DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1 – 2015
Week 10
30 Mar School Photos
31 Mar School Photos
1 Apr Hunter Winter Trials
2 Apr K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Last day of Term 1

Term 2 – 2015
Week 1
21 Apr First day of Term 2
22 Apr League Tag & 7’s League
23 Apr ANZAC Day Commemoration
24 Apr Zone Cross Country

Week 2
1 May Back up date Zone Cross Country

Week 3
6 May Zone Touch Football Trials
8 May Hunter PSSA Cross Country

Principal’s Report

Principal’s / Deputy Principals’ Report

Sid awards
This term we have introduced awards for students demonstrating our core values of respect, safety and personal best in the playground. Students are given a "Sid award" which goes into the weekly draw for a lucky dip prize. Sid is our PBL mascot who appears on signage around the school around our core values.

Each Thursday morning at assembly 5 students K -2 and 5 students from Years 3 - 6 are drawn from the box to receive a prize.

All awards are kept each week and will be part of a draw at the end of end term for a major prize. The draw for the end of Term 1 took place on Thursday 2 April at the morning assembly.

The Term 1 winners were:
K -2

Yr 3 - 6:

Our school mascot, Sid.
ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day this year falls on Saturday 25 April at the end of Term 2 Week 1. Our school ANZAC service will be held on Thursday 23 April. Several members from the local RSL sub branch will attend and talk to the children about the significance of the centenary of ANZAC Day this year.

On ANZAC Day the march will depart from Park St Tuncurry at 10:30am. We would like as many students as possible to join us for this significant occasion. More details regarding ANZAC celebrations will be provided early next term.

NAPLAN
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place in Week 4 next term, in the week commencing 12 May 2015.

Every Year 3 and Year 5 students 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 Monday 11 May and will conclude on Wednesday 27 May. 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.

Easter vacation
First term has certainly been a busy one at Forster PS. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and happy Easter vacation. Please note teachers return to school on Monday 20 April. Students return Tuesday 21 April.

Principal’s / Deputy Principals’ Report
Rick Clissold Principal
Narelle Kessey Deputy Principal
David Graham Deputy Principal (relieving)

Support Unit

Cross Country
Students 8 years and over participated in the school cross country event last week. Well done to all those students and ‘helpers’ who put in such a big effort to get across the finish line. A number of students have now qualified for the next level of competition that will take place next term. They are Izac, Paul, Toby, Seth, Wiley, Mason, Michael, Tyson, Bailey and Craig. We wish these students all the best.

Frugal Forest Workshop
The Frugal Forest Project aims to build an intricately detail forest entirely from salvage. The organisers have involved many sections of our community and the students from our support classes were able to be involved in the workshop.
The students learnt that nothing is wasted in a real forest and we too can reduce and recycle many materials. We all had a wonderful time creating leaf litter and forest floor ‘rugs’ that will be included in the Frugal Forest Exhibition in January 2016 at the Glasshouse. Below are some photos of the students creating their items for the forest.

We look forward to a happy and productive Term 2 and continuing on with the momentum we have already built. We would also like to thank you very much for all of your care and support.

**Easter Hat Parade**
The Easter Hat Parade was held on Thursday 2 April. The children enjoyed wearing their hats during the parade for family and friends.

**Holiday Reading**
It is very important that you continue reading to your children over the April school holidays and get them to read to you and with you as much as possible.

**K22 Maths Groups**
These are some of the activities K22 have been doing in their maths groups. K22 love doing maths groups and they are learning to work as a team in their groups, they are doing a great job and becoming mathematicians!

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Karen Austin
Assistant Principal Support

**Early Stage 1**
It has been a fantastic term. The term has also flown. We are so proud of our Kindergarten students. They have already made so much progress – socially, academically and physically.
Absence Notes
A gentle reminder that when children are away it is a legal requirement that they bring in a note explaining their absence.

NRMA Road Safety Visit
We had a representative from the NRMA come and make a presentation to the children about road, car, bike and skateboard safety. The children learnt a lot of extremely important information. We all want our children safe in cars and on the footpaths and roads.

Morning Assembly
We have loved the support and encouragement our parents have shown Kindergarten students over the term during morning assemblies. We would now like parents to drop their children and leave them to navigate the before school session and morning assembly by themselves. It allows them to develop independence and teachers to run a calm and quiet morning assembly. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Have the most wonderful Easter to all of our families and we hope the children have a safe, restful and happy break. We look forward to seeing them back ready to go next term.

Francoise Dupen
Assistant Principal
**Stage 1**

Year 1 and 2 students have been working so hard this term on developing 21st Century Learner skills of problem solving, creating, logical thinking and becoming self-directed learners. Whilst they are hard at work on these group activities their teachers are working in small groups on reading and writing at the children's point of need.

Stage One teachers have put a lot of training and effort into adapting their way of teaching and setting up their learning environment for optimal learning. The children are really enjoying the new way of teaching and learning and have made great gains in their reading levels and writing samples.

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**School Disco**

Usually at the end of term one we hold a school disco. However, during the last big storm Forster received, the sound system in our hall broke. Unfortunately due to these circumstance the school disco has been postponed.

Lynelle Patterson (Rel)
Assistant Principal

**Stage 2**

Student feedback from the '2014 Tell Them From Me' student surveys clearly indicated a desire from students to participate in interschool sport. While a number of students do have opportunities to engage in interschool sport, it was decided that this opportunity would be extended to all Stage 2 and Stage 3 students.

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Photograph; L to R Sarah (Tuncurry Public School), Lily, Yasman, and Grace, (Forster Public School.)
Stage 2 Excursion
In 2015 Year 3 and Year 4 classes will be travelling to the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre at Sandgate. The program promotes the integration of environmental education with all Key Learning Areas. Permission notes and associated costs will be sent home early next Term once dates are finalised. Hopefully this Excursion will take place in May and the associated costs are estimated to be about $30.

Anne Evans
Assistant Principal

Stage 3

Grandparents Day
It was wonderful meeting so many grandparents on Grandparents Day. This day celebrates the vital role that grandparents play in our society and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community. It was lovely to see the love, pride and care that transpired between the children and their grandparents.

Milo Cricket
The Stage 3 students have been taking part in a Cricket Program called MILO CRICKET. This is an active and inclusive program allowing the kids to develop skills and teamwork. It's about fun, fitness and being a good sport. MILO Cricket is run by trained volunteers and it teaches kids how to play cricket in a supportive and non-competitive environment.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country Carnival. It was a beautiful day and everyone put in a fantastic effort and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Thankyou to Mrs Drew and her team for organising this very successful event.

Expression of Interest for High School forms
These were due in by 20 March. Thankyou to the students who have returned their Expression of Interest forms. We are still waiting on some forms to be returned. If you have not handed in the form, please complete and get these in as soon as possible.
Enjoy the rest of the term and thank you so much to all the children, parents, helpers and teachers for a wonderful start to the year. Happy Easter to you all!

Katrina Pettet
Assistant Principal

Bounce Back!

The Bounce Back Team has been busy working in Stage groups to develop exciting new learning experiences for next term. Watch this space!

Mrs Lacey & Miss Chapple
Bounce Back Team

Sport

Cross Country Carnival
Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Cross Country Carnival last week. The day was warm but the scenery was beautiful. Children crossed the finish line with huge smiles on their faces and there were lots of friends working together to encourage each other around the two or three kilometers.

The children who qualified for the Zone Cross Country Carnival have been given their notes and slowly their $5 Zone levy is coming in. This covers the children for insurance purposes, whilst they are competing. The money is collected at school and then sent to the Manning PSSA treasurer.

The Zone Carnival will be held at Wingham Sporting Complex on Friday 24 April. Good luck to all children involved.

Beautiful location for a run.

Declan and Angus running the Cross Country.

Josh leading the 10 Years Boys.

Loganne keep going you’re almost there!

Zone Winter Trials
A busy couple of weeks have seen many trials for Zone and Hunter teams. Our school had 11 children represent for Football (soccer) trials in Taree. 8 children made it through to Hunter Team selection. These children will travel to Newcastle on the 1 April for Hunter selection.

Our school also had 3 boys attend Rugby League Trials in Taree, with all 3 boys being selected in The Zone team and are currently in the Hunter trying out for Hunter Team selection.

Forster Public sent 3 girls to the Netball trials at Boronia also. We had 1 girl selected for the Zone team and she will go to Newcastle for possible selection in the Hunter team.
Congratulations to all children who trialled for these teams. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations and best wishes to the students who were successful in Hunter team selection.

**Netball Gala Day** was held on Thursday at Taree. The girls worked well as a team and won 7 out of 9 games. Congratulations to all girls involved, Mrs Evans and Miss Symonds for their work also.

Congratulations to Declan who trialled for the **Hunter Rugby League team** and was successful in his selection. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish Declan every success in the Hunter team.

**Declan powering through the line of defence.**

**PSSA Tennis**
Our Tennis team played Tinonee at Forster Tuncurry Tennis Centre this week. The games were hard fought however, Tinonee was too strong on the day. Congratulations Declan, Angus, Loganne and Jade for your great efforts. Thanks also to Mrs Gonzalez for leading the team.

Forster Public V's Tinonee Public in PSSA Tennis

**Coming up - The Athletics Carnival.**
Again the carnival will be broken up into 2 days. The Field Events will be held on 2 June. Children will participate in Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump and the 800m. The second component of the carnival will take place on the Thursday 4 June, with Track events - traditional 100m & 200m events.
Come along and support your children. Canteen facilities will be available on the day.

**Paula Drew**  
**Sport Organiser**

**Library**

I would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to our Book Fair on Grandparents Day! I would especially like to thank all of our volunteers who helped to make the day run so smoothly. We were all quite tired afterwards, but it was well worth the effort!

Thanks also to all of the Grandparents, Parents, Aunties, Uncles and of course the students who came in to buy a book or two (or more!). Because of you, we will now have some beautiful new books for the library. Look out for some new titles! And a further thankyou to those who donated books or money to our library.

Everyone in their own way has helped to expand our fantastic library. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Book Fair was an absolute success! A special mention to my wonderful Year 6 helpers, you are an asset to your school.

Now that everyone has some lovely new books,  
**HAPPY READING!**

**Miss Eggins & Mrs Hauritz**  
**Librarian**

**P&C News**

**Executive for 2015**
President: Lee Caithness  
Vice President: Mat Caves  
Secretary: Linda Tattersall  
Treasurer: Unfilled  
Fundraising: Lesley Campbell  
Promotions: Rebecca Wilkinson
Thank you to the dedicated parents who have put their hand up to represent your school.

It has been decided that the usual Easter Raffle will not go ahead this year, instead we are holding a Christmas in July raffle. We feel that the first term is already jam packed with fees, photos, sport registrations and lots of other expenses and families could do with a break from putting their hands in their pockets one more time. Hopefully your disappointment will be outweighed by your sigh of relief.

The P & C meet twice a term, in week 3 & 8. Everyone is welcome to attend. We meet in the staff room at 7pm and try to keep them to one hour. Not always possible but we try.

Lee Caithness
P&C President

Community News

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**MYUNA BAY SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE**  
April Holiday Programs 2015  
PHONE enquiries / bookings : 131302

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<td>13 – 17th April 2015</td>
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The program includes: all meals, accommodation and activities.
Activities could include any or all of the following: low & high ropes challenge course, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, flying fox and much more.

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**KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP**

Tuncurry  
10.00am – 2.00pm on Thursday 9 April 2015

Give your child the opportunity to learn to fish during the school holidays. The day involves fishing techniques such as knots and rigging as well as casting, bag size limits and ethical fishing practices. The workshop is designed for kids aged 8-14 years.

$40 per child

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 25 and bookings are essential.

Fee includes rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle kit and show bag for the kids to take home. The workshop is led by experienced staff and volunteers from NSW DPI - Fisheries Division. Full supervision is provided on the day.

For Bookings call: Jamie Burns  
Fisheries Education Officer  
P: 02 8805 5204  
M: 0408 800 332  
E: jasen.burns@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Venue:  
Walls Lake District Fisheries Office  
2 Palm Street  
Tuncurry

Transport is the responsibility of parents. Remember to slip, slop and slap and to prepare for inclement weather if the need arises.

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**TUNCURRY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**  
Tuncurry Golf Course - Sunday 19th April 2015

Entrants must be under 18 years of age at date of tournament.
18 Hole (Handicap Players Only). Handicap Limits: Boys - 36, Girls: 45  
6 or 9 hole for non-handicap players.

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Entry fee MUST accompany Entry Form.  
ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 15th April

Entry forms at Forster and TuncurryProshops and online  

Email: rob@forster-tuncurryproshop.com.au  
Enquiries - Forster Pro Shop Ph: 02 65546167
Manning Entertainment Centre proudly presents.

**360 ALLSTARS**

Saturday
18th April
8pm
Manning Entertainment Centre

Purchase tickets online at [www.themec.com.au](http://www.themec.com.au) or at Taree Movies Games and More or Forster Stockland Information Desk.

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**School Holiday Junior Golf Camp**

Ages 9 to 12 days
15th of April 9am to 2pm
Venue: Forster Golf Club

Ages 13 to 15 12 days
15th of April 9am to 2pm
Venue: Forster Golf Club

$25
Includes: Professional Tuition Golf Equipment

Registration: Limited Places!
Phone: 1300 639 410
Email: info@yourgolfpro.com.au

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360 ALLSTARS is a phenomenal theatrical performance exploring all forms of rotation. Boasting a stellar cast, including world champion athletes, world class dancers and world renowned musicians, the production connects the street with the elite to deliver a radical urban circus!

A performance like no other, 360 ALLSTARS reinvents the traditional circus by presenting contemporary performance styles instead of conventional circus art forms. Replace acrobats with break-dancers, substitute a basketball freestyler in place of a juggler, swap the unicyclist for a BMX flatlander, and throw in a Rose Cyr artist and you get an exhilarating circus performance, like nothing you have seen before! And with live music from master musicians, Gene Peterson, and live hoop, 360 ALLSTARS is as narrally exciting as it is visually astounding.

Showcasing some of Australia's best performers alongside celebrated international artists from Europe, Asia, USA and NZ, 360 ALLSTARS is a revolutionary production that will leave you dizzy with excitement!

Manning Entertainment Centre Saturday 18 April 8pm

Workshops will be held on Friday 17th April at Taree High School. For more details go to [www.themec.com.au](http://www.themec.com.au).

WORKSHOP 1: Body Percussion & Junk Drumming 2.30pm
Artist - Gene Peterson
Recommended for: music students, school band members, drummers
Age-group = 8+

WORKSHOP 2: Circus 5pm
Artist - Eliza Miller
Recommended for: gymnastics/circus/dance students
Age-group = 5 to 99+

WORKSHOP 3: Broadcasting 3.30pm
Arts - 8-10 Physics & 8-10 Leech Dance/circus/movement students
Age-group = 10+

WORKSHOP 4: Basketball Freestyling 3pm
Arts - Basketball/UFC (Seth Daniel)
Recommended for: any ball sport players, circus students
Age-group = 8+

WORKSHOP 5: BMX Flatlanding 4pm
Artist - Peter Sore
Recommended for: bike riders
Age-group = 18+

WORKSHOP 6: Live looping & Beatboxing 4pm
Artist - Sam Perry
Recommended for: musicians, music students, youth
Age-group = 12+