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"With oars and sail"

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# The Link

## Principals Message

Students reports for Semester 1 will be sent home on Friday.

The report is aligned with the new NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum for English and Mathematics.

If you would like a Parent / Teacher meeting, please ensure the form you received last week is returned to school ASAP with your 3 time preferences. Teachers will try their best to allocate one of your chosen times.

Have a great week.

Regards ,

*Carmel Doyle*

### WESTERN REGION PSSA

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Lauren who came an impressive 9th in her Western PSSA Cross Country Running Event last week in Wellington. This is a wonderful achievement.

#### NATIONAL BETTER BUDDIES DAY

Last Friday, students celebrated National Better Buddy Day by participating in activities with their buddies. Activities included cooking and fun games and sporting activities which members of the students committee organised and ran.

All students had a great time and demonstrated their caring abilities with their buddies.

### SCHOOL CHOIR - FORBES EISTEDDFOD

Today, Wednesday 18th, our choir travelled to Forbes to participate in the Forbes Eisteddfod. The Choir participated in the Small Schools Section and have continued their winning streak taking out FIRST PLACE in this section.

Congratulations to the students and a big thank you to Miss Adams for her efforts in preparing the choir. Also thank you to parents for transporting students to Forbes.

### UNIFORM ORDER

If you need uniforms—please have orders and money to the office by Friday 20th June for delivery at the start of Term 3.



Students Enjoying Better Buddies Day Activities





# **LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK** Jed Matheson

## Assembly Awards:

13 June 2014

K - 2 Sanjay Buttle  
Macey Greenhalgh

3 -6 Jed Matheson  
Mitchell McMahon

## Student of the Week : Week 7 Term 2

Year 3 - 6 Darcy Merchant

K - 2 Lillian Austin

Miss Auld Khya Drew

## Sportsperson:

Primary: Haydan McCarthy

Infants: Ben McMahon

Week 8	16.6.14	17.6.14	18.6.14 Forbes Eisteddfod for Choir	19.6.14	20.6.14  Reports home today
Week 9	23.6.14 Parent Teacher Meetings	24.6.14 Parent Teacher Meetings	25.6.14 Parent Teacher Meetings	26.6.14	27.6.14 Crazy hair Day Talent Quest End of Term Assembly LAST DAY OF- TERM 2
TERM 3 Week 1	14.7.14 Staff Development Day	15.7.14 STUDENTS RETURN	16.7.14	17.7.14	18.7.14

Term 2

## **Happy Birthday**

Toby Matheson  
16th June



Alec Maclean  
19th June

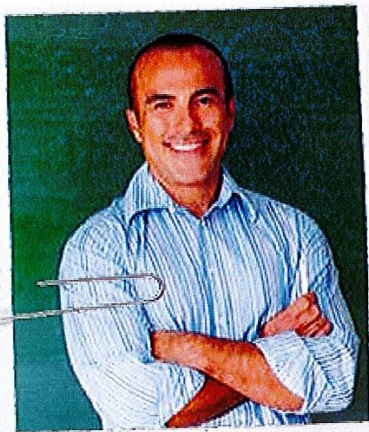




# Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

*Building parent-school partnerships*

WORDS Michael Grose



## Reading your child's report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

*Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration... easily distracted... a pleasure to teach...* Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

**Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:**

**1 Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?**

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

**2 Do you believe that children learn at different rates?**

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

**3 Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?**

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

**Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:**

**Focus on strengths** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

**Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting

in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

**Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

**Take note of student self-assessment**

Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

**Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

**After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.**



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**Cost:****\$40 per day****Child care benefit available.**

Your children must be registered with the Forbes Youth and Community Centre Vacation Care Program  
To find out if you are registered call: 68502300.

A copy of your child's immunisation records is required when registering.

If you are not registered please call the Family Assistance office

136150

Open 8am-8pm

www.centrelink.gov.au

Registration and payment to be made at: Forbes Shire Council Offices, Court St Forbes  
Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Excursions will only take place if adequate bookings are received  
**What to bring:**

- Recess and lunch
  - Sunscreen
  - Water Drink
  - Healthy Snacks
  - Hat
  - Children must wear enclosed shoes.
  - Appropriate clothing
- Come along to our Holiday Fun program and enjoy the huge range of exciting activities! Enjoy games, sport, craft, tasty treats and exciting excursions!  
Everyday is jam packed with loads to do!

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**FORBES YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**HOLIDAY FUN!!!**

2014 Winter Fun !!!  
Mon 30th June - Fri 4th July  
Mon 7th July- Fri 11th July  
Open 8:30am-5:30pm

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**Week 1****Week 2**

Mon 30th June	Tues 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thurs 3rd July	Fri 4th July
"The Nuthy Professor" Making a volcano with plaster of Paris  WII Dance competition	<b>Excursion</b> Forbes Town Library & Country Bakehouse 	Tennis clinic Picnic lunch Bring your own 	<b>Excursion</b> <b>Movies Crange</b>  Lunch @ Adventure Park (bring your own lunch) 	Cooking Creations! Yummy treats  Creative Bead Design
Mon 7th July	Tues 8th July	Wed 9th July	Thurs 10th July	Fri 11th July
OPEN DAY! Family and friends please join us for morning tea Crazy Hair Day! 	<b>Excursion</b> Canowindra Fish Museum Lunch in Park (bring your own lunch) 	Footy Party State of Origin Wear your favourite states colours MOVIE/POPCORN & HOTDOGS  Chalk drawing competitions	Skate Park excursion  BBQ Lunch provided NAIDOC WEEK activities 	End of Holiday Party 

# Eugowra Preschool

invites prospective enrolments and community members to an

## Open Day

on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

from 10:00am

Please forward this invitation on to anyone in the surrounding districts you think would be interested.

Children can participate in the preschool activities and familiarise themselves with the environment. Parents and other community members can come along and view the wonderful service and facilities provided at Eugowra Preschool.

Eugowra Preschool offers:

- Enrolment for children from the age of 2 years
- Experienced and trained staff
- Very affordable rates
- Low enrolment numbers
- Excellent child to staff ratio
- A quality educational program
- A well-resourced centre
- Occasional care
- Positive relationships and interaction with local primary schools
- A positive, warm environment for all children to prosper, learn and enjoy

If you would like your child to stay for morning tea please bring along a healthy snack for them.

## A DEBUTANTE BALL WITH A TWIST!

# the TWISTED Ball

**TICKETS \$25.00**

TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY & NIBBLES

TICKETS AVAILABLE: EUGOWRA POST OFFICE  
EUGOWRA NEWSAGENCY & SUPERMARKET  
or phone 0427 592481

Dress Code: Semi Formal

BYO: Alcohol

**SAT. JULY 26**  
**6.30pm - late**  
EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND HALL

- 10 Twisted Debutantes
- MC - David 'Nocka' Norris
- Tina Turner Impersonator
- LIVE Band
- Photo Booth
- Woodfire Pizzas Available
- Raffles/Auctions
- Entertainment Galore
- Special Guest - Dame Edna



## Big Daddys Woodfire Pizza Menu

### Cheesy Bacon

Smoky Bacon topped with Mozzarella.

### BBQ Beef

Smokey BBQ Base topped with Beef and Mozzarella

### Vegetarian

Baby Mushrooms Fresh Herbs Capsicum and Olives on a herbed tomato base

### Margherita

Freshest Basil, creamy mozzarella on herbed tomato base

### Hawaiian

Sweet Pineapple with Ham and Cheese

### Pepperoni

Sizzling Hot Pepperoni on tomato base topped with Mozzarella

Show Size  
**\$8**

Big Daddy Size  
**\$15**