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**Newsletter**  
**Term 3, Week 8**  
**8 September 2020**



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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...

Wow! Week 8 already – so much is going on and there is still so much to look forward to; it is hard to keep up. One event that the students have all been looking forward to and that we will be able to deliver this week is our school athletics carnival, albeit in a modified Covid-safe format. Our students aged 8 years and over this year will participate in the track events for our athletics this Wednesday. These events will be individual 100m, 200m, 800m and 1500m races for boys and girls, and House relays (4 x 100m) for junior (8, 9 and 10) and senior (11, 12 and 13) boys and girls.

These events – along with the high jump, long jump, shot put and discus events that have been held during PE and Sport lessons – will determine our athletics age champions for 2020. Of course, as you are already aware, there is no representative pathway for school sport this year. As we are still operating under strict Departments of Health and Education Covid-safe guidelines, I must remind you all that no unauthorised visitors are allowed on site. Unfortunately this includes parents and carers wishing to attend the carnival.

Have a great week,  
Steve McAlister  
Principal



## Teaching Sprints

Last Friday, teachers in Years 3-6, looked at the grade reading comprehension results and made further plans for teaching. Ms Girot is one of the teachers in our school who teaches sprints across primary classes, her group is pictured below.



## 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.

## Absence Chequebooks

As part of the DET attendance policy, regular attendance at school is important for students to access their learning needs. The school is required to record the reason for any absences as a way of ensuring that students who are absent from school are sick or need to attend an appointment.

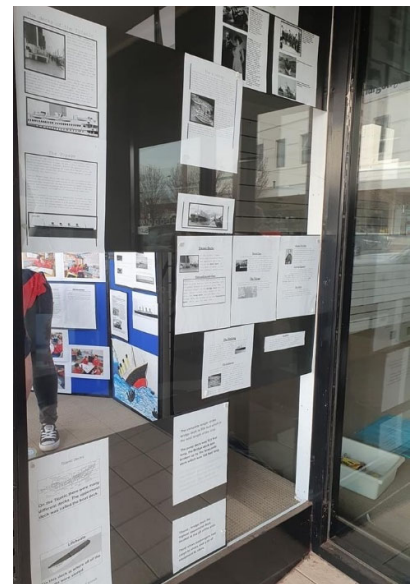
Please assist us by completing one of the forms in the absence chequebook and returning it to school with your child as soon as possible after the absence.

## Rankin Street shop window display

The display looks so wonderful.

Featured are artworks by the students of the Titanic and research based writing samples exploring the Titanic disaster.

Be sure to have a look at this display before Friday when the next class has their unveiling.



## Book Club

Please return book club orders by **this Friday 11th September**.

## 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

## 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*



## P&C News

**Sock Drive** Thank you to everyone who has supported our sock drive so far, we hope you are enjoying your recent purchases. Socks are still available at the School Office so get in quick!

**Sign at the Front Office** plans are underway to give the sign on Thomson Street at the office a face lift. Thanks to Rex from R&R Designs we hope to have this done soon!

**Want to join the P&C?** by joining you will receive minutes from meetings with reports from the Treasurer, Canteen, Principal and learn what P&C are up to. Meetings are now on Zoom and you are welcome to (virtually) attend. Contact the School office for details.

Maree Yapp

P&C President

## 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.



## Lost & Found

A set of keys have been found in Facey Street. Claim from school office.




## Looking for something to do in the School Holidays!

Come and join in the fun at a tennis coaching clinic during the 1st week of the school holidays from Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October. The starting time is 9.00am and the finishing time 1.00pm.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions the clinic will be modified with limited numbers each day. Guidelines will be followed as per NSW Health & Tennis NSW regulations. Definite bookings must be made before Friday 26th September as walk-ins will not be available this time.

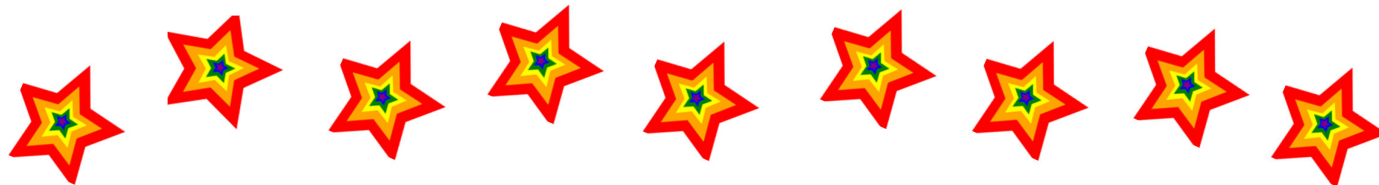
The main aim is for everyone to have fun in a healthy and safe environment while learning how to play tennis. The clinic is open to all children 5yrs to 15yrs regardless whether they have played tennis before.

So, come and join the fun. Places are limited so remember to book early by phoning Peter on 6851 1993 or send a message via facebook @Peter Clifton Tennis Coaching by 26th September 2020.

Class	Student of the Week	PBL Award	Merit Award
KWK	Ivy-Lee Ross	Allura Baxter	Montannah Wright Cortana Stewart
10	Pearl Karaitiana	Bella Hoey	Hudson Welsh Harry Bilsborough
1W	Rylan Gunn	Sasha McCarthy	Logan Stevenson Coby Parker
2J	Eli Bilsborough	Lincoln Cook	Callum Van Der Weiden Lexie Finn
2O	Harmonee Johnson	Emmett Blake	Shakira Dukes Harper O'Malley
3K	Gabriel Armstrong-Barnes	Jakaya Wright	Jamieson Hodge Jhaz Nash
3/4J	Leelan Graham	Rachel Bilsborough	Sarah Hayward Sam Nicholson
4/5F	Cienna Slingsby	Wade Barter	Cooper Stewart Will Constable
5/6M	Camley Hapgood	Timmy Duke	Isabel Shaw Ethan Ray
5/6P	Laura Greenhill	Imogen Collits	Carelle Sayers Jacob Joyce
5/6Y	Lucas Ravell	Matilda Blake	Charlotte Hoey Albie Hughes
 <b>Library</b> <b>George Finn</b>		<b>PBL award for</b> we listen to staff and guests 	



Safe, Respectful, Responsible  
Forbes North Public School



PBL FOCUS – we are in the right place at the right time

Class lessons will look at how students  
should be in the right place at the right time.  
We have now updated our celebration tallies.



What will the next celebration be?



Tallies

Extended Recess	Free time	T-Shirt day	Character Day
607	976	727	220

Term 3 2020						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
8	7 SEPTEMBER 	8 SEPTEMBER	9 SEPTEMBER school athletics carnival (covid-safe format)	10 SEPTEMBER	11 SEPTEMBER Book Club orders + payment due	12/13 SEPTEMBER
9	14 SEPTEMBER	15 SEPTEMBER	16 SEPTEMBER	17 SEPTEMBER	18 SEPTEMBER	19/20 SEPTEMBER
10	21 SEPTEMBER	22 SEPTEMBER	23 SEPTEMBER	24 SEPTEMBER	25 SEPTEMBER Last Day Term 3	26/27 SEPTEMBER
	28 SEPTEMBER	29 SEPTEMBER	30 SEPTEMBER	1 OCTOBER	2 OCTOBER	3/4 OCT
	5 OCTOBER LABOUR DAY P/H	6 OCTOBER	7 OCTOBER	8 OCTOBER	9 OCTOBER	10/11 OCT
Term 4 2020						
1	12 OCTOBER TERM 4 COMMENCES	13 OCTOBER	14 OCTOBER	15 OCTOBER	16 OCTOBER	17/18 OCTOBER

# 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: MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2020  
(10AM TO 5PM)

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020  
(9AM TO 3PM)

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



Health  
Western NSW  
Local Health District

COME ALONG TO THE

# FORBES

## LOCAL AECG

## AGM

OCTOBER 14, 2020 AT 11:30AM  
WIRADJURI DREAMING CENTRE  
OR BY ZOOM - SEE SCHOOLS

FREE COFFEE  
&  
SAUSAGE  
SANGA

ABORIGINAL  
PARENTS &  
CARERS  
WE WANT YOU!

Rotary Ipomoea



Sat 12<sup>th</sup> September

## Market LION'S PARK

This setting has access to shade, toilets  
and beautiful lakeside views and super coffee

Market is from 8am to 12.30pm

Come along and enjoy being able to enjoy  
a wander through a market after such a  
long COVID break. A great family outing.

For more information please phone Helen on 6851 4930