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Term 4 Week 8

Relieving Principal's Message

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 8 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kindergarten Connections Picnic

A huge thank you to our current Kindergarten families who turned up last evening for the 'Kindergarten Connections' picnic. New families were welcomed to the school by many of our existing families. This provided an opportunity for people to get to know each other in a very informal, relaxed atmosphere.

The evening was highlighted by the very generous donation of time and activities by Mr Neil McDonald and his team of helpers from Cricket NSW. The children were treated to cricket skill based activities and Milo poppers. Great fun was had by all!

Thank you also to the wonderful Kindergarten team of teachers as well as Mr O'Shannessy for their time and effort in organising, cooking and generally making the picnic a success.

Year 5 School Leadership for 2016

Congratulations to our 2016 School Leadership team: Zara Eeles, Elli Hooper, Emma Mantle, Annabelle Morrow, Alexander Dugomanov, Jake Robertson, Joshua Taylor and Matthew Whelan. The final placings will be disclosed on Presentation Day on Thursday 10th December.

It was very humbling to witness the eight students who missed selection on this occasion sincerely congratulating their fellow students who were successful. Such gallant acts are a tribute to you all.

Playground Update

I am sure everyone is well aware of the current poor state of some of our main playgrounds, namely the flat, front grass and bottom playground. I am currently seeking quotes to have each of these areas upgraded.

The flat is in desperate need of proper drainage, an inbuilt watering system, substantial underlay and new turf. The front grass area requires similar landscaping needs. In the bottom playground, we are having plans designed to overhaul and construct a creative play focused area.

I very much value the input of the P&C and in particular would like to thank Mr Bryan Garland (Joshua 1S) for his knowledge, drive and determination to help see our visions through to a reality. We envisage that these significant landscaping projects will take a number of months to complete but will undoubtedly be worth the time and effort in the end.

Vegetable Garden Update

An initiative which has been on hold since the May storms is our new vegetable garden. This garden is to be located on the grassed area between the hall and the basketball court. You may recall a large tree fell in this area during the storm and took a fair while to be removed.

I am pleased to announce that work will be underway soon to construct the vegetable garden. I have been discussing the plans for the area with Mr Greg Bottle who, along with his team, worked tirelessly on the Aboriginal garden. The project is a result of a grant we received through Lake Macquarie City Council again with the assistance of Mr Garland.

Generous Donation

At the front of the school, to the left of our large wooden pencils, is a very special memorial garden. It is a treasured space for the Campbell family (Thomas 1N). Recently Mr O'Shannessy and 2O have tidied the garden area and established some new plants. When this area was cleared, a seat was exposed that had deteriorated over the years. The significance of the seat touched the heart of one of our volunteers Andrew, who together with his brother, made a magnificent new seat from blackbutt timber. Please take the time to visit this area and reflect for a moment about just how lucky we are and how precious life is, something often taken for granted.

School Spectacular

I wish everyone participating in the School Spectacular in Sydney over the coming days all the best. Enjoy the moment and I am sure you will take away many treasured memories.

Year 6 Fun Day

Next Tuesday 1st December, Year 6 will be holding their annual Fun Day. Keep an eye out for further details in the near future.

Pencil Values Award System

In Week 6's Brief, I mentioned that both the school staff and P&C are looking to improve on the current pencil award system and we are seeking proposals from our community.

If you have any suggestions about improving the award system I would appreciate your input. Any proposals would still be welcomed via email to floraville.p-school@det.nsw.edu.au by this Friday 27th November.

At P&C we decided the best way forward was to schedule a community consultation forum on Tuesday 1st December at 6.30pm in which proposals could be shared and discussed. A reminder that everyone is most welcome to attend.

Lost Property

As we are nearing the end of the year and there is a mountain of lost property outside of the canteen, please endeavour to check if any of the belongings belong to your child/children. The lost property will be cleared at the end of next week.

Thank you,

Jenny White
Relieving Principal

Thought for the Week

"When you talk you are only repeating something that you already know. But if you listen you may learn something new." –
JP McEvoy

This week's virtue is **TRUTHFULNESS**

Truthfulness is being honest in your words and actions. You don't tell lies and 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 – 5G

Term Calendar

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 8

- 23/11-28/11 – Swim Scheme 10.30am
- 25/11-28/11 – School Spectacular
- 26/11 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 27/11 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

Week 9

- 30/11 – Getting Started 9.30am
- 30/11 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 30/11-4/12 – Swim Scheme 10.30am
- 01/12 – Community Consultation forum 6.30pm
- 01/12 – Year 6 fun day 11.30am
- 02/12 - Belmont High Orientation
- 02/12 - Merewether High Orientation
- 03/12 – Stage 2 Party Day – Spring Loaded

Week 10

- 7/12 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 7/12 – Parent Helper Morning Tea
- 8/12 – Infants Sports Carnival
- 8/12 – Year 6 Luna Park Excursion
- 9/12 – Carols on the Green
- 10/12 – Presentation Day
- 10/12 – Students reports sent home
- 11/12 – K -2 Movie day

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$20
- Year 6 Luna Park Excursion - \$60

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 parent online payments. Eftpos is still available and transactions **incur a fee of \$1.00**. These charges will be added to your transaction.

Sport

Primary Sport Nominations for Term 1 2016

Correction from last week's Brief...

Sport Nomination notes will be sent home by the end of the week. Sport Nomination forms will be collected next **Thursday 3rd December from 8:40am** outside the hall.

On Saturday the 7th of November, our School aerobics teams participated in the Spring Challenge 2015 competition at the Hunter School of the Performing Arts. It was a fun and exciting day for all of the girls. They have trained so hard all year and received well deserved positive feedback on their performances. The Sassy Sisters were up first placing (4th), Super Sevens (2nd), Primary Stage 2 (2nd), Adrenaline (1st) and En-4cables (1st). Congratulations girls! It has been such a pleasure to witness consistent displays of friendship, sportsmanship, encouragement for one another and enjoyment during the competition. You should be super proud of yourselves! Thank you to the parents who came out to watch the girls. Your support is always valued.

Miss O'Friel & Miss Brindley

Super Sevens



Primary Stage 2



Sassy Sisters



Adrenalin



En-4cables

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Overdue Library Books

Overdue notes have been sent home on a regular basis this term. Thank you to the people who have managed to return these books or have spoken to me about books that are missing.

- Missing Book Process
 - Students speak to Mrs Southward to let her know their book is missing
 - We check the shelves in the library
 - If they still can't be found
 - The book is returned so it doesn't keep appearing on the overdue list.
 - The book is then marked as missing
 - At the end of the year, a report will be printed of all missing books
 - The shelves will be given a final check
 - If they still can't be found, students will be notified and asked to make a donation to replace the book

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who completed the 2015 Premiers Reading Challenge and have been mentioned in The Brief and Bulletins throughout the year. Certificates will be passed on as soon as they arrive.



Congratulations to Ashby Allen and Isabella Halpin who will both receive Platinum awards for completing 7 Premiers Reading Challenges.



Congratulations to Brock Ayliffe, Jessie Bradburn, Kristen Fletcher, Eddie Gardner, Connor Halpin, Maddison Jennings, Esther Kim, Grace Kim, James King, Sophie Ormerod, Ben Seu, Ellen Traynor and Zali Waters who will all receive Gold awards for completing 4 Premiers Reading Challenges.



Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp

On the 26th October, 75 Year 5 students got on the bus to spend 3 awesome days at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. It was very hot on the first day, making the Lost Mud World even more popular with everyone getting wet and muddy to cool off! Other activities included canoeing, high ropes, bush craft, flying fox, sand dunes, rainforest walks, disco, and everyone's favourites, commando and the giant swing! On the other two days the weather wasn't so kind but everyone made the most of what was an excellent experience! The students really displayed what they were made of, stepping up to the challenge and outside of their comfort zones in most of the activities. You all were a pleasure to take to camp, displaying excellent behaviour and all the pencil values in true Floraville style.





Year 4 Camp

Earlier this term on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November, Year 4 had their overnight camp at Active Education Camp Morisset. The wet and rainy weather didn't dampen any spirits and all the activities went ahead. There was too much fun to be had to let a little drizzle get in the way!

Students were divided into three groups and rotated between five activities.

The rain made Mud World even muddier, the Raft Making even wetter, the Challenge Ropes more challenging, the Super Drop more daring and the Dual Flying Fox more fun!

The rain didn't even stop our County Fair at night from happening. Students managed all kinds of stalls to earn a bit of (pretend) money. There were fairy floss, fairy bread, donuts and milkshake stalls. Stalls that dyed hair and painted faces. Inflatable basketball and bungee run stalls. The zorb ball stall was a hit where students got to be in a zorb ball on water! These activities developed students' teamwork, communication and leadership skills. The amount of peer support they offered each other was inspiring and each student came home with a new found confidence. It was refreshing to see students get out of their comfort zones and take on new experiences with great enthusiasm.

The Year 4 teachers are so proud of how well behaved, independent and courageous our Floraville students are. Thanks Year 4 for the fun and fabulous camp!





School Spectacular

Good luck to the 12 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.



Star Struck 2016

Congratulations to Caleb Face who was successful in auditioning for a soloist role in Star Struck 2016. He will be attending a vocal workshop in February next year to allocate parts of the show. We wish him all the best!

Band Auditions

Auditions for the band in 2016 are well underway. We should complete the process this week after seeing 50 interested students! We then sit down with a list of students who have auditioned and our list of available instruments and coordinate which students will be offered a position in the band. Positions are based on their ability to correctly blow the instrument and the preferences they indicated to us. Students will receive a note to inform them of the outcome of their audition. Possible outcomes include being offered the hire of a school instrument, being offered a position on their own instrument, being offered a percussion or keyboard position, or being placed on a waiting list until there is an available instrument. Due to the high number of interested students, there will be a waiting list this year. Thank you for your support of our band program. If there are any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Blake or Ms Thacker.

Band News

Term 4 is a busy time for any band and at Floraville we are no exception. We have been busy preparing for our end of year performances and have begun the process of amalgamating our Mini Minors into the Majors band for next year. All current band students are invited to both Monday and Wednesday rehearsals to assist with the smooth transition of joining the current bands. All band students should have returned to Mrs Blake an indication of their interest in continuing with band in 2016. It is important for us to gauge who will be returning instruments to assist us with the completion of offers to new band students for next year. Students who are finishing up at the end of the term should return their school instrument to a band teacher on Monday 14th December at band practice. **It is important that you return any instrument to Mrs Blake or Ms Thacker** as there is paperwork to be completed upon its return. If not you may be liable to replace a "missing" instrument. **Any students who have already left the band** throughout 2015 and still have a school instrument at home, please return them to Mrs Blake or Ms Thacker **ASAP**.

To finish off the year we will have a band Christmas party on Monday 14th December in place of our usual rehearsal. This will be for both Mini Minors and Majors. There will be NO rehearsal on Wednesday 16th December as it is the students' final school day for 2015.

Upcoming Band Performances:

- 9th December – Carols on the Green – Mini Minors, Majors and Combined band performances
- 10th December – Presentation Day – Majors Band to perform prior to the ceremony
- 13th December – The Salvation Army Christmas Celebration – Combined band

Thank you Year 6

Kindergarten and their teachers would like to thank our Year 6 buddies for a great year. When we were new students at the beginning of the year, you helped us to learn how our school works. Throughout the year you have always been kind and helpful towards us. Last month you invited us to a morning of games that you organised with the help of your teachers. We all had a great time! Then we had morning tea together which you provided. We shared fantastic fruit platters and chatted to each other before you head off to high school. Thank you for everything you have done for us this year and good luck next year.

Fun Day

On Tuesday 1st December Year 6 students will host 'Fun Day'. They have planned a range of entertaining activities for everyone to enjoy. Students may come out of school uniform but please be sun safe. The children can purchase tokens for the activities in their classroom from 9am on Tuesday morning. Tokens cost 20c each. Looking forward to a great day.

Aboriginal Art

Tobi Eeles in 3G and Noah Faith in 1S received an award for being 'Effective learners' in Aboriginal Art class for Term 4. Well done guys! Classes start again in Week 5 of Term 1 2016.



Debating 2015

This year Floraville Public School has once again worked hard to produce outstanding results in debating. We entered two teams in the Lake Macquarie Primary School Debating Competition. Our Division 1 team are the more experienced debaters and our Division 2 team are those debaters who have less experience or are completely new to debating this year.

Our Division 1 team consisted of Makenzi Harvey, Tara Nuss, Shakayla Wardle, Abbey Crosdale and Alexia Street. They have won every debate this year and still have one debate left that we are aiming to host soon. This is a wonderful accomplishment, especially as these girls are given the topic just one hour prior to debating. Well done girls!

Our Division 2 team consisted of Ava Thomson, Josh Taylor, Ruby Davis, Annabelle Morrow and Alana Bradshaw. These fabulous debaters spent many hours both at home and in school break time preparing for their debates. They performed superbly too, managing to win four out of five of their debates. Great job team!

Mrs Adams and I thank them all for their commitment, enthusiasm, diligence and effort. They have been excellent Floraville School representatives and we are very proud of their achievements this year. We wish you all the best and hope that those moving to high school continue to develop their debating skills while there. Mrs Adams and I look forward to seeing our Year 5 debaters continue in 2016, along with many new keen debaters.

Daffodil Day

A huge thank you to all those who took part and gave so generously. Congratulations to the Year 6 Eventarians for their leadership and organisation.

We raised \$694.00!



P&C NEWS

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We are happy to inform you all, that all Calendar Art orders are on their way back to school. You should have your orders by the end of next week.

A reminder that the next P&C meeting is next Tuesday, 1st December at 7pm, in the library. It will follow the community meeting about Floraville's award policy.

Hope to see you there.

Banking

Banking is every Thursday

Uniform Shop

Order now for 2016 - Lay-by is available.

The uniform shop will NOT be open on the pupil free day prior to school starting 2016. The first day open will be Wednesday 3rd February (first day of school is Thursday 28th January). Please start to consider what you may need for next year and order now for collection by Wednesday 16th December to be ready for 2016. This includes lay-by.

Uniform shop is open Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.15pm

Canteen News

CHRISTMAS LUNCH BAGS

Our Christmas Lunch Bags will be available to order from Monday 30th November through until Friday 11th December inclusive. A separate note will come home outlining your available choices. We hope the children enjoy these special offers!

Please note: Children must bring their lunch bags to the canteen to receive their icy treat, these do not go out with their lunch!

NEW 2015/16 CANTEEN MENU

Our new menu has started! Please note there are several price increases and some items have been deleted. The new menu will also apply to our new online ordering system now up and running. The menu will also be available to view on our website and app.

Roster

Thursday 26/11 – Kim Brewster, Emma Holbrow

Friday 27/11 – Lisa Booth, Kristina Love, Erica Pedonese, Kristie Davies, Sarah-Jane Crofts

Monday 30/11 – Kylie Patterson, Lisa Kerr

Tuesday 1/12 – Kristie Davies, Pam Taylor, Christine Mitford

Wednesday 2/12 – Pat Whyte, Maree McCulloch, Marion Van Zeeland



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December 2015 / January 2016



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