DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1
Week 10
2 Apr  Rugby League Buderus 7’s - Taree
3 Apr  Disco - K - Year 2  5:00 - 6:15pm  Years 3-6  6:30 - 7:45pm
4 Apr  Gold Presentation Assembly

Week 11
8 Apr  Cross Country - rescheduled event
9 Apr  K - 2 Easter Hat Parade 1:45pm
10 Apr  Year 6 Science and Engineering Challenge
10 Apr  Netball Gala Day
11 Apr  School ANZAC Service 9:00am

25 Apr  Community ANZAC Service - 10:15am  Forster - Assemble near Gloria Jeans

Term 2
Week 1
28 Apr  School Development Day - no students
29 Apr  Students commence Term 2

Week 3
12 May  NAPLAN commences (Year 3 & Year 5)
12 May  Year 6 camp

Week 4
21 May  Years 5-8 Aboriginal Numeracy Competition  Held at Forster PS

SPOOKY SCHOOL DISCO
The first disco for this year will be held in the MPC on Thursday, 3rd April, 2014. It is a fun way to raise funds and the children enjoy the opportunity to dress up and come along after school hours. We are running 2 separate discos as usual.
Kindergarten - Year 2  5:00 - 6.15
Years 3 to 6  6.30 - 7.45

The theme for the disco, as set by the School Student Council, is

ALIENS / OUTER SPACE!

Wear something ‘Out-of-this World’ or come dressed as an alien. You may come along in your favourite casual clothes.

Entry Cost: $5 or $10 for a family.
***Glow sticks will be on sale***

Principal’s Report
Principal’s / Deputy Principals’ Report

Bon Voyage Mr Pulley
Mr Pulley (Deputy Principal) will be on leave during Term 2 to travel the world. We wish him well in his travels and hope he has a fabulous time abroad.

While Mr Pulley is on leave Mr Graham will relieve as Deputy Principal. Mrs Holm will also relieve as Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal.

To ensure consistency for Kindergarten students, Miss Samantha Andrews will teach K23 five days per week while Mr Graham is on higher duties.

Student Leadership Opportunity
On Monday the 12 May 2014 Year 6 school leaders (School Council Team and House Captains / Vice Captains) will have the opportunity to attend the 2014 Leadership Conference to be held at Club Forster. Our leaders will work with numerous other leaders from a wide variety of schools to further develop their leadership skills.
Permission notes will be sent home later this week. The school has already purchased tickets at $35 each. We are intending, as in previous years, to subsidise this important event. Children attending will be asked to contribute $20 only.

Dwayne Gumbleton Appeal
On Friday 14th March Dwayne went to work as usual. After lunch he was being airlifted to John Hunter Hospital after being electrocuted in a workplace accident. At this point Dwayne is still in a coma and has not woken since.

Dwayne is 25 years old and has a partner Precilla, young son Mitchell and a baby girl Lilly-Rose due in four weeks.

We have been requested to support a community appeal to help out. More information was available in the Advocate last week.

Some suggestions are: Bibs, baby socks, size 0000 & up jumpsuits, change tables, baby wipes, nappies and gift vouchers/cards.

Contact Melia on 0458 171 686 if you are able to help out.

NAPLAN Testing
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place in Week 3 next term, in the week commencing 12 May 2014.

Every Year 3 and Year 5 student will be assessed using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results will help determine if students are reaching key educational milestones. More information at: www.nap.edu.au

Results will be made available to parents / guardians later in the year.

Life Education
The Life Education program will commence on Thursday 27 March and will conclude on Friday 11 April, the last day of this term. Club Forster has generously supported this program for a number of years now, keeping the cost per student much lower.

We are extremely grateful to Club Forster for their ongoing commitment to Forster PS and Life Education. Their financial support significantly reduces the cost of this program for parents. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

We would also like to acknowledge Pacific Smiles and Forster Bowling Club. They have provided funds to Hunter Life Education to keep this valuable program operating through the Adopt-a-Class program. Quota is a community organisation that is supporting the Life Education program at our school and we thank them for their involvement also.

Buses
The following information has been provided to us by Nathan Deane from Deanes Coaches regarding eligibility of students for bus passes.

If your child is in Kindergarten to Year 2 irrespective of the distance from home to school they are entitled to a bus pass. A bus pass application form must be submitted for your child to receive a bus pass. Your child must present the bus pass to the driver to gain access to the school bus every time the child boards the bus.

If your child is Year 3-6 and resides more than 1.6 kilometres (radial distance) from the school they are entitled to a bus pass. As your child enters Year 3 a new bus pass application must be submitted for your child to receive a bus pass.

If you want your child to catch the bus and live within the 1.6 kilometre radius and do not have a current bus pass and are in Years 3-6, the child must pay the appropriate fare or they will be denied boarding.

If any parents have any questions regarding our school bus services they are encouraged to call 6554 6431 and ask for assistance. We can also advise whether a student falls within the radial circle.

Nathan Deane

Reading Tutor Program
Forster Public School children would like to invite community members to be part of a Reading Tutor Program for students in Year 1 to Year 4. Tutors will be supporting individual students by reading to and listening to them read. They will also have the opportunity to play a variety of games to
help students to learn their single sounds and sight words e.g. bingo, matching words and making words with magnetic letters. All tutors will be invited to a welcome morning tea to demonstrate how to support the students in learning to read and how to play the reading games/activities. For more information contact Cassie Lees on 6555 6766.

Student Invoices - Urgent
I would ask that any outstanding amounts be cleared by the end of next week as a matter of urgency. Term 2 invoices will be distributed early next term. If you are having trouble paying your invoice, contact Mr Clissold on 6555 6766.

Cross Country
Unfortunately our annual cross country was postponed due to inclement weather. While the rain was very light and intermittent, the decision was made to postpone it to avoid students sitting in wet clothes for the remainder of the day. The cross country will now be held on Tuesday 8 April.

ANZAC Day
Our school ANZAC service will be held at 9:00am on Friday 11 April. The ANZAC Day dawn service and march on 25 April will be held at Forster this year. The dawn service is at 6:00am and students from Forster PS will be participating in this service. Students are then asked to meet behind Gloria Jeans at 10:15 for the ANZAC march and commemorative service. Students are asked to wear full school uniform to this important community event.

Karen Austin
Assistant Principal Support

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1
Special Request – “Kiss and Go”
All K-2 students are well settled and understanding school routines. They are following playground rules and responsibilities and seem confident in the school setting. We would like all parents to adopt a strategy that helps children build resilience, independence and social skills.

The Kiss and Go strategy we are suggesting is simple. Farewell your child at the gate, ensure they enter the school safely and then go.

This strategy has advantages for children:
- They are compelled to mix with their peers
- They develop a greater sense of independence
- They have chances to talk and play
- They learn to deal with a variety of social situation (both positive and negative)
- They build personal resilience

The strategy has advantages for the school:
- More socially able children enjoy school
- We know the children, their backgrounds and their needs and have the policies and procedures in place to deal with welfare and discipline issues
- Conflict where parents intervene can lead to greater conflict and upset for all
- Playground is less crowded and enables clearer lines of sight for the teacher.
- Students are less distracted enabling a smooth movement from lines to classrooms.
- We must advise all parents and caregivers that they are not to approach other children to admonish or correct their behaviour. If a problem occurs in the playground please talk to the teacher.

Support Unit
iPads
Thanks to the generosity of Club Forster, eight iPads have been purchased and are nearly ready for classroom use. Each of the five classes in the Support Unit will access these devices at various times to improve literacy, numeracy and communication skills. We are all looking forward to exploring the motivational activities these iPads will provide.

Planning Meetings
Parent planning meetings are almost complete and children are well started into the activities designed to meet their individual learning needs. Thank you to the parents who attended these meetings, as your children will benefit from those in their home and school environment working together towards their set goals.

Rick Clissold
Principal
Narelle Kessey
Deputy Principal
Steve Pulley
Deputy Principal
on duty (wearing a high visibility vest) and don’t approach the children involved.

We have every student’s best interest at heart and hope you can implement the “Kiss and Go” strategy.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN
Forster Public School students enjoyed a visit from the Life Education Van. The exciting interactive lessons empower children to make informed choices for a safe and happy life. Club Forster sponsors this visit enabling all students the opportunity to attend the classes.

Year 2 enjoying Healthy Harold

Rainbow Day
Kindergarten students have been studying colour this term and as a final celebration we will be holding a Rainbow day Celebration on Thursday, 10th April. Please come dressed up in rainbow colours. A note will go home shortly providing details. Children will be able to purchase a rainbow ice block to eat in the afternoon as part of the celebrations. Thank you to all parents, caregivers and children who have so enthusiastically worn the theme colour each week.

EASTER HAT PARADE
There will be an Easter Hat Parade under the Infants COLA next Wednesday, 9th April at 1:45pm. I hope you are all enjoying working together on a hat and please come along and join in the fun next Wednesday.

Harmony Day

Loom Bands
Please encourage your children NOT to bring Loom Bands to school as they are causing a lot of issues in the playground as well as in class. Flicking bands does not promote a safe environment for the students.

Enjoy the rest of the term and thank you so much to all the children, parents and teachers for a wonderful start to the year. We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday.

David Graham / Katrina Pettet
Assistant Principals

Stage 2

Healthy Harold visits Forster Public School

Jade and Lucy from 4/15 visiting the Life Education Van
The Life Education Van is visiting Forster Public School. The Life Education Program is conducted in the Life Education Van. The Programs address many of the components and objectives of the Personal Development Health and Physical Education Curriculum. The programs are aimed at the maturity level of the students. The students at Forster Public School always enjoy these visits as it includes stimulating visual and auditory media. Club Forster is sponsoring each child as part of their service to the local community so the cost for families is affordable.

Excursion to Timbertown
An excursion is being planned in Term 2 for all Stage 2 students. We hope to travel to Timbertown at Wauchope. The sights and sounds of our fascinating past are re-created in a living, working saw millers’ village 1880-1910 time warp.

This excursion is planned to complement class work this year in our HSIE units:
1) Australia, You’re Standing In It;
2) The British Colonisation of Australia;
3) Co-operative Communities;
4) Australia - Now and Then.

The cost will be approximately $35. Once quotes have been obtained an excursion / permission note will be distributed.

Garden Lessons

Stage 2 students have the opportunity to plant, nurture, grow and harvest produce in the school’s garden. Placed in groups such as, Wriggly Worms, Awesome Apples, Magnificent Mangoes, Super Strawberries and Flying Ladybirds, students are set different tasks to complete for each of their sessions in the garden.

Anne Evans
Assistant Principal

Stage 3
Mathematician In Schools Program
The CSIRO have developed a program where they match scientists and mathematicians with schools. The aim is for the mathematician to work with students at the school in order to bring their expertise into the classroom and to also demonstrate to the children the real life applications of mathematics. Grade 6 at Forster Public School has nominated to be part of this program. Mathematician and statistician, Caro Badcock, will be working with the children over the next couple of terms. She runs her own consulting firm and will be helping to bring real life mathematics into the classroom. We look forward to this partnership with the CSIRO and Ms Badcock.

Science and Engineering Challenge
Each year the University of Newcastle run a Science and Engineering Challenge for primary and high school students in regional areas. Grade 6 will be taking part in the challenge on Thursday 10 April at the Taree Racecourse. It will cost the children $10. This includes transport. Lunch is provided. The children should have already received a note for this excursion.

Year 6 Camp
Year 6 Camp is in Week 3 of next term, 12 to 14 May. It will cost $250. Notes have already been sent home and families have been provided with an envelope so that they can pay by instalments.

Medical Forms
We are still waiting on some Year 6 children to return their Medical Forms.

Expressions of Interest for High School
We are still waiting on a small number of families to return their Expression of Interest for High School Forms.

Harmony Day
Our school leaders, Bronsun, Eden, Jay and Chloe spent the last few weeks organising an assembly for Harmony Day and many other Year 6 students played a part in putting the assembly together for the school. A group of year 6 girls performed a lovely modern expressive dance to ‘A Song About Peace’. Harmony Day is the day we acknowledge and celebrate the fact that Australia is a multicultural and diverse country and that ‘Everyone Belongs’.
Year 6 students did a wonderful job of bringing this message to life during our celebration.

Reading is ALWAYS fun!!

Students from 6/3 enjoying crunch and sip time during silent reading.

Keighley and Liam busily reading during silent reading time

Stage 3 student performances during lunch time

Penny, Sophia, Elizabeth and Eva on flutes

Jay on the euphonium

Blake, Kate and Nettie playing clarinets

It has been an incredibly busy but happy and productive term. Many people around the school have observed the settled and mature nature of our Stage 3 students and the positive impact this is having on the younger students around them. We look forward to our Stage 3 students continuing to grow as School Leaders throughout Term 2.

Fran Dupen
Assistant Principal

Sport

This week is a busy week in sport! We have children attending Gala days and trialling for the NSW soccer squad.

Mrs Buderus and Miss Riley are taking a large contingent of children to Taree on Wednesday for a Rugby League Gala Day. They have been training hard and we wish them every success.

Eli, Khan and Connor attended the PSSA Rugby Trials last week in Newcastle and Eli was successfully chosen to play in the Hunter Rugby League Team. Congratulations to the boys for their achievements.

Best of luck to Indie, Kyra, Rosie, Lisa, Akaysha and Indi, who will be representing Forster Public in soccer on Friday at the Hunter Regional Football (soccer) Trials. This is our largest contingent of girls to trial for the NSW team.
Year 5 and 6 are participating in a Cricket Gala Day, Tuesday 1st April and 8th April. Utilising the skills they have picked up over the last two weeks in their coaching sessions. The children have created teams of 8 children and given themselves team names for the event. It’s bound to be fun with team names like the Superstars and Australia! The April 8th Gala Day will follow on from the Cross Country Carnival and the children are asked to wear Pink for the Gala Day. A gold coin donation to raise money for the Jane McGrath Foundation will be collected on the day.

Did you know that students do not pick up fundamental movement skills naturally as part of their normal growth and development? Learning skills like catching, kicking, hopping, skipping and leaping are all taught skills. Stage 2 continues with their focus on these Fundamental Movement Skills through fun games and activities during weekly sports lessons. Mrs Galle’s class is off to swimming this week.

Paula Drew
Sport Organiser

P&C News
Judy Hall – Principal Great Lakes College Forster
Addresses P&C Meeting
Many Parents have been expressing their concerns regarding behavioural issues at Forster Campus. We invited Judy Hall who is the Principal of Great Lakes College Forster Campus to address these concerns and to dispel some of the rumours that have been circulating. As a P & C we feel confident that these issues are being resolved and that these matters have been taken seriously.

Cake Stall
We had a successful cake stall and would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who so generously donated their time and their cupcakes. Over $600 was raised.

Easter Raffle
Easter Raffle tickets have gone out to all the families so please support your school by trying to sell as many tickets as you can. Any unsold tickets must be returned. There are some great prizes to be won. The Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade which will be held Wednesday 9th April at 1.45pm.

Community News
Great lakes United Football Club still require players for all age groups and in particular the under sevens.

Under sixes and (minimum age turning 5 this year ) and under sevens will be supplied with free shin pads and a ball and the club this year will also be providing to each player a Polo shirt.

Professional coaching will be given at weekly training sessions by Jeff Summers who is a former young Socceroo.

Players can register online at www.Myfootballclub.com.au (Great Lakes united Football Club)
OR contact our registrar Mark Jackson on 0467395794
Competition Starts Saturday the 26th of Aril”
Kind Regards

Kevin Stevens

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## Breakfast

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## Recess

Assorted fresh treats from $0.50 to $1.50*

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*Plus a variety of fresh healthy treats made daily eg dips, pastry scrolls, quiches & ham and cheese \( \frac{1}{2} \) or full \$1.00)

## Lunch

Pizzas - $3.00 – ham and pineapple or chicken and cheese

soup (winter only), sandwiches, rolls and wraps available everyday – white and wholemeal bread, rolls* and wraps*

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### Kids Cafe volunteers needed – please phone Canteen on 6554 5409 if you can help