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**Newsletter**  
**Term 2, Week 8**  
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### wheelbarrow licence



## 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)

As mentioned previously, our mid-year student reports and Re-Connect meetings will be a little different this year due to the restrictions placed on access to school caused by Covid-19. Even though restrictions are slowly being relaxed, schools are still urged to conduct any meetings with parents either on-line or over the phone.

At Forbes North we recognise and appreciate the wonderful efforts our parent and carer community has undergone in order to support student learning throughout the Covid-19 'lockdown' period. We also greatly value the insights and input you will be able to share with us regarding your observations while supervising your child's learning from home.

Our mid-year reports and Re-Connects will allow parents and carers to provide notes and information regarding their child's learning during semester one. The Student Report will have a specific section for parent/carer comment. We are planning to have parents complete their section during the Re-Connect Meet. Obviously with restrictions still in place we may need to conduct these Re-Connects 'remotely'. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a short (2 minute) survey through which you can indicate your preference for the format of these meetings. **Please note: If you prefer to complete the survey on-line you can do so via our Facebook page.**

Also in this newsletter you will find an update on the teaching, learning and extracurricular activities that have been reintroduced as of this week, as well as those that will be reintroduced at the start of term 3 and others that may be reintroduced at some point next term.

It is important to note that while some inter-school competition (sport, debating, etc) will be reintroduced next term, ALL NSWPSA knockouts and carnivals have been cancelled for 2020.

Have a great week!

Steve McAlister  
Principal



## Gratitude to CWA

Thank you to the ladies of the Forbes CWA. During the Covid-19 lockdown, these wonderful ladies kept themselves busy by making library bags for our school. Their thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. The children of FNPS will thoroughly enjoy using these bright colourful library bags. Thank you to 10 for showing off these beautiful handicrafts.



## Healthy Harold Visit

It's that time of year again and Healthy Harold is coming to Forbes North!

He will be here from Tuesday 21st July to Friday 24th July (Week 1, Term 3)

All children are expected to attend as this is part of the PD/H curriculum. The cost is \$10 per child which includes a book that aligns to the visit to use in the classroom. Payments will now be accepted. *Please note that if you have already paid the Voluntary School Contribution fee there is no need to pay again for this activity.*

A note will be sent home with further information this week.

Mrs Karaitiana, Life Ed Van Coordinator



## Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box Recipes

[https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=campaign-edm&utm\\_campaign=nsw-hlbschool2019&utm\\_content=School](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=campaign-edm&utm_campaign=nsw-hlbschool2019&utm_content=School)

# LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers.

Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.



*Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.*



**PBL FOCUS** – We tell a teacher straight away if there is a problem

Class lessons will focus on students informing a teacher if a problem arises straight away so that situation can be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Our celebrations tally has been updated.



**What will the next celebration be?**



**Tallies**

Movie and popcorn	Free time	T-Shirt day	Casual Hat
235	350	327	849



**Safe, Respectful, Responsible  
Forbes North Public School**

## STUDENT AWARDS WEEK 7, TERM 2

Class	Student of the Week	PBL Award	Merit Award
KWK	Lylah Burke-Chapman	Maci Kennedy	Jack Spice Jackson Riddle
1O	Hudson Welsh	Benji Massurit	Cooper Reid Chelsea Ray
1W	Rylan Gunn	Freya Dumbrell	Rachel Inches Zac Dunn
2J	Lexie Finn	Arabella Myers	Ruby Dumbrell Logan Godden
2O	Pippa Farrelly	Emmett blake	Oliver Mellon Jaxon Woodhouse
3K	Jhaz Nash	Lachlan Mellon	Kaileiha Skinner Katie Thomas
3/4J	Ruby Taylor	Jonty Rattenbury	Sarah Hayward Leelan Graham
4/5F	Angus Van Der Weiden	Sadie Hughes	Luke Bilsborough Aurora Farrelly
5/6M	Sienna O'Malley	Drew Barter	Savannah Spice Tyson McKinnon
5/6P	Rhys Knight	Drew Green	Jake Tomlinson Tarell Karaitiana-Halls
5/6Y	Roxanne Taylor	Alan Merritt	Ella Horner-Skinner Charlotte Hoey



**Library**  
**Braxton McNeill**

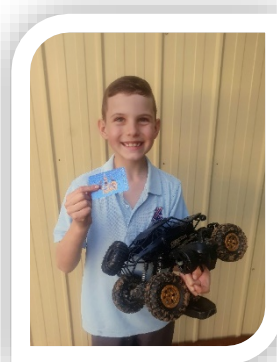
**PBL award for**  
**responding to bells**



### Netwaste Award

During Term1 our students participated in the Netwaste Primary School Waste Education Program for 2020. The program addressed the impact of green waste generation and waste disposal on the environment and ways to minimise waste by reducing, reusing and recycling. Students completed a take home survey after the program.

Pictured is Jackson Markwort with the \$50 gift card he received and his rock crawler that he bought with some of the money.



# 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
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 Aurora College applications close	27/28 JUNE
10	29 JUNE	30 JUNE School Photos	1 JULY	2 JULY	3 JULY LEV merchandise orders due 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



**Parent/Carer Survey**  
**Mid-Year Student Progress Reports and Re-Connect Meetings**



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This year our mid-year Student Progress Report will have a specific section for parent/carers comment. We are planning to have these reports ready for parents in time for Re-Connect Meetings with the students and their teachers. We aim to have parents/carers complete their section during the Re-Connect Meet.

With Covid-19 restrictions still in place we are limited in how we can conduct these important meetings. To assist us with our planning we ask that you please complete the short survey below to indicate your preference for the Re-Connect Meet for your child.

Please return your survey to school no later than Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.

**Name of Parent/Carer(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Child/Children:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred format for Re-Connect Meet:**

☐ On-Line (using Zoom video call). *Student Report would be sent home prior to the meeting.*

☐ Over the phone. *Student Report would be sent home prior to the meeting.*

☐ Face-to-face at school. ***NB: This would not be possible until Week 1 Term 3 at the earliest.***



# This guide is for parents and carers

## A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

Information has been updated as at 11 June 2020, until further notice.

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)



## In line with health advice, schools are operating full time, and many additional activities are now able to recommence

All schools have returned to full-time on-campus learning. With updated health advice and changes to state and national restrictions, schools are able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from either 15 June 2020 or the start of Term 3 (20 July 2020). Some activities are continuing to be considered.

The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines
- existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff
- all activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

### School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

### School activities/ school site usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice
- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this includes parents/carers unless specifically approved by the principal.

### Physical distancing

Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the Australian HPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.

All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents.

Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff.

### School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

### School activities return and timeline

Activities/site usage that can already take place:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at principal's discretion
- Year 11 and 12 students only may attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses is allowed

- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

Activities/site usage that can take place from Monday 15 June 2020

- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Choirs and performing arts at school, with safety protocols in place
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Hydrotherapy pools can be used
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Community use activities used by students such as dance classes, and student sport skills development, outside of school hours with limited adult attendance)
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place
- Face to face TAFE attendance (see TAFE website for further information)
- School photos
- Department of Community and Justice services and programs.

Activities/site usage that can take place from beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)

- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, Selective Sports High School trials etc)
- SRE/SEE lessons
- Work experience for students
- VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments. For any that can't proceed, please see the [NESA website](#)
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- P&C meetings – with a strong preference for on-line where possible
- Parent/teacher meetings – where these need to take place – strong preference for on-line where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion
- Community use activities involving general adult attendance (such as community markets).

### Activities under consideration from Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now these events must remain on hold.

- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events (e.g. graduation ceremonies or student speech events)
- Parent volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- Interstate excursions
- School based activities that involve large gathering of adults are not permitted at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events. These large gatherings and the following activities will continue to be reviewed and assessed based on AHPPC and NSW Health advice and may be permitted at a later date.

### Activities that are cancelled, delayed or not permitted

Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long-lead time organisational arrangements. Please speak to your schools if you would like to know more.

International excursions are cancelled until further notice.

### Reporting and assessment

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (Week 6, Term 3). This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.

### Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation arises. Find out more at the [response protocols page](#).

### Transport

For travel advice to and from school refer to the NSW [public transport service](#).



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