PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome to Term 2, 2014. Well done to students and staff who have settled so quickly into their routines after their well-earned Easter break. This term will be a very busy nine weeks with assessments and reporting compacted into a short time frame to complete Semester One.

ANZAC DAY
Congratulations to the many students and staff who attended the Morning Ceremonies in Forbes on the 25th of April. I have always been very proud of the respectful manner in which our school participates in and supports the ANZAC Tradition.

HSC
2014 HSC students can now view their personal HSC examination timetable by logging into their Students Online account. I strongly advise all student's to access their timetables if they have not already done so. Year 12 received their interim reports last Thursday and whilst many targets have been met by them, a considerable amount of work is still necessary before the commencement of HSC exams in October.

CROSS COUNTRY and ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
It was a pleasure to witness these carnivals two weeks ago. The house spirit, participation rates and the dressing up in house colours by so many of our students and staff were indeed a memory that I will treasure. There is indeed a special chemistry between the staff and students of Forbes High School. Special mention must go to Jess Pascoe (running) and Mathew Toole (high jump) who were quite outstanding breaking long standing records for their particular events.

HOMEWORK CENTRE
I remind all parents and students that Forbes High School operates a Homework Centre every Monday night after school. It is supervised by staff from the high school and parents are encouraged to recommend to children to take advantage of this free service. It will help give your child an edge in completing assessment tasks, homework and preparing for tests.

COLD WEATHER
As the colder weather is upon us, I would like to remind parents and students about the expectation of appropriate school uniform. Coloured jumpers are not part of our winter uniform. Also, school beanies are now available for sale from the office. They are locally produced, woollen with the school logo and only cost $10. Please ensure your sons or daughters are suitably attired.

YEAR 11 EXAMS
Half yearly exams are scheduled next week from the 19th to the 23rd of May. All year 11 students by now should have their timetable and need to be pro-active regarding their study routine and preparations.

ACCURATE RECORDS
It is essential that the school has accurate records. As such I implore you to notify us if residential or contact details change. In certain circumstances the school may be required to make instant contact with parents or caregivers if an injury is sustained or an issue needs to be dealt with immediately. It can be frustrating to communicate effectively when these details on our files are not accurate.

Finally, I would remind all caregivers that our Newsletters are published on our Website in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term for your information of scheduled events and general information on happenings at Forbes High School.

Kind regards
David Harris
TERTIARY AWARENESS DAY 2014
The Forbes High School Tertiary Awareness Day was held on Tuesday 6th May. Almost 40 Tertiary education providers attended the day and students from years 10, 11 and 12 had the opportunity to access information and talk with the various institutions about different courses and career opportunities post high school. Over 500 students attended the day from high schools in the region.

2014 CROSS COUNTRY
The Annual Cross Country was held on Wednesday 30th April during sport. Jess Pascoe was the overall winner crossing the finish line in just under 30 minutes and all who participated enjoyed the afternoon. The results for 2014 are as follows:
12 Years: Tye Ramsay & Fiona Howarth
13 Years: Duncan McCrae & Kara Bray
14 Years: Regan Acret & Alesha Horton
15 Years: Warren Baxter/Kurt Mylechrane
16 Years: Mitchell Andres & Georgia Woods
Opens: Sam Williams & Jess Pascoe

ENGLISH/DRAma/LOTe & HISTORY News
Competitions:
The ABC’s annual Heywire competition is calling for stories by year 10, 11 and 12 students from rural and regional Australia. You can write a story, or create an audio track or a photo or video story. These can be about all kinds of things - as long as it's about YOU and where you come from in regional Australia. It can be about an issue in your community, a challenge that you've overcome or simply why you like living where you do. See http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/stories/2012/03/3460119.htm for details.
The 2014 Charles Sturt University Creative Writing Competition: Open to Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Students need to submit a fictional creative writing piece, (story, poem, script, blog, etc.) of no more than 1,000 words exploring one or more of the competition themes; family values, cultural experiences or social challenges. Competition closes June 10. There are four $250 cash prizes to WIN
A reminder:
Year 10 English and History half yearly exams will be held Monday, 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd June.

Debating News:
On Wednesday the 7th of May, the Stage 6 debating team from Forbes High School consisting of Zoe Cook, Bronte Haynes, Hannah Hunt, and Sam Trevorow, travelled to Blayney High School to compete in a debating gala day. They certainly showed a remarkable level maturity as they debated such difficult topics as: Offshore processing, parenting classes being mandatory, and banning gambling advertisements during sport games. Unfortunately the team was unsuccessful in their debates, but certainly showed growth throughout the entire day! They learnt skills that they can apply to all facets of their life. Congratulations girls!
The Stage 5 teams have debated each other with Forbes Team B taking the win over Forbes Team A in a very tight competition, only 3 points separating them! They will certainly do the school proud in their upcoming debates. Special thanks must also go to Chelsea Turner of Year 8 for stepping up to debate above her age division.

Mobile Blood Service Visiting Forbes
26th – 29th May 2014
Harold Street
Vive la France:
“Les Bâtons Francaise” – Cultural Infusion
On Thursday 8th May Mrs Bass along with Mr Harris and Mr Ryan took a fantastic group of 42 French students from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to Dubbo to see the French based comedy show “Les Bâtons Francaise”.
“Les Bâtons Francaise” is an exploration of French culture and lifestyle through comedy and drama. The show touched on many French icons and literature including stories such as Cyrano De Bergerac and the three musketeers. Students thoroughly enjoyed the 50 minute comedy and left with an inspired interest and respect for the French culture and language.
Thankyou to everyone involved in the planning of the excursion and all the Forbes High School students who proudly represented the school.

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.
Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

ANZAC DAY
Forbes High School was well represented by students and staff at the community march and it was great to see so many of you taking time out from your holidays to recognise and remember the servicemen and women who protect the rights and freedoms we all enjoy.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE WINNERS!
The annual Easter Egg Raffle was drawn on the last day of term 1 and more than 20 prizes were presented. Thank you to all the students and staff who supported this raffle with prize donations and ticket sales. The raffle raised more than $580.00.
Prize Winners were:
Book Sellers: Isac Stewart & Nicole Morrison
1 – Barbara Wright 2 - Nic Tomlinson
3 – Suzanne Woods 4 – Hannah Stewart
5 – Sarah Duncan 6 – Judy Osborne
7 – Loree Schafer 8 – Scotty Hennock
9 – Tye Stewart 10 – Quirk Family
11 – Bob Haines 12 – Alesha Horton
13 – Hannah Hunt 14 – Joan Egan
15 – Emma Northam 16 – Marilyn Hollstein
17 – Carly Morrison 18 – Tom Williams
19 – Eliza Woods 20 – Nathan Haley
21 – Maddie Cowan

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.
2014 Athletics Carnival

The 2014 school Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 1st April with some very pleasing results. Three records were broken on the day with Jess Pascoe setting new records for the 400m & 800m Open Girl events. Jess trimmed up the 400m by 0.3 of a second and obliterated the 800m by taking 10 seconds off the previous record. Both of these records have stood since 1975 (39 years).

Matthew (Ozzie) Toole set a new record in the 16 years Boys High Jump bettering the previous record by 5cm with a jump of 181cm. This height is now higher than the Opens Boys record so we will expect big things from Ozzie as a senior next year and maybe a 2m jump is not out of the question over the next two years.

Results of the carnival are:

12 Years – Tye Ramsay & Fiona Howarth
13 Years – Konnor Ryan & Iesha Mackay
14 Years – Tai Baxter & Maggie Wallace
15 Years – Jeremy Nicholson & Ellie Tomlinson
16 Years – Matthew Toole & Nicole Morrison
Opens – Jarrod Andrews & Jessica Pascoe
FOOD REVOLUTION – PASS IT ON
Mrs Coote & Year 10 students participated in the Food Revolution “Pass It On” in preparation for the demonstration and market day to be held on Saturday 17th May. The purpose of this exercise was to ensure that traditional recipes and techniques are not lost over time. An old recipe was provided by Mrs Barbara Goodger, Raspberry Buns, and the Year 10 students were taught the recipe. The following day twelve students from Forbes North Public School came to the High School where the Year 10 students instructed them, added a variation to the initial recipe, cooked the buns and then sampled their product. Everyone enjoyed the exercise and photos from the afternoon were placed in a shop window for viewing during Food Revolution Day.

2013 FORBES SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Forbes High School students featured strongly in the recent 2013 Forbes Sportsperson of the Year Awards held on Saturday 22nd March 2014. The Team Award was won by the Forbes Netball Association 17 years Representative team which is predominately made up of Forbes High Students including: Mel Cowhan, Isabelle Cowhan, Eliza Woods, Jessica Pascoe, Bronte Haynes, Erin Moon, Brittany Morrison and Carly Morrison. Four of our students; Jared Martin, Brendan Bush, Joey Symonds and Hayden Miller all received medals for the Special Sports Awards for various sporting achievements and sportsmanship. Merit Awards were awarded to Nic Greenhalgh, Bronte Haynes, Brendan Bush, Jared Martin and Nic Tomlinson which was a great effort considering there was a total of nine recipients for this category. Darcie Morrison received the School Award for the High School and from this nomination she was also awarded 2013 All Round Sportsperson of the Year. Mitchell Andrews was chosen at the Sportsperson of the Year Runner Up and Jessica Pascoe took out the Junior Sportsperson of the Year as well as being named the overall Forbes Sportsperson of the Year for 2013. Congratulations to all of these students for their consistent results and dedication to their chosen sports.

SOUND MAGAZINE LAUNCH
The Youth Magazine “The Sound” was launched during Youth Week at Forbes High School and students enjoyed a sausage sizzle and giveaways.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK WINNER
National Volunteer Week recognises and celebrates the valuable contributions volunteer make in local communities. Ex-student and Vice-Captain, Darcie Morrison was rewarded for her volunteer contributions to school and community sporting organisations this week when she was awarded Runner Up in the Department of Sport and Recreation Summer Sports Junior Volunteer Award. This was the first time the Junior category had been opened and the response was overwhelming with numerous excellent nominations being received. Department of Sport and Recreation recognise Sporting volunteers for both Summer and Winter sports and now offer Senior and Junior categories. Darcie is obviously continuing a family tradition following on from her mother, Anita, who was the recipient of a Winter Sports Volunteer Award late last year.
YOUTH AWARDS 2014
Forbes Shire Council hosted a very successful Youth Week Awards Presentation Evening at the Town Hall in April. Forbes High School hospitality students assisted with catering for the evening and many of our students and ex-students were award recipients on the night and provided artwork for display.

P&CNEWS
Due to the June long weekend the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th June commencing at 7.00pm at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. We encourage everyone to come along and join the P&C as this is an opportunity to find out useful and interesting information relating to our school and assist with planning for the future. We look forward to seeing you soon and please bring a friend.

1-2-3 Magic
CentraCares Men & Family Relationships Team
Surviving your Adolescents
Workshops – Forbes High School
29th May & 12th June 6.00-8.00pm
How to manage and let go of your 13-18 year old
Contact John Castles – 68501777 or jcastles@centacarewf.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

FORBES WOMEN’S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
The Forbes Women’s Basketball Association are calling out to any players interested in the upcoming season, including juniors (10 years and up). The games will be played on a Thursday night at the Forbes High School hall and the competition begins on Thursday 15th May but registrations will be taken after that date. Don’t forget to like us on Facebook and to keep up with all the latest information.
For more details you can contact Candice Morrison on 68514070

REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

All children have a right to an education. Only by regular school attendance can children make the most of educational opportunities leading to greater social and economic outcomes. Information for parents fact sheet is available on the Department of Education and Training website.
The Greatest Wax Off & Head Shave
7th June 2017
Forbes Golf and Sportsman’s Hotel
6.30pm
Cost $50 per person
Includes 2 Course Meal, Lucky Door Prizes,
Entertainment & Live Auctions
Tickets available at Painted Daisies until
23rd May 2014.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA EVENT
Tuesday 10th June 2014
10.00am – 12.00pm
Yoornan Gunya
40-70 Church Street, Forbes
(JREC)
Enter by Gold Coin Donation

SCOOTER SKATE BMX EVENT
Big Air School - Scooter, Skate & BMX Event Henry
Lawson Festival, Grenfell,
Saturday June 7th at 10am, 12 noon and 2.30pm
near Peter Melon Motors on Alexandra Steet.
For more information ring the festival coordinator
Amanda Brenner 0437 432 060 or visit the website
www.bigairschool.com.au

AECG MEETING REMINDER
The next meeting of the Forbes local Aboriginal
Education Consultative Group will be: Monday 19th May
at Yoorana Gunya, Church Street, Forbes commencing
at 11.30am.