DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 4

Week 9
6 Dec Student Reports go home

Week 10
11 Dec Presentation Day Assembly 11.20am-12.45pm
Year 6 Farewell at Club Forster
14 Dec K-2 Concert 11.00am-12.30pm

Week 11
17 Dec Christmas Carols Rehearsal
18 Dec Stage 2 Christmas Carols
Thankyou morning tea 11.00am
19 Dec Year 6 Arch 2.45pm
20 & 21 Dec School Development Days
Students do not attend

2013
Week 1
29 Jan School Development Day – no students
30 Jan Students commence (except Kindergarten)

Week 2
4 Feb Kindergarten start

School Development Days
On 20th & 21st December all staff will be engaged in
training involving: Work Health and Safety (WHS),
Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL), Child Protection
and also school planning in preparation for the 2013
year.

The first day back for staff next year will be
Tuesday 29th January 2013 and will be a school
Development Day also. Students do not attend on
this day. The first day back for students in 2013 is
Wednesday 30th January for Years 1-6.
Kindergarten commence on Monday 4th February
2013.

Principal’s / Deputy Principals’ Report
Principal’s Report
Mr Clissold is on leave at the moment and has asked
me to pass on his best wishes for the New Year. He
will be back in Week 10.

School Enrolments
As you are aware, it is difficult to form 2013
classes until enrolment numbers are confirmed
during the first few days of the 2013 school year.
For this reason we will keep children in their 2012
class/grade groups for the first few days of Term
1. This will allow us to avoid unnecessary changes if
the whole school needs to be restructured due to
last minute changes in enrolments. Thank you for
your understanding.

Our staffing allocation is based on our
enrolment. It is extremely important that you
let the school know, in writing before the end of
this week, if your child will not be continuing
their education at Forster Public School in 2013.
(2012 Year 6 excluded)

Sport
Congratulations to Braiden for his results at the
Athletes With Disabilities (AWD) Nationals event
held in Adelaide. Braiden won two Gold medals in
Long Jump and relay. He also came fourth in the
200m and fifth in the 100m track events. Well
done Braiden.

A fond farewell
We would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Worth
on class 2/26, who after many years of teaching, is
retiring at the end of this year. I know she is very
sad to be leaving us but has enjoyed her long and successful career as a teacher. Thank you Mrs Worth for the many years of faithful service and the school community sends our best wishes to you.

K-2 Concert
The children are rehearsing hard for what will no doubt be a brilliant song, dance, acting series of performances. More details will be forthcoming after the event. This year’s event is titled “A Fair Dinkum Aussie Bush Story”.

It is noteworthy that Mrs McLean may have orchestrated her last performance as she passes the baton to another choreographer in 2013.

Many thanks to all the teachers involved. Without their teamwork, commitment and determination a concert of this magnitude would not be possible. Many thanks also to the committed parents, who were in classrooms helping with costumes and dressing children. It’s the teamwork between parents and teachers at this school which makes wonderful things possible.

On behalf of the staff at Forster Public School I wish all students and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

Rick Clissold / Steve Pulley / Narelle Kessey

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1
The Great Lakes Preschool has continued their orientation visits and has made several visits to our playground and Wednesday assemblies. It is hoped these visits will ensure a smooth transition to Kindergarten next year.

Reports will be sent home with students this Thursday 6th December. The reports are in envelopes and students are told not to open these as they are for parents. Please discuss your child’s report with them.

Finally, we are all practising for the K-2 Concert and individual teachers may have sent home notes about costume requirements. Please assist where possible as the performance date is fast approaching.

On behalf of all K-2 teachers we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents who have assisted us throughout the year. A close relationship between teachers, parents and students is the most effective way to cater for learning needs.

Mr David Graham
Assistant Principal – Early Stage 1
Mrs Mary McLean
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2
Year 3 students participated in the School Swimming Scheme and have received their certificates for developing their skills in water safety and survival. A huge thanks to Mrs Clemensen who volunteered her time to support this wonderful program.

The Stage 2 Picnic Day will be held on Wednesday the 19th December. This year Stage 2 will join Stage 3 students in watching either Rise of the Guardians or Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3. After the movies Stage 2 students will have lunch with their class at John Wright Park in Tuncurry and then they will walk back to school. A reminder that students must wear school uniform, a school hat and have sunscreen with them.

Tianne Buderus
Acting Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Stage 3
Report from Class 5/7
This term Mrs Pearson’s class, 5/7 has been raising money for the children in Uganda. While we were learning about Australian Democracy we looked at countries that did not live in a democracy and Uganda was one of those countries. As a class we became concerned about the conditions for children and how people were living in Uganda. We decided that maybe we could do something to help the children of Uganda and so our class project began.

Mrs Pearson had a moneybox sitting on her table and we just dropped coins in whenever we had some spare change. The tin got heavier and heavier and after six weeks we opened it up and counted the money. We had raised $145. We went to the World Vision website and as a class we decided how the money should be spent. We ended up buying 2 x fast growing seeds, 2 x ducks, 1 x children’s immunisation, 1 x mosquito net, 1 x goat and 1 x chickens and eggs. We have helped many families.

Eadi –Bella and Elyse
YEAR 6 FAREWELL

This is on Tuesday the 11th December. Details are as follows.

• Where? ........................... The Terrace Room - Club Forster
• When? ....................... Tuesday 11th December 2012
• Starting Time? ................ 5:15pm to meet outside the Terrace Room at Club Forster
• Finishing Time? .............. 8:45pm
• Cost? .................................$25 per child

Stage 2 and 3 Picnic Day

This will be on Wednesday the 19th of December. Children will be going to Great Lakes Cinema to see either Rise of the Guardians or Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3. They will walk back to school and have lunch on the way. The Year 6s will arrive in time for their presentation and all the children will be back in time for the Year 6 arch. The cost is $11.00 per student.

Year 6 Arch

This will be on Wednesday 19 December which is the last day of school. An arch will be formed for the children at about 2.30 p.m. Prior to that there will be a small presentation for the children in the Multi Purpose Centre.

Thank you to all Stage 3 students, parents and teachers. It has been an incredibly busy, productive and rewarding year. We are so excited for our Grade 5 students to move into their school leadership role next year. We have high expectations of them and we know they will live up to them and lead the school with honour, pride, energy and enthusiasm.

Finally to Year 6 parents I would like to say a big Thank You from all the staff at Forster Public School for sharing your beautiful children with us over the years. Each of them has left their own imprint on the Forster Public School family and has etched themselves into the hearts of many teachers. I have gotten to know many of them well this year and I am excited for their futures. We wish the children all the best and every happiness as they head off to high school. Work hard children, have fun, be kind people and always be true to yourselves. Don't be strangers and make sure you come back occasionally to say hello. We are going to miss you all dearly!

We will miss you!

Grade 6

Francoise Dupen
Assistant Principal

Library News

Someone has a book club Issue 7 order that hasn’t been picked up and it has no name on it. The item was $19 out of gift Idea. Please see Mrs Burden.

Recently, I read an interesting article titled “In Praise of the Humble Board Game.”

It told how board games and card games do more than entertain children – they teach them valuable life skills like:
• Taking turns
• Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose (and how to do so gracefully)
• Social connections like having fun together
• Sitting down and talking (communication so important)
• Interaction between people (teaching how to get along with each other)
• Maths - keeping score
• Stimulating the brain
• Creating great memories
• Cheap fun!
We have a giant chess and checker set in the Library plus many smaller sets which are played every lunchtime. If your children doesn’t know how to play, why not teach your children how so they can join in on the fun at lunchtime as well as at home! Just 15 minutes can be well spent. It is not a huge amount of time and can be very worthwhile in the long term and fun family time!

Please remember to return ALL library books for stocktake and have a wonderful Christmas!
Mrs Burden
Teacher/ Librarian

Maths Quiz

**BOXED IN**
Fill in the boxes by using the numbers 3, 6 and 2 to make the number sentence true.

\[ 4 + \square - \square + \square = 9 \]

Find out if there is more than one answer to the problem.

**Extension**
Fill in the boxes by using the numbers 7, 4 and 3 to make the number sentence true.

\[ 5 + \square - \square - \square = 5 \]

Find out if there is more than one answer to the problem.