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The Forest High School

# Message from the Principal





### DIGITAL DYNAMITES

Our very own teen magazine launched on Monday. The 'Scrub Turkey' is available at Warringah Mall, our local Libraries and many other locations. A huge congratulations to Ms Lauren Weatherall and the Digital Dynamites Year 9 and 10 elective class for producing such a high quality magazine. Don't miss out on seeing the fabulous launch display at Warringah Mall and pick up a copy to read this weekend! All content by Forest High students.

Thanks to the P&C for their generous support of this initiative. A special mention to Kim and Craig Kelso-Ferrier at IPS Printers, Michelle Alchin and, of course, Kelly Barr-Jones.





### BAND CAMP

Students attending the band camp were set to depart for Bathurst on Tuesday morning. A late call was made on Monday afternoon to set a new course due to the flooding across the Great Western Highway and throughout parts of Bathurst. Our CAPA staff did a remarkable job to ensure the camp still went ahead albeit to dryer destinations. After morning rehearsals on site and a lunchtime performance at Manly Vale Public School, students stayed overnight at our school on Tuesday evening. The following morning they set off for Stanwell Tops, visiting Symbio Wildlife Park along the way. Rehearsals and performances have been spaced out across the 4 days with students also experiencing many outdoor activities such as visiting Stanwell tops lookout, Kiama blowhole and the Kiama Christmas markets. Students are scheduled to return later today (Friday). Many thanks to our dedicated staff for their commitment when

altering plans and accompanying students on this much valued trip. A special mention also goes to our very talented Band Conductor Lemin Liu.











### **P&C MEETING**

On Wednesday we held our final P&C meeting for the year. A huge thanks to Kelly our P&C President, the executive team and the many parents that have supported the school this year. In our final newsletter edition we will publicise the many ways the P&C has provided funding and on hand support throughout the year. The list is extensive.



### **DOVES PROGRAM**

DOVES stands for Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools. The 27 students on the DOVES council provide direct advice on educational policy to the Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell. We strongly encourage any student interested in developing their leadership skills to apply. Interested students can check their email for more information. Applications for the DOVES Council 2023 opened Monday 7 November. There are currently two places open for students from the Metropolitan North Directorate. Applications are open for students currently in Year 5 to Year 9 and successful candidates will serve a 2-year term on the Council. Students' initial expressions of interest can be submitted via a video of up to 90 seconds that outlines who they are; why the student is interested in being part of the DOVES; and why they would be a great advocate for students across all walks of life. DOVES are also collecting student input on healthcare access for young people. Please see the attached flyer.

### YEAR 5 ENRICHMENT PRESENTATION

This week we held a celebration of learning for the most recent group of Year 5 students who have joined us each Wednesday for the last 10 weeks. It was nice to see so many parents, primary principals, and Year 5 teachers in attendance. A huge thanks to our enrichment teachers for providing our local primary school students a taste of high school. It's hoped that many of these students will be joining us in 2024. Ms Simic and Mrs Gourlay have organised yet another celebration of learning. These two really could go into business together. Perhaps wedding planning?

### **BUSH TO BOWL**

Yesterday Bush to Bowl came to teach Cultural Studies and our Aboriginal students about Australian native plants. Cultural Studies students have been learning about 'Culture and Food' this term, so it was a good experience to translate learning into a real-life experience. Students learnt about the ways in which plants can be used for food, medicine and protective mechanisms against animals. We walked around the campus, and Wakka from Bush to Bowl showed us some edible plants around the school. After the walk, students painted some stories using symbols that Wakka taught the class. At the end of the incursion, students and teachers sat in a circle and shared the stories they had painted.







### BANTRY BAY ROCK CARVINGS

The local Aboriginal Heritage Officer led our Aboriginal students on a guided tour of the Bantry Bay Rock Carvings. She spoke to students about caring for country, protecting Aboriginal history and sacred sites and careers as Aboriginal Rangers and Parks and Wildlife Officers.





### **SCHOOL MUSICAL COMING SOON** Book today for our wonderful production of The Wizard of Oz. Just scan the QR on the poster or go to

https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/984 699 #oztfhs

### YEAR 7 VACCINATION CLINIC NEXT WEEK

On Thursday 24 November there will be vaccinations for Year 7 students (HPV 2 + dTpa) who have returned consent forms in Term 1. Some students in Years 8 and 10 will be receiving catch-up vaccinations. Emails have been sent out today to families.





Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools



## HEALTHCARE ACCESS SURVEY

DOVES is the NSW Minister for Education's advisory council. We are run by students; we represent you. Please fill out this survey to make sure your voice is heard.

https://forms.gle/BbiWvdQSFJGQi72r5

### BY L. FRANK BAUM WITH MUSIC AND LYRICS BY HAROLD ARLEN AND E. Y. HARBURG BACKGROUND MUSIC BY HERBERT STOTHART

DANCE AND VOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BY PETER HOWARD Orchestration by Larry Wilcox Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company Based Upon the Classic Motion Picture Owned by Turner Entertainment CO. And Distributed in All Media by Warner Bros.

### 6:30PM DECEMBER 7, 8 AND 9

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### **Upcoming Events**

### **TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

Silver Assembly 8.45am for 9.00am start

### **THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

Year 7 Vaccinations - HPV dose 2 & dTpa Year 10 Tomorrow Man/Tomorrow Woman

### MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Meet the Principal - 9am Year 10 Champiions Presentation

### **TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER**

Year 7 2023 Orientation Day

### 7,8,9 DECEMBER

Wizard of Oz School Musical - 6.30pm

#### 8,9, 12 DECEMBER

Year 7 Swim School

### **TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

Presentation Night - 7.00pm

### **THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER**

Year 12 2022 Morning Tea

### FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

Christmas Assembly Last day of school for students