



# The Brief

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Week 5

- 18/08 – Zone Athletics
- 19/08 – Stage 1 Zone Public Speaking Final

### Week 6

- 22/08 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 23/08 – Kinder Parent Information Night 7pm
- 24/08 – Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
- 25/08 – Infants Assembly 2.20pm
- 26/08 – Primary Assembly 10.15am

### Week 7

- 31/08 – Book Parade/Book Fair/Grandparents Day
- 01/09 – Father's Day Stall
- 02/09 – Kindergarten Father's Day activities 8am

## REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp balance due 13/10 - \$162
- **Year 4 Morisset Camp Overdue Deposit to be paid by 12/08**
- Band Fees
- Aerobics Term 3 - \$12

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 5 TERM 3

### Science Day

Speaking with teachers in the staffroom before school this morning, a number of exciting experiments had been planned for the school's Science Day.



National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. The Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists to the world of knowledge and aims to encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world in which we live.

### Kids Matter Survey

Parents and carers are invited to complete the survey which is being sent home with this week's newsletter. Led by the school's Wellbeing Team, Kids Matter is an important initiative which promotes resilience and positive mental health. If you'd like to complete the survey online, follow the link below. From the dropdown menu select:

School: Floraville Public School

Reporting Period: Q3 July-Sep

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/survey.php?mid=140124ef0657b439330>

## Finally

Well done to our boys' basketball team – champions of the Newcastle district – who played valiantly in the regional final against Nulkaba on Monday. The boys received some inspiration from the plucky Boomers Olympic team, but were narrowly defeated. Congratulations also to the students who competed in the finals for the Premier's Spelling Bee. All the best to students representing the school at the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival this week.

Simon Mulready  
Principal



## SPORT NEWS

### PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

Good luck to the students representing our school at the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival today and tomorrow!

### PSSA Boys' Basketball Hunter Final

A BIG congratulations to the Floraville Boys' basketball team for their enormous efforts in Monday's Hunter Final against Nulkaba PS. The boys were successful in winning the Basketball Knockout Gala Day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August against 13 other schools in this area, so we had to play Nulkaba PS for the 'Hunter' title and the honour of attending State Basketball in September.

The team had to fight back an early lead from Nulkaba and were within 1 point of their opponents at half time. Charlie Lentfer was our top goal scorer, working tirelessly to score 24 points but unfortunately he had to retire injured in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Joey Summers lead the team strongly despite a few heavy knocks during the game, proving that he really is made of rubber! Nulkaba were the winners on the day (49-32) and the Floraville boys played proudly for their school and local area.

Mrs Hadden

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Literacy Pro

Congratulations to the following student who received a Blue Star (25 Literacy Pro points) at last week's assemblies; Abbey Hutton 3B

Congratulations Mitchell Picton 2O, Samara Ingram 4M and Rosie Robards 6F who received a Red Star award (50 Literacy Pro points).

Congratulations to Cody Turner 1S, Robbie Nolan 6P and Rosie Robards 6F who received Bronze Star awards (75 Literacy Pro points).

Congratulations to Max Lonergan 1S who received a Silver Star award (100 Literacy Pro points).

Congratulations to Lachlan Maddocks 4M and Emma Mantle 6P who received a Gold Star award (200 Literacy Pro points).

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Matilda Blanch KF, Lily Gebuehr KG, Marli Mannix KB, Kobie Pitts KF, Stella Browning 1H, Gemma McNamee 3B, Ellen Traynor 3L, Amber Camilleri 4M, Kristen Fletcher 4M, Dakota Naszka 5G and Ava Traynor 6F who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. This brings the total number of Floraville P. S. students who have completed the challenge to 66.

Note: The Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

### Book Week/Grandparent's Celebration

We will be holding our annual Book Week and Grandparents' Day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August (Term 3 Week 7).

9:05am - Infants Book Character Parade - students wear costume to school

10:05am - Primary Book Character Parade - students wear costume to school

11:30am - 2:30pm Literature inspired art/craft activities - visitors welcome to visit/help

1:00pm - 1:40pm - Lunch - bring a picnic or purchase something from the canteen.

All day - Book Fair

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Kindergarten 2017

The first orientation session for parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2017 will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7pm in the school hall. Come along and find out about the programs our school offers. Learn about Program Achieve, L3 and Jolly phonics. Meet the experienced staff and become familiar with some of our school routines. This will enable you to help your child have a successful transition to school. Tea and coffee will be available and staff will be able to answer all of your questions. If you haven't already enrolled your child please see the office. Mrs Barclay

## NAIDOC Day - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Once again NAIDOC Day was educational and fun for our students. Following the staff being trained in 8 Ways of learning, all staff engaged the students in activities to connect with Aboriginal culture through learning styles that Aboriginal people have always used. The classes visited all the teachers on their grade or stage during the day. They participated in a variety of activities, including cooking, craft, art, games, planting, music and bushwalking. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who assisted on the day. Keep a look out for photos in our large bulletin in Week 8!

G.Hadden

### Kids Matter

Just Breathe: Here are some breathing techniques to help calm the body and mind.

Mrs Naszka Ballardie.

<http://amysmartgirls.com/short-film-just-breathe-helps-kids-deal-with-emotions/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_mZbzDOpylA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mZbzDOpylA&feature=youtu.be) (Elmo Version for the little ones).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uxbdx-SeOOo>

**Valentine Eleebana Cricket Club** - registration dates:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 5-6pm and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 3-5pm.

## P&C NEWS

The P&C will be wrapping Father's Day gifts next Thursday morning in the uniform shop room from 9.10am. If you are able to help this would be greatly appreciated.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Our special Olympic lunch bags have been very popular & the kids are loving their random little treats.

## HELP NEEDED!

We are again this term **urgently** seeking your help with the canteen roster.

We have unfortunately for us had several of our regular volunteers head back to full time work & due to lots of sickness within the school community, we are currently struggling to fill our days with helpers. If you can be of any assistance on any day especially our morning session from 8.30-12 noon this would be very much appreciated. Please see Margaret our Canteen Supervisor if you can help!

## Fresh for Kids

Our Fresh for Kids promotion has been absolutely AWESOME! We have never seen so much fresh fruit, veg & water being sold! It's great to see the kids making healthy choices & being rewarded with some great pencils. Lots of entries have already been handed in so keep up the good work Floraville!

## Coming up

Book Week Parade/Grandparents day - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

## Roster

**Thursday 18/8** - Trish Oakey, Suzanne Halpin, Nicole Hooper

**Friday 19/8** - Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies

**Monday 22/8** - Jenny Davies, Alka Gertsch, Kristie Reid

**Tuesday 23/8** - Tracey Aspinall, Michelle Ponman, Diane Stringer

**Wednesday 24/8** - Kay Gibson, Meegan Nicholson, Preethi Vallabhaneni, Denise Copus

## BANKING NEWS

School Banking is every Thursday.

## UNIFORM NEWS

### UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

The Floraville uniform is one of the cheapest in our local area. This is due to the fact that it is fully run by volunteers. All profits go back into the school to purchase items that benefit our children. The prices have not been increased for 4 years. However, due to an increase in supplier costs, the P&C must increase the price of uniforms as below:

Boys shorts \$17 now \$20, Tunic \$42 now \$45, Stockings \$10 now \$12, Girls pants \$29 now \$22 & Library bag \$5 now 8

Eftpos charge \$1 for orders under \$100 and \$2 for order over \$100.