

2017 Priorities

Wellbeing (Kids Matter)

Future Focussed Learning

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Great Teaching, Inspired Learning



The Bulletin

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Term 4 Week 8

Principal's Report

As the end of the school year approaches, we take the time to look back on our achievements throughout 2017. This will be evident at our whole school Presentation Day on Thursday 7th December in the school hall. At this special assembly, we recognise the efforts and excellence of many of our students. Parents are most welcome to come along to support their children.

Our school could not function as efficiently without the support of our friendly volunteers who assist us in the classroom, canteen, at Landcare, banking, travel to sporting events and in a variety of other ways. To say thank you from the staff, we are holding a morning tea on Tuesday 12th December at 11:00am in the Library. Please come along if you have helped us in any way this year. We really appreciate your time and commitment. Volunteers are a vital component of our school and our canteen is always looking for new people to assist. Parents and grandparents are very welcome. Please see Margaret in the canteen if you can offer any time next year.

Last night was the Kinder Connections barbecue. This was for Kinder 2017 cohort to celebrate the end of their first year of school and to welcome our 2018 students to our school. It was lovely to walk around and chat with the children and their families in a social setting.

This is a busy time of year for us all. Please check for upcoming events on the website, calendar and in the newsletters.

Mrs Barclay and Mrs Bowd for Mr Mulready

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

Thank you, Tim

From time to time I receive a letter or email from a member of the community, thanking a teacher or staff member for their excellent work within the school. While I am always delighted to receive this kind of feedback, and readily share it with the equally-delighted staff member, I do not usually circulate the feedback further afield. However, I received a message this week, acknowledging the tremendous work of our school General Assistant (GA), Mr Tim Hockey. Tim has only been working at the school for 12 months, but in that time, I have heard a great number of comments on the excellent state of the school grounds. Tim takes pride in his work, and our students are the beneficiaries. Well done, Tim.

Dear Mr Mulready,

If it is at all possible would you be able to put a note in the bulletin next week noting what a wonderful job that Tim is doing with gardening! It is awesome that he actually knows a bit about gardening. I had been looking at some lilly pilly's with sooty mould and thinking I should fix them, when I noticed Tim had already seen to the problem.

I did mention to him myself how awesome a job he is doing. I also asked if he had any jobs for the Landcare kids to let us know to help with his load. He appears to be very dedicated and the school has never looked better from a gardening perspective.

Yours with the utmost respect for Green Thumbs.

Kath Campbell

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

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

Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
8	30/11	Infants Assembly 2:15pm
	1/12	Primary Assembly 12:20pm
9	4/12	Red Day – Canteen Band Performance - Belmont Citi Centre 10 – 12noon
	5/12	Yr 6 Orientation Belmont High School
	6/12	Yr 6 Luna Park Yr 5 Party Day Yr 3 & 4 Party Day
	7/12	K-2 Presentation Day 9:30-10:45am Yr 3-6 Presentation Day 11:45am- 1:30pm
	8/12	K-2 Movie Day
Reminder of Money Due Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$7 DUE 30 th Nov Year 5 Party Day - \$12 DUE 30 th Nov Year 6 Party Day - \$60 DUE 30 th Nov Kinder to Year 2 - \$12 DUE 1 st Dec Year 6 Farewell - \$30 DUE 4 th Dec Band Fees – OVERDUE		

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Books

Library books need to be returned this week in readiness for library stocktake which will begin next week.

What's the process for missing books?

Students will be asked to triple check at home, in classrooms and anywhere they may have left the book/s

If the book still can't be found students will need to let me know and I will mark it as missing on the computer system.

At the completion of stocktake, if the book hasn't been recovered, I will send a note home requesting that the missing book/s be replaced.

Students who are on **Literacy Pro** will be able to continue borrowing from the Lexile collection only during Week 8 and Week 9.

Literacy Pro

Congratulations to the following students who have received Literacy Pro Awards this term.

Blue Star Awards (25 LitPro points); Isabella Timmins, Jake Baillie, Myles Jenkins, Lacey Dobson, Eli Evans, Phoebe King, Noah Faith, Robbie Freeman, Joshua Garland, Alexia James, Liam McCarthy, Reuben Pedonese, Caitlin Rowe, Akira Wall, Kloey Gray, Callie Manderson, Hollie Purcell, Liam Sarich, Daniel Cross, Cyrus Mumtahan, Mitchell Chung, Jacob Curry, Fraser Hodge, Bella Jones, Bianca Rodway, Harper Wall, Jordan Gu, Madox Leadbeatter, Reece McManus, Anika Mulready, Daniella Rafferty, Xander Turner, Dakota Naszka, Brayden Rodway, Alana Cross and Raphael Rickards.

Red Star Awards (50 LitPro points); Isabella Timmins, Indianna Ponman, Olivia Bell, Robbie Freeman, Charlotte James, Amy Oakey, Isabella Davies, April Brackley, Bella Ciarrocchi, Jacob Curry, Matthew Mulvaney, Blair Christian, Joel Sherring, Charlie Nocke, Callum Sharman, Mark Wendt, Jailey Condon and Lucy Wallace.

Bronze Star Awards (75 LitPro points); Mitchell Battye, Isabella Timmins, Kalarna Swinkels, Robbie Freeman, Charlotte James, Nathan Connor, Samara Ingram, Charlie Nocke, Jailey Condon and Jake Spruce.

Silver Star Awards (100 LitPro points); Liam Krysko, Max Lonergan, Robbie Freeman, Pranali Shukla, Kaden Pinfold, Samara Ingram, Elleni Pedonese, Isabella Gilbert, Zara Graham, Jake Roseby and Jacob Spruce.

Gold Star Awards (200 LitPro points); Seth Diver, Andrea Battye, Amber Camilleri, Aiden Wood, Ryke Denz, Luke Houston, Jade Gibson, Zara Graham and Zachary Shaw.

Diamond Star Awards (300 LitPro points); Lachlan Maddocks, Patrick Cogan Ennis and Grace Kim

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Band News

Upcoming Performances

Sunday 3rd December – we will be performing at The Salvation Army, Eastlakes for their Christmas Celebration. Students should arrive by 6:10pm ready to play at 6:30pm.

Monday 4th December – both bands will perform at Belmont Citi Centre (outside Coles) at 10am. Students should have received a note this week.

Thursday 7th December – Presentation day. Students perform outside the library/computer room for Presentation Day.

Wednesday 13th December – our last performance for 2017 will be at the school Carols.

Band practices

Band practices will run as normal for Week 9. There will be a Monday rehearsal in Week 10. There will be NO band practice on Wednesday in Week 10 (13th December) due to the school Carols event.

Instruments in the holidays

Students who have paid their 2017 fees and are continuing with band in 2018 are permitted to keep their school instrument for the Christmas holidays. Students who are finishing band in 2017, or leaving for high school MUST sign their school instrument back in after our final performance for the year.

Debating 2017

This year Floraville Public School has once again participated in the Lake Macquarie Primary School Debating Competition. The structure of this competition changed slightly in 2017 as it became a Train-On learning platform for Stage 3 students. Our 2017 Train-On squad consisted of Hunter Campbell, Konah Milton, Lachlan McCarthy, Alice Macready and Tobi Eeles.

These fabulous debaters spent many hours both at home and in school break times practising their skills. They performed superbly too, successfully winning our final debate for the year against Mount Hutton P.S last week. This is a wonderful accomplishment, especially as these students are only given the topic just one hour prior to debating. Well done team!

Miss O’Friel, Mrs Focic and I thank them all for their commitment and enthusiasm. They have been excellent Floraville School representatives and we are very proud of their efforts this year. We wish you all the best and hope that those moving to high school continue to develop their debating skills while there. We look forward to seeing our Year 5 debaters continue in 2018, along with many new keen debaters.



Engineers Australia STEM Challenge

On Thursday 2nd November, 17 year four students from Floraville Public School were fortunate enough to participate in the 2017 Engineering Games 'Straw Tower Competition' held at Westfield, Kotara. Over many weeks, the students eagerly designed, created and tested their structures ensuring their towers adhered to the required specifications. Over 150 students from several schools within and around Newcastle entered the competition in attempts to win the prize for the strongest or the most innovative tower. Unfortunately, our teams did not come away with a prize, however, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience supporting them in becoming '*creative and confident learners*'. The students displayed exemplary sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the competition, representing our school in a positive manner. Congratulations once again to all participants, and thank you to parents and carers for supporting their child during the experience.

Mrs. Fiona Nelson



Kindergarten Orientation

Last Tuesday evening our school was a buzz with the excitement of the 2018 Kindergarten children and their parents. As a school, we are always sensitive to new beginnings and offer a scaffold of support to make their journey safe, happy and as exciting as possible. Due to the front grass being in a maintenance phase we relocated to the magical aboriginal garden and basketball courts. The circular layout of the seating was ideal for comfortable face-to-face chatting and added a warm family feel. The BBQ was ably fired up by Mr Mulready and Mr Garland with many sausage sandwiches being consumed. The basketball court became a sea of hoops, bouncing balls, skipping ropes and conversations. As staff members, it was certainly easy and natural to have honest and comfortable conversations with the new parents. We are grateful to the present families that could join us and nurture our new friends to the school. On a side note, it is apt to mention the exceptional job that our Year 5 students who will be the buddies for 2018 Kinders did during their recent "Buddy Training." The following comments by the students after their training session reinforces that the new Kindergarten students will be in safe hands. After completing an activity with 4 groups the senior students decided that the most important thing about being a buddy was you made a difference in someone else's life....WOW! The following are a few other things they loved about being a Buddy:

It's fun.

- You can care and support another human being.
- You can be creative about how you do the job.
- You can help them to grow and change.
- You become more responsible yourself.

The Kindergarten teachers are grateful for the excellent group of buddies we have and know that they will "make a difference" in their Kindergarten buddies life.

Thank you, Year 5.

Mrs Barclay, Mrs Fester, Mrs Gu and Mrs Sattler

Year 3 Camp to ActiveEd Morisset

On Monday 13th November, our Year 3 students and their teachers headed to camp. Initial nerves were put aside as the students hugged their carers and boarded the double-decker bus. Thankfully, the bus was towing a trailer for all the luggage!

The students arrived to meet their instructors who were excited to see our Year 3 students for the first time. After finding rooms and activity groups the eager students changed into old clothing for the water activities - Mud World and raft building. All the activities required immense determination, resilience and concentration to complete but these two activities rated highly on the student love/hate register. After the clean-up and 'outdoor laundry' display of dirty clothes was complete, students enjoyed either the high ropes, flying fox or Super Drop.

Night time activities included one of many delicious meals, a camp fire and a Market Place. This involved students providing goods and services for each other, purchased through tokens. There was nail painting, spray-painting of hair, making candyfloss, milkshakes or icing donuts as some of the choices. A blow-up weight challenge and ride on surfboard provided an opportunity to burn off some of the sugar consumed. The instructors commented on our students' gratitude, team work and willingness to participate. It was a very enjoyable camp for the teachers as well and the students were great representatives of their school and families.

Mrs Meissner, Miss Brindley, Mr Cox & Mrs Hadden



P&C News

A reminder that the P&C will be hosting "Carols on The Green" on the Front Grass on Wednesday 13 December 2017. A separate information note has been sent home.

So that we can all enjoy this festive event, it would be appreciated if we could get some additional parents to help out on the night – mainly for the BBQ and the canteen stall. A roster has been set up (1/2hr intervals) and will be distributed via our P&C Facebook page and other social media pages.

Bryan Garland - President
fpspresident@gmail.com

Canteen News

Coming Up

4th Dec - RED DAY!! Special Ice-cream Day
7th Dec – Presentation Day – **CANTEEN CLOSED!!**
13th Dec – Carols on the Green
14th Dec – Last day of Canteen for 2017
15th Dec - Last day of Term

Volunteers urgently needed for 2018

As we quickly come towards the end of another year at Floraville, we find our school canteen in urgent need of new volunteers for 2018. If you can possibly spare even half a day 8.30-12pm, the canteen & your children would be so appreciative.

We have this week attached a volunteer form &/or emergency roster for your consideration.

Christmas Lunch Bag Specials

Our Christmas Lunch Bags have started & will be available to order through until Thursday 14th 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!

Roster

Thursday 30/11 – Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Cher Blennerhassett,
Kylie Hanson

Friday 1/12 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Jess Lehman

Monday 4/12 – Renae Picton, Alison Banek

Tuesday 5/12 – Deb Shaw, Eileen Jackson

Wednesday 6/12 – Tash Treveton, Kristy Reid

Banking News

Banking is every Thursday.

A friendly reminder that this Thursday 30th November, will be the last banking for the year. Please send in your reward choices on this day as this will be the last day to order. The following students (first name and student number) still have rewards they are able to order :

Harper 261, Tom 320, Ryan 356, Owen 357, Addison 438, Addison 477, Mia 480, Daniel 562, Lily 563, Kaden 294, Reuben 330, Scarlett 355, Mia 452, Amelia 512, Conor 513, Mitchell 515, Noah 530, Jye 272, Daniel 308, Alexia 391, Samuel 490, Lachlan 498, Catelin 541, Harrison 543, Imogen 554, Tori 484, Nikita 547, Mya 578, Hannah 492, Jemma 565, Zoe 579, Lamiah 456, Thomas 470, Dwayne 471, Zanthé 581, Robert 354, Ben 329, Angela 386, Kobi 437, Jacinda 368, Hannah 558, Wil 475, Lara 457, Jarrah 493, Cooper 455, Lucas 585, Mia 28, Zoran 459.

A copy of the link below has a list of rewards that can still be ordered. Print and make your selections and send in with your child's banking.

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank/personal/apply-online/download-printed-forms/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour.pdf?ei=bl3-tl-download-reward-card-colour>

If you have misplaced your banking book please send a note to the banking team with your child's full name and class and we will endeavour to find their student number and supply you with a new book.

Last week was a terrific banking week with 82 students bringing in their banking and the ordering of 32 rewards. Congratulations to 5NR for being class of the week last week. We also had some great numbers from our always enthusiastic Kinder classes.

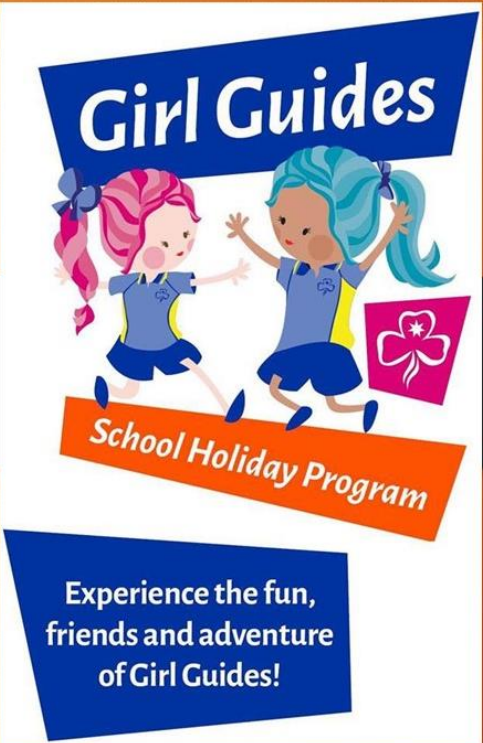
Many thanks again to our small but dedicated mums who help us out counting, Michelle Ponman, Donna Timmins and Chloe Winner.

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



Girl Guides

School Holiday Program

Experience the fun, friends and adventure of Girl Guides!

Tuesday 19th December 2017

Warners Bay Girl Guide Hall
4 Lamington Drive
Mt Hutton NSW 2290

\$40

Includes all food

COME AND TRY GIRL GUIDES

Everyone welcome - for girls in school years 2-7.
You do not need to be a member of Girl Guides.
No pressure to join (this is a fundraiser for Jamboree). Just a fun-filled school holiday activity!

Cooking, craft, games, outdoors, and fun!

9am-3pm - and before/after by arrangement.
[Email GirlGuidesWB@gmail.com](mailto:GirlGuidesWB@gmail.com) for details.



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**Santa will arrive by boat
to the Belmont Jetty on
Saturday 2
December
at 10am**

- Santa will make his way from the jetty to Belmont Citi Centre
- He will be greeted and piped to the centre by local bagpipe group Clan McEwan
- Face painting will be available at the centre from 10am-1pm



