DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Term 3 - 2015

Week 4
4 Aug National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day
5 Aug Great Lakes Learning Community Academic Assembly
5 Aug Rugby League Buderus 7’s
7 Aug Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 5
10 Aug Yrs 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
11 Aug University of NSW Mathematics Competition
14 Aug Zone Athletics Carnival Back up

Week 6
18 Aug Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service
19 Aug The Protectors Performance for K-6

Week 7
26 Aug Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition for Years 5 & 6

Principal’s Report
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Education Week Open Day
It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and family members attending our school’s open day on Monday 27 July.

Visitors were able to tour around classrooms and watch children participate in class activities as well as looking at books and samples of class work.

After the picnic morning tea, open day visitors were invited to watch a concert in the hall featuring 13 different performances from students K to 6. It was the largest concert for some years and we are grateful for the support of parents who make the efforts of children and teachers all the more worthwhile.

Thank you to all.

NAIDOC Celebrations

We All Stand On Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect and Celebrate
5 - 12 July 2015

Our NAIDOC Celebrations this year were wonderful. There were many families and community members who joined us in the celebrations. Wayne Anderson (Aboriginal Education & Engagement Advisor) was our guest speaker and spoke to us about having goals and high expectations throughout our journey at school.

Janice Paulson helped us cut the cake and many helpers assisted in preparing beautiful salad, fish, kangaroo and sausages. Our whole school joined in the celebrations at lunchtime, receiving a sausage sizzle. Many thanks go to all our guests, helpers, and our P&C for making this day a great success.
Kieran sang for the assembly in Gathang

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
Forward planning is now underway. If you have a child who will start school next year, or you know someone who does, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office as soon as possible. Kindergarten students need to be 5 years of age on or before the 31 July 2016 to be eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2016.

You will need to present the following documentation:
- A completed enrolment form
- A birth certificate or current passport
- Proof of residency (council rates notice etc.)
- Immunisation certificate

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment if you require further support.

Reduced Class Sizes in Public Schools
Smaller classes K-2 will greatly enhance the learning opportunities of students.

Class numbers below are state averages
Kindergarten: 20 students per class
Year 1: 22 students per class
Year 2: 24 students per class
Years 3-6: 30 students per class

Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Wednesday 9 September 2015.

mgoals website
Last year the Great Lakes Community of Schools was successful in applying for a Learning and Engagement grant through the Department of Education. The funds received have been used to gather information about the local Worimi people and their history and to celebrate the achievements and innovative programs for Aboriginal students in our schools. This information has been uploaded on a site called mgoals (mgoals.com.au). The Worimi site is now live with and parents can access it by typing mgoals.com.au in the address bar. It cannot be found via Google. Each school in the learning community will be able to add to this site and celebrate the activities and achievements of Aboriginal students and the engagement with our local community.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day
Next Tuesday, 4 August is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day. The theme for this year is “Little People, Big Futures”. To celebrate this day some of Forster PS and Tuncurry PS Stage 3 Aboriginal students will be going to Tobwabba Medical Centre to have lunch with the local Elders and talk to them about their childhood. The conversation with the Elders will be filmed and uploaded to mgoals, allowing this information to be preserved and shared for others.

Sale of KitchenAid Artisan Mixer (Empire Red)

The school will be selling, via a silent auction single bid process, an unopened KitchenAid Artisan Mixer in the colour Empire Red. A reserve price has been set for the mixer.
Members of the community are offered an opportunity to submit a bid (one per person), in writing to the Principal by 3:00pm Friday 7 July 2015.

The highest bid, providing it is over the set reserve, will secure the mixer.

Contact Rick Clissold for further information.

Good luck to all bidders.

**SID Award Recipients Term 2**

- Reese 2/30
- Tyrone 2/30
- Karlee K25
- Alex 1/20
- Jorja 2/31
- Jarrah 1/19
- Trent 1-2/16
- Jem 2/29
- Dayne 1-2/16
- Jaielyn 2/30
- Leah K22
- Maddy 2/30
- Lyrikah 1/20
- Keira 2/29
- Izac 3-6/5
- Lewis 6/1
- Xander 6/4
- Dylan K-3/28
- Chris 6/3
- Hannah 6/1
- Tarnisha 3/11
- Jett 6/4
- Braydan 4-5/7
- Kirra 3/2
- Travis 5-6/26
- Jake 3-6/26
- Nate 3/2
- Lachlan 3/11
- Ethan 3-6/26

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

- Rick Clissold: Principal
- Narelle Kessey: Deputy Principal
- David Graham: Deputy Principal (relieving)

**Support Unit**

**Athletes with Disabilities Carnival**

After the disappointment of having to postpone our AWD Carnival twice due to wet weather, we were rewarded for the wait, with a sparkling, sunny day to run our carnival. All students in the Support Unit had a wonderful day competing in the 100m and 200m events and joining in the fun of the novelty events. Students from the Support Unit at Manning Gardens in Taree and others from Tuncurry also joined in the competition.

We would like to thank all the people who helped out with the various tasks like time-keeping, recording, starting races, selling food, setting up and running events. Mrs Drew’s Year 6 class, did a great job supporting the younger competitors and running novelty events! All this effort worked together to provide a memorable day for all.

The photos below capture some of the fun of the day.

**State Cross Country Carnival**

Congratulations to Bailey Brown who represented the school at the State Cross Country Carnival. Bailey placed 8th overall and improved on his personal best times by 2 minutes. This is a very
commendable effort and we are very proud of his success at this level of competition.

Karen Austin
Assistant Principal Support

Early Stage 1

Welcome back to school. It is great to see all the children back at school well, happy and ready to learn. This term we look forward to transition visits and Kindergarten Orientation for prospective 2016 students and parents. This is a great opportunity for our current Kindergarten children as this allows them to assume the jobs of leaders and role models.

K25 Busy At Work

Our beautiful K25 children are in out of uniform because they were supporting a fund raiser for our ex-student Ellie.

Olivia and Rhianna busy writing

Charlotte checking her work

McKenzie, Indi, Zarli and Mia practising their spelling words during L3 groups

Hudson, Aleesha and Mia-Bella writing their high frequency words

Karlee, Willow and Tom during their Guided Reading

Home Reading

We'd like to thank parents for their continued support with their children's home reading, sight words and sounds. Many of the children are making excellent progress. I would now encourage parents to also start providing opportunities for their children to read authentic rich stories for children by quality authors. Trips to the Forster Library are a fantastic way to provide for this and allow the children to choose their own books and develop a deep love of reading for pleasure.

Enjoy the next few weeks. Here is hoping that we start to see the weather warming up.

Fran Dupen
Assistant Principal

Stage 1

Stage 1 have had a lovely start to Term 3, with many performing in Education Day celebrations and many parents coming into classrooms to see all of our fabulous work.
Home Readers
In some classes it has been reported to me that homereading has slackened off this term. Please, please, please remember to do homereading with your child every night. It makes a massive difference to your child's education. Reading is so important for writing, spelling, vocabulary and learning about the world.

School Hats and Equipment
A reminder that it is a requirement that ALL children wear school hats at school each day. Also children are expected to come to school each day equipped with necessary stationery, for example; pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, coloured pencil etc. A lot of valuable learning time is wasted and lessons can be disrupted when children have to spend time looking for equipment.

Labels
Please print NAME and CLASS on all belongings/uniforms to ensure that the owner can be found promptly.

Thank you helpers!
All the teachers would like to say thank you for the continued support of parents and helpers who volunteer their time in the classroom. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Lynelle Patterson (Rel)
Assistant Principal

Stage 2

Kitchen/Garden Program
Stage 2 are fortunate to have the Kitchen Program during Terms 3 and 4 (Semester 2).

This is an amazing educational opportunity for your child. Students are able to read recipes, prepare food and cook and taste products from the garden.

Please support this program by helping in the kitchen. If you are able to help, please contact your child’s teacher or the front office. Also please be prompt in paying the $40 levy for the Kitchen/Garden as soon as possible, as these programs are expensive to maintain. The levy can be paid by instalments. Many families have already paid the levy last semester when Stage 2 students were involved in the Garden Program.

Trina, the Kitchen Specialist, showing students how to use a peeler.

Saan with Kitchen helper Kerry, demonstrating the correct cutting skills.

Jinahli working hard to complete washing up tasks in the kitchen.

Anne Evans
Assistant Principal
Stage 3

Mathematics Enrichment
Our targeted students taking part in the Australian Mathematics Trust Program are now in the process of taking part in a 16 week Enrichment Phase. The problems they are working on are extremely high order and challenging. These children along with other students who participated in the Mathematics Challenge Stage of the competition will also be taking part in a Mathematics Competition on Monday 3 August.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
Students from Grades 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition on Wednesday 26 August. This school has absorbed the cost of this competition to allow every student the opportunity to participate and enjoy the challenge.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
The children in Stage 3 have commenced taking part in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The aim of the program is to introduce young children to the wonderful world of food through developing a productive food garden. They learn how to best grow food, how to care for it in the garden and how to recognise when it is ripe and at its best. Students work on planned activities within their group and are required to observe, record, illustrate, measure, compare and predict events in the garden. They are all very excited and we look forward to seeing our mini gardeners emerge as the term progresses.

Sport
It is great to see the students enjoying many of the sports offered at Forster Public School.

The race is on

Camp Week
Students as well as teachers in Year 5 and Year 6 are getting very excited as the date of the camp approaches us very quickly. Families should have received a note which includes information to help prepare and pack for camp. We are endeavouring to provide an educational experience for all students building on the concepts taught in the classroom and providing opportunities for students to discover new things. We expect that all students embrace this opportunity and consistently follow our school core values of RESPECT, SAFETY and PERSONAL BEST. If these values are followed we should have a wonderful experience that the children will cherish forever. You can follow the Canberra Camp experience on our BLOG! (Information on how to do this will be provided next week).

The students who are not attending camp will be provided with a fun and engaging program covering similar content to that which will be learnt at camp. An excursion to the Council Chambers has been planned to learn about how our local council operates.

Amber Lawrence serenades the students
The students were fortunate enough to have Australian country music singer-songwriter, Amber Lawrence visit our school to perform. One of the songs was called Superheroes in which won Amber a Golden Guitar Award for Female Artist of the Year in 2015.
Bounce Back!

This term students have been exploring the topic of relationships. Students in Stage 1 have been discussing friendship and different ways to make friends.

Students in Stage 2 read the text 'Look what I've got' by Anthony Browne and discussed the different reasons why it's good to try to get along with others. They also explored the idea of being a good listener and having an interesting conversation.

Sport

Rugby League
The boys travelled to Taree to play Rugby League against other schools from across the Manning last week. The boys played well with wins in both their pool games. The U10's won 2 and lost 2. The Opens won 2, won their semi and lost the final.

Football (Soccer)
The boys played football against Tinonee. The boys played very well, beating Tinonee 3-1. Congratulations to the team and Mr Simon Maidment as they are now the Manning Champions. The team is off to play the Newcastle champions in the next few weeks. We wish them well.

The girls played a tight game against Halliday's Point. Almost on the full-time bell the girls managed to break the 0-0 deadlock and beat Halliday's 1-0. Congratulations also to Miss Newman and our Manning Champions Girls team. They play again in the next few weeks against a Newcastle team. Best wishes girls.

Touch
Both the boys and girls teams played in the PSSA knockout Round 2 last week. The games were hard fought and both teams showed a variety of skill and sportsmanship. The boys played Halliday's Point and won 10-3 and the girls played Halliday's Point also and lost 7-3. The boys go on to Round 3 and play the winner out of Taree West and Chatham in Week 4. We wish them all the best. The girls have been knocked out of the competition.
**Soccer Gala Day**
The Boys Soccer Gala Day was played at Wingham last Friday. We were represented by 2 teams the opens and a Year 3/4 team. Both teams played with great sportsmanship and did the school proud playing six games over the day.

**AWD**
Congratulations to Ms Austin and all Support Unit Staff for a successful AWD carnival held at Lake Street Oval. The children from surrounding Support Unit's including Tuncurry, Manning Gardens and our own Forster Public School enjoyed a day of athletics and fun novelty events. The smile on the children's faces was evidence of a wonderful day.

Congratulations also to 6/4 that helped run the novelty events and also ran alongside the competitors and gave encouragement in the 100m, 200m and 800m races. Very proud of you and the way you displayed compassion and encouragement to all the children.

**Zone Athletics**
*Tuncurry Oval - 7 August 2015.* All notes have gone home to the children representing in the Zone. Thank you to those that have returned their $5 and medical/permission notes.

Paula Drew
Sport Organiser

**Library**

Wow, can you believe we are already well into term 3 for 2015? Where is it going? Here in the library, we have so much happening this term. We’ve had some lovely donations of new books, and they are beginning to appear on our borrowing shelves, so keep an eye out for some special new titles. This term we will celebrate Book Week in week 7. Miss Eggins and Mrs Hauritz are working closely with our other teachers to organise a book parade for students, so start thinking about costumes to wear! More information to come shortly.

Premier’s Reading Challenge is finishing on August 21, so please let Miss Eggins know of any books you’ve read for the challenge. We can’t issue certificates unless we have your reading list. This can be done online also.

Once again, please ensure your child (K-2) comes to library with a suitable library bag. Some of our books are quite heavy, and sometimes they can tear through flimsy bags damaging not only the books, but also the legs of unsuspecting children. Please also bring back any overdue books so we can have them available for others to borrow.

Mrs Hauritz will be away from school over the next few weeks, and we are privileged to have Mrs Murray joining us as our Thursday librarian for 3 weeks. I know all students will make her feel welcome.

Happy Reading,
Miss Eggins and Mrs Murray (relieving librarian)
Librarian

**School Photos**

*‘Photo to Phone’ Product from A-One Fotomakers Hunter.*

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, the ‘Photo to Phone’ product which you may have ordered with your school photos this year cannot be supplied at this stage. We are communicating with our provider about this issue and at this stage we do not know when or if the situation is going to be rectified. The company we deal with has had a critical failure with their software and are having to re write their whole program.

If you did purchased a ‘Photo to Phone’ please feel free to email cas@aonefotomakers.com.au so we can email you a digital copy of your photo.

When and if this situation is fixed, we will also send you your photos to your phones.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you. Please contact us on 4954 0499 if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Thank you from
Nicholas and Cassandra Vizintin
A-One Fotomakers Hunter P/L
Cassandra Vizintin
Administration Manager
Writers Corner

National parks are a great place to relax
Always remember not to stray from the tracks
Take a photo of the many beautiful sites
In the Myall Lakes you may see the lighthouse lights
Ospreys can be seen flying over the treetops
Nearby humpback whales breech and flop
At dawn watch the sunrise
Lovely bright orangey-pink skies

Pack a picnic and find a great place
And enjoy the fresh air and open space
Right at the top of Wallingat is a spectacular lookout
Kids love to play and run about
So go and enjoy your own National Park (it is really fun!)

Jack holding his National Parks Acrostic poem

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our winter raffle. It was a great success, raising over $2000.

1st Prize: Jacob Connell
2nd Prize: Tracey Horn
3rd Prize: Lucinda Worthington
4th Prize: Dianne

Most tickets sold for infants: Beau Woods
Most tickets sold for primary: Harry Le Rougetel

Once again we are putting out the call to anyone who has a bit of spare time to come and help in the canteen.

Lee Caithness
P&C President