



# The Brief

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 4

#### Week 6:

- 14/11 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 14/11 – School Spectacular Rehearsal
- 15/11 – Primary Sport
- 15/11 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm
- 17/11 – Floraville Spring Fete 10am - 3.00pm

#### Week 7:

- 19/11 – Kinder Connection Picnic 5.30 - 7.30pm  
(2013 and 2014 Kinder Families)
- 20/11 – Band Concert for Yr 2 & 3
- 20/11 – Cake Stall for Jysen
- 22/11 – Primary Sport

#### Week 8:

- 25/11-29/11 – Swim Scheme
- 25/11 – Band Auditions
- 26/11 – Year 6 Fun Day
- 27/11-30/11 – School Spectacular
- 28/11 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 29/11 – Primary Sport
- 29/11 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

#### Week 9:

- 02/12-06/12 – Swim Scheme
- 02/12 – Band Auditions
- 04/12 – High School Orientation
- 05/12 – Art Gallery 2pm – 2.50pm
- 06/12 – Primary Sport

#### Week 10:

- 09/12 – Parent Helper Morning Tea
- 10/12 – Year 6 - Luna Park & IMAX
- 10/12 – Year 3 & 4 Party Day
- 11/12 – Hunter Sports Awards
- 11/12 – Carols on the green
- 12/12 – Presentation Day  
Infants – 9.30 - 11.00am  
Primary – 11.30am - 1.30pm
- 13/12 – K-2 Movie Day

#### Week 11:

- 17/12 – Year 6 Farewell
- 18/12 – Last day for students

## REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Swimming Scheme - \$55.00
- School Spectacular Accommodation & Tickets – due
- Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$15.00

### Thought for the Week

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.

~Zig Ziglar

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 6

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that today marks the half-way point in the term. The school year is rushing by and we are already gearing up for our end of year activities. This is a very busy time of the year as we finalise assessments and the teachers complete the student reports as well as plan and implement many wonderful learning opportunities for the students. Please check the school calendar on the website (and school app), as well as notes and the bulletin to ensure that you stay informed about coming events.

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was commemorated with a short K-6 assembly yesterday run by our student leaders, who did a fantastic job in conducting this moving event. Special thanks to Alex Leman for his great trumpet work on the Last Post and Reveille.

### Special Swimming Scheme

Last week we sent home notes regarding the special swimming scheme to Years 2, 3 and 4. This program is designed specifically for students who are non-swimmers or who cannot swim more than 25m using a recognisable stroke. We have doubled the number of places available this year as last year's program filled very quickly meaning some students missed out on a place. There are still plenty of spots available in this year's program so we have opened it up to students in Yr 5 and 6 who will receive a separate note today. If any spots remain unfilled next week we will open up spots for students who are swimmers in need of stroke correction.

### Car Park Safety

Again we ask parents not to drop off or pick up students in the school car parks. This is a WHS issue and it puts our students at risk of injury. Please use the drop off and pick up bays in Floraville Rd or if you park further away encourage your child to walk on the footpaths, cross at the lights and enter the school through the pedestrian gates. Remember also that your children learn from you, so please model safe behaviours to them.

### The Importance of Regular Bed Times

The benefits to children of getting enough sleep are well known. There is increasing scientific evidence that a regular bed time is also important. This article "Regular bed times as important for kids as getting enough sleep" by Sarah Biggs, Postdoctoral Fellow, Paediatric Sleep at Monash University, may be of interest. It can be found at: <http://theconversation.com/regular-bed-times-as-important-for-kids-as-gettingenough-sleep-19396>

### Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download at <http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

### Selective High School Placement

Applications for 2015 placements for Year 7 in a selective high school close 18 November. Parents with internet access are asked to apply online. For information and application forms:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

### Art about Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world' for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014. Enter the competition at:

[www.aussievault.com.au](http://www.aussievault.com.au)

### Ready for High School

The Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language at:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start\\_ss/rfhs\\_c.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhs_c.php)

D. Robson - Principal

This week's virtue is **IDEALISM**

When you have ideals, you really care about what is right and meaningful in life. You follow your beliefs. You don't just accept things the way they are. You make a difference. Idealists dare to have big dreams and then act as if they are possible.

#### **ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 1S**

#### **BANKING CHAMPIONS – KG**

#### **FLORAVILLE SCHOOL FETE**

The P&C are thrilled to let you know that **PEPPA PIG** will be visiting our fete, this Sunday. She will arrive at approximately 2.00pm and will be very happy to have her photo taken with the children.

We have performances from our Aerobics teams, singing from our Soloists and also from Mr Nathan Faulkner. Also visiting our fete to perform at 12.00pm, will be dancers from Breakaway Dancing.

The Dunking Tank will be a busy place to visit on the day with the following staff preparing themselves for a cool down.

**10.00am – Mr O'Shannessy, 10.30am – Mrs Fox, 11.00am – Mrs Houston, 11.30am – Mrs Erich, 12.30pm – Mr Robson, 1.00pm – Mrs White, 1.30pm – Mrs Gu, 2.00pm – Mrs Southward and 2.30pm – Mr Guest.**  
\$1.00 for 1 throw or \$2.00 for 3.

Thank you for purchasing your ride bands. Hopefully the weather will be fine. If you cannot make it on the day, we cannot refund pre-purchased tickets. If the fete is cancelled due to bad weather, monies for bands will be refunded.

If you are able to help with bringing slices in on Friday for the fete, please take them to the canteen.

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

##### Library Stocktake

Library stocktake is underway. If your child is still receiving overdue notes (check the date at the top of the notice to determine how current it is), it most likely means the book/s aren't in the school library. Replacement books or money would be most welcome so as we can maintain our wonderful library collection.

Students will continue to be allowed to borrow 1 book at a time for Lexile purposes for the remainder of the year.

#### **SPORT NEWS**

##### Ky smashes it at State Cricket!

Last week Ky attended State Cricket titles in Bathurst as a member of the Hunter Cricket team. The team played well and placed second overall with Sydney North taking out the title. Well done on a great performance, Ky!

##### Cake Stall for Jysen next Wednesday

As mentioned in the Week 3 edition of our newsletter, this term we are holding two cake stalls, the second one being on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November to support Jysen Bell** as he represented NSW PSSA in diving. Thank you to our staff, the Year 6 students and the Year 6 parents for providing the tasty treats! So bring along some money next Wednesday to purchase a treat and support a great cause!

##### Sporting dates for 2014 on the Floraville smartphone app

Have you installed the Floraville app yet? It's free and extremely useful for looking at dates for future events or for notes you may have missed. If you click on the 'Calendar' tab at the bottom of the app interface you can see the school calendar for this term. At the top right of this calendar you can click on an arrow (next to 'Term 4, 2013') to see future school terms. This is very handy for checking out the dates for school sports carnivals and zone trials for next year.

Carly Erich - Sports Coordinator

#### **LANDCARE**

We have proof! Your children Do Eat Vegetables

As you all know the Landcare students at Floraville have been very busy working on a number of projects. Our vegetable garden has thrived this year with the assistance of Mr Lee and we have successfully grown broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, leek and spinach. Last week we were lucky enough to use this fresh produce to cook something for ourselves to eat. We made a very tasty Broccoli and Cauliflower Gratin. We are always looking for extra green thumbs to come and join the Landcare group. Please come and see us if you are interested.

Mrs Lindsay and Mr Cox.



#### **P&C NEWS**

The next P & C will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Library.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

**The Uniform Shop is open Monday 8.30 – 9.15 am or Wednesday 2.30 – 3.15 pm.**

#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

A big thank you once again to everyone who helped on the day and to those who sent in cakes etc for the Kindergarten Morning Tea. Our new kinder parents were amazed with the variety and amount of food on offer! Thank you!!!!

##### Roster:

**Thursday 14/11** – Michelle Keen, Emma Hibberd, Brooke Burn, Nola Glover, Julie Redding

**Friday 15/11** – Danyell Glover, Sarah Osmotherly, Amanda McNamara, Carol Traynor, Jade Clark

**Monday 18/11** – Elise Hughes, Rachel Searle, Tammy Price-Doyle, Megan Jennings

**Tuesday 19/11** – Cassandra Jensen, Vicki Corrigan, Charlene Thompson, Kristie Davies

**Wednesday 20/11** – Rachel New, Pam Finn, Kay Gibson, Megan Nicholson