



The Brief

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IMPORTANT DATES

This Week:

- **12/12 - GOLD DAY.**
- **12/12 – Hunter Sports Awards.**
- **12/12 - Carols on the Green.**
- **13/12 - Presentation Day. K-2, 9.30-11.00am**
Primary 11.30 – 1.00pm
- **14/12 - K-2 Movie/Picnic Day.**

Week 11:

- **17/12 - Year 6 Farewell.**
- **18/12 - Floraville's Got Talent Show.**
- **18/12 - Reports home.**

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- **13/12 - Year 6 Farewell \$27.**
- **17/12 - 2013 Sport choice money.**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 10

Dear Parents,

As I read over every school report it is timely to reflect on the overwhelming amount of positiveness within the school. These reports reflect student participation in many learning experiences, sporting and social activities.

There are strong signs of progress as students show evidence of their achievements in working towards a particular 'outcome'. Teachers invest many hours to ensure accurate reporting and that the grades attributed are based on evidence from work samples and assessment tasks. It is pertinent to remember they are a 'point in time' reflection of a student's learning. Reports will be issued on Tuesday 18th December.

With just on a week until the end of the 2012 school year activities continue at a frenetic pace.

We are all looking forward to Carols tonight, a feel good family Christmas event. All students will perform in stage items. A reminder that gates are open from 5.30pm and a BBQ will be available from 6.00pm. Don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket or two in support of our P&C fundraising committee. There are some great prizes to be had. The raffle will be drawn at 7.30pm. Tomorrow is Presentation Day, an important assembly to recognise student achievement across a range of endeavours. There has been a great deal of organisation involved in making this a special assembly for all. I would particularly like to recognise our office staff for the many hours of work they have dedicated to ensure a smooth and successful ceremony. I invite all of our community along tomorrow to celebrate with us.

At Presentation Day our School Leaders for 2013 will be announced. I am confident that the elected students will lead our school with the same pride and distinction as our departing cohort.

On that note, we are all looking forward to the Year 6 Farewell next Monday night and we hope our outgoing Year 6 students enjoy a memorable evening. I also acknowledge that there will

be some families leaving us this year who have had a long association with Floraville School. On behalf of the staff, I thank you for your invaluable input over the years and wish you all well for the future.

To all of our families please have a safe and relaxing festive season and summer holiday time. Thank you for your support over this very busy term and I look forward to sharing many great times as we move forward into 2013.

Thank you

David Robson

BANKING CHAMPIONS – KJ

TERM 4 CONSISTANT SAVERS – Reece McManus KF and Jessie-Rose Bradburn KG

Thank you Terry and the team at Belmont Fire Station.

On Tuesday the 4th of December, our staff took part in fire extinguisher training provided by Belmont Fire Station. We learnt how to operate the powder, carbon dioxide and water type fire extinguishers as well as the fire hose. Along with our regular whole school lockdown and evacuation procedures, we continue to develop our skills to allow us to respond quickly and effectively to dangerous circumstances should the real need arise. As the fire season is upon us, this is a timely reminder to all families to check your smoke detectors and know your evacuation plan so you and your families can get out quickly and safely in the event of danger.

The staff at Floraville wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and all the very best for the festive season.

Mrs Naszka Ballardie

LIBRARY NEWS

Missing Books

Stocktake of the library is now complete. If your child is still receiving an overdue notice, then unfortunately these book/s haven't been found in the library. If you would like to pay for a replacement book, please do so at the office. The replacement cost can be found on the overdue notice. Alternatively, a new or used book (in good condition) can be donated to the library in place of missing books.

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

- **Thurs 13/12 –** Renae Delahunty, Michelle Keen
- **Fri 14/12 –** Chris Rapp, Toni Roberts
- **Mon 17/12 –** Renaye Dobb, Belinda Richardson, Jodi Peachman



- **Tues 18/12** – Cassandra Jensen, Cathy Piper, Charlene Thompson
- **Wed 19/12** – Rachel New, Pam Finn, Kay Gibson, Megan Nicholson
- **SPORTS NEWS**
- **Term 1 2013 Primary Sport Reminder**
- **Permission notes and full payment are due Monday 17th December.** If you wish to make financial arrangements please don't hesitate to contact the school ASAP, because failure to pay on time will result in your child's spot being offered to another student. Students who did not receive a place in one of these paid sports will receive a white note today.
- **Congratulations Ky, Lachlan and Lani!**
- Today three Floraville students will be recognised at a special sports award ceremony at Wallsend Diggers. Ky Willott, Lachlan Toll and Lani Fuller will each be receiving a Hunter Sports Award. Mr Robson, Mr Cox and I will make up some of the proud faces in the audience!

Holiday Activities!

How to enrol: By phone Call **13 13 02** and have your credit card details ready (Visa, MasterCard); **By fax** Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to **(02) 4929 4397**; **By mail** Complete the enrolment form, include either your credit card details, a cheque or a money order, and mail to: Sport and Recreation, State Government Offices 117 Bull Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302. **For more information** Phone 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Date	Sport/Venue	Time/Age grps	Cost per child	Prog no.
Jan 14	Bowls - East Cessnock Bowling Club, Maitland Road, Cessnock	9:30-11:30am (6-14yrs)	\$5.00	61455
Jan 16	Bowls - Toronto Workers Bowling Club, James St, Toronto	9:30-11:30am (6-14yrs)	\$5.00	61343
Jan 21	Dance – Callaghan College – Waratah Campus, Turton Rd, Waratah	10am-3pm (4-12yrs)	\$45.00	61210
Jan 21	Baseball - Auston Oval, Dora Street, Morisset	9-11am (5-12yrs)	\$10.00	61561
Jan 22	Baseball - Empire Park, Kilgour, Ave, Bar Beach	9-11am (5-12yrs)	\$10.00	61209
Jan 23	Cricket - Highbrook Park, Ironbark Road, Muswellbrook	9-11am (5-12yrs)	\$20.00	61416
Jan 24	Gymnastics – Muswellbrook Sports Centre, Rutherford Road, Muswellbrook	9-11am (5-12yrs)	\$20.00	61412
Jan 25	Surf Fun Safe - Nobby's Beach, Shortland Esplanade, Newcastle East	10-2pm (8-13yrs)	\$15.00	61593

Congratulations Floraville!

It has been a wonderful year in sport! I look forward to acknowledging some of the highlights at our Presentation Day tomorrow. Bring on 2013!

Carly Hibberd

Sports Coordinator



Belmont Campus Do you need skills for the future?

Do you need training in Excel, Access, Word, PowerPoint, etc? We offer skills in medical, bookkeeping, word processing, database, spread sheets and more using software such as MYOB, Office 2010 and Windows 7. A range of courses

will be offered both full-time and part-time, day and evening. Flexible delivery options exist to complete part course qualifications, or particular modules. **Ring NOW to express your interest for 2013 courses. SEMESTER ONE ENROLMENTS ON 24 JANUARY. INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2013 at 10.00 AM.** For further information, please give us a call on 4979 6230 or check our website at www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au

BELMONT NORTH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB Registration Days are as follows

Saturday 02/02/2013 – Leneghan Oval – 10.00am till 3.00pm

Saturday 09/02/2013 – Belmont Sporties Club – 10.00am till 3.00pm.

Saturday 16/02/2013 – Belmont Sporties Club

10.00am till 3.00pm. Any further enquiries please contact Club

Secretary Troy Scott on 4946 6801 or 0414 458 945.

Fun, fast and exciting is how the kids are describing the local T20 cricket competition! Grab some mates and come and join the exciting new 20/20 competition. Haven't played cricket before? Doesn't matter! Mates T20 is all about maximum fun and participation for all players in batting, bowling and fielding. Wednesday evenings from 5pm at Barton Oval, Belmont Game time: Approx. 2hrs. No uniform required - all cricket gear supplied at the venue. Ages 9 to 17.8 players per team on the field, but you can have more players in your team. Starts second week in February. Cost - New players \$50, returning players \$20. For registrations or further information please call Sharyn Beck on 0400 724491 or email

administrator@newcric.org.au

2013 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Hundreds of holiday activities

There's no time to be bored these school holidays when you have Go Play's list of family and budget-friendly activities at your fingertips. Take a look at the calendar of events, or download the free Go Play app for ideas in an instant.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/school-holidays-5-things-to-do>

Helping your child choose right from wrong

In a fascinating podcast broadcaster James O'Loughlin talks to Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre about how to raise ethically aware kids. Ideas discussed include getting involved with your child's school, providing some well-defined boundaries, knowing how to talk to your child and being a role model at home.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-your-child-choose-right-from-wrong>.

Helping your child with career choices

A video interview with a career expert offers advice to parents about how they can assist their children to recognise their personal interests and choose a career that suits them.

Find out more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/vetinschools/schooltowork/parentscommunity/partnerships.html>

Are active kids less likely to be bullied?

Researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities (such as sport or voluntary work) tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/kids-who-are-less-likely-to-be-cyberbullied>