

# *The Forestville Flyer*

Monday, 14 December, 2020

Term 4 Week 10

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tue 15 Dec	Picnic Day Stage 3	Fri 29 Jan	Years 1 – 6 return to school
Wed 16 Dec	Year 6 Graduation	Wed 3 Feb	First day for Kindergarten 2021
Wed 16 Dec	Last Day for Students	Thu 4 Feb	Swimming Carnival

## **Principal's Report**

### **PRESENTATION DAYS**

Our presentations of certificates and awards were very spread this year, but in saying this, it was lovely to have more time to share these celebrations with our students. Congratulations to each and every award and certificate recipient and all students at Forestville for a wonderful year of learning in spite of everything that was thrown at them. It's time to rest and enjoy some well-deserved relaxation, sunshine, beaches, movies, good books, cooking and fun.

### **IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE**

I have mixed feelings about my impending retirement from the Principal's role in 4 days. I will miss the wonderful community spirit that exists at Forestville and I will miss all of the incredible staff who care so much about the programs, their classrooms and teaching our amazing students. But more than this, I will miss the children, their smiling faces, their gorgeous good mornings, their enthusiasm for learning and their youth and fresh look at life.

A child's journey through primary school is very special, and often it takes until they get to high school and beyond to realise what a magical time this is in their lives. Spend these holidays enjoying the magic of Christmas and the holiday season, exploring, laughing, resting and having fun so that you are all ready for a fabulous 2021. I am excited about doing the same with my beautiful family.

I wish you all a most restful happy Christmas and I hope that 2021 will be a COVID free year where the school returns to normal, parents can again be present and part of their child's learning in classrooms and you can enjoy all of the growth and experiences your children have in the 2021 year together.

Thank you for everything. I have loved being a part of Forestville so very much and will miss everyone immensely.

### **OTHER GOODBYES**

It's a time of mixed emotions for our Year 6 children as they finish up their primary education, and prepare with both excitement and trepidation for a new school next year. They have formed invaluable friendships over their time at Forestville PS, and the beauty of attending your local public school is that fact that hopefully these friendships can continue in the local area regardless of the high school each of them attends.

For some of our families it is their last year here as their youngest child leaves Year 6. I would like to sincerely thank these families for their long commitment and support of Forestville Public School. Many have taken key roles across the school over the years and have added such richness to our school community's life.

To the families who are relocating from Forestville in 2020, it has been a pleasure working with your children and we wish you all the best in your new school. I hope you will retain your friendships and look back on your time at Forestville with fond memories and a place you associate with many happy times.

We have a number of staff who will not be returning in 2021 and I would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to them. It is the nature of teaching that there are staff movements and this brings new people with fresh ideas and a new range of skills into our school. Leaving us will be Miss Sophie Clisby (Year 3), Mrs Kylie Hicks (Kindergarten), Miss Taylah Bothwell (Year2) and Miss Alice Scott-Wells (Counsellor). We wish all of these staff every success in 2021 and thank them for their contributions to Forestville Public School.

## **YEAR 6 DINNER DANCE**

What an absolutely amazing night we had last Friday with our fabulous Year 6. The committee did a wonderful job of decorating the school hall with a Hawaiian theme and the students all came dressed immaculately. Doing this event within strict COVID guidelines was interesting, to say the least, but I would like to congratulate the children and their families on their understanding and for prioritising their children's experience above all else. I can honestly say that the children's behaviour was exemplary and they had an absolute ball, dancing, singing, laughing and enjoying every minute.

A huge thank you to the parent team for all of their preparation and to the dedicated staff who attended and supported this event for our Year 6 students.

## **YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

On Wednesday afternoon our Year 6 students will have their graduation ceremony where we will celebrate their 7 year journey at Forestville. It is an exciting time after so many years at our school and we will be very sad to say goodbye. We are having a socially distanced assembly with just Year 6 students and their parents. The Melwood entrance to the school will have a large number of parents spread along the street after school at 3.00pm to greet the Year 6 students as they leave the school gate while the rest of the school claps them out. Please be mindful if you collect your children from this gate to possibly provide an alternative pick up arrangement or arrange to meet your child on the opposite side of the street.

## **Opportunity Classes 2021**

I would like to update you on the modified timeline for Year 5 Opportunity Class entry for 2021. The OC Class Placement Test was conducted on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at Forestville and the papers were submitted to the Selective Schools Unit.

We expect to release the results to parents and schools in mid-January 2021. Parents who are offered placement on behalf of their children will have just **one week** to respond to their offers.

Parents are being emailed at this time, so please be sure to prioritise checking regularly for an offer or further information. You can access the Selective Schools Unit at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

## HOME READERS LIBRARY BOOKS AND RESOURCES

Please return all home readers to school as we need to complete a stocktake of our resources. Other school resources, which students may have borrowed, can be returned at the same time. It is important that we have our resources returned as we need to move into 2021 with adequate supplies for the students moving into their next grade.

## FUN RUN PRIZES

All 3-6 prizes went to classrooms today. The remaining K-2 prizes will be distributed tomorrow.

## 2021

The school re-opens on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. The Year 1-6 students return on Friday, January 29, and will return to their 2020 class for the first day.

The new Kindergarten children, commence on Wednesday, February 3.

If you require a uniform prior to the commencement of the school term Pickles in Brookvale will re-open early in January 2021.

Thank you for your support

**Louisa Wellings (Relieving Principal)**

## Online Enrolment

We are excited to announce our new Online Enrolment system which is now available to use.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to

- Within local intake area
- Enrolments into NSW **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents

We encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. The link can be found on our school website under the Enrolment Tab. Then click on Apply For Enrolment Online. However, a paper copy will be available for collection from the office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

## New After School Care – the Y NSW

### Enrolments are open for the Y Forestville OSHC



We are offering Before and After School Care in the OSHC rooms at Forestville Public School. There are currently vacancies, but we would encourage those interested to enrol quickly to secure their place.

The Y NSW will be offering Vacation Care for Forestville Public School families and the wider community from the December holidays.

The enrolment process is the same for Vacation Care as it is for Before and After School Care.

Our Child Care Team is also available to answer any of your questions. Just email [oshc.forestville@ymcansw.org.au](mailto:oshc.forestville@ymcansw.org.au) or call 8123 2395.

Enrolments are also open and more information can be found on our website: [www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/forestville-oshc](http://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/forestville-oshc)

## Kindy / Year 1 Playground

We have built some digging pits in the Kindy/Year 1 playground and were wondering if you had any old matchbox type cars (still in good condition that your child doesn't play with anymore) for us to use.

If you are doing a clean up of toy boxes over the holidays and come across any small cars, trucks, diggers, animals that the students could use for imaginative play, we would love it if you could donate them to the school. There will be a box outside 1HM's classroom this year and the start of next year.

Thank you

**Mrs Hill-Mork**



## Return and Earn – Donation option

FPS has recently been added as a donation option to two local return and earn machines. This means whenever you drop off your bottles and cans for recycling you can donate directly to FPS! Simply return your containers at either the Glenrose shopping centre or Belrose Supa Centre return and earn machines. Select the “Donate” option at the end of your session. You will then be able to select FPS to donate to. Press the “Confirm” button to donate. Please note 100% of the money you donate will be given to FPS. All money received goes towards FPS P&C for student resources. This initiative will run until mid February.



**Mrs Steggles**  
**Class Teacher**

## Primary Ethics information



**Do something  
life-changing  
today**

**For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at Forestville Public School and help children, our future leaders, develop skills for life.**

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes volunteers help children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as: Laziness; Voting; How can we work out what's true?; and, Imagining how others feel.

Classes are 30 minutes in length and start at 9AM on Thursdays (for years 3 to 6) and Fridays (for kindergarten and years 1 and 2). Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

This year we were able to offer ethics classes for only 4 out of the 7 years at FPS and even those classes had a number of students waitlisted and unable to attend an ethics class. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!** If you, or anyone you know, might be interested (eg grandparent, neighbour) visit [PrimaryEthics.com.au](http://PrimaryEthics.com.au) or contact the FPS co-ordinator, Andrew Kent, at [andrew@reality.com.au](mailto:andrew@reality.com.au) or on 0402010648 to find out more.

## Strings

Hello Strings Community

Merry Xmas everyone, have a great holiday break and looking forward to seeing the kids eager to perform next year.

Rehearsals will start next year in Week 2.

### Rehearsal Timetable 2021:

Group	Conductor	Rehearsals at School
Senior Strings	Mark Stevens	Wednesday: ▪ 7.45-8.45am School Hall
Chamber Orchestra	Mark Stevens	Thursday: ▪ 3.45-4.45 pm Library Supervision 3.00-3.45pm at the school Library
Junior Strings	Pip Birkett	Thursday: ▪ 3.15-4.15pm School Hall
Beginner Strings	Pip Birkett	Friday: ▪ 7.45-8.45am School Hall
Guitar Group	Greg Arnold	Monday: ▪ 3.15-4.15pm Room 1A

Any questions please contact

**Kylie Lake - Strings President** [fps.strings@gmail.com](mailto:fps.strings@gmail.com) ph: 0414-666-711

### Forestville Band 2020



#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

All Forestville Public School Bands are now finished for the year and all hired instruments should now be returned. Well done to all the students this year, the end of year recordings were amazing and all the bands sounded fabulous. Merry Christmas to everyone, have safe and happy holidays!

#### **2021 BAND COMMITTEE**

We are looking for new committee members to join our committee for 2021. One of the roles we are looking for is Treasurer as Carolyn will be stepping down at the end of 2020. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or any other roles within the Band Committee please email [psbands@gmail.com](mailto:psbands@gmail.com) thank you.

**Band Committee** [psbands@gmail.com](mailto:psbands@gmail.com)

## Uniform Shop

All NEW uniforms can be bought online from Pickles or their store at Brookvale.

#### **ORDER ONLINE**

<https://www.pickleschoolwear.com/shop?school=forestville-public-school>

Online orders have no delivery charge if delivered to the school.

**There are new hats available at the office for \$10.**

#### **SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Due to non-essential visitor restrictions from the Department of Education we now have office staff looking after your second-hand uniform needs. Please phone or send an email to the school on [forestvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:forestvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

Note that we accept CASH ONLY and all items are now only \$5.  
Any uniform donations can be left at the office and are very welcome.

Please note that the second-hand shop is not open during school holidays.



## Forest Bites Canteen



**The canteen is closed from Monday, 14 December and will reopen on Monday, 1 February, 2021.**

### **Thank you to our Volunteers**

Thank you for generously volunteering your time in the Canteen this year. Opening the Canteen 5 days a week would not be possible without all the hard work and hours that you contribute!

### **Volunteers needed**

Due to a number of families leaving the school, the canteen has lost a lot of its volunteers. If you are able to help, especially on a Thursday or Friday, please contact us via email at [fpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:fpscanteen@gmail.com). If you cannot commit to a full day we would welcome even an hour first thing in the morning or just before lunch to get the lunches ready for distribution.

### **Munchmonitor Accounts**

If any families are leaving Forestville at the end of this year, please email Munchmonitors to close your account and obtain a refund of any funds still remaining in your account. [info@munchmonitor.com](mailto:info@munchmonitor.com)

Contact details for the Canteen Managers:

**Tania Laytham (Monday, Tuesday & Friday) 0414 528 534**

**Kim Egelton (Wednesday, Thursday) 0412 254 310**

## Community News



### Sing Your Heart Out Holiday Workshops

A high-quality singing workshop with experienced, fun, and inspiring singing teachers! Learn how to sing solo, sing in a group, beat-box, build your confidence, and perform on stage!

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January (3 days). St Kieran's Parish Centre, 2 King St Manly Vale. For children aged 5 to 12 years.**

**For more information and to enrol, call Natasha on 0425 297 827 or visit SYHO.INFO**

## ATHLETE'S CORNER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

13, 14, 20 or 21 January 2021

Year 2 and older

Sydney Academy of Sport



2021 TERM 1 - AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Wednesday or Thursday

Melwood Oval – 3pm-4.15pm

All ages - School pickup included



[www.athletescorner.com.au](http://www.athletescorner.com.au)

[athletes.corner@outlook.com](mailto:athletes.corner@outlook.com) – 0406 131 529

## Drive-in Carols

December 23rd  
7.30pm and 9.15pm  
Poppy Park Car Park



Presented by St David's Forestville

St David's Forestville presents  
COVID-safe Christmas carols –  
sing along in your car!  
FREE event – bookings at:  
[www.forestvilleanglican.com](http://www.forestvilleanglican.com)



## ST. DAVID'S CHRISTMAS KIDS CLUB

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS FUN ON THE  
17TH OF DECEMBER.  
WE WILL BE SPENDING TIME HEARING  
FROM THE BIBLE, PLAYING GAMES AND  
MAKING CHRISTMAS CRAFT

**Who:** Kids in Kindy to year 6 (in 2020)

**When:** 17 December 9am-3pm

**Cost:** \$20 per child  
(up to a maximum of \$50 per family)

Please BYO lunch

Morning tea and afternoon tea will be provided  
Spaces are limited

To register please copy the link below  
<https://bit.ly/32AQ8Ea>

This is a COVIDSafe event

If you have any questions please contact  
[office@stdavids.com.au](mailto:office@stdavids.com.au)  
Rachel 0478909499



## Community News

### Glenaeon Holiday Care Program

121 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag, NSW 2068

Book now for some healthy and fun Holiday Care experiences for your children.

Details & Bookings: <http://www.glenaeonoosh.com.au/holiday-care-bookings.html>



#### Summer Program Dates

Thurs 10 Dec – Tue 22 Dec 2020

Mon 11 Jan – Fri 22 Jan 2021

Rates: \$100/day OR

3 days camp in a week - \$270\*

4 days camp in a week - \$360\* at time of original booking (All Govt. CSS Rebates apply.)

Times: 8:15am – 5:30pm

Where: Castlecrag Campus (unless specified for Excursions)

121 Edinburgh Rd, Castlecrag, NSW 2068

The service is following all Covid health guidelines during this time.

#### Summer Camp Activities include:

**Adventure Camps:** A variety of locations with a different focus in activities so that children can enjoy the great outdoors on all adventure camp days. Includes water play, local animals, kayaking, snorkeling, bush challenges, build a raft & more.

**Excursions:** A variety of excursions in the local area allowing children to be out in nature and enjoying natural play and exploration. Separate senior's groups and challenges. Swimming & water activities.

**Sports & Games:** T-Ball, tennis, Badminton, Soccer, Archery, Table-tennis, Handball

**Arts & Crafts:** Christmas craft, sketching techniques, canvas art, pottery, painting, graffiti art

**Woodwork & technical skills:** Learn skills using tools, make toys, cars, planes and your own designs

**Science:** Making science fun! Learn the basics and create your own science projects

**Cooking:** A variety of cooking experiences including baking Christmas treats!

**Events:** Amazing Race (seniors), Water play, building cubbies, bush skills and more

For Full program details & Bookings for Dec & Jan see our website :

[www.glenaeonoosh.com.au](http://www.glenaeonoosh.com.au)

Website: [www.glenaeonoosh.com.au](http://www.glenaeonoosh.com.au)

Email: [glenaeonoosh@gmail.com](mailto:glenaeonoosh@gmail.com)



## NORTHERN BEACHES 5s COMMUNITY CUP

For 8-13 Years Old Age Groups

# 5 A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

2 DAYS Boys  
2 DAYS Girls

ENTRY \$120  
Per Person (for 2 days)



+Soccer Skills Clinic run by  
FFA qualified coaches

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (9am–4pm)

Venue: Ararat Reserve, Grattan Cres Frenchs Forest



Lunch (Pizza) & Cordial will be provided FREE ☺

Form your own team of 6-7 players and register online ☺

If you don't have a team we can place you in one ☺

Enquiries: [info@northernbeaches5s.com.au](mailto:info@northernbeaches5s.com.au)

Registration: [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

☎ 0414 680 250

MANLY WARRINGAH BASKETBALL

# JANUARY HOLIDAY CAMP

COME ALONG AND LEARN BASIC, FUN SKILLS

DATES: 20, 21 & 22ND JANUARY, 2021

TIME: 5 to 9 Yrs old 9:00 to 12:00pm

10 to 14 Yrs old 1:00 to 4:00pm

VENUE: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre

AGES: broken into age groups

COST: \$105 (If camp is cancelled, total refund)

**NO SINGLE DAYS MUST PAY FOR 3 DAYS**

PLEASE BRING LIGHT SNACK & WATER

Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be limited numbers, & No spectators. MWBA Will provide sanitised balls on the day. No balls to enter the stadium.

**[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BMZIY](https://www.trybooking.com/BMZIY)**



## MWBA PINK BALL

TERM 1 2021

FOR GIRLS 7-12 YRS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN  
BASKETBALL SKILLS WITH FEMALE COACHES.

DATES: SAT 6th Feb to 27th March, 2021

TIME: 1:30-2:30 PM

VENUE: NORTHERN BEACHES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

COST: \$100 INCLUDES A PINK BALL

Only 40 tickets available due to covid restrictions.


Active kids vouchers welcome.

Please email voucher to: [mwba@manlybasketball.com.au](mailto:mwba@manlybasketball.com.au) with your child's  
DOB and a code will be sent to you to void payment.

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTPR>



## Community News



**BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA'S  
OFFICIAL JUNIOR GAME  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
FOR 5-10 YEAR OLDS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**



Vicinity Centres Aussie Hoops is all about learning to play basketball in a fun and safe environment. Our national coaching curriculum and sequentially developed program consists of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games all delivered by accredited coaches. We invite you to explore our website and welcome you to the Australian basketball community.

**VICINITY  
CENTRES  
AUSSIE  
HOOPS**

**REGISTER  
NOW**

**No Spectators  
Limited Numbers**


**Dates:** Sunday 7th Feb to 28th March, 2021  
**Time:** 9:00-10 am  
**Ages:** 5-10 years old, boys & girls  
**Cost:** \$160 New Participant (includes \$45 starter pack +p/h)  
\$110 Returning Participant  
**Venue:** NBISC, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood  
**Head Coach:** Jerome Lee  
**Booking:** <https://ausiehoops.com.au/find-a-program>



Learn the skills  
of  
Basketball in a fun  
learning environment  
with qualified  
coaches.

Every Saturday during the  
school term.  
Must pre-book.  
Booking closes 2pm, Friday  
before session.

**Ages:** 5-12 yrs 2:30-3:20  
**Broken into groups according  
to age and ability.**  
**Venue:** Northern Beaches  
Indoors Sports Centre  
**Cost:** \$12 per week or  
\$90 for 8 weeks..



**Saturday Learn To Play**  
**TERM 1 2021: 6TH FEBRUARY TO 27TH MARCH 2021**  
**To Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTQA>