

Newsletter Week 10 Term 4 2017

Principal's Report



Congratulations to all our high achieving students who received awards at Presentation Night this week.

The awards reflected the extent of our students' academic, cultural and sporting talents at local, regional, state and national levels. I am very proud of the fact that all our students, regardless of their ability, have been given every possible opportunity to be challenged, achieve success and feel valued in our school. I very much appreciated the attendance of so many parents who were there to support their children. I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Power, Head Teacher PD/H/PE and Mrs Tracy Browne in our School Office for organising this evening and other members of staff and students who helped with the organisation and the entertainment on the night. We appreciate the effort it required to put the program together. I also thank Ferrovial York, who provided a shuttle from the Aquatic Centre to ensure all our students, their parents and carers and community members could attend. It was a seamless and delightful evening.

Students Congratulations to all our HSC students who worked so hard to achieve their goals this year. I also congratulate their teachers for their dedication and tireless efforts to support these students and the parents and carers who nurtured them at home. There were 17 students who achieved Band 6 and 15 on the NESA

Distinguished Achievers list. 115 students achieved Band 5. In a number of subjects all students in the course achieved Bands 4 to 6. We look forward to hearing what ATARS our students have achieved and I am sure there will be many upcoming university offers as well as opportunities for students who will be attending TAFE or commencing an apprenticeship. We are enormously proud of you.

I would like to give special thanks to our 2017 School Captains, Tamika Egan-Walters and Harrison White, Vice Captains, Rachele Tacadena and Campbell Maconachie, Performing Arts Captains, Amelia Davies and Lana Hill, Sports Captains, Caitlyn Callaghan and Baden Kelly, Environment Captains, Cienna Glynn and Trent Taylor and Prefects, Alanna Elliott, Ariel Falealoto, Lachlan Hill, Ella Kasmar, Jacob Neale, Ashlee Pierce, Yashi Qin and Zihan Wang for their impressive leadership and ongoing support of the School Executive this year. It was a pleasure working with such a dedicated, enthusiastic team of student leaders.



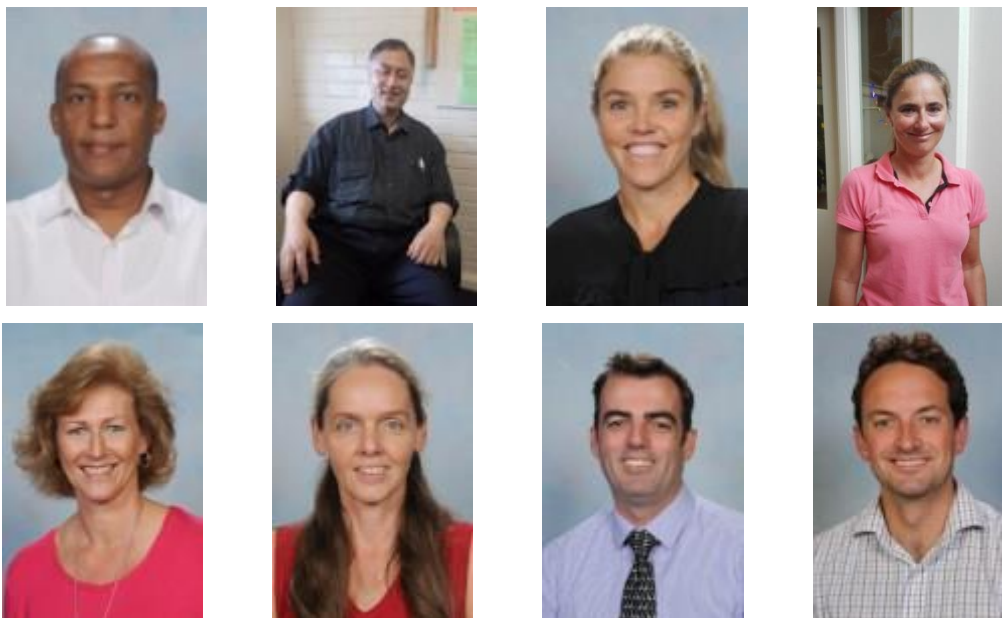
Our 2017 SRC School Captains and Prefects

Parents, Carers and Community Parents and community members have supported our school throughout the year, not only as volunteers but also in terms of funds to provide quality programs for our students. P&C funds from the Uniform Shop and other fund raisers made it possible for the school to continue with a number of important programs including High Resolves, a social justice and global leadership program as well as providing new signage and technology in classrooms and a number of smaller, but still significant initiatives. The P&C, led by a strong executive team headed by Tracy O'Shanassy, P&C President, has also generously contributed to the upkeep of our grounds and gardens.

In acknowledging the contribution of the community I would also like to make special mention of our P&C and School Council executives and acknowledge outgoing officers for their dedication and commitment to the school. I thank the community for supporting The Forest High School in 2017. The School Council led by Michael Strugnell has actively advocated on behalf of the school. The current property works being undertaken by Ferrovia York, on behalf of RMS, could not have been obtained without their support. Additionally I would like to acknowledge the strong partnership we have formed with the new Northern Beaches Hospital and the many benefits this innovative partnership will continue to bring for our students. We are very appreciative of their ongoing support.

We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parents working in the best interest of our school. Our students benefit enormously from the generosity of The Forest community, and on their behalf, I thank you all so much for your support.

Staff We sadly say farewell to seven members of staff this year. Mr Abraham Berakhi and Mr Steven Windsor from the Mathematics Faculty both gained transfers to teaching positions in other schools closer to home. Mrs Michelle Nunura, our Learning and Support Teacher, and Mrs Tracy Stubbs, from the PD/H/PE Faculty were successful at merit selection. Mrs Nunura will take up the position of Head Teacher Welfare at St Ives High School and Mrs Stubbs will take up the position of Head Teacher PD/H/PE at Narrabeen Sports High School in 2018. Mrs Jane Page from our Office Staff was successful in gaining a merit based position at Northern Beaches Secondary College, Cromer Campus where she has been appointed Senior Administrative Manager. Mrs Suzanne Wilson, from the Science Faculty has been appointed to Killarney Heights High School through merit selection. Mr Owen Carpenter from the TAS Faculty left us in Term 3 to take up a position in a school in Canberra. Additionally we said a temporary goodbye to two members of staff, Mr Ben Goldsmith, Head Teacher CAPA for 18 months as he is undertaking a sabbatical in Latvia and Mr Chris Falkland from the English Faculty who is taking 12 months off to pursue his musical interests in 2018.



All these teachers and staff have had a strong association with The Forest. Their experience and expertise will be missed and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to know them and work with them as a principal. Although we feel sad to see them go, we realise it reflects well on the school and our aspiring leadership processes to see so many of our staff continuing their careers in education. On a positive note we are delighted that Iain Sills, who joined our Autism Support Unit as a classroom teacher in 2017, will be taking up the position as Head Teacher of the Support Unit in 2018. After his success at merit selection, Daniel Phua, from Moorefield Girls High School will be joining our TAS Faculty replacing Owen Carpenter.



I would like to thank each one of our staff for a wonderful year. We are indeed very fortunate to have such diverse, talented and committed teachers and support staff at The Forest High School. It is very important at this time of the year to publicly acknowledge the sustained and considerable dedication of the deputy principals, executive, classroom teachers and support staff to our students' welfare and learning. Thank you. Finally I wish students, staff, parents, carers, family and community members compliments of the season and a relaxing and safe holiday. Staff returns to school Monday 29th January. Years 7, 11 and 12 and new enrolments return Tuesday 30th January and all other students return Wednesday 31st January.

Rosemary McDowall, Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

It is hard to believe another year has gone so quickly and everyone is looking forward to Christmas and a good holiday. Once again I have been amazed and impressed by the variety of activities students and staff have been involved in, the academic success and the great school spirit we have in our school.

International Students Our International student program has been very successful and next year we will welcome some Tibetan families to our community. Mr Rowland, Mr Golanoski and Mr Ye have worked hard to ensure all students are happy at our school and achieving to their potential. All International students enjoyed an excursion to the city in the last week.

Warm and Fuzzies I was lucky enough to visit the SRC camp last week and I was so impressed with the quality of our student leaders and the rest of the SRC. They are very committed to doing their best for the students at our school. I look forward to working with them next year. One of the highlights of the camp is that every person writes and receives a nice message to every student and teacher so that at the end of the camp there is a bundle of 'warm and fuzzies' to read. It is such a bundle of happiness and reminds me that we need to be kinder to each other. A smile or a hello can make such a difference to a person's day and the person who gives it gets as much out of it as the person who receives it.



Cupcakes I have been very generous contributing to Emma Beuker's fundraising campaign for Kids with Cancer and bravely eating as many cupcakes as I can. On a serious note, it was wonderful to see how the school supported Emma's fund raising and also other worthy causes throughout the year. It makes children more aware of issues affecting people in the wider community and hopefully makes them more compassionate and wanting to help more.

Farewells and Formals I want to commend Year 10 and 12 students who attended the formals this year. Not only did students look fabulous, but they were very well behaved. Congratulations to Mr Millar and Mrs Diggins for the organisation and behind the scenes effort.

Sun Studios Visit For the second year, Sun Studios in Alexandria kindly donated a fabulous Canon Camera as a prize for a photography competition open to all students in our school. The chosen topic was 'bliss' and while some photos didn't quite fit the category, students entered some brilliant photos. The General Manager of Sun Studios, Alan Brightman, asked photographer Graham Monro to assist in the judging of the photos. Students were given a tour of the studios, given a presentation about the studios, enjoyed a yummy morning tea and then the finalist photos were shown, along with a critique of each photo. This was very valuable advice for the budding photographers. The prize winner of the Canon Powershot G7X was Pippa McGrath in Year 9 (pictured below with her winning entry). Thank you to Mr Juric for all the organisation and he is looking forward to more photography events next year.

Denise Wright, Deputy Principal



Congratulations to our students who received awards at the Silver Ceremony on Tuesday 21st November.

Students received certificates in recognition of excellence, effort, achievement and participation in a range of school and extra-curricular activities including the Enrichment Robotics Program, NSW Premier's Reading Challenge, Premier's Debating Challenge, School Band, Maths Competitions and Sporting Competitions. Some of the recipients are pictured below.



Term 4 Events

29 January	School Development Day – Staff Only
30 January	New Students Enrolment Years 7,11,12 & Peer Support Leaders return
31 January	Full school resumes
1-2 February	Year 7 Testing
5 February	Swimming Carnival
20 February	3+3 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm – 7.30pm
21 February	School Council 6.00pm P&C Meeting 7.00pm
26 February	Meet The Principal 9.00am
1 March	Year 7 Parent Evening - Relationships Australia
2 March	Schools Clean Up Australia Day
5 March	Year 7 Vaccinations
7 March	Open Night
8 March	School Photographs
9 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
10 March	GAT Testing
12 March	GAT Testing (Make-up)
13 March	School Photographs (Make-up)
13-19 March	Chiba Keiai Visit
15 March	Year 7 Workshop – Relationships Australia
21 March	Harmony Day Celebrations School Council 6.00pm P&C Meeting 7.00pm
26-28 March	Year 7 Camp Year 11 Camp
26 March	Meet The Principal 9.00am
30 March	Good Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
3-6 April	3+3 Exams Year 12 Preliminary Exams
5 April	Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm – 7.30pm
10-12 April	School Musical – “Into the Woods”
13 April	Last day of Term 1
30 April	School Development Day – Staff Only
1 May	First day of Term 2 - full school resumes Anzac Day Assembly

Full details of all school events are available on the school calendar on the school website
www.theforest-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

TFHS Extras

Do you know that there are so many clubs and activities on offer at The Forest High School? Click here for a full list of what's on and where

https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/documents/75636251/75649800/tfhs_extras.pdf

Year 7 Report

Reports The end of Year 7 has come around very quickly indeed! The final reports were a pleasure to read, reflecting an overall improvement in attitudes and effort which I hope will continue into Year 8. It is essential that all students are consistently demonstrating the school's values of **Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best** in every lesson, every day.

Presentation Night The students who have achieved well in various domains throughout the year were recognised at Presentation night on Tuesday this week. Teachers nominated the student with the highest attainment in each class to receive an award. In addition, the students in the top 10 academic achievers of the year group received a prize from the P&C and many other sporting and community awards were given. It truly was a night of honour. Students whose final reports showed that they consistently display the school values of **Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best** in all subjects were recognised separately with a BBQ lunch on Wednesday.

Robotics Challenge The second round of the Robotics Challenge also occurred recently. The teams from 7G and 7V researched uses of robotics in various fields of medicine, programmed the Lego EV3 robot to transport a hospital bed around a floor plan and presented their work to engineers from the Northern Beaches Hospital, Mrs McDowall and Mr Floriano in front of an audience of parents and peers. The winning team, RAH, researched the use of robots in physiotherapy and their robot safely delivered the patient to the required locations in the hospital by having ultrasonic sensors in place to detect and stop for any obstacles. For students who have enjoyed the robotics challenges in Enrichment this year we are starting a Robotics Club next year using the Lego EV3 and other extension kits, with the goal of participating in inter-school challenges such as Lego First League or RoboCup.



Moving into Year 8 and Sport Selections And so comes the end of the first year of high school. It has been a pleasure to get to know the year group and I look forward to learning and growing together again next year. I hope everyone gets lots of rest over the summer holidays and returns to school firing on all cylinders.

Remember that sport selections are due on the first day back and to bring back your summer reading challenge sheets to get a head start on collecting green slips for Year 8.

Georgia Yam, Year 7 Adviser

Year 8 Report

Congratulations to our Year 8 students on a year of success, achievement and oodles of effort. This effort has been celebrated at our Awards Presentation Evening this week. These students continue to amaze me in the range of areas in which they are able to achieve. You are inspiring to both your peers and your teachers. Thank you.

Wet 'n' Wild Our Year 8 and Year 9 students were all rewarded for their hard work this year with a day at Wet 'n' Wild. Both the teachers and students had a fantastic day. A great way for us all to relax at the end of a busy year. I would like to thank the students for their exemplary behaviour during this excursion. I will certainly be looking to organise another 'well-being' event like this for them in 2018, based on their involvement and co-operation on the day.

Reports On reading the Semester 2 reports this week, I have been very pleased to see a great number of students improving in their 'attitudes to learning' – **Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best**. Those students who have shown a shift towards achieving a majority of 'Consistently' and 'Usually' responses in this section of the report, have been congratulated at a BBQ lunch provided by the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Committee. A well-deserved, and much appreciated, celebration for these students.

I would like to wish all the Year 8 families a very happy and safe holiday season, and look forward to seeing the students ready for Year 9....yes, Year 9 already!

Amanda Walsh, Year 8 Adviser

Year 9 Report

They say Year 9 is the toughest year and although we have had our ups and downs, I can genuinely say that I feel so lucky to have this special year group. They are bright, energetic and caring, they make me smile every day and sometimes it is the little things they do that make me say 'no matter what, they will be great.' This is a credit to all the support from their families and I thank you for your care and love you give them. We recently went to Wet 'n' Wild Sydney as a reward and fun day to celebrate finishing the year. I did not manage to take many photos as I was on the rides as well but I could see that everyone was relaxing and having fun. A huge well done to Sophia H. who broke her toe before getting on her first ride and still had fun throughout the day.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. Use the time to relax, reflect and re-energise - I will be! Next year, Peer Support Leaders return to school at 9:25am on the 30th January, the rest of Year 10 on the 31st of January.

Julian Floriano, Year 9 Adviser



Year 10 Report

What an absolutely brilliant night! The Year 10 Evening of Celebration finally arrived on 15th November, the young adults dressed and polished to perfection and we all had a great time. Thank you to the students who helped put the evening together and to the staff who gave up their evening to join in the festivities. My fingers are crossed that the senior uniform next year will be worn with the same pride and polish demonstrated at the evening. I was so impressed with the students and the staff at Miramare Gardens complimented the school for the exemplary behaviour of Year 10.





Work Experience Reports from the Work Experience last week indicate the students enjoyed a rewarding but busy week. A few students reported that they were very tired after working a 30 hour week, something they aren't used to!

Awards Last night we celebrated the academic award ceremony and I congratulate the students who have received awards. It is always a great evening to be part of. On Wednesday 13th December, at the beginning of lunch, the Year Advisers hosted a BBQ celebrating Personal Best Awards across all year groups. Congratulations to the students who received a "lucky ticket" and enjoyed a sausage sizzle reward for their efforts.

Farewells It is with some sadness I have to say goodbye to some of my year group who have decided to leave school to gain employment, apprenticeships, TAFE pathways or opportunities at other schools. I wish those students every happiness and success in their future. I would also like to thank the many parents who have contacted me in the last few weeks to thank the school for the opportunities afforded to their children, in most cases over the last four years.

Finally, I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful, safe holiday. Enjoy the rest - Stage 6 studies are a different ball game! I look forward to seeing the students, ready to go in 2018. Thanks for a great year.

Clare Diggins, Year 10 Adviser

Year 11 Report

Good luck to all Year 11 2017 students when they receive their first round of HSC examination results on Thursday 14th December 2017. Please come and see Ms Wright, Ms McWhirter or myself if you have any questions or concerns regarding your results. Wishing you and your families a wonderful festive season and a happy and healthy New Year! Looking forward to another successful year ahead as you start 2018 as Year 12 and the leaders of the school!

Helen Emery, Year 11 (12) Adviser

Year 12 Report

Year 12's formal association with The Forest High School is now finished. We hope that the students will stay in touch, particularly following the release of their results and ATAR on the 14th and 15th of December. It is always wonderful to hear about your adventures through life after school. Any students who have not received their graduation certificates or school reference can collect these documents from me in the HSIE staffroom. The

Graduation and Formal appeared to be enjoyed by all and were a fitting way to say goodbye to the year group. The high resolution photos of both events will be available shortly for perusal and printing. Below are just a few of the lovely photos taken on the day.

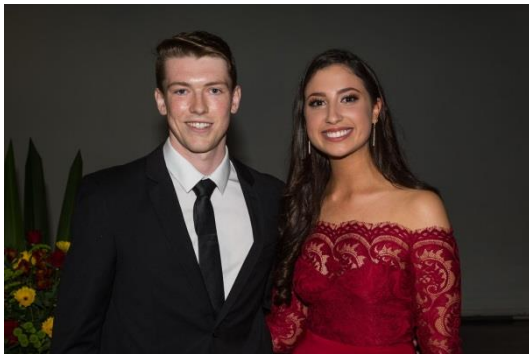
You can click on the links below for lots more photos on our school website.

[Year 12 2017 Graduation](#)

[Year 12 2017 Formal](#)

I wish all the students and their families all the very best for the future.

Jason Millar, Year 12 Adviser





CAPA Report

Band Tour Our Regional Band Tour to Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo from 7th-10th November was a great experience for 47 of our band members and the staff who accompanied them - Mr Juric, Mr Moore and Ms Luu. The 4 day tour included visits to Abercrombie Caves, Orange Conservatorium, Dubbo Astronomical Observatory, Dubbo Western Plains Zoo and a scenic drive back through the Blue Mountains. It was a fun and rewarding few days for all those involved - they brought back some wonderful memories.

Click here for lots more photos of the tour on our school website

<http://www.theforest-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/2017-regional-band-tour>





Mini MADD Night A splendid night of entertainment from our Year 7 & 8 students at our Mini MADD Night last Wednesday. We were treated to music, vocal and dance performances and an art exhibition. The evening showcased the breadth of talent we have in the Creative & Performing Arts in the junior years of the school. Well done to all those who took to the stage and also those who came along and supported the performers.

Click here for more photos on our school website

<http://www.theforest-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/mini-madd-night-6-12-17>



HSIE Report

Year 9 Canberra Excursion On 9th November 37 students from our Year 9 Elective History and Philosophy classes went on an overnight excursion to Canberra with myself and Ms McWhirter. On the first day we visited the National Museum of Australia where we looked at the museum's Investigating Sources program after

which we had the freedom to explore the other exhibits throughout the museum. We then toured the city sights by bus with most students finding the embassy zone particularly interesting. The day finished off at the Questacon by Night experience where we had the whole museum to ourselves and the students found it really enjoyable and engaging. After checking into the hotel it was dinner and a dip in the icy swimming pool for some brave students. A rowdy and competitive trivia competition rounded off the evening. The next day it was off to explore the Australian War Memorial. We started with a program on the Vietnam Era where the students learnt about Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War and how unique this experience of war was for the young men and women who served. The group then had an opportunity to explore the memorial at their own pace. After the memorial we went up to Mount Ainslie Lookout for some lunch and the great views of the city providing a perfect photo opportunity. The excursion was both enjoyable and educational and the highlights for most were the War Memorial and Questacon.

Jason Millar, HSIE Teacher



Maths Report

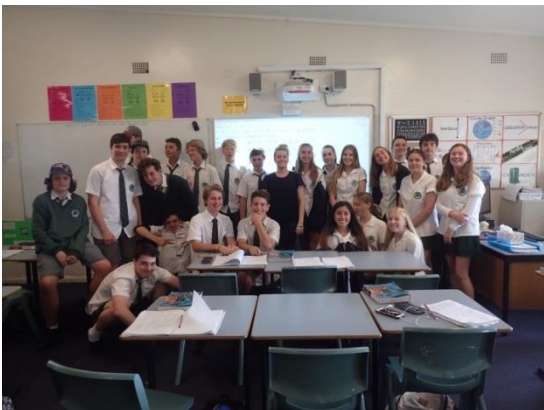
This year we say goodbye and good luck to two of our Mathematics teachers. We have appreciated their efforts in their time here at The Forest High School and wish them well in their new schools.



Mr Windsor has taught at The Forest High School for close to 10 years and this was his 3rd teaching position. He has been in Australia now for 30 years coming from China. **His favourite memories** are the friendly staff; being Santa at the 2016 Christmas Assembly; his extension students and their good results; teaching Chinese and his Maths classes, especially the students who stop and say hello long after he has taught them. **Advice for the students** - don't lose sight of your dreams, set a goal and aim for it



Mr Berakhi has taught at The Forest High School for almost 2 years and this was his 4th teaching position. He has been in Australia for 23 years coming from Eritrea in East Africa. **His favourite memories** are experiencing the many extra-curricular activities offered such as High Resolves and seeing the progress of his classes. **Advice for the students** - follow your heart, dream big, write down your goals and take action



Miss Page We were very lucky this year to have Miss Page teach with the Mathematics Faculty. Her time here has consolidated her love for teaching Mathematics and she is currently undergoing a Masters Degree in the hope of one day becoming a permanent Mathematics teacher. She will spend next year in other roles at The Forest High School and we wish her well with her studies. This is a photo of Miss Page with her Year 9 class.

"What is Maths?" Day On 16th November four of our Year 10 students spent a day working on mathematical problems and puzzles with Eddie Woo and Adam Spencer. Eddie Woo is the Head Teacher of Mathematics at Cherrybrook High School and the creator of Woo tune. His session explored the question "What is

Mathematics?". Adam Spencer is a bestselling mathematics author and TV/radio presenter and he challenged students and teachers with maths and logic puzzles from his new book, The Number Games.



(Pictured L-R) Stephen P., Milly H., Eddie Woo, Nathan B. and Tara M. at the "What is Maths?" Day

PDHPE Report

Year 7 Swim School was a great success. We enjoyed three wonderful days of weather which allowed everyone to make the most of all the water activities. Our Year 9 Fitness Leader instructors were outstanding. This meant teachers were free to provide individualised instruction to students. All Year 7 students achieved a Royal Life Saving Society award following two days of instruction and assessment by the Year 9 instructors. Our final day was spent at Long Reef beach surfing and body boarding with Manly Surf School. There were waves aplenty caught by everyone.

PDHPE Department





TAS Report



Year 7 students preparing their Fancy Fruit Presentations in the Mandatory Food Unit this term

Interact Club Report



This term we have officially launched The Forest High School Interact Club (members pictured above). Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills through initiating and managing projects to support the community. The Forest High School Interact Club is sponsored by the Belrose Rotary Club, and we thank Kos and Warren, Belrose Rotary members, for their assistance in establishing the group. Our students will work to organise at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary Club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills. This term we have officially launched The Forest High School Interact Club (pictured above). Interact Clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills through initiating and managing projects to support the community.

The following students were nominated and elected to positions within the club:

President - Amelia B. (Year 8)

Vice President - Ingrid F. (Year 8)

Secretary - Terry C. (Year 8)

Treasurer - Sam K. (Year 8)

Directors – Nicki C. (Year 8), Leno D. (Year 8), Charlotte M. (Year 8), Genevieve M. (Year 8), Will S. (Year 8)

8), Zoe W. (Year 8), Tahlia B. (Year 7), Jesse H. (Year 7), Chelsea N. (Year 7), Kathlyn R. (Year 7), Thomas S. (Year7), Katarina N. (Year 7), Halle S. (Year 7), and Kye S. (Year 7)

We have already begun working on our first project supporting Bear Cottage. Interact members have been assisting Rotary in collecting from the community at the Borgnis Street Christmas lights display. This is an incredibly successful fund raising event. Since its beginning in 2006, it has raised over \$215,000 for Bear Cottage. We are very proud to have our new Interact Club members there to assist. Our club members are very keen to begin rolling out new projects and a range of projects have been discussed for including in our program for 2018. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve.

Ms Walsh and Ms Yam

SRC

Trivia Night On 16th November we held our annual Trivia Night and a great time was had by all. Thanks to the SRC and our host Mr Floriano who made sure it was a successful and fun night. Team themes included road gangs, Harry Potter and sporting teams. It was wonderful to see two tables of our 2016 Year 12s, including the captains, and some of the 2016 HSC males arrived in tennis outfits, including skirts and wigs. They even brought in a table tennis table to sit at and had rackets and balls to decorate. It was lovely to see how they have changed in their year out from school and also that they made so much effort to come and support the school. The winning table on the night were the HSIE Heroes, with the Year 11 Construction Team winning best dressed and runners-up the Tennis boys.





The Kids' Cancer Project On Tuesday 21st November we held a fundraiser 'Cupcakes 4 a Cure' to support The Kids' Cancer Project. Our students were very generous in donating a gold coin in the morning and then purchasing cupcakes at lunch. Overall, we raised \$863.30! Our goal is to raise \$1000 so we have set up an account online to donate.

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/.../cupcakes-4-.../the-forest-high>

Please help raise funds for research to support the thousands of Australian kids being treated for cancer every year.



SRC 2018 Camp November 16th saw the newly elected SRC for 2018 heading out after a full day of classes for their annual Leadership Camp at Vision Valley. Over the following two days we held our General Meeting, planned for the upcoming year and bonded as a leadership group. Planning was happening throughout the HSC exam period – ably led by incoming Captains Zali and Alex – as the seniors communicated with their groups and organised for Wacky Olympics. A highlight of camp, the rivalry between teams at the Olympics is fierce and this year saw some amazing team spirit with their team colours on show. Committees were voted on and initial planning was started for activities for 2018. Stay tuned for some exciting announcements next year. Our Environment Captains Kandy and Ryan planted an Australian Native outside our lodge to commemorate The Forest Leadership Annual Visit to Vision Valley. Each year we feel very welcome at Stringybark Lodge, set in its natural surrounds, and wished to leave a small gift to acknowledge all the years we have been visiting.



Finally some outgoing thanks to our wonderful departing Captains Tamika and Harry, who this year have led a diverse team of seniors. They set out with the intention to achieve and this they have done admirably. We thank our outgoing leadership team of Tamika, Harry, Rachelle, Campbell, Caitlyn, Baden, Amelia, Lana, Trent and Cienna for their work, whilst also thanking the Year 12 leaders who supported them throughout.



Uniform Shop

Boys School Uniform Change

Boys school uniform from 2018 will change to black shorts. Boys may also wear black long pants in winter. Both will be available in the Uniform Shop. Students may continue wearing grey shorts until they require replacement.

A reminder that black shorts other than school approved black shorts eg: board shorts, sports plants and jeans should not be worn.

The Uniform Shop will be opening during the following hours in January 2018

Saturday 27 th January 2018	9.00am – 12.00pm
Monday 29 th January 2018	7.30am – 9.30am
Tuesday 30 th January 2018	8.00am – 10.00am

The Uniform Shop can be contacted on ffhsuniforms@gmail.com

Normal Uniform Shop opening times are:

Monday	7.30am to 9.30am
Tuesday	8am to 10am
Thursday	8am to 10am
Thursday	2pm to 4pm

Second Hand Uniforms required!

Do you have old school uniforms clogging cupboards at home? Bring them in to school where they can be put to good use. They are available to buy at greatly reduced rates and proceeds go to a worthy charity. School ties are in short supply so are very welcome for the clothing pool. Parents wishing to access the clothing pool can contact Mrs Wright.

Road/Hospital Update

Please note that the RMS has relocated the **Kiss and Ride Zone** on Frenchs Forest Road in front of the school - please see map below for new location (marked in yellow on the map below).

This is for student drop off and pick up only - no waiting is permitted.



SPACE CAMP



APRIL 2019

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity
A major STEM initiative

Activities include:

- Group work
- Missions to Mars, ISS, satellite repair & rocket building
- Zero gravity (scuba)
- Jet fighter simulations
- 1/6th gravity chair
- Multi Axis trainer
- G Force simulator
- Museum tours
- Future of Space exploration
- Also included a visit to two major US cities

If interested come and register your name with Mr Dodds in the PDHPE Staffroom

Information Night coming Term 1 2018

Cost: \$7000.00 approximately – Some fundraising to assist students to be held

Community Notices



**SYO
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2018**
8-12 JANUARY 2018

APPLICATIONS
OPEN
1 SEPTEMBER 2017

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW FOR SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS' WEEK-LONG OPEN MUSIC PROGRAM.

Young aspiring musicians are placed in large ensembles which match their abilities and extend their skills - come along for a unique opportunity to make friends and have fun.

A wonderful experience for young musicians of all ages. My son looks forward to it every year. He comes away very inspired and very happy having made some new friends who love music as much as he does. Thank you so much!

DAILY PROGRAM INCLUDES:
Choir workshop for all participants, large ensemble rehearsals, instrumental tutorials, sectional preparation, master classes, music learning games, optional theory class and HSC preparation.

REGISTER ONLINE AT SYO.COM.AU



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Help us plan new footpaths!

Northern Beaches Council is developing a plan to guide the delivery of our future footpath program.

Help us identify the missing links in our existing footpath network and suggest where new footpaths should go.

Have Your Say

Online

- Register to attend a community workshop in your Council Ward early 2018.
- Use our interactive mapping tool to suggest new footpaths.
- Visit northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/have-your-say



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