Welcome back to Term 3 and in the period of time since our previous newsletter there has been an enormous amount of activity at Forbes High School. Firstly I would like to acknowledge the career of our retired Principal David Harris. David had been involved in public education for 40 years and taught across a variety of schools and held various positions from classroom teacher to principal in that time. Reflecting on David's three and a half years at Forbes High School I see a leader, who was focused on supporting both staff and students, was passionate about student success, welcomed parent input and was focused on building the capacity of staff to create a better learning environment for students at Forbes High School. I wish both David and his wife Annette all the best in retirement.

David's retirement has brought about changes in our leadership structure. I will be acting in the role of Principal for the remainder of the year, Ms Toni Edwards will relieve as Deputy Principal and Mr Damian Byrne will relieve as Head Teacher Science throughout Term 3.

On Monday 28th July we celebrated the academic successes of our students at the semester one awards assembly. This was a great opportunity to acknowledge students' application and effort across subject areas at a community level. Scholarships granted to our graduating students 2013 from Barrick Gold were also presented. I would like to thank all family and friends who attended the assembly for making the occasion special and I am sure that you enjoyed the musical performances of our students and the hospitality of morning tea.

Congratulations must go to our under 16s rugby league team who were successful in winning the Tom Kemp Knockout Shield. The team guided by Mr Hoy, Mr Brown and Mr Merritt travelled on the last day of term 2 to Molong for the Grand Final against Wellington HS. After a hard fought first half the boys were able to run away with the trophy 40-20. Well done on collecting our most recent piece of silverware.

Students and staff again demonstrated their community spirit at the local community NAIDOC day which was held on the 24th July. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Anita Morrison and our Aboriginal education team and students for their successful organisation and running of the day. It certainly was a positive experience for all and highlighted the need to celebrate diversity within our community and advocate its benefits.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity of the Forbes Motor Show and Forbes Small Winemakers Society for their donations towards supporting our students attending the Regional Finals of the Science &Engineering Challenge in Newcastle. These funds go a long way to allowing us to be able to field a competitive team and allows for more experiences for our students.

Charles Dwyer
Hi everyone, welcome back to another term of hard work and dedication. We hope you all had an awesome break and are back refreshed to do it all again.

The year is going fast, our school NAIDOC Day is rapidly approaching and will be celebrated on the 17th September. We would like to extend a warm welcome to parents and community members to attend the day. There will be traditional meat, such as Kangaroo, Emu and Crocodile tasting as well as plain sausages for the not so adventurous. ‘PreDestined’ will be back to perform at the day, so bring your dancing shoes, just in case you feel the need to dance.

Local primary schools will be attending and are sure to be kept entertained with traditional games provided by our Girri Girri Sports Academy students.

On Thursday 24th July the school took part in the 2014 Community NAIDOC Celebrations held at South Circle Oval. The day began with a community walk from the Wiradjuri Dreaming Centre to the oval. As we walked over the bridge we were cleansed by a traditional smoking ceremony. The students then had an opportunity to get some great information along with giveaways from the service providers who attended and enjoy the many cultural activities and displays. A Big THANK YOU goes to all who helped and participated on the day and let’s hope that every year goes on to be bigger and better. Well done to all our students, your behaviour was exceptional and you were great ambassadors for our school.

The Homework Centre is still operating every Monday from the school library and provides the extra help you may need with an assignment or day to day class work. It runs from 3.15pm to 4.45pm for the junior students and 4.45pm til 6.15pm for our seniors. Remember once you are there you cannot leave unless you have a note from your parents to leave early.

Well that’s it for this Koorie Korner, but stay tuned to find out what our students get up to here at Forbes High. Until next time,

Westy, Joy, Barry and Donna

Drama News
The HSC Drama students have unveiled their Individual Performances and Group Performance for the Trial HSC. The students, Elise Cheney and Alex Coles, have been working hard on their performances since Term 4 of 2013. Their performances have received excellent feedback from students around the school. One student states that she is still “haunted” by Alex’s psychopathic character. A vast amount of gratitude and congratulations must also go to Year 11 student Bronte Haynes who has assisted with the Group Performance. Congratulations to the students on their hard work, and we hope you break a leg (theatre talk for wishing someone good luck, we actually don’t want any broken bones!) for their External HSC Performance, which has been set for Wednesday, the 27th of August!

Cups of Hospitality
Students from Year 12 Hospitality have been studying a unit of prepare and serve espresso coffee as part of their hospitality training. The Coffee cart had its debut with the students at NAIDOC day. The girls worked particularly well as a team and served over 300 hot beverages over a short period of time. Thank you to Forbes Shire Council for giving the students the opportunity to display their skills at this event and supplying the milk, coffee and cups.
**TOM KEMP SHIELD GRAND FINAL**

On a beautiful winters day Forbes High School travelled to Molong to take on Wellington High in the final of the Tom Kemp Shield. Both teams had shown strong form in their lead up games with Forbes High defeating Oberon High, Gilgandra High and knocking off their more fancied rivals Canowindra High School in the semi-final. Wellington High had shown equally good form accounting for Peak Hill Central, a strong Narromine High and beating Molong Central in their semi-final. It was apparent from the opening whistle that Forbes High School meant business. Some great charges from Nic Mulligan, Jack Rix and Riley O’Malley allowed Forbes the field position to exploit their size advantage on the edges as lock forward Matt Molloy was looking confident at 20-6 with 5 minutes to go in the first half. As they generally do Wellington exploited their size advantage on the edges as lock forward Matt Molloy and Forbes were looking confident at 20 - 6 with 5 minutes to go in the first half. As they generally do Wellington converted try right on half time to be back in the contest at 20-12. Forbes were confident at half time and realised that if they could cut their errors and play Wellington in their half that opportunities would come. Forbes received a golden opportunity as Wellington dropped the kick off and Mitchell Andrews powered over for his second try to give Forbes a 24-12 lead. Forbes then returned the favour and dropped the ensuing kick-off allowing Staggs to score his second try of the day and bridge the gap to 24-16. The game was in the balance with Forbes attacking the Wellington line when one of the rarest sights in the game was observed. Giant front rower Riley O’Malley ended up with the ball on the last tackle and placed a perfectly executed cross field grubber kick for fellow front row Colossus Nic Mulligan to scoop off his boot laces and score. The two gents claim to have rehearsed that play but it certainly had an element of luck to it according to team mates and spectators. The extra defence took its toll on Wellington and Murray but Mitchell Andrews put the final nail in the coffin with his third try of the game to seal the 40-20 victory. Mitchell Andrews was a well-deserved man of the match scoring 3 tries, setting up another 4 and was brutal in defence as he repeatedly belted the Wellington ball carriers. Whilst Andrews was a standout he was well supported by Jeremy Nicholson, Tom Williams, Nic Mulligan, Riley O’Malley and Maxi Lambe who all had strong games. To be fair there was not a bad player for Forbes High and it was a well-deserved victory for a group of young men who worked very hard to achieve it.

With a lot of players eligible to play again in next year’s Tom Kemp Shield expectations will be high but we are sure the boys will be up to it.

**The Tom Kemp Shield Squad**


**WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS**

The Western Region Athletics trials were held at Homebush on the 4th – 6th September. This year Forbes High School only took a small contingent of athletes but their results were outstanding. Jess Pascoe (17 girls) qualified for the CHS State Championships for 800m & 1500m, Matthew Toole (16 boys) qualified for 100m & High Jump and Nicole Morrison (16 girls) qualified for 200m & Long Jump. Matthew Molloy competed in the 16 boys Javelin and was unlucky not to qualify. Conditions were extremely difficult for this event which saw competitors throwing into a very strong head wind. The CHS State Championships will be held at Homebush on the 4th – 6th September. Congratulations to these students for their behaviour and sportsmanship and best of luck to Jess, Auzzie and Nicole at the State Championships.

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**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.
**YEAR 12 DANCERS – WESTERN DANCE FESTIVAL**
On Tuesday the 10th of June, three students from Year 12, Eliza Woods, Natasha Goodall and Molly Fuge attended Western Dance Festival to showcase their contemporary dance piece. With an early start to the morning we arrived in Bathurst at 10:30am. Rehearsals from other schools were taking place and the school ages ranged from Kindergarten to Year 12. Forbes High School was by far the smallest team of the day but the girl’s performance was extraordinary and they were commended by many other teachers for their performance. The day was not complete without attending Annie’s Ice Creamery (A FHS Dancers tradition). I would like to congratulate the girls on a fantastic day and I was privileged to have been their teacher for the day.
Ms. R Carney

**STATE DANCE FESTIVAL**
Three of our Year 10 Students were selected in the Western Region Dance Ensemble earlier in the year and competed at the Western Dance Festival in Bathurst in June. We have just received notification that the ensemble has been selected to perform at the State Dance Festival in Sydney in September. I have attached a couple of photos FYI. The three girls selected are (L-R) Nicole Morrison, Georgia Woods & Grace Quigley. To gain selection in this ensemble the girls attended a 3 day dance camp in Dubbo earlier in the year. Students from across the Western Region (approximately 50) attended and received instruction from dance teachers from Sydney. They learnt and performed a routine from which they were selected based on their ability and attitude throughout the camp. Once selected they attended three training camps, mainly in Dubbo before performing in Bathurst. The girls will have one more training session prior to performing in Sydney. Students have been selected from Orange, Bathurst, Forbes, Nyngan and as far west as Bourke.

**CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS EXCURSIONS**
On Friday the 18th July, 16 sleepy Year 11 students boarded the FHS bus for an exciting trip to Questacon. A very cold morning in Forbes, some students brought their bed with them (Mel Cowhan) to sleep on the way there. Our pit stop at McDonalds in Yass seemed to perk them up a bit and we continued our trip. Arriving at Questacon we had the chance to visit the Quest Shop, where many students spent their hard earned money on all fun things Science. The students had the chance to head off with their friends are explore all the new exhibits that Questacon had to offer. The drop slide at the end of Questacon saw many students suited up in orange suits and take the drop plunge down the slide. The students had the opportunity to attend two exhibition lectures on Faraday’s Candle and European Astronomers and most found it interesting and for the Physics students, relevant to their assessment task. After our fun filled day we hoped back on the bus and headed home. The day was a fantastic success and I would like to thank Anita Morrison for driving us there and back and Ms Cassilles for attending the day with me.
Ms R Carney

**FOR SALE**
The following items can be purchased from the school office at reasonable prices for your convenience;
- Sport Shirts $25.00
- Beanies $10.00
- A3 Art Books $8.00
- Scientific Calculators $25.00

**JDD 2014 – CLAIM THE DATE**
All Year 9, 10 & 11 students mark your calendars with the date for the 2014 Junior Dinner Dance – Friday 14th November.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school website is constantly being updated with new photos, calendar dates and information. Visit [www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) to find photos and information about our wonderful school.
CLOTHING POOL
WANTED! Pre-loved School Uniforms in good condition.
The Clothing Pool is always looking for garments in good condition that can be recycled. The clothing pool is a great resource and all donations are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

P&C NEWS
The next meeting of the Forbes High School P&C will be held on Tuesday 12th August at the Forbes Services Memorial Club commencing at 7.00pm. We will be discussing the 2014 Junior Dinner Dance and Major Raffle. Everyone is welcome to attend and please bring a friend.

COMMUNITY NEWS
AECG MEETING REMINDER
The next meeting of the Forbes local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group will be: Monday 18th August at Forbes Public School, Lachlan Street, Forbes commencing at 11.30am.

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JAM FOR GENES DAY
On Friday 1st August the Student Representative Council held fundraising activities to raise money for Jeans for Genes Day to raise money to fund research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic disorders. Staff and students had the option to wear jeans for the day and donate a gold coin. At lunch our talented music students performed and the audience generously donated their loose change to their favourite performance. The SRC sold cold drinks and home cooking which was a huge hit and added to the success of the day.