SCHOOL TARGETS

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Term 4 Week 8

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As senior executive read over every school report it is indeed timely to reflect on the overwhelming amount of positiveness within the school. Our student reports show our students are able to adhere to school rules and regulations, participate in many learning experiences and sporting and social activities.

There are strong signs of progress as students show evidence of their achievements working towards a particular 'outcome'. Teachers program towards an outcome which is a broad statement that describes the expected achievement at stage level. To further guide the learning, 'indicators' in the syllabus act as flags and teachers plan to teach to these explicitly.

Teachers invest many hours to ensure accurate reporting and grades attributed are based on evidence from work samples and assessment tasks. They are 'point it time' reflections of a child's learning. For example, a student who achieves a 'B' in Number one semester may receive a 'C' in the following semester and this may be due to more challenging content along the learning continuum and/or they may be expressing learned knowledge at the 'C' level and require further development to achieve in higher –order tasks.

'C' is an interesting concept in itself as some people's relationship with 'C ' may hover around the idea of 'not quite good enough and/or average '. In today's reporting procedures a 'C' should be a seen as achievement as it informs that the student, in this subject/ strand has shown evidence of satisfactory knowledge/skill in the syllabus outcome.

'A' and 'B' grades denote evidence of learning that offers a broader understanding of the content and the student is able to, knowing the content well, analyse, synthesise, and evaluate.

We invite you to take time to explore your child's learning through the reporting process and the evidence from assessment tasks and work samples in your child's 'Progressive Assessment Folder'. Reports will be issued on Wednesday 14th December.

Many special things are happening this week; Kinder 2012 last orientation before 'big school', Year 6 Orientation Interviews at Belmont High, our Year 6 annual 'Fun Day' (out of uniform) and Swim School.

Don't forget to pencil in Wednesday 14th December for '**Carols on the Green**', a feel-good Christmas family treat. All students will perform in stage items and 'Missing Bits' will lead us in carolling. 'Deck the halls....

Mrs Lee Saurins

Relieving Principal

In a day and age when we worry about children growing up too quickly......it's not all gloom and doom....faith is instilled when you come across these delightful scenes of the age old singing/clapping games that fill the air with glee......



Deputy's Message

Positive Affirmation – Quality

'Every day I am responsible for what I achieve!'. This affirmation is about Quality. This reminds us that we are responsible for our own results in life. For example if you haven't got a pencil or a badge this year as yet you may have to look at your performance in that area; you may not have deserved it. We only get what we deserve in life, so work hard so that you achieve the best!!!!!



Some very happy Mathematicians! **Kate Matthews** has been awarded the Maths Olympiad School Award for 2011 for her fabulous work in the school's extension maths program Maths Plus **Jaede Magri** has been placed well in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition 2011. Jaede was named in the Honour Roll- top 100 achievers. Well done Jaede and now you can get ready for the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Camp that you have been invited to.

Our Maths Plus Team 2011 who have worked hard with the biggest Mathematics Champion- Miss Wand!



Mathletics



Buddy Botham proudly holds the **Mathletics** Trophy for this week- 4/5W have had a very strong performance to steal it away form 5/6G this week. We are loving Mathletics at our school!



Our Year 5 and Year 6 students who received a Credit or Distinction in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Test 2011 (top 15%).



A very proud Trudi Peterson prepares to play cricket for New South Wales at the upcoming Australian PSSA Cricket Tournament.

Human Sexuality

Last week saw our Year 6 cohort move off campus for two days to complete the Human Sexuality Course. We went to Swansea –Belmont Surf Club so that we could spread out and have our own space to learn in. The rain was a bit pesky as it limited our play time on the sand.

The year 6 students were very engaged in the learning program which covers course content from the Child Protection and the PE/PD /Health curriculum. The students were involved in learning activities around Puberty, Relationships, Menstruation and Reproduction.

Human Sexuality Course Student Response

Last week at the Human Sexuality Course we learnt an appropriate age course that taught us about puberty and how our body changes. We also learnt about what goes on inside our bodies. The Human Sexuality Course was taught by Mrs Saurins and the year 6 teahers. We also watched a movie and learnt about giving birth. At the end of each day we watched a cartoon movie about puberty that showed that we all go through changes and that it is all very natural. I like the way the course was set out and agree that we needed to know all the things we learnt. ...Ruby Smith 6P





Students enjoying group work

Floraville School Presentation Day 2011

As a valued member of our school community, we would like to extend an invitation to you for the annual Floraville Public School Presentation Day Ceremony. As a school community we appreciate the significance that merit and recognition plays in the lives of our young students and we take great pride in welcoming you to help us celebrate the achievements of our school, our students, our teachers and our school community.

Where: Floraville Public School Hall

When: Tuesday 13th December 2011

Infants - K-2 Ceremony 9.30- 11.00am

Primary - Years 3-6 Ceremony 11.30-1.30pm



Please note: All K-2 students receive an award on the day but notification will be sent to the parents of students receiving a class award, a Program Achieve Award or any other special award.

Primary students: notification will be sent to the parents of students receiving a class award, a Program Achieve Award or any other special award.

Monday 5/12/11	Tuesday 6/12/11	Wednesday 7/12/11	Thursday 8/12/11	Friday 9/12/11
Getting Started BHS Orientation Program	BHS Orientation	Year 5 Ice Skating	Year 6 Farewell	
	Parents			K-2 Movie Day
	Luna Park Yr 6	Swim Sch	eme	
	P&C Bring a Plate			
Monday 12/12/11	Tuesday 13/12/11	Wednesday 14/12/11	Thursday 15/12/11	Friday 16/12/11
Parent helper	Presentation Day		Stage 2 Party Day	
Morning Tea		Carols on the Green		End of Term 4

<u> Floraville P.S. Currently Focusing on Playground – Stop, Freeze, Teacher</u>

This initiative requires our students to stop and freeze on the bell and wait for teacher's instructions to leave the playground in an orderly way.

Australia Day film and photography competitions

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian.

The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp.

The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?'

There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera.

Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: <u>www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au</u>.

Healthy lunchbox ideas

We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school.

The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas.

The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive.

And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption.

Go to www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes

Youth info a click away

Links and resources for young people on areas including: legal rights; school and beyond; health and wellbeing; disabilities; work and money; getting help; are available on the Youth NSW website.

The site includes a comprehensive list of grants and funding available to young people to pursue specific projects. Go to: www.youth.nsw.gov.au/

Office

Office hours 8.30am to 3.15pm

Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions. Please note we do not have EFTPOS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK LOST PROPERTY IF YOUR CHILD HAS MISPLACED ANY OF THEIR BELONGINGS. LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CANTEEN. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS

Please be aware that the school has a bounce back service that is used to notify parents of any change of arrangements to times for students returning from excursions, camp or major sporting events. All you need to do is text the word "flora" to 19922767 and you will receive any updated information the office has on hand.

<u>School News</u>

Please be aware that the canteen will be closed on Thursday 15/12/2011 and Friday 16/12/2011. Please do not send a lunch order on these days.



Year 6 Fun Day

Just a reminder that the year 6 fun day is on tomorrow, Thursday 1st December. Tokens

are 20c each. Most stalls require 2 - 4 tokens. *It is an out of uniform day*. Tokens will be sold to the children in the morning in their classrooms.

<u>Carols on the Green</u> will be held on Wednesday 14th December. This is a family event and will commence at 5.30 on the day.



<u>Sport</u>

K-2 Assembly

Due to the 'busyness' of the last week of term, the K-2 assembly for Week 10 will be brought forward to Week 9 (Thursday 8th December) at 2.15pm in the school hall. This will be the last opportunity for students to receive their Floraville Badge for 2011. Please remember that these awards need to be earned and not every child automatically receives a badge each year. They must follow the values of the school pencil system of Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Quality. These attributes need to be observed by teachers in the classroom and the playground.

<u>Band</u>

Bandfest 2011

Congratulations to our band who have worked hard. This year they went up a division at Bandfest. Mrs Paget is proud of her band members and is pictured here with some of her senior students



P&C News



Belmont Retravision continues to sponsor the Floraville P & C please bring in a copy of any receipts from the store. We receive 1% commission for each purchase.

more than just the best price START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY, THEN WHAT'S POSSIBLE AND SUDDENLY YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

It was very impressive seeing the items donated to the school by the Ireland family that show the tremendous results that Jack has achieved. The frame is on display in the school office. Again well done Jack, you can be proud of your achievements.

Air conditioning is very much in the media at the moment. The Department of Education has seen fit to spend a large amount of money on their executive offices. There are many schools within the state that have little or no air conditioning. As a result of the great community spirit at Floraville, all our children are able to enjoy their school days within air conditioning comfort. Thank you to everyone for supporting us in our endeavours.

NEXT P AND C MEETING

The next P and C meeting has been brought forward to Tuesday 6 December. The meeting will not be on the same day as School presentation day.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Thank you for the donations which were received for the Christmas raffle. They are much appreciated. The tickets went home yesterday (Wednesday) and will be drawn on the night.

Helpers are still required on the night, if you have half an hour with the BBQ.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop continues to run Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Two of the ladies in the shop will be finishing this year. Deb Hector would appreciate some more volunteers for next year. If you are able to help in 2012 please attend the uniform shop and speak to one of the ladies.

The P and C still have the magnetic display folders for sale if you require any, order form is below. They hold notes that can be stored on the fridge.

Floraville Public School Merchandise Order

Class or Phone:

Magnetic Display Pockets A4 Size______ @ \$4.00 each = \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ ______. Please make cheques payable to the P&C Association.



Newcastle Permanent Offer

he Newcastle Permanent is again offering the school P and C \$300 for any person associated with the school that takes out a new home loan. Please consider the Newcastle Permanent for your new home loans. So call in at the Jewells or Belmontbranch for further details.

Nextra Newsagents at both Belmont Citi Centre and Lake Fair Mt Hutton.

5% of all purchases (excluding lottery products, bus tickets, phone recharges & tobacco products) will be donated to the P&C. Just take a copy of your receipt to the school office. It's that easy to help us raise



Just take a copy of your receipt to the school office. It's that easy to help us ra funds for our school.

Thanks to Aeron Gribble for his support.

Name: _____

There is also a great range of printer cartridges available at NEXTRA

<u>Canteen News</u>

CURRENT CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday Friday	1/12/11 2/12/11	 E.Davis, B.Richardson, K.Merriman - Year 6 Fun Day T.Coles, J.Bourke, K.Montgomery
Monday	5/12/11	- K.Bailey, L.Heddles
Tuesday	6/12/11	- P.Taylor, S.Guest, M.Vu, K.Ellis
Wednesday	7/12/11	- R.New, J.Mason, R.Aitchison, P.Whyte
Thursday	8/12/11	- K.Godfrey, K.Collins
Friday	9/12/11	- K.Woodger, D.Glover, S.Oxenham, S.Condon
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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canteen Committee is aware as it is nears the end of the year that many other events and work can crop up and for some volunteers it may mean not being able to work their day in the canteen.

Thank you to those volunteers who have advised Margaret regarding their availability for the canteen.

If you are a canteen volunteer and have not as yet advised Margaret that you are no longer able to volunteer in the school canteen or unable to volunteer on a particular day can you please notify her as soon as you possibly can. At the moment volunteers are desperately needed for most days of the week for the remainder of the year. If you are able to assist please see Margaret in the canteen as soon as possible COMING UP

- ★ Canteen volunteer applications out NOW!
- ★ Christmas Lunch Bags available NOW!
- Year 6 Fun Day Thursday 1st December
 Presentation Day Tuesday 13th December CANTEEN CLOSED
- Carols at Floraville (under the COLA) Wednesday 14th December
 Last Day Canteen open for 2011 is Wednesday 14th December
- * Canteen Closed from Thursday 15th December for cleaning until the end of term, reopens Term 1 2012

CHRISTMAS LUNCH BAGS

Special Christmas lunch bags are available now! Please order prior to 9.00am with name, class, Christmas bag required and correct monies if possible.

<u>Bag 1</u> - RUDOLP	<u>Bag 2</u> – SANTA	<u>Bag 3</u> – ELVES	<u>Bag 4</u> – JINGLE BELLS
Cocktail Frankfurts	Salad Tub – small	Sausage Roll	6 Popcorn Chicken
Sauce	Quench Drink	Sauce	Smiley Drink
Quench drink	Treats	Flavoured milk	Treat
Treat 4.50	4.70	Treat \$4.00	\$5.20

CANTEEN STOCK

In the lead up to the end of the year stock in the canteen will be lower than normal.

Lunch orders will still be taken at the canteen but if the item you are requesting is not available canteen staff will discuss this with the student and an alternative will be given.

Please advise on the lunch bag if for health reasons no substitutes can be given.

DRINKS AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER – Term 4 2011 and Term 1 2012				
** Water	\$1.00	** Apple / Orange Juice	\$1.40	
** CalciYum	\$1.40	** Passion Juice	\$1.60	
** Plain Milk	\$1.40	** FOCUS Playwater	\$1.40	
** Flavoured Milk	\$1.40	** Quench	\$1.40	
ICEBLOCKS AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER – Term 4 2011 and Term 1 2012				
** Icy Twist	\$1.00	** Jelly Sticks	20c each	
** Paddle Pops	\$1.20	** TNTs	.50c	
** Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.50	** Juice Cups	.60c	
** Callipo Minis	\$1.00	** Quelch 99% Fruit Tubes	.50c	
** Lemonade Icy Pole	\$1.00			

SUMMER CANTEEN SPECIALS

RYLAN'S WRAP (grated cheese, grated carrot, lettuce, chicken or ham and mayo)

\$4.20 \$4.20

• Chicken Tenderloin Wraps with lettuce and mayo

Floraville Canteen 2012

FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Floraville Public School works within the Healthy School Canteen Program that has been initiated by the NSW Government. All food prepared in the canteen is approved for sale.

The canteen holds 2 Red Days - "The Sweetest Day of School" each school term.

On these 2 days; food that is not sold in the canteen at other times is available for students to enjoy.

We would like to ask for expressions of interest from parents to work in the canteen in 2012. If you think you would be able to offer a day of help to the canteen or you know someone who could help for example a grandparent, the Canteen Committee would like to hear from you. If you are able to volunteer your time to the canteen or would like to be on the Emergency Roster please fill out the form (s) on the following page. Alternatively see Margaret Osborn of a morning at the canteen or ring her on 49 469 137.

Could all future volunteers please send in their forms to Margaret by the end of Term 4 2011 if possible. If this is not possible please bring them to Margaret before Friday 10th February 2012 so that the roster can be completed. This will enable the roster to be out to parents early Term 1 2012 (if there are enough volunteers for a roster to be developed)

(If you do forget don't panic - another letter will come out in the school bulletin at the beginning of Term 1 2012).

To everyone who are future volunteers to the canteen; <u>WELCOME</u> to Floraville.

To those volunteers who continue to work in and support our school canteen <u>THANKYOU</u> and we hope to see you once again in 2012.

Without volunteers to work in the canteen our school canteen would not be open 5 days a week. Other schools would love to have this luxury.

FLORAVILLE SCHOOL CANTEEN

Casual Work Available - Employment Guaranteed

- Where At our School Canteen
- When Either Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly
- Hours 8.30 am to 2.30 pm

Experience – Not necessary! Everything you need to know will be learnt in a short space of time.

Salary – An "a La Carte" lunch (healthy sandwich); plenty of tea / coffee and best of all friendships made with other mums, dads and grandparents.

Bonus –	us – Your children will love to see you at their school. You get to spoil them by spending a little extra money (all for a good cause – our school) and you get to meet new people within the school community and make new friends.				
Applications C		•	w menus.		
If you are intere	ested	please complete the	form below.		
If Possible plea	Canteen Roster Request 2012 If Possible please fill in the section below for "A PERMANENT (THOUGH FLEXIBLE) POSITION ON THE CANTEEN ROSTER IN 2012" and return to the canteen as soon as you can and definitely by Friday 10 th February 2012. Your roster will then be sent home to you with your child in early Term 1 2012. Thank you.				
NAME:					
TELEPHONE:					
CHILD'S NAME	E & CI	LASS (IF KNOWN F	OR 2012) or CLASS IN	l 2011:	
Please nomina	te bei	low which day and h	ow often you wish to of	fer your help –	
MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Ś FRIDAY
	WE	EKLY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY	
**If possible I w	ould l	like to work with: – _			
CANTEEN EMERGENCY ROSTER Are you able to help in the canteen at short notice? Are you unable to do canteen on a regular basis but would like to help? Sometimes the canteen is short handed due to children being sick, work changes and other commitments and a swap is unavailable. We would like to have an emergency list of parents who can help on these days. If you are interested in helping this way, please fill in the form below stating which day (or days) you would be available.					
PLEASE return to Margaret in the canteen as soon as possible. Thank-you					
Emergency Canteen Roster 2012					
NAME:					
PHONE:					
CHILD'S NAME & CLASS (IF KNOWN):					
DAY or DAYS AVAILABLE: -					
Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Day					
	or	Morning 8.30 - 11.3	30 or	Afternoon	11.30 -2.30

Community Information

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Vacation Care & Holiday Programs



Vacation Care & Holiday Programs are an inexpensive way to the kids entertained these school holidays

Vacation Care Program runs from 7.30am till 6pm

Family Rebate 50% out pocket expense & Benefits apply. Register with family Assistance

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

19th - 23rd December 2011

2nd - 26th January 2012

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE BEEING CALLED FOR

December 7th - 16th December

For further information visit <u>www.hsc.org.au</u> or contact the C on 49536366



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