PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What constitutes a good education? This question, one that teachers often ponder, was occupying me whilst I was driving back to school from the three day Secondary Principal Conference last week. Schools are held accountable for their performance which is often measured by academic results. HSC results and NAPLAN performance are often quoted as a measure of a school's success. Yet people agree that a good education involves much more. Opportunities to participate and experience a wide range of social, cultural, sporting and community events through the school has much impact on the growth and development of a person and their success in becoming a valued member of society. Providing students with these opportunities presents a challenge for schools. They have to get 'the balance' right. Schools need to weigh up the impact of the absence from formal lessons for teachers and students, the costs involved in participating and travelling, and whether it is actually the role of the school to provide the students with this particular opportunity.

What I have witnessed at Forbes High School over a sustained period has reinforced my belief that we have indeed got ‘the balance’ right. This is reflected through an ongoing commitment by our teaching staff to blend student learning with an array of extra curricula activities that have strong links to the values of our local Forbes community. It is important to regularly acknowledge things that are done well and to maintain and strengthen the things that we value. Well done to all for the ongoing support that enables our school and our students to excel in a variety of contexts.

I am sure that many students have commented to parents about the new improved school canteen renamed The “Snack Shack” which has become a hive of activity with many varied combinations of tasty snacks and meals now available. I would like to thank Christine Crawford and Robyn Cowhan and student helpers for making this happen.

Incredibly, the PBL event for 2013 was sold out within one day of being offered to students. The State of Origin 3 event was rushed by eligible students and no doubt will be the highlight excursion for the year. Over seventy percent of our students were deemed eligible for this PBL “prize” which again reinforces what I constantly say about the majority of our young people here at Forbes High School. They are great kids to work with.

The school will be introducing in Term 3, a Homework Centre every Monday afternoon commencing at 3.15pm and concluding at 6.15pm. This will be supervised by teaching staff for any interested students from Years 7 to 12. The rules for attendance will be simple:

1. Students must be present by 3.20pm
2. SMS messages will be sent to parent contacts confirming attendance by 3.30pm
3. No student will be allowed to leave before closure unless a signed note from parents is received by supervising staff

I stress to parents and caregivers that this is being set up as a session provided by our staff to support genuine students who have the desire and need for homework /assignment support. It will not be a child minding or a social session. Further enquiries please contact Daniel West.

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I have been concerned for some time about our timetable structure on Wednesdays for Senior Students. The attendance of some seniors on Wednesdays to say the least is poor. As a result four timetabled classes for all year 11 and 12 students will be scheduled on Wednesday mornings from the beginning of Term 3. This will eradicate the excuse that is sometimes used, that there is not enough face to face lesson time for Senior Students on Wednesdays. Unless a student has a TAFE lesson scheduled for mornings then the clear expectation will be that you are expected to be at school. This timetable structure will result in slight changes in bell times which I enclose below.

Put simply, the addition of these senior lessons on Wednesday will necessitate school commencing ten minutes later on Wednesday and five minutes later on Fridays for all students. This new structure will commence from the beginning of Term 3. A reminder to all that school will resume for Term 3 for all students on Tuesday July 16.

I wish students, parents and staff a very happy and safe holiday.

DAVID HARRIS

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**FHS News**

By: Joshua Eddy

When I first got the assignment to build a scale model of a shearing shed and/or yards, I was really excited because I build models as a hobby at home and enjoy building them as well.

I didn’t grow up on a farm and I didn’t know all that much about farming so when I began to work on this model and started researching about shearing sheds, I was constantly learning more and more as I continued to work on my model.

My model is a 1:30 scale shearing shed and yards. I spent a total of around 200 hours researching, building and learning about shearing sheds and the way they work.

My dad was a great source of information as he and my grandad built shearing sheds/sheep yards back in the 1970’s; so planning the building and the use of the various materials required for my model was quite exciting for me and I thoroughly enjoyed every hour that I put into this assignment.
FHS - News

Thank you
Forbes High School would like to acknowledge the ongoing 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.

EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS
Students from the Support Unit have recently participated in both the Cowra and Forbes Eisteddfods.
On 5th June, Peter Gorman, Blake Huntly, Claudia Bosma, Blair Sauer, Dezi-Lea Goodsell, Luke Turner, Ryan Glennan, Sam Taylor, Sarah Duncan, Heidi Barnes, Alex Constable and Brendan Bush travelled to Cowra to take part in the Eisteddfod. The students performed a dance routine to the title song from the musical “Hair”. The group also recited a poem “The Haunted Track” and did another dance routine to “Gangnam Style”. They were awarded three Highly Commended Certificates for their performances. Following their performance, the students enjoyed lunch at McDonalds before returning to Forbes. Thank you to Mr Sherritt for driving the bus to Cowra to allow the students to participate.

On Tuesday, 18th June, the same group of students took part in the Forbes Eisteddfod. On this occasion they were awarded second place in their section for “Hair” and received Highly Commended Certificates for both the poem and “Gangnam Style”. The adjudicator commented on the great costumes for “Hair” and said the item was very entertaining. The students were rewarded with a trophy and each student also received a medal. They were very pleased with their efforts.

SCHOOL CHESS TEAM
On Wednesday 29th May, our school chess team had their second round match against Molong Central School. The team once again consisted of Daniel Stevenson, Michael Todd, Patrick Maybury and Hamish McIntosh. The boys played extremely well and should be commended for their professionalism. Both schools had two wins each on their respective chess boards but Forbes High School were the eventual winners. This means the team now moves into the third round of the NSW Country Secondary Schools chess competition and we will meet Macquarie Anglican Grammar School from Dubbo in the first week of Term 3. Best of luck to the boys in the next round!

STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS
Last Monday students from Forbes High School were called upon to referee the PSSA soccer match between Bedgerabong Public School and Wyalong Public School. Reports, from Bedgerabong Principal, about the behaviour and caring attitude these boys portrayed were glowing. Sam Williams, Oliver Dagger and Mark Buttriss not only refereed the game but explained to the students what they were doing wrong and how to improve. The boys demonstrated many skills during the game so that the teams could improve their skills. The primary students from both schools learnt so much about the technical side of the game from some very learned boys. A huge thank you from both schools.

DRUG ACTION WEEK
On Friday 21st June, Mrs Heather Parker, Hamish McIntosh and Alex Coles helped the Forbes Community to recognise and promote Drug Action week by conducting an information stall in Rankin Street. They gave residents free information bags filled with goodies and gave them the opportunity to wear the beer and drug goggles which give you a chance to see what it looks like to be under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Below are Alex and Hamish setting up the stall and Mrs Parker handing a bag to Forbes Residents Margaret Toohey and Nea Roylance.
P&C MEETING
The next general meeting of the P&C is scheduled for Tuesday 16th July commencing at 7.00pm at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. We will be discussing the Semester Assembly and Open Day scheduled for Monday 29th July, the Junior Dinner Dance on the 30th August plus many other important issues. Please come along and bring a friend.

2013 JUNIOR DINNER DANCE
Friday 30th August – 7.00pm – Forbes High School Hall
Students interested in learning a partner dance for the evening are to see Anita Morrison in the library on Wednesday or Thursday for more information.

CANTEEN NEWS
Congratulations to our fantastic canteen staff for all of their hard work this term. The fortnightly specials have been going extremely well and there has been some very positive feedback from staff and students. “The Snack Shack” special for the first two weeks of next term is Scallops for just $1. A catering service for morning tea, afternoon tea and light luncheon is also available and enquiries can be made by contacting Chris or Robyne on 68522666.

Volunteers Needed
Where else can you meet new people, talk to your kid’s teachers, meet your kid’s friends, see your kids in action in the playground and maybe even meet our principal.
Volunteering at our school is not a chore, it’s easy. Your duties for the day will be:
- Making simple healthy canteen lunches for our fabulous students and staff
- Meeting students at recess and lunch
- Stepping out for a lunch
- Having a good laugh, lots of fun and a chat
- Make the day even more fun and bring a friend or two with you… And it’s all free.
Please contact Christine Crawford on 68522666
Or fill in the tear-off below and send it back to school

BILLY G’S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER
Due to the school holidays the delivery date for the Cookie Dough orders is now Thursday 18th July (first Thursday back at school). Sorry for any inconvenience.

WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES
Congratulations to all of the students who travelled to Wellington to trial for the Western Cross Country Team which will compete at Eastern Creek on Friday 19th July. Codie Smith, Darcie Morrison and Jessica Pascoe all ran well to secure their positions in the team. Unfortunately a sudden illness will prevent Jess from competing and we wish her a fast speedy recovery.

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY
Forbes High School will be celebrating Education Week on Monday 29th July 2013 with an Open Day and school tour in conjunction with the Semester 1 Assembly.
Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Family Members are invited to attend.
Monday 29th July 2013
9.00am to 11.30am
Forbes High School Hall
Come along and meet our staff and student representatives, tour the school facilities and hear about the exciting programs, opportunities and experiences available to students at Forbes High School. Tours commence at 9.00am and 9.15am followed by a complimentary morning tea prepared by hospitality students.

For further information contact Forbes High School.

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK
The Red Cross Blood Donation Service will be visiting on Wednesday 21st August 2013. Forbes High School has secured appointments for staff and students between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. If you are interested in securing an appointment please contact Anita Morrison on 0405364512 or in the library on Wednesday or Thursday. Students will need to get a permission note signed by their parents to participate and 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 to 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.

Canteen Volunteers Slip
(Please pass this on to the school canteen)
Volunteers Name________________________________________
Phone No.______________________________________________

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.
FHS Yr 12 July Holiday HSC Art Workshop
In the Second week of the upcoming Schools Holidays, the Art room will be staffed by Mrs Jane Hill from 11am until 5pm from Tuesday 9th July until Sat 13th July. The three current Yr 12 Art students are invited to use this studio time to complete their HSC major Body Of Work as the state lock up completion date is rapidly looming (ie Monday 26th August by 3.00pm). Those students interested in taking this opportunity are to see Mrs Hill for a permission note.

XSEL Applications
Applications for a place in the NSW Western Region Virtual Selective High School (xsel) are now open. Children wishing to apply for a place in Years 8-10 2014 need to present a portfolio of the previous two years academic achievements for review by the selection panel. This portfolio should include copies of semester and end of year reports as well as certificates or awards from state wide competitions eg the UNSW English, Science or Mathematics competition. All applications must include a completed official application form which can be downloaded from the Department of Education and Communities website. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php
The school that you are applying for should be entered as Forbes High School (xsel). The completed application form and the student’s portfolio should be returned to Forbes High School before Friday 19th July 2013. Information about xsel and answers to frequently asked questions can be found at www.xsel.schools.nsw.edu.au/enrolling-in-xsel/years-8-9-and-10
The cost to parents is approximately $250 each term. If you require any assistance or have further queries regarding xsel or the application process please contact Forbes High on 6852 2666 to speak with Mrs Jackie Flannery.

DEBATING
On the 13th June the years 9/10 debating team travelled to Cowra to debate against their team. We only found out an hour before the debate what the topic was and had to prepare using no mobile phones, computers or technology. All we had were palm cards, pencils, a dictionary, lollies and our minds. We came up with a fairly good argument and rebutted their case well; however Cowra came out on top on the day. The adjudicator said that our case was very well prepared and well spoken. He also said that we were the best speakers he had seen. The next debate was held on home turf against the other Cowra team. Again we only had an hour to prepare a debate on the topic ‘We should ban alcohol advertising’. We were the negative and again, Cowra came out on top. The last debate that we had this term was on the 26th June, when we travelled to Grenfell to debate on the topic, ‘years 9/10 students should have to do 1 day of work experience per fortnight’. This was the first debate that we had where we were the affirmative and we thought this may give us a chance. However we were beaten again, but the adjudicator again said we were excellent speakers and we only lost by 2 points out of 600 (100 per speaker). All in all the debates that we had were fun and we can’t wait until next term when we get to do some more.
The debating team consisted of Maddi Collits, Daniel Ashcroft, Danielle Jenkins and Bronte Haynes with reserves Quintin Hapgood and Hannah Hunt.
WOOL DRIVE FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WESTMEAD
Do you have any oddments or wool of any type in your shed you wish to donate. Olam Wool (Western Wool Marketing) is organising A Wool Drive to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Westmead. We will pick up or clean sheds out, press, test and auction free of charge for all donated wool. We are collecting wool from 1st July 2013 to 30th September 2013. Please Contact Chris Scott: 0417 690 709, Lib Neville 0417 478 079 or Colin Hunt 0418 175 756.

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS
If school expenses are weighing you down, the Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it is simple: there’s no need to collect receipts and you don’t claim it through your tax. If you’re eligible it will be paid straight into your bank account twice each year so you have the money when you need it most. Each year you will receive up to:
$410 a year for each primary student ($205 paid in January and $205 paid in July)
$820 a year for each secondary student ($410 paid in January and $410 paid in July).
The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid in July and that eligible families who have not updated their child’s education details with Centrelink have until 29 June to do so to ensure they receive the correct payment in July. Eligible families who have updated their child’s education details with Centrelink do not have to do anything.

ABOUT THE iSMILE INTRODUCTION PROGRAMME
The iSmile programme provides Aboriginal students with; a pathway to either a career in oral health or other areas in the health industry; or entry into degree-based courses at university such as oral health therapy and dentistry. iSmile students who successfully complete the first part of the programme, the Certificate II Introduction to iSmile programme, can then go on to the Certificate III in Dental Assisting course commencing in 2014.
What: Certificate II Introduction to iSmile
When: Starts Monday, 16 September 2013 and ends Friday, 20 December 2013.
The introductory programme will allow students to develop a range of skills in the classroom as well as gaining work experience in the health/dental industry. The introduction programme includes:
• Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training in the Community Services Sector.
• iSmile student code of conduct.
• Full time Flexible learning over 12 weeks.
• A work placement within the health/dental industry.
• Skills development in workplace industry concepts, information technology responsibilities and health.
• Learning support and mentoring will be available.
• Funding support for travel and accommodation for eligible students.
• Support in the application process for the Certificate III Dental Assisting course.

iSmile selection criteria
Students will be interviewed as part of the selection process and must:
• Be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
• Have a strong interest in working in the health industry
• Agree to have all required vaccinations
• Agree to undertake Literacy and Numeracy screen.
• Undertake a Criminal Record check and a Working with Children Check.

How to apply
Students need to fill in an application form. Applications for the iSmile programme close on Friday, 26 July 2013. Interested students need to:
• Call to find out more information on 1300 823 393.
• Complete the application form with all necessary information.
• Send application to tafeismile@det.nsw.edu.au or post to iSmile, PO Box 1059, Orange NSW 2800 or drop the completed application into your local college.