DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 2 - 2015

Week 10
22 Jun P&C Raffle due back
23 Jun PSSA Football (Soccer) Boys
24 Jun PSSA Football (Soccer) Girls
25 Jun Y3 & Y4 Milo Cricket Gala Day
   P&C Raffle drawn
26 Jun NAIDOC Day Celebrations
   Last day of school

Term 3 – 2015

Week 1
14 Jul Students back to school
17 Jul All Schools Rugby League

Week 2
21 Jul AWD Local Carnival
24 Jul Zone Soccer Gala Day

Principal's / Deputy Principals' Report

NEW Wellbeing Framework for Schools

Wellbeing for schools sets out to enable students to be healthy, happy, engaged and successful.

The Wellbeing Framework equips schools and their communities to support students at each stage of their development and to do this through quality teaching, learning and engagement.

Schools will achieve this through planning and decision-making at the local level to meet the needs of their students. This work is underpinned by high standards, clear expectations and counselling and wellbeing resources. The Wellbeing Framework for Schools enables schools to build on the individual strengths of students and positions them to succeed and thrive throughout life. The framework compliments a range of education reforms across NSW Public Schools.

One component of this new framework is a clearly defined Behaviour Code for Students.

In NSW Public Schools, students are expected to:

- Respect one another, their teachers, school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respects all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent, or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

View the entire Wellbeing Framework by following the link below.

www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing

NAIDOC Celebrations 2015

NAIDOC Theme: We All Stand on Sacred Ground - Learn, Respect and Celebrate
Forster Public School will celebrate NAIDOC on Friday 26 June. This celebration will include an assembly, performances, cake cutting, presentation of achievement awards and a barbeque.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together. We look forward to our community members joining us for this celebration.

School Development Day
Monday 13 July, the first day of Term 3, is a pupil free day to allow the staff to engage in professional learning. Staff will be heavily engaged in collaborative programming for the key learning areas and learning more about the use of technology to enhance student learning.

These days are a valuable opportunity for staff to develop their own knowledge and skills, leading to improved student outcomes.

On behalf of all staff we hope all families have a safe and relaxing July vacation.

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

Support Unit
Review Meetings
By the end of the term most parents will have met with their child’s teachers to discuss their progress and placement for next year. This is always a beneficial time when we can discuss how to best meet your child’s needs. Thank you to everyone who has been able to make these meetings.

Athletes with Disabilities Carnival
Due to poor weather our carnival had to be postponed. Our new date is Tuesday 21 July and if the weather is still against us, the next back up date is Tuesday 28 July. Thank you to everyone who offered to help on the day and hopefully you will still be available on our new date - If not just let us know.

We hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe holiday.

Karen Austin
Assistant Principal Support

Early Stage 1
What a wonderful term it has been. The children have grown so much academically, socially, physically and emotionally. They are not the little 'babies' that walked into our doors at the beginning of February this year, but little well rounded human beings who are already demonstrating incredible potential. We can’t wait to see what Semester Two brings. It has been a pleasure meeting many of our parents during our Parent Teacher Interviews. We thank you and value all the support you are giving your beautiful children and us.

Skipping
Many of our Early Stage 1 teachers have been doing a lot of skipping with the children in preparation for our Jump Rope For Heart. We have noticed a terrific improvement. We encourage our children to keep skipping because it is so good for their gross motor skills development, coordination and overall fitness.

Some Reminders
It is very important that children arrive to school on time in the mornings. They miss out on a significant part of their literacy session if they are late.

If the children are absent it is a requirement of law that a note is written by the parent/carer for the teacher explaining the reason for the absence.

Long Service Leave
Mrs Holm will be on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks next term. She will be back on the Tuesday of Week 3, 28 July. We hope she has a great break. Mrs Michelle Phillip will be on K24 during this time. She will be following Mrs Holm’s program and the children’s learning will in no way be interrupted.

Kindergarten Transition and Orientation for 2016
This will commence next term. We have already been visiting and meeting with prospective 2016 parents at the pre-schools. More information will come out about this next term.

I hope you all have a fantastic Winter holiday. The June holidays are usually the most important, because the children need a good rest after a lot winter flu. Can’t wait to see them all back bright
eyed and ready to go next term. And REMEMBER read read read during the holidays. You read, get them to read, visit the library. What a wonderful way to spend the holidays together. Books expand our world and great reading is the foundation stone for all other learning!

Fran Dupen
Assistant Principal
"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence”.

Stage 1
Stage 1 teachers, like the rest of the school, have been busy doing parent teacher interviews. It is so lovely to have a time set aside to talk to parents about the achievements and learning of their children. If you have not managed to make a time with your child's teacher you can ring the school and make a time.

Home Readers
All Home Readers should now be returned so that the boxes can be prepared for next term. Remember that reading each night will benefit your child.

NAIDOC
Stage 1 is enjoying working with Dreamtime stories and producing lovely Aboriginal artworks. The students have been hand and foot printing, dot painting and even making Rainbow Serpents!

Stage 2
Year 3 Wetlands Excursion
On the 28 May 2015 students in Year 3 travelled to the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre at Newcastle. The children had a wonderful day engaging in the different learning experiences including dip netting and bird watching.

3/9 in the science lab examining microorganisms

3/9 with their binoculars looking for birds

The learning opportunities that this excursion presented were valuable for all students and continue to be consolidated back at school. Class 4/14 have been busy designing informative and engaging Wetlands projects.

Marlee, Eric, Jonah proudly holding their Gold awards

Lynelle Patterson (Rel)
Assistant Principal
Milo 20/20 Cricket Gala Day
Stage 2 students have been enjoying developing their fundamental movement skills through participation in the Milo cricket program. Students are looking forward to the Milo 20/20 Cricket Gala Day which will be held on Thursday 25 June 2015. Students are reminded to bring in their $6 and permission note so that they can attend.

Lisa Lacey (Rel)
Assistant Principal

Stage 3
Parent Interviews
Interviews are underway and Stage 3 teachers have already started having interviews with parents. It is very important to be able to meet with parents and carers to share your children’s successes and also to be able to give you feedback on areas in which your children need more support.

School Hats & Jumpers
A number of children have started coming to school without their school hats or a warm jumper. It is an expectation that the children wear their school hats every day and a warm jacket as it can be very cold throughout the day. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Skipping
The Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is all about teaching Aussie kids how to keep fit and healthy. It improves their strength and confidence in physical activities and builds healthy bones and muscles. Students had lots of fun with their class mates and played lots of skipping games at the launch. At the same time they can help save Australian lives by asking their family and friends to sponsor them for being a part of this fun program. Funds raised go towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke.
Team work!

Athletics Carnival
What a glorious day we had for the Sports Carnival. Thank you from Stage 3 to Mrs Drew for her fabulous organisation of the day. The children had a brilliant time, taking part in all the events. Many children demonstrated determination and most importantly FUN on the day. There was lots of sportsmanship and encouragement to be seen. I would like to congratulate all the children who participated and wish the best of luck to those heading off to zone. We are very proud of you.

High jumping Harry

Students receiving their ribbons for their placing at the carnival

World Environment Day
World Environment Day (WED) is the United Nations' principle vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. On Friday, 5 June the Year 6 Councillors performed a play focusing on looking after the environment which the students enjoyed very much. Thank you students for your effort!
It has been another busy but fantastic term. Report time gives us the opportunity to affirm our children and celebrate their success. We have wonderful children on Stage 3 and all of them have grown, improved and developed in various and personal ways over the semester. Enjoy your winter break and we look forward to seeing the children back safe and happy next term.

Katrina Pettet
Assistant Principal

Bounce Back!

Over the past few weeks students have continued to explore the topic of ‘emotions’ during Bounce Back lessons.

Some of the key ideas covered include:

- Feelings are important and necessary in our lives, even the unpleasant ones.
- Our feelings change a lot.
- We can understand ourselves better when we know how we are feeling and know the names of our feelings.
- You can change a bad mood into a good mood.
- You can be the boss of your own feelings.
- Unhelpful thinking makes you feel worse.
- Find a safe way to express your feelings that does not hurt anyone.

Mrs Lacey & Miss Chapple
Bounce Back Team

Sport

Athletics Carnival
I don’t think we could have asked for two better days to hold the Athletics Carnivals!

On Thursday we saw the children participating in long jump, high jump, shot put and the 800m. The behaviour from the children was outstanding. They tried their personal best and gave everything a go.

The track carnival was again a success. The children ran their hardest and tried their best. I can honestly say the 12 year boys 100m was a hotly contested event. The boys were very competitive, but smiles at the finish line.

Thank you to the parents who came along and cheered the children also the teachers who helped before, during and after the carnivals.

The notes for zone will go home in week 1 next term. The zone carnival is Friday 7 August at Tuncurry South Street Oval.

Football
Congratulations to both the Girls and Boys Football teams in their comprehensive wins over Tuncurry P.S in the PSSA knockout competition. Nabiac awaits the boys team and Tea Gardens is ready to play the girls team. Both games are to be played at Lake Street Oval. We wish the children all the best.

Netball
The netball girls played Hallidays Point P.S last Friday. They played well, however Hallidays Point played better on the day. Well done girls on making it this far in the draw. Thank you also to Mrs Taylor for stepping into the coaching role whilst Mrs Evans is away.

Hunter Cross Country
Bailey attended the Hunter Cross Country in Newcastle last week. Congratulations Bailey on your efforts.

Rugby League
Declan is currently on tour with the Hunter Rugby League Team. He is playing games in Cronulla. Declan is also hoping to be selected in the NSW Under 12’s State team as the week of games are also a NSW selection trial. We wish him every success.

Basketball Gala Day
The Basketball Gala Day that was proposed to be played in Port Macquarie has been cancelled and Miss Riley is busily organising the games to be
played early next term. She will inform the children when they have a confirmed date to play.

**Touch Football**

Both Boys and Girls Teams played on Monday against Pacific Palms PS. Both teams won and move through into the next round. The playing conditions were less than ideal (for watching parents), however the children loved running around in the rain.

Paula Drew  
Sport Organiser

**Library**

Well, we are nearly at the halfway point for this year, and we have lots of things happening in the library! We have begun our Premier’s Reading Challenge, Miss Eggins has put up some great new library decorations, and we have lots of fantastic new books to borrow!

4/14 received a visit from an old friend on Friday of week 7, when Mrs Burden (our head librarian) popped in to see how we were. She has been enjoying her break this year, and was very excited to see the changes to our library.

A couple of reminders: please send a bag for borrowing for children in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2. It can be simply a plastic shopping bag, it doesn’t need to be anything fancy.

Also, keep those overdue books coming in. 4/14 and K-6/6 have already enjoyed a movie and popcorn for getting all overdue books in. If an overdue cannot be returned as it has been badly damaged or lost, please send in a replacement. This doesn’t have to be the same book, and they can be brought from home or purchased at the op-shop.

Keep an eye on our library, as Miss Eggins and Mrs Hauritz will be busily preparing for Book Week 2015. It might be a good idea to start thinking of costume ideas. More information to come - watch this space!

Happy reading!  
Miss Eggins and Mrs Hauritz
Have you considered becoming a foster carer?

There are children and young people needing care in the Manning, Great Lakes and Gloucester regions. Being a foster carer is both challenging and rewarding but our carers don’t have to do it alone. CatholicCare Hunter-Manning provides ongoing support to our carers to assist them in meeting the needs of children in their care.

An information evening on becoming a foster carer is being held on the 24th June 2015. If you are interested in attending please call 6583 5900 to book.

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www.themec.com.au

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