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## Term 4 Week 8

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

#### School Surveys

Thank you everyone who has taken the time to complete our two recent surveys regarding our enrichment programs and uniform. There have been many valuable and considered responses and we appreciate hearing your opinions. The deadline for completing the surveys is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. So if you are intending to complete one or both of the surveys and have not yet done so please look for the email link sent last week or go to the "surveys" link under the Our School tab on the school website.

#### Stop Work Meeting

I have been advised that the NSW Teachers Federation has called a stop work meeting for teachers on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 9-11am. This will impact on our school with the majority of staff attending the meeting. The school will be open on Tuesday and minimal supervision will be provided for students who are present.

**Swim scheme will go ahead as normal.**

#### Scarlet Fever

We have had reports of two cases of scarlet fever at school recently. Scarlet fever is an illness that sometimes occurs when your child gets a bacterial throat infection. Below is an extract from the NSW Health fact sheet on Infectious Diseases of Childhood:

##### Scarlet Fever

Time from exposure to illness: 1 to 3 days.

Symptoms: Sudden onset sore throat, high fever and vomiting, followed by a rash in 12 to 36 hours.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, until at least 24 hours of treatment has begun and the child is feeling better.

How can I prevent spread? Careful hand washing. If you are sick see your doctor.

#### Primary Assembly

Our final two primary assemblies are being held on Friday of Week 8 (29<sup>th</sup> November) and Friday of Week 10 (13<sup>th</sup> December). They will commence at the new starting time of 11:35am due to the increased number of pencils and badges being awarded.

If your child attends swim scheme when primary assembly is on and is due to receive their badge this will be presented at the Week 10 assembly (13<sup>th</sup> Dec).

#### School Council AGM

A vacancy on the School Council exists for a parent representative. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent for this position please see the office for a Nomination Slip. This must be returned to the office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

In line with our School Council constitution a person nominating must do so in writing and have 2 parents: one to PROPOSE and one to SECOND their nomination.

School Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm.

D. Robson  
Principal

### Thought for the Week

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

~William Arthur Ward

## Term Calendar

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Term 4

##### Week 8:

- 27/11-30/11 – School Spectacular
- 28/11 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 29/11 – PSSA Hunter Girls Cricket Trials
- 29/11 – Primary Sport
- 29/11 – Primary Assembly 11.35am

##### 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 – Beach Safety Talk 2:45pm
- 06/12 – Primary Sport
- 07/12 – Floraville Spring Fete 12-5.00pm

##### Week 10:

- 09/12 – Parent Helper Morning Tea
- 10/12 - Year 6 - Luna Park & IMAX
- 10/12 – Year 3 & 4 Party Day
- 10/12 – School Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 10/12 – P & C Meeting 7.00pm
- 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
- 13/12 – Primary Assembly 11.35am

##### Week 11:

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

### REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$15.00
- Year 6 Luna Park & IMAX - \$60.00
- K-2 Movie Day - \$10.00

## **VIRTUES EDUCATION**

This week's virtue is **TRUTHFULNESS**

Truthfulness is being honest in your words and actions. You don't tell lies even to defend yourself. Don't listen to gossip or prejudice. See the truth for yourself. Don't try to be more than you are to impress others. Be yourself, your true self.

**Assembly Class of the Week – 5/6M**

**Banking Champions – 2H**

## **News from the 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 now have **EFTPOS available**. EFTPOS transactions **will incur a fee** (all transactions - \$1.00). These charges will be added to your transaction.

## **Sport**

### **Trials for 2014 Zone teams**

We will be selecting representatives to attend trials for the Zone Basketball team and Zone Netball team over the next few weeks. Please check the Sports Notice Board for sign-up sheets and listen to the Daily Notices in class to ensure you know when these trials are coming up. We would like to select these representatives this year as Zone trials are in Week 3 and 4 of Term 1 next year which doesn't give us much time to prepare. Please be aware that these are not trials for our school teams, we are selecting representatives to try out for a position in the Zone team.

### **Hunter Sports Awards**

Ky Willott & Josh Redding will be attending the Hunter Sports Awards ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will top off a very successful year for the boys after the Hunter Regional Hockey team were crowned State Champions for the second year running. Our school team will also be recognised at this ceremony as they are STATE CHAMPIONS!



Ky Willott & Josh Redding

### **Sports Awards for 2013**

Sports Awards are presented at our school's Presentation Day (Year 3-6 section) in Week 10 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The male and female Sportspersons of the Year will be announced and we also award certificates for Zone, Regional and State representation in PSSA sports.

**Please note:** Zone representation means that you represented the Zone at Regional level, not represented the school at a Zone event.

### **League Tag Gala Day cancelled**

We will no longer be participating in a League Tag Gala day as there was not enough interest from other schools.

### **Holiday Cricket Roadshow**

There are cricket clinics being held in Maryland and Charlestown during these school holidays. Details are as follows:

- **Cricket Fun:** Tuesday 21 January 2014; Grange Avenue Reserve; 9am-10:30am; 5-8yrs; \$12; (Program number 0066435). 'Cricket Fun' is for 5-8 year olds and focuses on introductory games and activities for younger participants.
- **Cricket Skills:** Friday 24 January 2014; Charlestown Square Oval; 9-11:30am; 9-12yrs; \$15 (Program number 0066437). 'Cricket Skills' is for 9-12 year old current players who would like to sharpen the cricket skills.

These clinics are organised by Cricket NSW and the Dept. of Sport & Recreation. To enrol or find out more information, call 13 13 02 or (02) 4926 1633 or go to <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au>

### **Get active and have fun during these holidays!**

Looking for fun and adventurous ideas for the next school holidays?

You might like to spend time with your kids on an active getaway or book your children into a fun-filled camp. Check out the Department of Sport & Recreation website for camp locations and details:

[http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps/holiday\\_camps.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps/holiday_camps.asp)

Carly Erich  
Sports Coordinator

## **Other School News**

### **SCHOOL SPECTACULAR**

Good luck to the 14 students who will be representing our school and the state this week at The Schools Spectacular in Sydney. It is a huge commitment but I'm sure it will be a wonderful experience! They are staying in Sydney for rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday before 4 performances at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on Friday and Saturday. Our school group who are going to Sydney on Friday to watch the performance are in for a treat!

### **KINDER CONNECTIONS PICNIC**

The weather cleared last Tuesday and we were able to hold our Kinder Connections picnic under the Cola. Everyone enjoyed a tasty sausage sandwich cooked by Mr Robson and Mrs Fox. Mrs White and the other teachers were able to meet many new families and welcome them to our Floraville family. It was great to see the current Kinders and the new children playing together with blocks, felt boards, mobilo and the train sets. The playground artwork proved popular for those people wanting to play hopscotch and practise their counting. We look forward to developing these friendships further when the new year begins.

Mrs Barclay for the Kindergarten teachers

### **SPRING FETE**

Our school fete is now being held on Saturday, 7th December from 12:00 to 5:00pm. All the same games, stalls and rides will be there. The only change is the rock wall, which is being replaced by the mini jeeps, children will be able to ride these on the basketball court. The dunking tank timetable will be in next weeks brief.

If you haven't yet bought your prepaid ride tickets at \$20, you still have time to do so.

Every morning next week (except Tuesday), the teachers baby photos and lolly jar guessing competition will be set up for all those children who would like to have a go.

Again, we need lots of volunteers, it is really important that you fill in the volunteer note, that went out last week, so a new timetable can be drawn up. Those notes are needed by Monday next week.

We will be having a slice and cake stall, if you are able to make some yummy food for this, please bring it to the canteen next Friday, 6th December (the day before the Fete).



The P & 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, please hand orders into the office.

**Floraville Public School Merchandise Order**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan
Outdoor Program, Chill out, Tramp, Balance Basics	Outdoor Program, Mad Science, Aerial, General Gym	Pirates, Craft, Outdoor Program	Mission Impossible, Drama, Outdoor Program	Outdoor Program, Craft, Tumbling & Tricks, Gym Fun
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Aerial Madness, Mad Science, Outdoor Program	Cheer/Acro, Gym Fun, Kids Cooking, Outdoor Program	Jungle Fun, Chill out, Outdoor Program	Outdoor Program, Craft, Tableds, Trampoline	Outdoor Program, Drama, Mission Impossible 2
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Game Time, Balance Basics, Chill out, Outdoor	Amazing Race, Mad Science, Outdoor Program	Outdoor Program, Craft, Aerial, Tumbling & Tricks	Pirates, Kids Cooking, Outdoor Program	Outdoor Program, Chill out, Mission Impossible
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Outdoor Program, Mad Science, Gym Fun, Foam Wars	Game Time, General Gym, Craft, Outdoor Program	Mission Impossible 2 or Model me up, Tableds, Outdoor	Outdoor Program, Mad Science, Jungle Fun	Aerial Madness, Kids Cooking, outdoor program
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Outdoor Program, Chill out, Trampoline, Balance Basics			

*Day's activities 7.30am to 6pm -Meals Included*

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