

Term 4 Week 10

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Thank you to the many parents and friends who joined us for the Presentation Day Ceremonies yesterday and made it such a special time for everyone. The organising committees – Mrs Gaddes, Mrs Houston, Mrs Adams, Mrs Saurins, Mrs White and Mrs Magann must be congratulated for their efforts in putting the program together. Thank you also to Peter Guest and the P&C for giving us the opportunity to publicly recognise the wonderful contribution that many of our parents have made to the school through their volunteer and fundraising activities.

Congratulations also to those students who were major award recipients on the day and while not everyone received a book or a plaque, personal best has been achieved and many success stories abound.

Our Captains and Vice Captains for 2012 have been announced (and pictured below) and I know they will lead our school with the same pride and distinction as our departing cohort.

We wish Mrs Robyn Gordon, Mrs Sturgess, Mrs Saurins, Mr Kuchling, Mr Vogel, Mrs Brown and Mrs Gaddes a wonderful and exciting new future as they take on new ventures. We sincerely thank them for their contribution to Floraville School and know we are a better place for them having been here.

Please have a safe and relaxing festive season and summer holiday time with your families. Thank you for your support throughout the year and we look forward to sharing many great times in 2012.

Hope to see you at Carols under the COLA tonight.



Floraville Public School Leaders for 2012

Jazmyn Robards, Blake Urquhart, Siena Allen (C), Buddy Botham (C), Jasmine Hudson, Casey Turner

Deputy's Message

Positive Affirmation – **Getting Along**

"Be good, because Santa is watching!" The magic of Christmas is upon us and it's nice to know that Santa is watching all the good children at Floraville Public School. He knows when you've been good; trying your best in class, being a kind and helpful friend in the playground and a proactive global citizen, caring about and helping others who may not be as fortunate. Santa will be so happy to visit the homes of Floraville children because he knows that we are good.

It is so hard to contemplate leaving this magnificent school but as I do I feel a need to publicly thank so many people.

The parental support in this community is so amazing. Not only does the community support the P & C in its endeavors to better the school but it also plays a large role in the discipline system. It has been a highlight of my role as Deputy Principal to establish relationships with families as they support their child through what at times can be difficult situations. It is powerful partnership when school discipline procedures are fully backed up by supportive parents, because in the end, we all want what's best for the child.

The students at this school have amazed me for seven years. Their genuine 'goodness' and desire to do the right thing warms the heart. Their application to learning, their sense of civic responsibility and their capacity for proactive global action has given me hope for the future. Above all it is their sincere 'niceness' in the playground that continues to impress as time after time I see examples of good, strong social support around friendships in the playground, new students and in particular special needs students. The Floraville student body will always have my ongoing respect.

When asked, 'what is it that makes Floraville stand out as one of the most successful schools in the district?' my responses could be very comprehensive when describing the school, but ultimately I talk about the teachers. I believe that the team of teachers at this school consistently give 'above and beyond' and I have over the years had many moments when I have stood, flabbergasted at their talent and commitment.

Finally I would like thank my mentor and friend, Nielsine Oxenford and her professional executive team. I have learnt so much about leadership from Nielsine and will be always grateful for time I have had with her at Floravile. It's not always easy guiding the direction the school will take when you are in the 'seat' and I feel fortunate to have worked with someone who has compassionate at the base of her strong leadership skills.

So thank you to the entire Floraville 'clan' for many years of support in what has been a truly memorable journey.

Mrs Lee Saurins

Floraville P.S. Currently Focusing on Playground – Stop, Freeze, Teacher

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.





NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SCHOOL

This week has seen the installation of two very special additions to our school. Firstly the basketball four-way hoop was erected. This was a gift to the school by the Year 6 of 2010. Thank you to Peter Guest, Chris Parke and Garry Marshall (foreman) for your hard work in making sure the concreting went smoothly! Also our Rainbow Serpent was erected along the wall below our Assembly Hall and adjacent to the Staff Room. During our NAIDOC Day celebrations all the students from K – 6 were able to contribute to this beautiful piece of art work. A big thank you to Lesley Duffin who always works tirelessly in making sure we have quality here at Floraville.



Lachlan Davis of 5/6 M proudly displays his artwork.

Matthew Langholz and Reegan Glover of 1/2R are to be congratulated for the effort in Mathletics this week. Matthew amassed an amazing 19326 points making him 4th in Australia and an incredible 15th in the world. Reegan managed to score 8000 points in just one morning. Well done to both boys.



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.

Tips for Parents

Summer fire safety

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start. Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112. Orientation information

Monday 5 December is official Orientation Day for Year 6 students around the state. This is one of many opportunities your Year 6 child can be introduced to the high school environment.

During the holidays, have a look at the great information on the School A to Z website about starting high school and what to expect in the senior years. You'll find a wealth of tips and hints about moving up to high school, including a vodcast you can watch together at: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7

You can also download a handy high school checklist at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php

Help yourself and others

Young adulthood is an exciting time, but it can also be a time of emotional confusion and stress.

The Reachout website, <u>www.reachout.com</u>, has information on everything from family relationships, bullying, sexuality, to drugs and alcohol, grief and loss. There's also a helpline and live chat help.

Reachout has an internship program for students who are interested in working in the social services sector.

Flexible intern opportunities include the areas of marketing, IT, psychology, multimedia and more. Email nikki@inspire.org.au if you're interested.

Also check out the 'get involved' page for more ways young people 14-25 can help others: http://au.reachout.com/get-involved

School News



CONGRATULATIONS

Daniel Perks 5/6G WINNER – Consistent Saver 2011

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.

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IT WAS FANTASTIC TO SEE SO MANY CHILDREN ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS YESTERDAY AT THE PRESENTATION.

PRESENTATION DAY

The values of the pencils at Floraville School were very evident yesterday as each child received their awards. The smile on each child as they stood there for their photographs was inspiring. Both presentations were very enjoyable. Well done to the organising teachers. The performance of the boys choral group was great and I know that Mr Faulkner was very proud of their efforts. Well done to the Kindergarten children as they now move onto Year 1. Your performance was great.

Our Year 6 students have been praised all year, the comments they received in Canberra were fantastic. They can be proud of their achievements. Your families can be proud of each and every one of you. All the best as you move onto your chosen High Schools.

The year 6 of 2012 have some great role models to look up to. Good luck for next year for Buddy and Siena, you are both very popular choices for Captains.

Yesterday the P and C were able to recognise the service of Carolyn Armstrong to our school. Her input has been extensive for many years and the results that these efforts have are evident throughout the school. The school as a whole are proud of your involvement.

This week the P and C have been available to recognise the service of Noreen Brown and Robyn Gordon at the school. They have been here for many years and have seen many changes. Once again thank you for helping everyone at Floraville School over the years.

CAROLS

Due to this pseudo summer weather, the carols have been moved under the COLA. We have had enjoyable nights there before, so please bring your Christmas spirit and have a great night.

UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder Deb will be opening the uniform shop on Friday 27th January from 1 to 4pm. 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.

Have a merry Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the holidays everyone but be safe and ready for next year.

Newcastle Permanent Offer



The 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 Belmont branch 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 funds for our school.

Thanks to Aeron Gribble for his support.

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

Today is the last day of School Banking. Thankyou for your support over the Year

Canteen News

CURRENT CANTEEN ROSTER

Γhursday	8/12/11	 K.Godfrey, K. 	Collins
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Friday 9/12/11 - K.Woodger, D.Glover, S.Oxenham, S.Condon

Monday 12/12/11 - T.Garred, J.Jones, S.Jolley

Tuesday 13/12/11 - D.Shaw, M.Curry, J.Roskell - "Presentation Day"
Wednesday 14/12/11 - S.Sweet, V.Shoesmith - "Carols on the Green"

Thursday 15/12/11 - CANTEEN CLOSED

Friday 16/12/11 - CANTEEN CLOSED -- "Last day of the school year"

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 19th December 2011 - Thursday 26th January 2012

Thursday 26/01/2012 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY Friday 27/01/2012 - Pupil Free Day

Monday 30/01/2012 - K.Bailey, L.Heddles 1st Day back for 2012

Tuesday 31/01/2012 - P.Taylor, S.Guest, M.Vu, K.Ellis

Wednesday 01/02/2012 - R.New, J.Mason, R.Aitchison, P.Whyte

COMING UP

★ Canteen volunteer applications out NOW!

★ **TONIGHT** Wednesday 14th December - Carols on the Green

★ Canteen Closed from tomorrow Thursday 15th December for the last 2 days of term,

★ The canteen will reopen Term 1 2012

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

HO, HO, HO

Margaret and the Canteen Committee would like to invite you to a "Christmas Night Out".

When: Next Monday 19th December 2011 **Time**: 7.00pm

Where: At the Gunyah Hotel (Swill & Grill Restaurant), Belmont

If you volunteered your time to the canteen or events that involved the canteen at any time in

2011 than you are most welcome to join us.

Please place your name on the list in the canteen and we look forward to catching up with you there.

THANK YOU

The Canteen Committee and Margaret Osborn our Canteen Supervisor would like to take this opportunity to say

to everyone who has helped out and offered their assistance to the canteen in 2011.

The canteen would not operate everyday or have the ability to be a part of events within the school and for this

support you are . Keep Safe and see you in 2012 – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!







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; WELCOME 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.

Note: Even if you are a volunteer this year and plan to be back next year Margaret requests that you put in an application form

FLORAVILLE SCHOOL CANTEEN

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with other mums, dads and grandparents.

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money (all for a good cause – our school) and you get to meet new people within the school

community and make new friends.

Applications Close – NEVER

If you are interested please complete the form below.

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 10th February 2012.

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Community Information



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