Term 2 continues to be a very busy period for our school. This busy schedule comprises a mix of academic endeavour, sporting involvement and social engagement demonstrating the breadth of opportunities available for students and our general commitment to nurturing broad student engagement. Besides the range of sporting events that the school has participated in recently, examinations for Years 11 and 10 have been completed. Staff are now busily marking exams and other assessment tasks and compiling first semester report cards.

By the time you have read this report, Years 7 and 9 will have completed their NAPLAN exams. Just a reminder about NAPLAN. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test, but rather shows how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy skills against national standards for all Australian school children. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school to parents later this year.

PBL is a school wide system that aims to apply a consistent approach, that is, everywhere, all the time, to identified areas of concern within the school community. Utilising strategies such as rule reminders, PBL specific language, positive phrasing, modelling expected behaviours and explicitly teaching those expected behaviours. We aim to embed our PBL expectations of Responsibility, Respect, Honesty and Doing Your Best in all learning settings at Forbes High School. As a reward for those students who embrace these expectations, a range of rewards emerge culminating in a place on our sought after rewards excursion which this year will again incorporate another trip to Sydney for State of Origin 3. This proved extremely popular last year and no doubt will also be in high demand again this year.

You will no doubt have seen, heard or read about the unpleasant events surrounding Sydney AFL player Adam Goodes who was subjected to racist comments made by a 13 year old school girl while playing a match against Collingwood. While Goodes received a much publicised apology from the girl, he appropriately said that while he was "gutted" by her comment, she needed to be supported and educated. This was an admirable response by someone who had every right to be offended. Forbes High School actively reinforces the Department of Education's commitment to eliminate racial discrimination. We believe that no student, employee, parent, caregiver or community member should experience racism within the learning environment at Forbes High School. What learning should we as a school community take from this incident? We are always telling students to 'speak well'. This is in reference to each other, to teachers and to members of the community. You can never be sure who is listening and what they are taking from the conversation. If you use inappropriate language at work, you can be warned a number of times and/or lose your job. If you speak inappropriately to a teacher or a member of school staff you will be suspended. If you speak poorly to your friends, you can lose those who you value. Why has swearing and abuse become so common in certain areas of our lives? Often the language used on social media sites is disgraceful, but the sites are often left unmonitored and abuse is not reported to site managers. This unfortunately reinforces the negative behaviour. As educators and parents, we attempt to instil in our students and children the expected values of our society. I am sure none of us want to live in an Australian Society where language and abuse is just an expected part of everyday life.

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I would like to thank the parents and caregivers who have positively responded to recent school evening events. The Year 12 Information evening was well attended where many anxious students received their half yearly reports. On Tuesday of this week we held our first transition event for our Year 6 into 7 students and the support from parents was wonderful. It was an evening filled with a range of important information and I know that many of our new intake of students cannot wait until our class visits begin in Term 3. I would like to thank Miss Glynn for her outstanding organisation and I know she will be an excellent and caring Student Advisor for Year 7, 2014. I would also like to remind Year 11 parents that June 18 is scheduled as the night we issue Year 11 reports and parents will receive feedback at 6pm about how effective Year 11 students have transitioned into senior studies.

Our staff have been very proactive in ensuring that they are ready for the implementation of the National Curriculum in 2014. Much professional learning has already been undertaken and more is scheduled to ensure that we are ready to support our students in learning in what is always a challenging time with the onset of a new curriculum. I would like to thank my caring staff for their ongoing commitment during what has been a most hectic time. As Jack Gibson once quoted “In football, if you are standing still you are moving backwards fast”. I believe Jack’s quote is just as relevant for all of us as we embrace life’s challenges and especially for those of us involved in preparing the next generation for life after school.

It gives us great pleasure to support students in a range of activities and to acknowledge their participation and successes. I am proud of what public schools can offer and very proud of our students here at Forbes High School. I am sure you will find a range of other outstanding achievements written about our young people in this newsletter.

DAVID HARRIS

**MUSICIAN EXCELS**

Year 11 student, Thomas Haynes, has excelled in music for a number of years. At his young age he has achieved many highlights through his music. Thomas is a talented saxophone player and was part of the State Youth Band Tour in 2012. This Band toured NSW country towns, including Forbes as well as playing in Sydney. Thomas attended a Western Band camp last week and after a brilliant performance in the final concert was selected as part of the State Wind Orchestra, what an honour!!

This orchestra will play at the Opera House in 2014. From this camp he was also offered an Expression of Interest to play in Vienna next year for Vienna’s 12 day music festival. Congratulations Thomas and we hope you enjoy Vienna next year.

**VISUAL ARTS**

**DAY TO REMEMBER**

Year 8 and Year 11 Students from Forbes High enjoyed a wonderful day out on excursion to Cowra. The trip was generously subsidised by the Cowra Regional Gallery, through their Schools Education Fund. We visited the Cowra Regional Art Gallery to view the Calleen Art Awards and the Central West Art Awards. The Calleen Award is awarded to an artist within Australia and the Central West Award is given to an artist in the local region. The Gallery was packed with exciting works from both Awards.

It was an absolute joy to hear students excited and openly responding to the art works on display. We each voted on our favourite work in the People’s Choice before travelling to the Cowra Japanese Gardens. The Gardens have on display a range of art works and Japanese artefacts, paintings, ceramics and samurai swords and armour. We were given a demonstration on Japanese Children’s toys which we were also able to play with. This was a lot of fun and students were given a box of kites to fly around the gardens. With just enough wind to get them up; the gardens in autumn provided an idyllic backdrop.

The best part of the day was getting back to school happy and content after a great day out to be informed that the Garden staff had rung the school to compliment our students on being the VERY BEST group to ever go through the gardens. All credit goes to the students who were a delight to travel with.

Kath McGeechan
Thank you

Forbes High School would like to acknowledge the on going support of our student programs from Woolworths Supermarket and Barrick Gold, Lake Cowal Mine. Without these partners many programs at Forbes High would not run.
P&C MEETING
The next general meeting of the P&C is scheduled for Tuesday 11th June commencing at 7.00pm at the Forbes Services Memorial Club.

CANTEEN NEWS
The next weekly special commencing on Tuesday 11th June is Potato Wedges with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce or gravy or tomato sauce for just $4. $5 Meal Deals are also available so come down to “The Snack Shack” and check out the new menu and specials.

MAJOR FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE FORBES HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for this term so we ask for your support. Family support is most appreciated.

Reminder that Tuesday 11th June is the final day for the order form.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please detach the order form with your orders and don’t forget to select a prize! Please return the order form along with your money to the Forbes High School administration office on or before Tuesday 11th June 2013. We will advise a date of when the cookie dough and prizes will be delivered to the school. Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.

CLAIM THE DATE – 2013 JUNIOR DINNER DANCE
Friday 30th August – 7.00pm – Forbes High School Hall
Mark this important date in your diaries now!

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK
Appointments have been secured for Wednesday 21st August 2013 from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. If you would like to take one of these appointments please collect a permission note from the front office. Anita is happy to deliver and pick up from appointments on the day. Teachers will be allocated the earlier appointments in an attempt to minimise disruption from attending sport. It is envisaged that if we continue to increase the number of appointments we utilise that Forbes High School will be allocated their own visit and the service will be located within the school grounds for a day so please take advantage of this opportunity to give blood and save lives.

CHANGE OF DATE
Year 12 Business Studies assessment task 3, an in class test, that was scheduled for week 9 has been rescheduled to Tuesday 18th June, week 8, due to a clash with two excursions.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school website is constantly being updated with new photos, calendar dates and information. Visit www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au to find photos and information about our wonderful school.
**FREE EYE TESTING**
The Wellington Aboriginal Medical Service will be out reaching free eye testing to the Parkes Shire Aboriginal Community. This is a free service and is being outreached to the Parkes and District Neighbourhood & Community Information Centre once every 3 months. Please phone Amanda Corcoran at the Parkes Neighbourhood Centre to book for your free consultation. Phone 68624140

**WELL WOMEN WORKSHOP**
Free event – morning tea and lunch provided. Come and hear some yarning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women about looking after your breasts and what you can do.
Where: Yoorana Gunya.
When: Friday 14th June at 10am.
To register or make and inquiry call 68501222

**RAISING MEN**
Raising Men is for boys aged 12 to 15, and their father or significant mentor. The program includes a 3-day bush camp, pre-meeting, follow up sessions and a mothers program. *This new structure has moved away from a 6 day camp, allowing the program to become more accessible and affordable for families.* Research clearly indicates Australian teenagers are experiencing significant and unacceptably high levels of issues impacting on their wellbeing. These include: mental health disorders, intoxication, homelessness, victims of violent crimes, youth suicide, teen pregnancy, eating disorders, to name a few. *Raising Men is a Rite of Passage program that invites boys and their families to acknowledge their transition into manhood. This process has the ability to build stronger family relationships, increase self-esteem and motivation and strengthen communication skills.*
info@raisingmen.com.au or www.raisingmen.com.au or phone 66843892

**EXPERIENCE LIFE AS AN OVERSEAS TEENAGER WITH WEP!**
WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs give secondary students the opportunity to choose from over 20 countries to live and study for a summer, semester or year. Have the time of your life! Our volunteer host families look forward to inviting you into their community, sharing their culture with you and learning about yours. WEP is also offering scholarships towards semester and year-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014

**Upcoming Information Sessions**
Sat, 11 May (12 noon - 4pm) - Melbourne / OPEN DAY!
Tues, 14 May (7:30-9pm) - Sydney
Sat, 18 May (10-11:30am) - Lismore
Sat, 18 May (10-11:30am) - Cairns
Wed, 22 May (7:30-9pm) - Melbourne
Thur, 23 May (7:30-9pm) - Brisbane

**Find Out More!**
If you would like to go overseas or invite an exchange student into your family, simply request a FREE information pack, including our brochure, fee sheet and FREE application form:
- visit www.wep.org.au
- email info@wep.org.au
- call 1300 884 733

**WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY RIDING CAMPS**
Jackaroo Ranch situated at Bingletree Station at Upper Turon are running their popular riding camps in the winter vacation. *1st week – Sat 29th June – Sat 6th July and Week 2 – Sat 6th July – Sun 14th July.* These camps are for horse mad children aged 6 to 16 yrs. Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a one hour lesson and three hours trail riding in the beautiful Turon Valley – with tuition still being given. As well, campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship. Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.
Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. This is not just a camp – it’s a wonderful farm experience our child will treasure forever.
Enquiries – Mrs Pattie Hudson 6337 7173 (nights best)