

## 2016 Priorities

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# The Bulletin

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## Term 8 Week 4

### Principal's Report

#### Kindergarten Connections Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Kinder Connections picnic. It was great to have so many of our current kindergarten students and their families in attendance and it gave us a great opportunity to welcome many of our new 2017 kindergarten students and families to Floraville PS in a relaxed and informal setting.

Every year, our wonderful Kindergarten team of teachers, ensure the picnic is a success which is a component of the school's extensive Kindergarten orientation program. Well done, team.

#### Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to the students who had the opportunity to perform at the Schools Spectacular last week. I was lucky enough to attend in person and the performances by all students were truly inspiring. Well done to Mr Faulkner who always goes above and beyond, ensuring the students enjoy putting on a magnificent show. Thank you also to the group of students from our school who headed down to Sydney to watch and support the performance.



#### Carols

We hope you have Tuesday 6th December booked into your calendar. Floraville's 'Carols under the COLA' is scheduled with entertainment being provided by the students throughout the night. Our school band, choir, boys' vocal group and solo performers will be performing. All students have also been busy practising their Christmas song to sing on the night. Be sure to bring your chairs and picnic rugs. Family and friends are also invited to come along for a fun evening. Gates will open at 5:40pm for a 6pm start. Please note: This is a non-alcohol event and BBQ facilities will not be available this year. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and nibbles. Thank you for your support in advance.

#### Floraville's Got Talent

Over the past few weeks, students have had the opportunity to audition for 'Floraville's Got Talent'. They have been performing in front of their peers, hoping to be one of the finalists to perform in the hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. I can't wait to see our performers shine.

#### Last Assemblies this week

This week will be the final week for Infants and Primary assemblies. They will be on at the usual time in the school hall.

## Presentation Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December marks a very special event on the yearly calendar where we can recognise the efforts of our students across many fields of endeavour. The day will include two separate award ceremonies:

- Infants from 9.30am to 10.45am
- Primary from 11.45am to 1.30pm

Parents of the children who are receiving an award at one of these ceremonies will be notified via a postal letter. Also during the Primary Awards ceremony, our School Leaders for 2017 will be announced. Thank you to Mrs Magann (Office Manager) and the team of staff for making sure Presentation Day is well organised and runs smoothly.

## Finally

Information was sent home yesterday regarding the change of provider for the school's Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). Further information on the tender process is now available on the school's website.

<http://www.floraville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/oshc-tender-process-summary>

Simon Mulready, Principal

This week's virtue is **CREATIVITY**

Creativity is the power of imagination. It is discovering your own special talents. Dare to see things in new ways and find different ways to solve problems. With your creativity, you can bring something new into the world.

## ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 6P

### Term Calendar

#### Week 8

- 01/12-02/12 – School Swim Scheme
- 01/12 – Year 6 Luna Park Excursion
- 01/12 – Year 5 Party Day
- 01/12 – Infants Assembly 2.20pm
- 02/12 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

#### Week 9

- 05/12 – Band performance at Belmont Citi Centre
- 05/12 – BHS Year 7 2017 Parent Info Evening at 5.30-6.30pm
- 06/12 – BHS Orientation Day
- 06/12 – Carols under the Cola - 6-8pm
- 07/12 – Year 6 Fun Day
- 08/12 – Talent Show (Dress Rehearsal)
- 09/12 – K-2 Movie Day
- 09/12 – Year 3 & 4 Party Day
- 11/12 – Band performance at Salvation Army Christmas Celebration 6-6.30pm

#### Week 10

- 12/12 – Red Day & Gold Day
- 12/12 – Talent Show
- 13/12 – Presentation Day – Infants 9.30-10.45am – Primary 11.45-1.30pm
- 14/12 – Year 6 Farewell
- 14/12 – Junior Choir – Narla Village Excursion
- 16/12 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

## REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- K-2 Movie Day - \$10 due 2/12
- Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$6.50 due 8/12
- Year 6 Farewell - \$30 due 1/12
- Band & Aerobics Fees overdue

**Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm**

**Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions.**

**We now have parent online payments through the School's Website as well as eftpos at the office.**

**You can now pre-pay fees and excursions in advance through our new system.**

**Please use our School App to notify the school of any absences for your child or any change of details.**

## SPORT

### Sport

Lake Macquarie Trampoline Championship

Last Thursday night Jarna Vico, Alana Bradshaw and Cameron Starrett competed in the Lake Macquarie Trampoline Championship at Belmont High School.

Cameron came third in trampolining, tied third in the double mini and fourth in single mini. Jarna and Alana both represented the school well and gave it their best. All three students displayed fabulous organisation to attend the competition outside of normal school hours.



### Scooting

This term a number of our primary students have been scooting along the Swansea Channel each week with Mr Cox and Miss Leedham for their primary sport. It has been a huge success and plenty of fun for both students and teachers.

### Cricket

A massive well done to Brock Ayliffe, who represented the Hunter and Floraville PS at the 2016 NSW PSSA cricket championships at Sydney this week. Brock had many highlights with his team winning two of their four games. He also top scored for his team during the competition. We are very proud to have Brock as an ambassador for our school!





## LIBRARY NEWS

### Last Week for Library Borrowing

This week will be the last week for regular borrowing from the library. All books will need to be returned next week. Please assist by encouraging students to return their library books. It would be greatly appreciated. In an effort to support Literacy Pro reading, students are welcome to continue borrowing 1 book for this purpose.

### Buddy Reading

Enjoy some photos of Year 6 and Kindergarten enjoying some buddy reading time in the library.





## News from some Year 3 reporters

### ABORIGINAL CIRCLE

Tim and Mark our General Assistants want to ask Floraville students to try and keep the rocks in the Aboriginal circle. This is because when they mow, it flicks rocks everywhere and it is dangerous because they could hurt someone. The OOSH staff has also asked the students to stop touching the rocks, as we have some holes in the circle because people are digging holes with their feet. PLEASE keep the rocks off the grass and let's all help our General Assistants!

BY Angus Reid



### BUSH TUCKER GARDEN

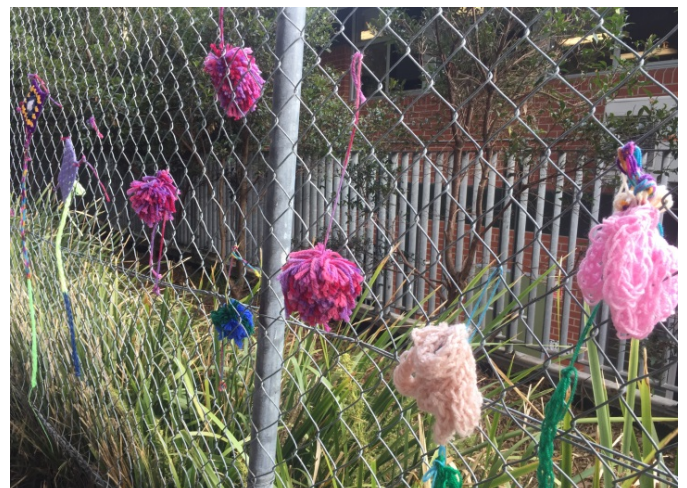
Our school helpers Tim and Mark of Floraville Public School have made a beautiful Bush Tucker Garden. Mrs Hadden asked Bunnings at Belmont if they could donate some bush tucker plants and they donated 12 plants for our garden. We have some Lilly Pillies, Midgen Berries, Bush Cherries, native Violets, Lamandras and a Davidson Plum. We would like everyone to respect our Bush Tucker and hopefully enjoy eating them when they grow bigger.

By Jasana Denz

### POM POMS ON THE BASKETBALL COURT

A few weeks ago, Floraville P.S celebrated our Kids Matter Launch Day. Students decorated the fence on the basketball court with pom poms and there are also colourful flowers made of wool. Mrs Phillip organised some 'yarn bombing' of a tree nearby using wool that was knitted by Mrs Morgan. It would be very nice if everyone would pay respect to our school art by not touching it.

- By Matthew Mulvaney





### TOTEM BOARD OPENING

Last Wednesday, Mahney Jenkins, Douglas Hanson, Mason Wood and Edwin Wood went to Belmont High School to unveil the new school totem that we made. We went to Belmont High to present it to special guests, parents, teachers and principals. Neville Simon couldn't make the opening as he was in Sydney for the Schools Spectacular. There were students there from Jewells P.S, Belmont P.S and Belmont North P.S too. All the children enjoyed talking about their Totem Board and we are proud of it. Mrs Dybell made cupcakes for everyone and we enjoyed the afternoon tea.

By Mahney Jenkins

### TANK ART

Do you remember when our whole school drew Aboriginal art symbols on little rocks for NAIDOC Day last year? No?! Well every child at school that day drew a symbol on a rock that will eventually become the tree artwork that is slowly taking shape on the green water tank in the Aboriginal garden. Many classes have assisted with the gluing process and special Sikaflex sealant is being used so that it lasts a long time. Keep watching the tank for more branches appearing near you!

Mrs Hadden



### KINDERGARTEN 2017

The Kindergarten 2017 Orientation process is complete. The children have visited the school a number of times. They have found out where the Library, canteen, assembly hall and play areas are and have met the Kindergarten teachers. We hope that they feel more comfortable and relaxed about coming to school next year as they know what some of the teachers look like and where some of the important places in the school can be found. Thank you to the current Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Beeton, Mrs Southward (who has allowed the new children to borrow books already), all teachers for their flexibility, Mr Hockey, P and C, canteen workers, uniform shop ladies and the fantastic office staff who all help to make the process run smoothly. The Year 5 buddies are very excited about helping the Kinders. With their teachers they have made name badges to welcome their buddies to our school. The last get-together was the Kinder Connections picnic held on the Front Grass last night. This picnic allows 2016 Kinder families and next year's Kinder families to get to know each other and chat about starting school from a parent's perspective.

Jenny Barclay for the Kindergarten team

### FLORAVILLE'S GOT TALENT

Our Floraville's Got Talent will be held in the hall on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1:40pm.**

Well done to everyone who auditioned and made it extremely hard for your teachers to choose the finalists.

An invitation will go home on Thursday to those who have made it to the finals.

We hope to see you there!

Miss Brindley & Miss O'Friel



## YEAR 4 CAMP

In week 5 of this term 4C, 4M and 4B attended camp at the Active Education Morisset facility. All students and teachers had a great time and even conquered some fears. We were blessed to have great weather. Many thanks to the great teachers for organising the excursion and staying overnight with this wonderful group of Year 4 students.



## Science Club News

Science Club has recently had some fun time with water, investigating what polymers are and how they work by creating 'leak proof' bags. We also thoroughly enjoyed the STEM challenge of designing and creating floatation devices for our action figures. Madden Moss created the winning design that held a Ninja Turtle for over 1 minute! As the end of the year nears, we will be incorporating Christmas into our experiments and challenges. Thank you for a great year Floraville kids!





## LANDCARE REPORT

What a big year it has been for the Landcare team! Miss Pullman and Mrs Melling would like to congratulate all those students who have participated in the group's project. Our biggest accomplishment this year has been the new vegetable garden which is looking lush, as we are sure you would agree! Our opening day (with thanks to Mrs White for her co-ordination) saw many of our community members invited to celebrate this achievement and witness the enthusiasm of the students towards our projects. The group has worked hard to plant the vegetables, learning how to nourish them with egg shells and protect them from pests with marigold flowers. We especially enjoyed using recycled materials to build a sustainable vertical herb garden. It has been exciting to harvest our crop to sell to the community (and perhaps have a nibble just to make sure they taste good!) Some of our senior members have also led the group to sell produce, which included a taste session for the community at the Kids Matter Launch, as well as for the canteen and staff. We are now in the process of organising class watering and compost rosters. Coinciding with our school Science Day last term, the group assisted to promote others to wear green and donate to the #Action4TheLand campaign. We have also recently begun a Bush Tucker garden with the help of Mrs Hadden and look forward to seeing these plants grow to become our very own bush supermarket. We have now begun to sell some of our produce at the back of whole school assemblies. For a small donation, we invite you to purchase the items and use for your lunch or dinner.

We have been so grateful to have Tim and Mark as our school's General Assistants this semester. They have worked tirelessly to clean up the school grounds and offer a helping hand to the Landcare group whenever needed. Thank you! A huge thumbs up must also go to Sarah (Cooper C's grandma) for her volunteer work throughout the year. Sarah has given up her time each week to establish new gardens and share her gardening knowledge with the group. Thanks Sarah – we look forward to working with you again next year! We have no doubt that our prosperous vegetable garden is largely due to the help of Tim, Mark and Sarah (and of course the hardworking Landcare team)!

If you are interested in helping out with the Landcare team in 2017 or the school grounds over the holidays, please contact Mrs Fiona Melling via the school phone number before the last day of term.

We hope the photos in this bulletin provide just a small snapshot of our amazing and dedicated Landcare team, who we are so proud of and feel privileged to work with each Tuesday.

Miss Pullman and Mrs Melling





## SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Last Wednesday morning at 5:30am, 23 students and their parents headed to Sydney for what was going to be a very exciting 4 days. The students rehearsed on Wednesday and Thursday, before performing brilliantly at 4 shows on Friday and Saturday. This of course, was the Schools Spectacular! And spectacular it was! The event was held at a new venue this year, Qudos Bank Arena at Olympic Park. I would like to congratulate our students for their behaviour, resilience and enthusiasm during the whole experience. I am sure they will keep the memories forever. The entire show will be broadcast on channel 7 this Saturday night at 7pm, so check it out!



The P&C with the Canteen committee send a reminder of our 'Carols Under The Cola' next Tuesday, 6th December. The official start time is 6:00, but it is a good idea to get there around 5:40 to secure a comfortable spot. Remember to bring a picnic tea as there will be no sausage sizzle available. A range of glow items will be available for purchase on the night and the canteen will be selling snacks and drinks.

A reminder that bookclub is also due by Thursday, 1st December.

#### **Canteen News**

**\*\*\*Please note that we are currently unable to get our Pizza's supplied for our Menu as these are now out of stock indefinitely. We will let you know once they are again available!\*\*\***

#### **CAROLS UNDER THE COLA**

Please come along and help celebrate another year at Floraville with 'Carols under the Cola' on Tuesday night 6<sup>th</sup> December 6.00-8.00pm.

There will be **no BBQ available** on the night but our Canteen will be open with Drinks, Iceblocks, Chips and Lollies for purchase. We look forward to seeing you all there.

#### **Coming Up**

Christmas Lunch Bag Specials have started – 28/11/16 - 9/12/16

**Carols under the Cola - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Red Day – 12<sup>th</sup> December – Ice-cream spiders - \$2

#### **Christmas Lunch Bag Specials**

Our Christmas Lunch Bags have started and will run through until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

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

#### **Red Day**

Red Day this term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be having Ice-Cream Spiders! There will be your choice of soft drink or flavoured milk with a scoop of ice-cream. Please fill out 1 order per child & have all order forms to the canteen for this special treat by: **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

#### **Roster**

**Thursday 1/12** – Renaye Dobb, Cher Blennerhassett, Naomi Loveday

**Friday 2/12** – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth

**Monday 5/12** - Renae Picton, Michelle O'Toole, Alison Blane

**Tuesday 6/12** – Deb Shaw, Kay Gibson

**Wednesday 7/12** – Sharon Weinert, Tash Treveton, Amanda Jackson, Sonia McCumiskey

#### **Banking**

**Banking Champions – KB & KG**

Final date to order rewards is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December and the last banking day is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**School Banking is every Thursday**

#### **Uniform Shop**

Wednesday 1st February is the first day the uniform shop will be open for 2017. If you are wanting new uniforms for next year please get in early as it will be very busy and we may need to order more stock. Please email orders ASAP to [fpsuniform@outlook.com](mailto:fpsuniform@outlook.com) to be picked up this year. Alternatively, you may place orders for payments to be processed first week 2017 and delivered to your child's class.

If you are available to volunteer for our uniform shop roster for next year (even just once a term), please contact Cass Keeping on 0408983033.

**Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm**