



The Brief

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IMPORTANT DATES

Week 8

- 24/11 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 25/11 – Primary Sport Nomination Forms DUE from 8.40am
- 25/11 – Kinder Connection Picnic 5.30 – 7.30pm
- 26/11 – School Spectacular Rehearsal
- 26/11 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 27/11 – School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal
- 28/11 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm
- 28/11 – School Spectacular Performance
- 29/11 – School Spectacular Performance

Week 9

- 1/12 - Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 2/12 - Art Gallery Opening
- 2/12 – BHS Parent Information Evening 5.30 – 7.30pm
- 3/12 – Yr 6 High School Orientation Day
- 4/12 – Year 6 Funday

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- School Band Fees – NOW OVERDUE
- School Aerobics – Term 2 & Term 3 NOW OVERDUE
- School Aerobics – Term 4 now due
- Aboriginal Art Class Term 3 - \$36 NOW OVERDUE
- Aboriginal Art Class Term 4 now due
- Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$18 due 4th Dec
- Infants Party Day - \$10 due 9th Dec

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 7 TERM 4

Dear Parents,

Over the last two weeks I have had the pleasure of accompanying groups of our students on some special experiences. In Week 5, I accompanied our Year 4 students to camp at Morisset and last week I travelled to Canberra with Year 6 for three very busy days in the nation's capital. I was very proud to be associated with our students during both of these excursions as they represented our school so well. The management of the camp at Morisset made special mention of our Year 4 students for their behaviour, cooperation and enthusiasm during their stay. Also, several times in Canberra, guides and hosts sought out the teachers or myself to compliment us on the outstanding behaviour and engagement of our Year 6 students. Well done Floraville.

As always, these fantastic experiences would not be possible for the students without the dedication of the staff. I would like to acknowledge and thank the teachers and learning support officers who gave up time away from their own families to ensure the students had such enjoyable and worthwhile experiences.

Performing Arts Showcase

Congratulations to all the students who were part of the Performing Arts Showcase on Thursday 6th November. I was in Canberra last week so was not able to acknowledge them in last week's Brief, but I am sure all those parents and friends who attended would agree that the evening was very entertaining and certainly was a showcase of Floraville talent. The performances by our instrumental and vocal performers were of a very high standard and highlighted the depth of talent within our school.

Once again I would like to thank the dedicated staff, who work so hard to support our students in the creative and performing arts.

Thank you also to the parents who supplied the delicious treats for supper during interval.

Comprehension Help for Teens

Some children will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here is some interesting reading about comprehension including the Super Six comprehension strategies which can prepare students for success throughout primary and high school.

Comprehension help: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

Maths at Home

Children's early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Maths at home: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Thank You
David Robson
Principal

Thought of the Week

Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly.

~Shquille O'Neal

This week's virtue is **FLEXIBILITY**:

Flexibility is being open to change. You consider others' ideas and feelings and don't insist on your own way. Flexibility gives you creative new ways to get things done. You get rid of bad habits and learn new ones. Flexibility helps you keep changing for the better.

Assembly Class of the Week – 2/3J

SPORT NEWS

Jets W-League School Visitors

It was a real thrill for students in Years 2-6 to meet two players from the Newcastle Jets W-League last Friday! Angela Salem #6 and Katherine Reynolds #5 came to talk to students about their experience in professional sport, healthy eating, fitness and they also showed off some of their soccer skills. They gave away signed posters, Jets wristbands, free tickets to their home game and they even stayed behind to sign students' memorabilia. The Floraville students who went along to support Angela and Katherine in the Jets W-League witnessed a great game although it ended in a draw (3-3). Salem even scored the Jets opening goal and she was named as one of the best players on the ground that day. What a game!

Term 1 2015 Primary Sport

(For students currently in Years 2-5)

Primary Sport resumes in Week 3 of Term 1. This sees the continuation of our summer sports program which includes the sporting electives of Sailing, Water Polo, Water Fun & Safety, Tennis and Aerobics. These sports are not on offer in Terms 2 or 3. Students will soon receive another Sports Nomination

Form to take home and discuss. Please only sign-off on those sports you are willing to pay for.

The Sport Nomination forms will be sent home this week and must be **returned next Tuesday 25th November from 8:40am**. Each grade will have their own collection box outside the hall from 8:40am through to 9:00am and the first notes returned will take preference. If your child is going to be absent on this day, they need to give their form to a sibling, relative or friend who can line up on their behalf as it is not fair to others if we accept notes before this day.

Most spots in elective sports are filled by next year's Year 5 and 6 students, as they get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their opportunity to get first preference and this process allows for more students to eventually get a taste at most sports throughout their primary years. If your child gains a place in an elective sport, a permission note will be sent home in Week 9 to confirm what sport your child is placed in. This note will outline the details specific to your child's sport. Your payment will then secure your child's place in their chosen sport. Students who do not get a place in an elective sport will participate in rotational sports based at school and possibly Marks Oval.

After reading the Sport Nomination Form, if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to come and see me at school or pop your questions in a note or phone message to me.

Carly Erich - Sports Co-ordinator

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS **THANK YOU!!!**

The final orientation session for Kindergarten 2015 has been held. The children have met their Year 5 buddies and played some games in the Kindergarten classrooms. Thank you to all of the people who worked together to make this ongoing event a success. Lots of people band together to help including the Year 6 Eventarians, Margaret and her team in the canteen, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 teachers and students, Mr Robson and the Kindergarten teachers. A big thank you also goes out to the parents who sent along cakes and slices for the morning tea to welcome the new parents to our great school.

On Tuesday 25th November from 5.30-7.30, there will be another Kinder Connections picnic for the families of Kindergarten children from 2014 and 2015. This will be held on the Flat. The school is providing a sausage sizzle and the children will play games and get to know each other before they come to school next year. This year's parents will be able to give some helpful tips on starting school and what to expect from a parents point of view. Please return your RSVP by November 21st to assist with catering.

Water Catchers Competition

Students from 6P entered a competition run by Hunter Water to promote water saving strategies. They created story boards and Grace Ellis' entry was chosen to be made into a video. The prize is an amazing \$10,000 for the winning school and the video will be made into an advertisement for TV. To vote for Floraville's entry go to <http://www.thewatercatchers.com.au/> click on "The Gallery" then "vote". Find the Floraville video "vote for me" then add your email address. Congratulations to all the students who entered the competition and we wish everyone the best of luck. We need as many votes as possible before Friday 21st of November.

Mrs Phillip

LIBRARY NEWS

Lexile Awards

Congratulations to Darcy O'Rourke of 2C who received his Bronze Star Award (100 Lexile points). Congratulations also to Banjo Carbis 2A, Elleni Pedonese 2O, Andrea Battye 1O and Lara Kennedy 1O who all received their Blue Star Awards (25 Lexile points).

Overdue Books

In preparation for Library Stocktake, students will be receiving regular overdue notices. If your child is having difficulty finding any books, please let me know in person, by note or by email Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au. I will make note of it and will let you know if the book isn't found during stocktake. Thank you for your support.

P&C NEWS

A reminder that all bookclub orders are due by Monday 24th November. Due to time constraints **no late orders can be accepted**, also be aware that if you pay by credit card you will still need to hand your order into the school office by the due date.

CANTEEN NEWS

A very big thank you to the volunteers who helped us out on Thursday 13th at the Kindergarten 2015 Morning Tea & a special thanks to all that donated cakes, slices & biscuits, many compliments were received on our wonderful spread!

Christmas Lunch Bags

Monday 24th November sees the start of our **Christmas Lunch Bags** which will be available through until Friday 12th December inclusive! These will also be available to view on our school website/App!

Monday Night - 1st December - Canteen Christmas Get Together

If you have volunteered your time to the canteen in any way or at any time during 2014 then we would love for you to join us. Please place your name on the list in the canteen. More details available on the school website/app!

Thursday 11th December – Presentation Day – Canteen WILL BE CLOSED.

Roster

Thursday 20/11 – Narelle Masson, Lee-Anne Lentfer, Sandy Green, Sally Brown

Friday 21/11 – Simon Pasovski, Chris Rapp, Toni Roberts, Kim Toll, Michele Botham (pm)

Monday 24/11 – Kellie Christian, Jodie Thomas, Jo Fletcher, Sally Face

Tuesday 25/11 – Katrina Halls, Meredith Wright, Neridah Jackson, Lisa Wardle

Wednesday 26/11 – Sharon Robertson, Louise Grozdanovski, Nicole Hooper

BANKING NEWS

BANKING CHAMPIONS: 6F

School Banking is every Thursday.

****Helpers are required urgently****

UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.15pm

Uniform Shop Closed Mondays

NEW FABRIC SCHOOL POLOS - The school polos have arrived and are available for purchase from the uniform shop or order online via fpsuniform@outlook.com. Shirts in old fabric can be purchased at \$15 while stocks last.

SCHOOL POLO ORDER/ESTIMATE BY 21st NOVEMBER - Please take a moment to consider what you may need in regards to school polos for next year and send an estimate via the school office, fpsuniform@outlook.com or 0405718628 (your name, size & quantity). Orders received by 21st November will be guaranteed stock for the New Year, otherwise may need to wait until mid-March due to Chinese New Year.

SCHOOL MICROFIBRE JACKETS ON SALE NOW - Grab a bargain! Microfibre Jackets on SALE at \$30 (normally \$45). Sizes 14, 16, 18 & 20 while stocks last.

COMMUNITY NEWS

****PLEASE CHECK OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD FOR INFORMATION****