



# Forbes North Public School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been easily the most unusual school term of my 33 year teaching career I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all in our school community who have supported our efforts to provide continuity of learning to all students in such a crazy time!

Over the past couple of weeks we have been putting together work packs for every student from Kindergarten to Year 6. Some of these packs have had activities to complete online – for those with internet access and a suitable device – and some have contained 'pen and paper' activities for those who requested this mode of delivery. Even the online packs contain 'offline' tasks!

I am concerned that some of our home learning supervisors (ie: parents and carers) may be putting themselves under more stress than they need to. I mentioned last week that each pack contains a **suggested** timetable for activities. The key word here is 'suggested'. Our timetables are **flexible!** Here are some tips to help you to help your child at home:

1. Establish a routine. Your kids have gotten used to a routine at school. Where possible, have set times for learning and set times for breaks. But, be flexible – the main thing is that your child continues to learn.
2. Break time activities are optional. Suggested activities are just to give you ideas if your child asks for something to do.
3. Only work for the suggested time. If a task is set for 30 minutes, then stick to 30 minutes. If your child doesn't finish that's okay. You can come back to it at a later time or even on another day.
4. If you can't manage it all, focus on English (literacy) and Maths (numeracy).
5. Communicate with your child's teacher. We are here to help!
6. Look after your child's wellbeing – and your own! Don't put too much pressure on them or yourself.



Unfortunately, the way we are currently operating looks like being our 'new normal' for all of Term 2. We are all on a very steep learning curve, but together we can make this work.

School holidays commence this Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>. This will almost certainly be a very different school holiday period than what we are used to. Please try to find time to relax and enjoy time with the immediate family. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Steve McAlister

Principal

### Aurora College


The virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.


The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Aurora currently offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to Year 7-10 students and also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school.


In 2021, Aurora College will have an Opportunity Class for Year 5 students enrolled in rural and remote government primary schools. Students will study the content of the Mathematics and Science and Technology syllabuses, with a focus on STEM.



IGNITING NEW WAYS OF LEARNING



Education  
Public Schools



Application for entry into Year 5 in 2021:  
Opens 28 April 2020  
Closes 15 May 2020

For further information on how to enrol:  
<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/enrol/>  
[www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) | or phone 1300 287 629



# FORBES COMMUNITY HEALTH

## FREE INFLUENZA VACCINE CLINICS

### Children 6 months to < 5 years of age

**Appointments are essential:**

Please call Forbes Community Health on **6850 7300**

For more information call Denise on 6850 7305 or Jane 6850 7310



**Two doses of influenza vaccine at least four weeks apart are recommended for eligible children who are receiving the influenza vaccine for the first time.**

**Clinics have been modified due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. Information relating to this will be explained at time of booking.**



### CLEANERS REQUIRED IN FORBES AREA

Training and uniform provided

Award Wages

Please email your résumé to:

[careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au)

Or for more information contact Louise

Ph: 0400 533 670 between 8:00am – 4:30pm  
Monday to Friday

**A Working with Children Check is required**

**Hello KK**

**We miss you all very much! We hope you are learning your sounds at home. Keep working hard.**

**From**

**Mrs K and Mrs Welsh**

