

## 2017 Priorities

Wellbeing (Kids Matter)

Future Focussed Learning

Curriculum

Differentiation

Aboriginal Education

Great Teaching, Inspired Learning



# The Bulletin

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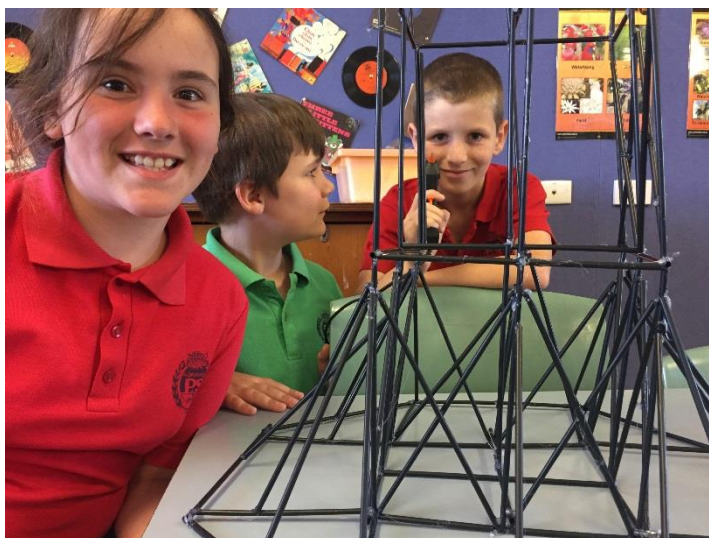


## Term 4 Week 4

### Principal's Report

#### Engineering Australia: STEM Tower Challenge

Floraville Public School is supporting our engineers of the future. For several weeks, students in Yr 4 have nominated to take part in the STEM Tower Challenge, organised by Engineering Australia. This Thursday, the students will travel to Westfield, Kotara, to test the strength of their towers against other students from around the region. The towers have a strict set of criteria they must adhere to in terms of weight, design and construction. Visiting the students at lunchtime today, I was delighted to hear the conversations which were taking place as students critically analysed their designs and identified areas for improvement. Good luck to Mrs Nelson and all the students involved.



To provide **excellence & equity** in education, empowering students as creative, confident **learners** and active, informed **citizens**

### School Camp

Students in Year 5 are currently enjoying their third day away at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Tackling giant swings, high ropes, canoeing and a host of other activities, the students have been encouraged to work together and accept new challenges. Students in Year 3 have their camp scheduled for 13-14 November.



### Finally

Please take the time to read through this week's Bulletin, providing an update on various activities around the school.

Simon Mulready  
Principal

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

Generosity is giving and sharing. You share freely, not with the idea of receiving something in return. You find ways to give others happiness, and give just for the joy of giving. Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

### Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
4	2/11	Engineering Aust STEM Tower Challenge Westfield Kotara 9-12pm Infants Assembly 2:15pm
	3/11	Primary Assembly 12:20pm
5	6/11	Year 5 Leadership Training
	7/11	Sports Photos Yr 3 & 4 NRL Clinic
	8/11	Pink Stumps Day McGrath Fundraiser
	9/11	Yr 5 Buddy Training
<b>Reminder of Money Due</b> Year 3 Camp – <b>FINAL PAYMENT DUE 2/11</b> Year 2 Swim Scheme \$70 Band Fees – <b>OVERDUE</b>		

### 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.

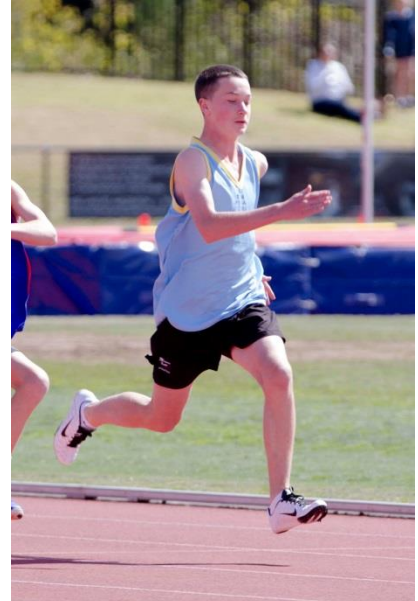
We now have parent online payments through the School's Website as well as eftpos at the office.

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.



**Photos from Regional Athletics in Term 3! Well done again to Andrew, Reece, Luke, Mahney and Ruby.**



**Our Shot Put superstar, Luke Bau represented the Hunter Region at PSSA State Athletics.**





Photos from the Interschool's Australian Championships in September. Well done to Bella and Ruby Jones.



### NRL visit

On Tuesday, Stage 2 had a visit from the NRL. They participated in a range of skill development activities. They will be back in a couple of weeks to do another session.





### School Swimming Scheme

During Weeks 7 and 8 of this term (20th Nov. to 1st Dec.) Year 2 students are given the opportunity to participate in the Department of Education's Swim Scheme. Children who cannot swim or who cannot confidently swim 25metres are a priority in the program. While this program targets weaker swimmers, we encourage all Year 2 students to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to improve in all aspects of swimming. With summer around the corner we need to ensure our children are safe. The daily tuition over the two week period is a great way to revise precious life-saving skills. The cost of \$70 includes daily entry to the pool and bus fare. **Swimming tuition by Department of Education trained teachers is FREE.** If you wish your child to participate in this life saving activity please return your note and money to the office as soon as possible as it is a case of first in first served and we have a limited number of positions available.

Many Thanks

Shantala Roach

### OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

#### Buddy Training

When someone gives you a beaming smile, how do you respond? You smile back of course! Last Tuesday our youngest and eldest students celebrated the journey they have travelled together with the Buddy program this year. The air was full of laughter and the excitement that comes from sharing time with a friend. They all nibbled on a luscious array of vegetables and fruit while enjoying some activities and relaxed conversations together. The flat was a sea of organised activities including sack races, hopscotch, handball, Twister, Rob the Nest and the parachute. It was a great experience in planning an event for the Year 6 students and we are grateful for their teachers support and commitment to the Buddy program.



#### Kindergarten 2018

The Kindergarten orientation process is almost complete. The last session for the children is Thursday 16th November. As a way of welcoming new parents to our wonderful school, the P&C has traditionally provided the new Kinder parents with morning tea on this day. If you are able to contribute a small plate of food it would be very much appreciated. Please take it to the canteen when you arrive at school. Thank you very much to the canteen workers, uniform shop ladies and all the people who help to make the orientation process a success.

Jenny Barclay

### Kids Matter

Fluro Friday was celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. Staff and students dressed in bright fluorescent colours to raise awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental health. Students were involved in meditation, yoga and mindfulness activities. They learnt about expressing gratitude and filling their bucket with things that make them feel good. Studies show that showing gratitude daily increases your wellbeing. If you would like more information about mental health and wellbeing please visit the sites below.

Links:

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

<https://smilingmind.com.au/>

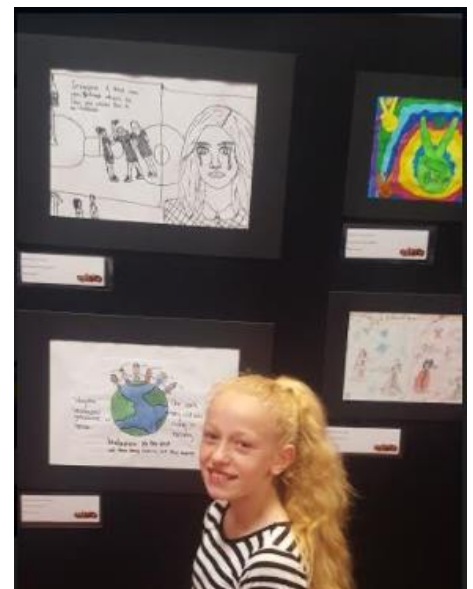
Mrs Naszka Ballardie



### 'Smart Art includes You' Challenge

Earlier this term primary students were involved in Ability Links NSW Hunter Central Coast 'Smart Art Includes You' Challenge. Their artwork was exhibited during the holidays. The winners of the \$5,000 and \$2,500 prizes across eight participating areas were drawn out of the barrel at Warners Bay Community Arts Centre and are published on the website at: [www.smartartchallenge.com](http://www.smartartchallenge.com) you can also view links to videos and raps, and photographs of most of the artworks.

Mrs Naszka Ballardie



### Pink Stumps Day

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Floraville School will participate in Pink Stumps Day. Pink Stumps Day has been helping the McGrath Foundation hit a "six" since it began in 2011 with over 2,500 clubs, schools, communities and businesses, raising over \$2.3 million for the McGrath Foundation.

We are encouraging everyone to come to school on Wednesday 8th November wearing pink clothing or pink accessories. The Year 6 Parliamentarians will be organising a host of activities for all classes to participate in so make sure you can run, catch, hit and throw in your pink outfit. We are asking for a \$2.00 donation from each student to donate to such a worthy cause. It's going to be PINKTASTIC!

Floraville Parliamentarians

## Interrelate Family Sessions

On Monday 20th November, students in Year 6 and their families are invited to our school hall to attend some Interrelate sessions.

Session 1 educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2 prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

If you are wishing to attend these sessions, please organise payment at the school office. Final payments are due by Thursday 16th November. No money can be accepted on the night. Family cost: 1 session \$28 or \$32 for both sessions. More information can be found on our [website](#).

## Get to know the teachers

### Interviews by Floraville Parliamentarians

#### Mrs Barclay

- **If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?** I'd probably work in a supermarket.
- **When you were a child, what job did you want to have when you were older?** I wanted to be a dental nurse.
- **Did you play any sports as a child if so what?** I played netball and did physical culture (physie).
- **What's your favourite part about FPS?** The people. We all work together towards common goals-parents, staff and students alike.
- **What is one thing you wish you didn't have to teach your class and why?** Good manners, although mostly it's only as a reminder, because everyone should have these.
- **If you could teach any year of primary school, what year would it be and why?** I used to enjoy teaching Year 5 but I love Kindergarten!
- **Were you ever a school captain of some sort, if so what role did you have?** I was on the Student Representative Council at high school, which is like being a prefect or school leader at our school.
- **What primary school did you attend?** Belmont Infants, Primary and High when they were on separate sites.
- **Have you taught at any other school other than Floraville, if so where?** Yes, Waratah and Gateshead but also at Floraville during the late 80's.
- **How long have you been teaching here?** Nearly nine years.
- **What was your first job?** Babysitting when I was 15, working at my parents service station and then at Coles.

#### Mrs Thacker

- **If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?** A choral conductor.
- **When you were a child, what job did you want to have when you were older?** I truly did not know.
- **Did you play any sports as a child if so what?** I played netball, softball, swimming and roller skating.
- **What's your favourite part about FPS?** It's a happy place to be. We have a lot of choices at this school-sporting, music and other activities.
- **What is one thing you wish you didn't have to teach your class and why?** I wish I didn't have to teach manners and that everyone would remember to use them as part of usual conversation.
- **If you could teach any year of primary school, what year would it be and why?** Year 3 as it is the first year of primary and a big year of growing for children.
- **Were you ever a school captain of some sort, if so what role did you have?** I was a sports captain for the green house!
- **What primary school did you attend?** St Carthages Primary School in Lismore.
- **Have you taught at any other school other than Floraville, if so where?** Belmont PS, Belmont HS, Cessnock West PS, Griffith HS, Griffith East PS, lots and lots of schools in the Cessnock, Maitland, Griffith and Newcastle areas.
- **How long have you been teaching here?** I'm guessing 5 years.
- **What was your first job?** Piano teaching.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Wells, mother of Jackson and Tyler, who on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October met the challenge to climb the 1,504 stairs of the iconic Sydney Tower Eye. Amazingly Mrs Wells made it to the top in 25 minutes, which is a staggering 60 stairs per minute. Her four beautiful boys and husband were there to cheer her on and to meet her at the top. Along with 600 other firefighters, including Makenzi Hastie's dad (KG), they raised a significant amount of money for Motor Neurone Disease. We admire them for their outstanding resilience and persistence.



## P&C NEWS

### Canteen News

#### Coming Up

16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Kindergarten 2018 Orientation and Morning Tea

27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Lunch Bag Specials start

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 Fun Day

#### Kindergarten 2018 Morning Tea

Thursday morning 16<sup>th</sup> November Floraville Public School canteen and P&C will be holding a kindergarten 2018 morning tea for parents and visitors.

We are looking for volunteers & donations of cakes, slices etc. If you are able to help with either or both of these please return the enclosed note to the canteen.

Thank you.

#### Roster

Thursday 2/11 – Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Cher Blennerhassett, Kylie Hanson

Friday 3/11 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Jess Lehman

Monday 6/11 – Renae Picton, Alison Blane

Tuesday 7/11 – Deb Shaw, Eileen Jackson

Wednesday 8/11 – Tash Treveton, Kristy Reid



## Banking News

What a fantastic week our students had with their banking last week, 94 people submitted their banking which was our highest figure for some time. The banking team were kept very busy. Class of the week has been awarded jointly to KS and KF, congratulations.

It was great to be able to order 37 reward items for those students who sent their request in. There are still so many students out there that are due for their reward. We would love to be able to finalise these before the end of the year, please send in your selections and the banking team will arrange them to be returned to you as soon as possible.

Just a few house keeping reminders. Please send your coins in a clear bag. We find so many coins fall out of the yellow wallet holders so if you could pop the coins into a snap lock bag, we will return your bag for you to use for your next bank. Also, it would be greatly appreciated if the deposit forms could be completely filled out, most importantly, the student number.

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers for last week Michelle Ponman, Donna Timmins, Erin Griffiths and Kathy Campbell. Thank you ladies.

## Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.







### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN 2018.**

Pre-order 2018 uniforms to avoid missing out! We are unable to receive stock from suppliers between mid December and late February. Orders can also be made by email: [fpsuniform@outlook.com](mailto:fpsuniform@outlook.com)



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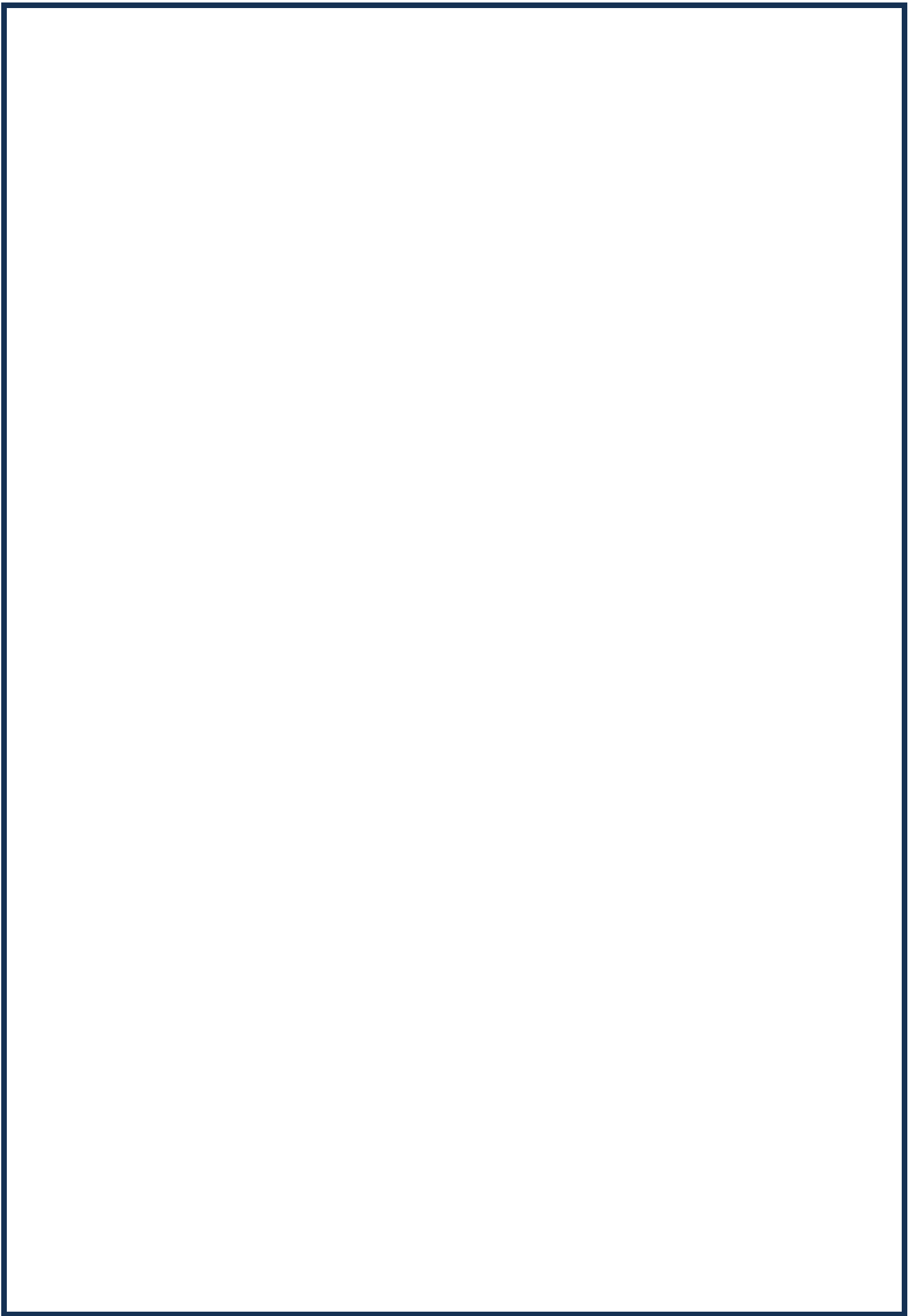
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# Girl Guides

A number of students from Floraville attend Girl Guides at Belmont and Warners Bay. All girls are welcome to attend. We are also inviting ladies to inquire about leadership positions. Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life?

Warners Bay Guide District is looking for women 18 years and over interested in leadership.

You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

**Call Elizabeth on 0407 488 345 or**

Or to find out more about Guides visit our website: [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)



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