normal bus cleaning schedules.

Please be assured these extra procedures will continue indefinitely.



PBL FOCUS –

Think Carefully before you decide on an action

Class lessons will focus on students thinking about their actions and making wiser decisions. Our celebrations tally has been updated. The students have won their Nelson Park visit. Teachers will take their students at a time decided on by the class teacher. Our new celebration has been added.



What will the next celebration be?

Tallies so far are.....



Hot Chocolate	Free time	T-Shirt day	Casual Hat
783	90	270	713

FORBES NORTH PS - Term 1 2020						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
9	23 MARCH	24 MARCH	25 MARCH	26 MARCH	27 MARCH	28/29 MAR
10	30 MARCH	31 MARCH	1 APRIL	2 APRIL Rocket Learners Session 1.30pm	3 APRIL	4/5 APR
11	6 APRIL	7 APRIL	8 APRIL	9 APRIL Last Day of Term	10 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY	11/12 APR



FORBES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

DOING KINDERGARTEN DIFFERENTLY!!!

KINDERGARTEN OPEN CLASS

Thursday March 12th and 13th

Call in anytime between 9am and 5pm

ALL WELCOME

Watch the magic happen!!!



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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, 2020. There will be four sessions in Term 1. You can come to one or to all sessions, it will be great to see you there

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.

- ★ **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

School phone 6852 2187 or email forbesnth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Steve McAlister Louise Hoey and Jenny Henry Maree Yapp
Principal Instructional Leaders Forbes North SaCC

SCHOOL TRANSPORT HEALTH REQUEST INFORMATION

Forbes Bus Lines is in the process of updating our "Medical List" of students with medical conditions. This is important, so our drivers are aware of student needs and to have information at hand in case of an emergency. This will include appropriate plans and parent contact numbers.

With this in mind we would ask parents with children who have been diagnosed with Anaphylaxis (Where an Epi-Pen is required), Epilepsy or Severe Asthma or Diabetes to provide the appropriate Plan for each student if available.

If you are happy for the school to pass on any information, please contact the school for this information to be given to Forbes Bus Lines staff. Please note that all information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and held securely.

Forbes Bus Lines can then liaise with the parents on the ailments of each child and obtain any extra information required to pass onto our drivers and to also keep on record for future drivers etc.

We hope Schools and Parents will see the obvious benefit of the Drivers being aware of the students with these conditions and look forward to working with schools, parents and students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information please don't hesitate to give me a call on 02 6852 4063 or email hennocks@bigpond.com

Kind Regards, Grant Hennock
Merv Hennock & Son's Pty Ltd