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**Newsletter**  
**Term 2, Week 7**  
**9 June 2020**



**Principal with School Captains**

## Protect yourself from viruses



**Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



**Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



**Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



**Stay home** if you are sick.



**Find the facts**  
[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

Online applications for students wishing to enrol in an Opportunity Class for years 5 and 6 in 2021-22 open today and will remain open until 5:00 pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. In previous years any students who wished to access an Opportunity Class (OC) were required to relocate to a centre with a school that had an OC in it. This was particularly restrictive for Forbes North students as the closest OCs to us were located in Bathurst and Dubbo. I am pleased to advise that the need to relocate is no longer necessary!

Over the past two years Forbes North has been part of a successful trial by Aurora College – the NSW Department of Education's Virtual Selective High School – which explored the viability of establishing a Virtual Opportunity Class for students in years 5 and 6 with high levels of potential and strengths in particular key learning areas.

Due to the success of this trial Aurora College is offering places in a virtual Opportunity Class, which will allow selected students to remain enrolled at their own school while they access OC lessons in Mathematics and Science and Technology via online lessons. These lessons will have a strong STEM focus. The Forbes North students and staff who have been involved in the Virtual OC trial over the past two years have found it to be both challenging and rewarding.

Applications for the first intake of Year 5 students for 2021 are for students currently enrolled in Year 4 in a NSW public primary school in a rural and/or remote location. Applications must be completed online and no late applications will be considered. For more information on the application process please refer to the advertisement in this newsletter, and to the attached Parent and Carer Fact Sheet. You can also find further information about the application process, what an Opportunity Class is, and Aurora College at the following links:

<https://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/opportunity-class/how-can-i-enrol/>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

Have a great week!

Steve McAlister  
Principal



## Clothing Pool

We need donations for our clothing pool, so if you have any pre-loved uniform items (especially jumpers) please send them in to the school office.

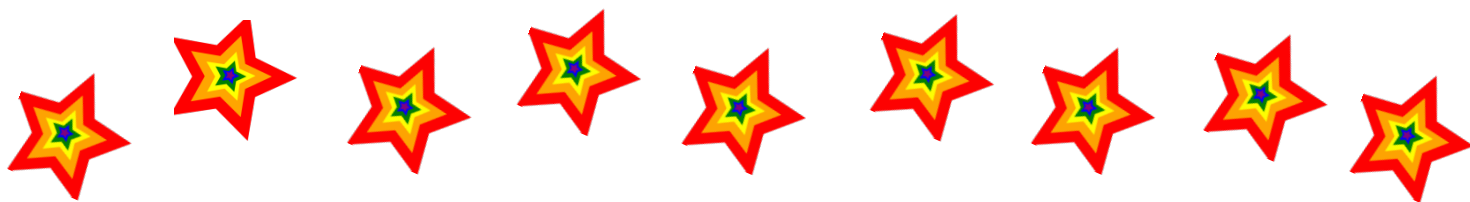
## Book Club

Please return any orders by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June (end of week 8). Happy reading. Mrs Gartner

## Premier's Reading Challenge

There is still plenty of time to go to complete the PRC Challenge for this year. Students have until the end of August to read their designated number of books.

Congratulations to these students who have already completed the Challenge: Chelsea Ray, Ethan Ray, Zaine Fishwick, Paige McCarthy, Karla Osborne and Charlie Pearce. A wonderful effort.



### PBL FOCUS – Responding to bells

Class lessons will focus on students learning how to respond when the bell goes and making sure students are in the correct spot when the bell rings. Our celebrations tally has been updated. Hot chocolate has been won and will be celebrated by the end of the week.



## What will the next celebration be?



### Tallies

Movie and popcorn	Free time	T-Shirt day	Casual Hat
205	346	325	845



# Safe, Respectful, Responsible Forbes North Public School

## STUDENT AWARDS WEEK 6, TERM 2

Class	Student of the Week	PBL Award	Merit Award
KWK	Karsha Hobson	Kaija Pettigrew	Milarni Holmes Jaylarni Hughston
1O	Jalaki Griffiths	Ehren Miller	Lachlan Hoey Jaiden Hartwig
1W	Braxton McNeil	Trinity Green	Annabella Scott Sasha McCarthy
2J	Flyn Collits	Jaylah Hodge	Sasha Pettigrew Cory Jones
2O	Alani Brunt	Will Spence	Zara Paradowski Ashtyn Wright
3K	Braxton Hopkins	Rylah McLachlan	Jharal Biggs-Baxter Lucia Bilsborough
3/4J	Aubrey Loomes	Naomi Klingner	Rachel Bilsborough Archer Swansborough
4/5F	Nevaeh Spice	Saphira Mahoney	Alli Hodge Jessica Edmonds
5/6M	Phoebe Walker	Jack Karaitiana	Camley Hapgood Tallara Antram
5/6P	Kadan Buckmaster	Laura Greenhill	Renna Dechan Jacob Joyce
5/6Y	Skaife Girdlestone	Noah Skinner	Milli Robson Tahlia O'Malley
 <b>Library</b> <b>Matilda McClenahan</b>		<b>PBL award for</b> <b>responding to bells</b> 	



# 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.



Application for entry into Year 5 in 2021:  
Opens 9 June 2020  
Closes 5pm 26 June 2020

For further information on how to enrol:  
<https://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/opportunity-class/how-can-i-enrol/>

[www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) | or phone 1300 287 629

## FORBES NORTH PS - Term 2 2020

Term 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
7	8 JUNE Queen's birthday p/h	9 JUNE	10 JUNE	11 JUNE	12 JUNE	13/14 JUNE
8	15 JUNE	16 JUNE	17 JUNE	18 JUNE	19 JUNE Bookclub orders due	20/21 JUNE
9	22 JUNE	23 JUNE	24 JUNE	25 JUNE	26 JUNE	27/28 JUNE
10	29 JUNE	30 JUNE School Photos	1 JULY	2 JULY	3 JULY Last day Term 2	4/5 JULY
Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	20 JULY Staff Development Day (pupil free day)	21 JULY Life Education Van	22 JULY Life Education Van	23 JULY Life Education Van	24 JULY Life Education Van	25/26 JULY



# Changes to the opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry in 2021

## Information for parents/carers and students

The department is committed to the continued education of all students across NSW, including advanced learning programs for high potential and gifted students.

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We have now rescheduled and streamlined the application process. Please note the details of the changes below and assist parents and carers to understand these changes.

### Why have changes been made to the 2020 opportunity class placement process?

Due to the shorter time frame available for the OC placement process, changes have been made to the process for this year. The department is committed to supporting the continuity of learning and transitions for each child, and the revised application and placement process will ensure students are placed in 2021 Year 5 opportunity classes as soon as possible.

### What changes have been made?

The 2020 opportunity class placement process has been revised to accommodate the shorter timeline due to the postponement of the test.

To ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW, this year students will be placed on test results only. Taking this approach reduces the effect of the disrupted start to the school year, which could compromise school assessment scores, and ensures that all students are placed using the same test performed under the same conditions. The test is created by an independent educational assessment provider and measures academic ability, not achievement, giving a reliable method for identifying highly gifted applicants which is not subject to the variable classroom conditions experienced this year.

## What are the key dates I should be aware of?

The revised dates are listed below. Parents are advised to review the new dates carefully and ensure an application is submitted by the closing date for their child to be eligible to sit the placement test as, owing to the shorter timeline, late applications will not be accepted.

Action	Date
Applications open	9 June 2020
Applications close	26 June 2020
Opportunity Class Placement Test date	16 September 2020
Parents and schools advised of placement outcome information	From 1 December 2020
Parents accept or decline first round placement	By 15 December 2020
Principals arrange orientation day for successful candidates	December 2020
Reserve places offered	From mid-December 2020
Authority to attend an opportunity class letter sent to parents	Late January 2021
Successful candidates enrol in Year 5 at a school with an opportunity class	Late January 2021

A visual timeline showing the key dates is printed on the next page.

## Further information

Visit the department's website

**Opportunity classes** – Year 5 updates available on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/updates>

**Opportunity classes** – key dates on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information>

Parents are encouraged to speak to the principal of their child's primary school for further information about the changes made to the opportunity class placement process this year.

## Contact

For further information or assistance contact:

**High Performing Students Team**

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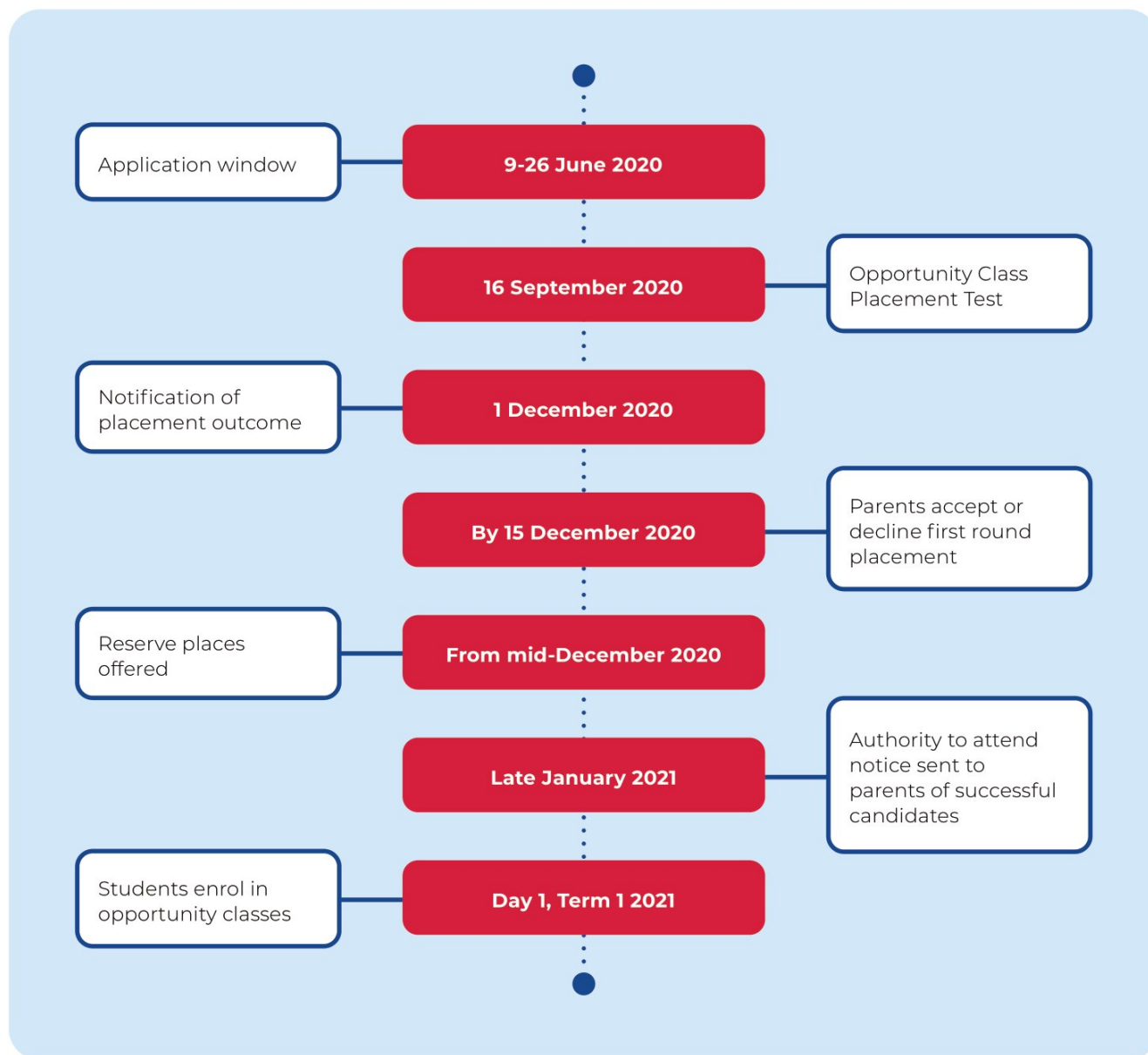
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Follow us on Facebook for updates on the current and opportunity class placement process.

[Opportunity class placement](#)



## 2020 Opportunity class placement process - key dates





## SOCCKER IS BACK FOR 2020

The NSW Government and FNSW has approved the commencement of COMPETITIVE football from the 1st of July!

FDSC has decided to start Competition for Juniors (under 18) as of Saturday **18th July** with the last round being on the 19th September. The format will be as follows:

- 10 weekends beginning 18th July, including 5 double headers starting 22nd August
- U4 - 9:30am - Minirooms Fields
- U5 - 10:15am - Minirooms Fields
- U6 - 9:30am - Field 4a/4b
- U7 – 10.15am - Field 4a/4b
- U9 – 10am - Field 8a/8b 3a/3b
- U12 - 11:15am - Fields 1,2, 3a/3b
- U14 and U17 - Field 6 and 7

We have spaced out the games so that there is 15min between age groups and they are more spaced apart. Please remember that these proposals are all dependent on numbers registered for the 2020 season, and subject to change given current and fluid circumstances.

Registrations will be accepted up until 30th June.

**Face to face registrations** will happen each Saturday until 27th June at **Sweet Vintage 3 Lakeside Café** from 10am – 12.30pm.

OR you can register your child online at [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au). With each registered child, you will receive a FDSC Club Jacket. Some sizes are available now. Any children needing black shorts and socks can purchase the bundle for \$20, or separately, Shorts are \$15, and Socks are \$10.

Club Training and development sessions are being held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.