PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to offer a warm welcome to the 2016 school year for our returning students and families as well as our new Year 7 cohort and new enrolments throughout the academic years. As always the start to any year is challenging for both staff and students and I would like to congratulate the school community on the way in which they have applied themselves throughout the first 3 weeks.

We have several new faces to introduce on our staff and they include Mr Russell Player (Head Teacher Mathematics), Mrs Anita Morrison (Relieving School Administration Manager), Mr Alan Blyth (Mathematics), Ms Renee Hall (Science) and Ms Kate Butcherine (PDHPE). I look forward to the positive contributions that these staff members will have in supporting the successful achievement of learning outcomes for our students.

On the 26th January the Forbes community joined together at Frog’s Hollow to celebrate Australia Day and name the Forbes Citizens of the Year. I am proud to inform you that one of our students, Daniel Ashcroft, was recognised as the Junior Citizen of the Year. This is a tremendous honour in recognition of Daniel’s commitment and leadership and we as a school take great pride in his achievements.

I am a firm believer that we as a school are partners with the community in supporting and educating our students. As we move into the new school year I would like to reinforce the importance of two-way communication between students/parents/carers and Forbes High School. An open dialogue helps us to make informed decisions about any number of issues which occur both inside and outside of the school environment. It also allows us to be proactive, which leads to more positive outcomes. A message that I continually convey to student is that ‘if we do not know about it, we cannot support you with it’. I encourage you all to contact the school and discuss any issues that arise so together we can support all of our students and children.

The transition from primary to high school is a steep learning curve and I have been impressed with the way in which our Year 7 students have coped with the change. I would like to thank Mrs Bass for her work in providing ongoing support for students in her role as Year Advisor. With any period of change issues arise which require extra support, if students identify any such concerns could you please contact the school in order for these to be put into place. On the 25th & 26th February Year 7 students will be travelling to Dubbo as part of our welcome camp which aims at developing positive relationships between students and their teachers. I am sure that there will be enjoyable experiences and learning opportunities throughout the two days.

Forbes High School is a uniform school. As a school community we have made the positive decision to commit to wearing school uniform as it assists in:

- Defining an identity for our school within the local community
- Developing students’ sense of belonging to the school community
- Providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- Enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- Promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- Increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- Promoting positive perceptions of the school within the local community
- Making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear fashionable and expensive clothing

A reminder that our annual swimming carnival will take place at the town pools on Friday 19th February. This day is always a highlight on the Forbes HS calendar with students and staff enjoying a fun filled day supporting their houses and participating in events such as the time honoured belly-flop competition. I encourage all students to participate on the day and dress up in your house colours and enjoy the festivities. Please remember though to ‘slip, slop, slap’. I look forward to the opportunities for and achievements of our students in 2016.

Congratulations Daniel 2015 Forbes Junior Citizen of the Year

Calendar

February 2016
15 & 16 – Peer Training
18 – HSC Chemistry Day
19 – Swimming Carnival
25 & 26 – Year 7 Welcome Camp

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ONSTAGE AND BELVOIR STREET THEATRE
The year 11 and 12 Drama classes travelled to Sydney on the 8th and 9th of February to view OnSTAGE, which is a collection of the best HSC Individual and Group Performances from the 2015 HSC Drama Examinations. The show was jaw dropping and students had a clear understanding of what was expected of them to achieve a band 6 in performance in Drama.
The following day students travelled to Belvoir Street Theatre, a highly reputable theatre in Surry Hills. They took part in a workshop that focused on group devising under the tutelage of Shannon Murphy, an esteemed director who has worked in Australia, England, and Germany. The skills students took away will definitely help them in their performances in their HSC.

SRC LEADERSHIP CAMP
Eight Student Representative Council members along with the Aboriginal Education Officer, Barry Merritt and Mr Doyle attended the Leadership Camp in week 10 of last year. The students joined a number of other local schools in taking part in leadership and team building activities including rock climbing, raft building and archery.

P&C NEWS
The P&C would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families to the 2016 school year. Congratulations to the winners of our 2015 End of Year Raffle drawn at the Presentation Day Assembly last year. 1st - Denis McGroder (Television), 2nd – Neal Herbert (Holiday Voucher) & 3rd – Terry Stibbard (Holiday Voucher). The next monthly P&C meeting and AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at the Forbes Services Memorial Club commencing at 7pm. We will be discussing the fundraising program for the year as well as other important issues. P&C meetings are a great opportunity to meet staff and other like-minded parents/carers and gain valuable insight into the exciting learning opportunities being offered to students at Forbes High School. Everyone is welcome to attend and please bring a friend.
**YEAR 12 TERTIARY EXCURSION**

On Wednesday the 3rd of February, 18 Year 12 students accompanied by Mr Doyle and Mrs Hill set off on the tertiary excursion to get an insight into life after school. Our first stop was CSU Orange where we had a tour of the Uni and the brand new accommodation, which was very impressive, as well as seeing a dentistry class at work. Our next stop was CSU Bathurst, where we again got to look through various buildings, classes and accommodation and more importantly were fed! A long bus trip followed as we made our way down to Wollongong for the night, staying at International House. After settling in we went down to the bowling alley, with the best performers of the night being Jordan Brett with a high score of 156 and Emily Godden who started the night with 2 strikes!

On Thursday, we spent the day at Wollongong University participating in ‘Discovery day’. This involved the students attending a number of different lectures throughout the day to get a taste of university life. After a long day, and almost loosing Mrs Hill, we then travelled up to the University of Sydney. The students were then let loose on Newtown for a few hours to soak in the culture and the food and catching a rather long movie then headed back to the Women's College where we stayed the night.

Friday morning came and we were taken on a tour of Sydney Uni and attending a special information session, where students had practice in applying for scholarships as well as asking questions relating to courses, costs and marks needed. It was then back on the bus and, after a quick 'Maccas' stop, were on our way home. A big thank you to Mr West for organizing the excursion!

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**STUDENT PROFILE**

**Name:** Holly Cook  
**School:** Forbes High School  
**Year:** 8  
**Age & Birthday:** 13 – 9th July  
**Do you have any nicknames?** Cookie  
**Do you have any brothers or sisters?** Yes – two sisters & one brother (Zoe, Kelsey & Zac)  
**What is your favourite past time?** Drawing  
**Do you play any sports?** No  
**What is your favourite food?** Zoe’s Sausage Rolls  
**What do you want to do when you grow up?** Be a Vet  
**Who is your idol?** My Dad, Peter  
**What are three things you can't do without?** Music, Food & Drawing

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**Canteen 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

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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.
**TIMES TABLE PROJECT**

At the end of Term 4 2015, Mrs Bottaro-Porter's 8MA3 mathematics class embarked on a Maths project to bring colour and Maths into Forbes High. A plan was devised to paint some stairs with the Times Tables. After approval from Mr Dwyer, the class spent time planning the project by taking measurements, calculating the area of paint required and designing the layout. This all required the skills and knowledge of Mathematics. Bunnings Warehouse Forbes donated paint, paintbrushes and rollers for the project. They even provided their time, with two staff members coming to school to demonstrate the correct way to prepare for painting job, how to paint and how to clean the equipment.

After two whole days of painting, the stairs were finally completed. They look fabulous! Now I have an excuse to take students outside the classroom when revising their Times Tables.

Photos of the progress were posted on Facebook and one of the photos received 199 likes, 21 comments and 67 shares. So amazing!

As their teacher, I would like to congratulate the students for their enthusiasm, effort and commitment to see this project come to life. I would also like to thank Bunnings Forbes for their donation of their time and products. Finally, I want to thank Forbes High and Mr Dwyer for making this project possible and hopefully, we can complete more stairs!

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**STAFF PROFILE**

- **Name**: Leah Williams
- **Place of Birth**: Parkes
- **Star Sign**: Taurus
- **Where you went to High School?** Tullamore Central School
- **How many years working at FHS?** 3
- **What is the most important thing in your life?** My Children
- **What is your favourite past time?** Reading & Sport
- **Best book or movie?** Wild starring Reece Witherspoon
- **What is your favourite food?** Don't really have one just like all food.
- **Best holiday destination?** Australia
- **Who is your idol?** Single Mothers
- **What are three things you can't do without?** Forbes High School Assemblies, Executive Meetings & My Children.

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM CLOTHING POOL**

If you have any FHS uniforms sitting at home unneeded can you please donate them to the FHS clothing pool.

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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](http://www.forbes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) to find photos and information about our wonderful school.
INTECH 2016 CONTENDER

Isaac Wren, a Year 12 Forbes High School Graduate, received notification late last year that he had been nominated for consideration for inclusion in InTech 2016. InTech 2016 is the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects developed by 2015 HSC Industrial Technology students.

The InTech exhibition will be held at the Sydney Timber and working with Wood Show held in Hall 6 at the Sydney Showground at Homebush. The exhibition will take place on Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June 2016 from 10.00am – 4.00pm daily. In 2015, over 2500 students and their teachers from across NSW visited the InTech exhibition in Sydney.

In addition to the normal InTech Exhibition in 2016, there will be a combined display of HSC Technology projects at the Powerhouse Museum. A limited number of projects from industrial Technology, Textiles & Design as well as Design & Technology will be on display from Friday 26 February 2016 to Sunday 8 May 2016 at the Powerhouse Museum. Isaac’s Year 12 Major Works was chosen for display which is a fantastic personal achievement and also a triumph for the teaching staff involved with the classes who consistently encourage and mentor their students to extend their knowledge and skills to produce work of the highest standard.

Isaac’s area of expertise is in the field of computer technology and the multi-layer video game which he created was worthy of the accolades it is now receiving.

NEWS FROM NOTTINGHAM!

Well I have been at Forbes High for over a year now and could not be happier to be back for 2016. We have well and truly “hit the ground running” with students quickly getting back into the swing of things and Year 7 settling well. I would like to share some important information with you on some key activities inside and outside school:

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy – Most of you will have had discussions with your sons or daughters about the schools BYOD policy and probably signed and returned the contract sent home at the start of the year. Please be aware that you are under no obligation to purchase a device for your child to bring to school. FHS still has ample numbers of digital devices for students to use as required. BYOD just enables students who want to bring their own particular device that meets the guidelines set by the school.

Subsidised School Bus Travel – Many of our students are lucky enough to have access to subsidised school bus travel. This is a service provided by the NSW State Government to benefit students. I would like to remind students and parents that travel through this program is dictated by a simple Code of Conduct based around three areas; Behaving Appropriately e.g. no offensive language, Respecting Property e.g. not damaging bus property and Holding Passes e.g. show your passes as requested by the driver. The Ministry of Transport and the NSW Department of Education take the Code seriously and breaches can lead to the withdrawal of subsidised travel from two school weeks up to permanent loss of subsidised.

If parents would like to discuss these or other issues please contact the school on 68522666 and ask to speak to me or the relevant staff member.

Have a great three weeks.
Mr Nottingham

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Forbes
Harold Street behind the Cenotaph in Victoria Park

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Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donat.
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch.
Please bring photo I.D. with you.

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donatesblood.com.au

Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Youth Actor Auditions Mock Crash 2016**

- Are you a young actor (16 years and over)?
- Do you want experience acting on film and in front of a live audience?
- Do you want to participate in an exciting council project that aims to save lives?

If you answered YES to the above questions, then come along and find out more. We are looking for youth actors to star in this year’s mock crash ... IT COULD BE YOU!

**WHEN:** MON 29 FEB 4pm-6pm
**WHERE:** Parkes Shire Council Chambers (2 Cecil Street)

Please contact Melanie Sutor (the Council’s Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer) for more information and to book your place.

PHONE: (02) 6861 2364
MOBILE: 0428 406 627
EMAIL: Melanie.Sutor@parkes.nsw.gov.au

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**AQUA AEROBICS**

**FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND MOTHERS**

Starting Wednesday 3rd February 2016
Mondays and Wednesdays for 6 weeks
9.30am – 10.30am
Forbes Town Pool

$2.50 pool entry for Mums

To Register: Contact Denise or Jane at Forbes Community Health Centre on 68 50 7310 or 68 50 7305.

Email: denise@health.nsw.gov.au or jane@health.nsw.gov.au

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**Forbes Junior Rugby Club**

**Registration Days**

... new players welcome to come and try rugby!

**2016**

**Saturday 13th & 20th February**

Forbes Rugby Union Club
8.30am – 12.30pm

Registration fee is $50 per player, and includes guernsey, shorts, socks, and training shirt.

Registration is open for players aged between 4 and 16 years (17 if your birthday is after December 31st). Please bring a copy of birth certificate.

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY:** Parents & Community Representative Council – PCSR (formerly FPC)

For more information please email: pcr@parkes.nsw.edu.au

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**MARKETS**

Norton Park Oval
James Sheahan Catholic High School
Anson Street, Orange

Arts & Crafts • Fashion & Jewellery • Gardening & Produce • Food Drink Ice Cream • Face Painting • Mini Train • Merry-Go-Round • Plus Much More...

Sunday 21st February 2016
10.30am - 3pm

Entry by Gold Coin Donation

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: Parents & Community Representative Council – PCSC (formerly FPC)

For more information please email: pcr@parkes.nsw.edu.au

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FORBES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

2016 AGM
The FNA will be holding the AGM on February 18 at 7pm at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. All 2015 competition teams must be represented, and new members are welcome to attend. The Committee has a number of Proposed Notices of Motion to be put to the meeting, and all members are asked to read them. They are available on the FNA website.

Autumn night competition to start
The Autumn night competition for both mixed and ladies teams will start with the first of two grading games on Wednesday February 24. Nominations close on February 18 at the AGM. The second grading game will be held on March 2, and the first competition game will be held on March 9. Team nomination forms are available on the FNA website, and must be sent to Secretary Lyn Ford on the above email address. The competition will not be played during the school holidays, and will finish with finals on June 15. Players must be attending secondary school to opens to play in the night competitions. Players looking for a team, or teams looking for players should contact Lyn Ford. Ladies may play both mixed and ladies competitions on the same night.
Forbes High School - Correct Footwear

**UNACCEPTABLE GIRLS**
- Fully enclosed black leather

**ACCEPTABLE GIRLS**
- Fully enclosed black leather

**UNACCEPTABLE BOYS**
- Fully enclosed black leather

**ACCEPTABLE BOYS**
- Fully enclosed black leather

**WEDNESDAY ONLY**
- Leather Cross Trainer
Forbes Shire Competition and Exhibition

A great opportunity to show your creative spirit via the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle, the 2016 Waste to Art competition is open to all.

**Competition packs available from Council's website**

www.forbes.nsw.gov.au

**Exhibition, Forbes Town Hall:**
Thursday 26 May 5:30pm: Opening Event.
Friday 27 May, 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Saturday 28 May, 10am – 2:00pm
Sunday 29 May, 10am – 2:00pm

**Workshop**
A Waste 2 Art workshop will be held in late April.
To register your interest, please email your contact details to
forbes@forbes.nsw.gov.au
Further details will be emailed closer to the event.

For more information please visit www.forbes.nsw.gov.au, or contact
Forbes Shire Council’s organiser Leon Ross on 02 6850 2347
Family Day, South Circle Oval
1 May, 12pm

Through the Decades
Tractor & Machinery Display at South Circle Oval
The Golden Days of Forbes
Walking Tour conducted by Carol Dukes of the Forbes Family History Group

Bring your picnic basket and enjoy the fun and frivolity of old time activities for all ages!

Egg & Spoon races
Three-legged races
A Tug of War
Competition and much more!

FORBES HERITAGE
DISCOVERY AND REDISCOVERIES
2016
30 APRIL TO 3 MAY