

Big ideas on leadership



DARCY CAMPBELL, sports captain of the Dolphins at Holy Name School Forster: "I want to be a strawberry leader who is the same on the inside as the outside, not a watermelon leader who is different on the inside than the outside."



MITCHELL LEWIS, school councillor at Forster Public School: "I've learnt to drive the leadership bus by being observant, taking opportunities, moving forward and being more confident in myself when I'm setting goals so I can have an impact on others."

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THE auditorium at Club Forster bristled with enthusiasm and the chanting of about 300 students as big ideas about leadership were instilled into little heads.

Schools from the Great Lakes, Taree and as far afield as Kendall and Barrington met in Forster recently for the 2012 Impact Student Leadership Conference for primary students. Previously they had to travel to either Newcastle or Sydney to attend a similar program.

The event, in its third year in the Great Lakes area, was designed to prepare students for the roles and responsibilities of leadership in their schools.

It used interactive material, motivational games and music to engage students and give them practical ideas to implement in their schools during their time as a student leader.

"It gives them things they can take back to their schools and do tomorrow," Bungwahl Public School principal, Sue Hobbs said.

"At Bungwahl we have two elected leaders and a Student Representative Council comprising all our senior students. They run assemblies, help organise one fundraising activity per term, represent the school at community events like Anzac Day and implement an informal buddy system."



SHAWN PIASENTI, Student Representative Council member at Bungwahl Public School: "I'm enjoying playing the games like getting up on stage and versing other people in spelling games."



AISHA CHAPMAN, sports captain of Albatross house at Forster Public School: "I've learnt how to influence other students and how to be a strawberry leader."



JET ROSEN, support team member at Pacific Palms Public School: "I'm learning how to be a good leader by taking initiative and having integrity in the way I treat other students."

Zanetti's View



Forest joyriders should think twice

JOYRIDERS who use State forest roads to test out their 4WDs in wet weather are in for a rude shock to the hip pocket.

People who are caught causing damage to roads or the environment in State forests are liable for a penalty of up to \$2200.

Some roads in the region have been used by 4WD drivers during the summer wet weather to such an extent that they are all but impassable for most vehicles.

"There are mud holes nearly hip deep in some roads. This behaviour is creating an environmental mess, and it is also impeding access to the forest for fire fighting purposes, and for normal forest uses such as firewood collection with the appropriate permits and other recreational users like mountain bikers," Forests NSW community forester David Wilson said.

Mr Wilson said drivers were welcome

to use forest roads for recreation, but they must follow the proper regulations.

"We expect roads to only be used sensibly during dry weather and certainly not during wet weather when roads are damaged."

As forest roads are considered the same as public streets under the law, drivers or motorcycle riders must be licensed and vehicles must be registered. Police are able to prosecute drivers who ignore the proper road rules in State forest with the accompanying fines and loss of demerit points.

Drivers must use formed roads and trails and adhere to the maximum speed limit in all forest roads of 60km an hour unless the road is signposted otherwise. "It has reached the stage that Forests NSW will be actively monitoring some of the forests that are being used improperly, and where possible, penalty infringement notices will be issued."

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