



The Brief

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IMPORTANT DATES

Week 9

- 08/12 – Industrial Action 9-11.00am
- 08/12 – Talent Show (Dress Rehearsal)- 11.30am
- 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 - 1.40pm
- 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

Last Day of School, 2016: Friday 16 December

First Day of School, 2017: Monday 30 January

Kindergarten – Thursday 2 February

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$6.50 due 8/12
- Band & Aerobics Fees - overdue
- Bookpacks - due 6/2/2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 9 TERM 4

End-of-Year Events

Last night's Christmas Carols provided a festive event to celebrate the end of the year. The hall provided an excellent venue as students enjoyed the opportunity to sing on the stage, eat a few candy canes and say, "Hi", to Santa. With a relaxed, informal atmosphere, the event was well supported by parents, grandparents and other family members. Mr Faulkner and Mrs Melling did a great job in coordinating proceedings and the P&C did a lot of work behind the scenes.

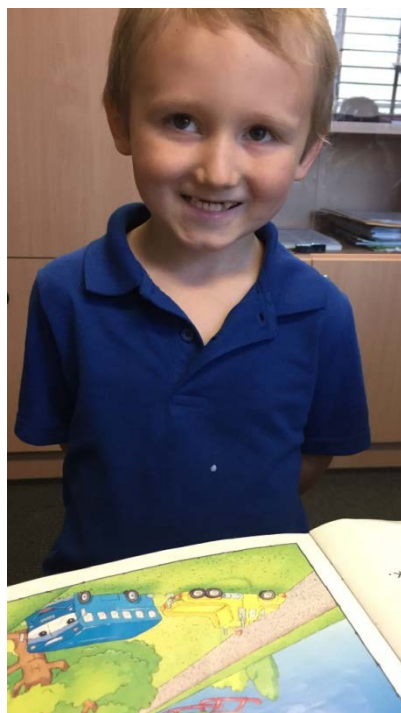
In these last two weeks of school we look forward to a number of end-of-year events, including Presentation Day, the Year 6 Farewell, and the Talent Show. This morning, Year 6 students and teachers were eagerly preparing for the Year 6 Fun Day. Please note the school calendar for the dates of each activity.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Our students are very well served by a team of volunteers and parent-helpers who contribute to a range of school programs. Whether it be helping in the classroom, the canteen, around the school, with the P&C, or with school events, Floraville Public School is a better place because of the community members who regularly come in to assist. As a sign of our appreciation, the staff will be hosting a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea on Wednesday 14 December 11am. If you have come to volunteer or assist in some capacity this year, please join us in the library on Wednesday morning and allow us to thank you for your hard work.

School Reports

Over the past week I have been carefully reading each of the school reports which teachers have prepared for the students in their class. I really enjoy getting a birds-eye view of student achievement across the school and reading about how students have progressed. I know our teaching staff spend several weeks (and weekends) reviewing student assessment data and crafting the individual reports. The finished product provides an excellent summary of each child's academic ability and areas for future growth. School reports will be sent home with students on Wednesday, next week.



Last Day, 2016

Friday 16 December will be the last day of school for students and teachers. Teaching staff undertook additional professional learning after school during the course of the year as an alternative to the two designated days at the end of the year.

Day 1, 2017

On Monday 30 January, next year, students will arrive at school and assemble in the morning with their 2016 class teachers. Once student enrolment numbers are finalised, students will then move into their 2017 classes. While it is important to arrive at school for the start of term, if your child will be delayed in returning to school please notify the office this year. Uncertainty around student enrolments can delay, or significantly impact, the organisation of classes.

The Flat: Astro Turf

The school has been supported by the Department's Asset Management Unit (AMU) in the planning and contracting for a new synthetic playing surface on *The Flat*. With works scheduled to be undertaken during the school holidays, the project should be nearing completion (or completed) when students return in 2017. Families accessing vacation care over January should avoid the top entrance and car park where heavy machinery will be accessing the site.

Industrial Action

Families are reminded that minimal supervision will be provided on Thursday morning due to the scheduled industrial action.

Last Newsletter for 2016

As this will be our last newsletter for 2016, I'd like to thank Lisa Roulston in the office for her publishing and production of this document each week. The Brief and Bulletin provide helpful information and reminders to families of upcoming events. Thank you, Lisa.

Finally

In 2017 the school will celebrate 50 years of service to the local community. With hundreds and thousands of students having passed through our gates during this time, it will be important to celebrate the achievements of the past and determine a direction for the future. Over the last 50 years the school has been well served by hundreds of teaching and administrative staff who have poured their energy and resources into the local community. While I have only met a few teachers from previous generations at Floraville, I can certainly attest that the current staffing group at our wonderful school, attend each day with the highest

level of professionalism and devotion. Their work and dedication inspires me daily, and I am proud to count them as colleagues.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Simon Mulready
Principal



This week's virtue is **JOYFULNESS**

Joyfulness is an inner sense of peace and happiness. You appreciate the gifts each day brings. Without joyfulness, when the fun stops, our happiness stops. Joy can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad. Joy gives us wings.

SPORT

2017 Term 1 Primary Sport Nominations

This Wednesday, all 2017 Primary students will receive a Primary Sports nomination form. We encourage students and parents to discuss the sporting options and fill in the bottom section of the note. On Friday 9th December, all 2017 Primary students will need to hand in their nomination form at the school hall (lining up at 8:45am under the school Cola). If a student is away, they should organise another friend or family member (student) to hand in their form. No early forms will be accepted. Any forms handed in after Friday 9th December 9:00am should be taken to the front office.

By the following Wednesday, students who were allocated a paid sport will receive a payment note. This note will outline payment dates for each particular sport. Students who are not allocated a paid sport will participate in free rotational sports each week on the school grounds for term 1 2017.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Floraville's Got Talent Show

Our Floraville's Got Talent show will be held in the hall on December 12th at 1:40pm. Invitations have gone home to those who will be performing on the day.

Miss Brindley & Miss O'Friel

Parent Helper Morning Tea

To say thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, we are holding a Morning Tea on Wednesday, 14th December at 11am in the Library.

We hope you can join us.

Floraville Public School staff



Stage 2 Party Day

Stage 2 students will be required to be at school no later than 9:00am this Friday 9th December. As there may be some showers, students should bring a rain coat, packed lunch and water for the entire day. There will not be an opportunity to spend money at shops. All payments and notes are due by Thursday 8th. Any changes to the party day will be communicated through the Floraville PS Facebook page and Floraville PS app.

Swim Scheme

Over the past two weeks our Year 2 students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Department of Education's Swim Scheme program. The water safety program aids in developing water confidence whilst equipping students with essential skills in water safety and survival. Mr Faulkner and Miss Clarke were most impressed by the exceptional behaviour and persistence of all students involved.

Band News

On Monday afternoon the combined band played at Belmont Citi Centre. We performed our Christmas music for the shoppers who were there and received some great feedback. Thank you to our supporters who came along. Extra special thanks to the parents who helped to move gear to and from the centre – Megan McCarthy, Lisa Walters, Peter Nolan and Debbie Clark – we couldn't have done it without you.

This coming Sunday the combined band will be playing at The Salvation Army Belmont's Christmas Celebration. The band will perform at 6pm with kids activities and stalls beginning from 5pm. Students who are playing should meet by 5:45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and support the Floraville Band.

Band practice will be on Monday 12th December for any band members. There will be NO band practice on Wednesday 14th December 2016.

Students who are continuing with band in 2017 may keep their instruments for the holidays if band fees for 2016 have been paid in full. Students who are finishing with band this term should return their instrument to Mrs Blake or Ms Thacker after presentation day or in the hall before school on Wednesday 14th December.

Finally thank you for your support throughout 2016. We appreciate everything you do to support your child in their musical journey.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all those families who attended last night's Christmas Carols. What a fantastic start to the Christmas season with our school community, together, enjoying the festivities and seeing the smiles on the faces of all the children. A huge thank you to the Canteen Committee, who have worked tirelessly to ensure last night was a success. A thank you also to Mr Faulkner and Mrs Melling who organised the program and who ran the events last night, and to the teachers for their time and assistance.

CANTEEN NEWS

Monday Night 12th December – Canteen Christmas Dinner Get Together

If you have volunteered your time to the canteen in any way or at any time during 2016 then we would love for you to join us. Please place your name on the list in the canteen if you can come.

Coming Up

28/11/16 - 9/12/16 - Christmas Lunch Bag Specials

12/12/16 – Canteen Xmas Dinner Night Out – Belmont Sporties

12/12/16 - Red Day - ICECREAM SPIDERS - \$2 – forms avail online.

13/12/16 – PRESENTATION DAY – CANTEEN CLOSED!!

14/12/16 – Last day of Canteen for 2016!

Red Day – 12/12/16 – LAST ORDERS MUST BE IN BY Thursday 8th DECEMBER

Presentation Day –13/12/16 - CANTEEN CLOSED!

Thurs 15th & Frid 16th December – Please be aware that the canteen **WILL NOT** be open for lunches the last 2 days of term. Canteen will be closed for cleaning in readiness for 2017!

Roster

Thursday 8/12 – Trish Oakey, Suzanne Halpin, Nicole Hooper

Friday 9/12 – Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies

Monday 12/12 - Jenny Davies, Alka Gertsch, Kristie Reid

Tuesday 13/12 – Tracey Aspinall, Michelle Ponman, Diane Stringer

Wednesday 14/12 – Kay Gibson, Meegan Nicholson

Thursday 15/12 – CANTEEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING

Friday 16/12 – CANTEEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING

BANKING NEWS

Banking Champions – KS

Last day for banking is this Thursday 8th December

UNIFORM NEWS

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 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 0408 983 033.

Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm