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**Newsletter**  
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## 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)

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank the members of our Forbes North School community who have been so understanding in regard to the new Covid-19 restrictions brought in by the Department of Health and Department of Education, the whole purpose of which is to actually get NSW down to a level of zero community transmissions of the virus.

All of us realise that the new guidelines can certainly cause levels of inconvenience and disruption, however your support in insuring that children who display any flu-like symptoms are kept at home and tested for Covid-19 will go a long way to helping us maintain our ability to have as little disruption as possible in the long run. Please be reminded that any child with flu-like symptoms needs to stay at home until parents/carers can provide the school with a copy of a negative Covid test result. This could be a written notice from your GP or test centre, or a screen shot of the result sent via the CovidSafe app if you have it on your phone.

Please also be aware that Forbes North, as is the case with all NSW public schools must follow the guidelines set down by the Department.

You can access the full set of updated guidelines here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>.

Steve McAlister  
Principal



## Student absences in COVID Environment

In following the guidelines of the NSW Health Department and Department of Education, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), even mild symptoms, should not be at school.

This includes where a school has been notified/identified a student with flu-like symptoms and requested they not return to school until they have received a negative COVID test and results are pending.

Siblings of these students must stay home until a negative result has been provided to school.

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not indicated, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

Where a parent/carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, the student is to be excluded from school for a 10 school day period. Additionally, the student must have been symptom free for at least 3 days before returning to school.

Please contact the school office on 6852 2187 if you require any clarification.

## Learning Sprints

Year 3-6 teachers met together last Friday to discuss student results in numeracy. Stage 2 are working on word problems involving addition and subtraction, while Stage 3 are working on word problems requiring more than one operation. I have included a Stage 2 and Stage 3 example that you might like to discuss with students at home.

### Stage 2:

Write a number in the box to make this number sentence correct.

$$42 - \boxed{\phantom{00}} = 25$$

### Stage 3:

Joe was planning a birthday party for 9 friends and himself.

Party food costs \$12 per person.

Drinks cost \$5 per person.

A jumping castle costs \$250 for the whole group.

What is the total cost of the party for the whole group?

*Mrs Jenny Henry*

## Rankin Street shop window display

This week is School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week, (SASS Week) a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our public schools.

Our SASS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

SASS team work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions.

This year we have added a SASS week celebration window to our school shop front display in Rankin Street so that the whole community can get to know and acknowledge the wonderful work our School Administrative and Support Staff do. What a great team!



## Tell Them From Me Parent Survey 2020

Forbes North Public School invites you to participate in the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey. This survey provides the school with valuable information used for planning into the future. Please click on the link below from Wednesday 26th August to have your say. This link will work on all devices, including mobile phones.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/94tt6>

*Mrs Jenny Henry*

# Help us do better

The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey is your chance to let us know how we are doing.

## Complete the survey

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/94tt6>



## Your results will help us



Build a better school



Improve the family experience

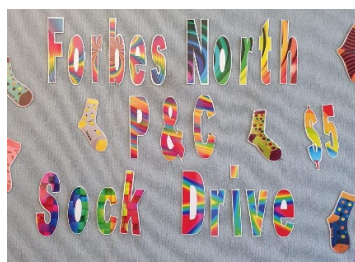


Allocate our resources to better support our students

## Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The Premier's Reading Challenge will finish at the end of this week. Please encourage your child to read the last few books needed on their list and send their list in.

Congratulations to these students who have recently finished the challenge last week: Jack Spice, Harry Bilsborough, Tyler Biles, Eleanor Osborne, Jaylah Hodge, Lola Hughes, Amber Hodge, Lincoln Hughes, Emmett Blake, Jaxen Gilchrist, Eli Bilsborough, Lexie Finn, Ashtyn Wright, Will Spence, Harper O'Malley, Rubi Merritt, Conny Bain, Pippa Farrelly, Sasha Pettigrew, Jaspa Buckmaster, Luke Bilsborough and Phoebe Walker.



## P & C Sock Drive

They cost \$5 a pair with lots of great styles to choose from. Sizes available range from extra-small to extra-large. Purchases can be made from the school office.

Thank you for supporting this P&C Fundraiser

## Fruit & Veg Month 2020

Our school will be participating in Fruit & Veg Month 2020.

The theme for this year's event is '**Planet Fruit & Veg!**'

We need to take better care of ourselves and the planet, so let's teach our kids to eat more fruit and vegetables, to choose local and in-season produce and not to waste fresh food. This year's Fruit & Veg Month is all about looking at fruit and vegetables through the lens of sustainability.

Fruit & Veg Month 2020 runs for the last four weeks of Term 3 – from Monday 31 August to Friday 25 September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school-based activities which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables. We will also be sending home resources to support this learning.

If you require more information on what activities our school is doing for Fruit & Veg Month, please contact the school or your child's teacher.

*Mrs Osborne and Mrs Gorton, Fruit & Veg Month School Coordinators*



*Tyrone with the World's Biggest Turnip that was harvested in the school veggie garden*



PBL FOCUS – We listen to staff and guests

Class lessons will look at how students should be behaving for all staff members and any guests we have in the school.

We have now updated our celebration tallies. Casual hat day has been won and will be celebrated this Friday. Our new celebration is Character Day. Students can dress up as their favourite character from any movie/cartoon/comic, etc.



What will the next celebration be?



Tallies

Extended Recess	Free time	T-Shirt day	Character Day
502	823	622	0

Class	Student of the Week	PBL Award	Merit Award
KWK	Ruby	Kaija Pettigrew	Clayton Griffiths Jack Spice
10	Abigail Skinner	Sophia Kilner	Benji Massurit Hudson Welsh
1W	Ila Kennedy	James Barlow	Trinity Green Rylan Gunn
2J	Isabel Pearce	Nate Parker	Matilda McClenahan Callie Woodbridge
20	Harper O'Malley	Conrad bain	Amber Hodge Rubi Merritt
3K	Kaileiha Skinner	Jackson Markwort	Katie Thomas Deklen Miller
3/4J	Kaylee Woodhouse	Jackson Kalisch	Corby Fliedner Aiden Campbell
4/5F	Adam Cuskelly	Alli Hodge	Cooper Stewart Kyren Miller
5/6M	Rydah Hancock	Drew Barter	Sienna O'Malley Hayden Howarth
5/6P	Tarell Karaitiana-Halls	Malarnie Hodge	Rhys Knight Corey Woodhouse
5/6Y	Noah Skinner	Harmony Pout	Lara Stevenson Tahlia O'Malley



Library  
Kye Allen



Kitchen  
Alan Merritt

**PBL award for**  
following the school canteen rules



### FORBES NORTH PS - Term 3 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
6	24 AUGUST	25 AUGUST	26 AUGUST	27 AUGUST	28 AUGUST	29/30 AUGUST
7	31 AUGUST 	1 SEPTEMBER	2 SEPTEMBER	3 SEPTEMBER P&C Father's Day Stall	4 SEPTEMBER P&C Father's Day Stall	5/6 SEPTEMBER
8	7 SEPTEMBER	8 SEPTEMBER	9 SEPTEMBER	10 SEPTEMBER	11 SEPTEMBER	12/13 SEPTEMBER

# Got symptoms? Get tested.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



fever



cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



loss of smell



loss of taste

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:

fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.



Testing is free, quick and easy  
[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](https://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

## FORBES COVID-19 DRIVE THRU TESTING

WHEN: THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2020

TIME: 10.00AM - 3.00PM

LOCATION: HAROLD STREET WITH ENTRY VIA COURT STREET, FORBES

YOU CAN BE TESTED FOR COVID-19 EVEN IF YOU ONLY HAVE MILD SYMPTOMS, WHICH CAN INCLUDE:

FEVER, COUGH, SORE OR 'SCRATCHY' THROAT, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, RUNNY NOSE, TIREDNESS, MUSCLE ACHES

### WHAT HAPPENS AT A DRIVE THROUGH TEST?

- STAY IN YOUR CAR - OUR TEAM WILL COME TO YOU
- YOU WILL NEED TO ANSWER A FEW SCREENING QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE PERSONAL DETAILS
- A SWAB IS TAKEN FROM YOUR THROAT AND NOSE
- SWABS ARE SENT AWAY FOR TESTING
- PEOPLE WHO ARE TESTED ARE ASKED TO ISOLATE UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THEIR RESULTS
- RESULTS NORMALLY TAKE BETWEEN 24-72 HOURS. ASK ABOUT RECEIVING A TEXT MESSAGE FOR FASTER RESULTS IF THEY ARE NEGATIVE
- TESTING IS FREE



Forbes COVID-19 drive thru tests  
At Harold Street with entry via Court Street



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## Forbes North P&C FATHER'S DAY STALL

THURSDAY 3RD &  
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

GIFTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$2, \$5 AND \$10  
ALL WILL BE WRAPPED AND INCLUDE A CARD

Students will visit the stall in their class  
groups

THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR P&C!