



The Brief

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IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2

- 02/02 – First day for Kindergarten
- 03/02 – Kindergarten photos

Week 3

- 07/02 – P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- 09/02 – Swimming Carnival money due

Week 4

- 13/02 – School Leaders Induction Ceremony 2.15pm
- 15/02 – Primary Swimming Carnival
- 17/02 – Primary Sport starts

Week 5

- 22/02-23/02 – Zone Swimming Carnival

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Primary Sport – due 02/02
- Bookpacks – due 06/02
- Primary Swimming Carnival – due 09/02

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 2 TERM 1

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another year at Floraville Public School, with a particularly warm welcome to the new students and families who have joined us this year. Kindergarten students will commence their first day of school on Thursday, having spent the last three days coming in for their Best Start assessments. 2017 will be an exciting year for the school, as we celebrate 50 years of excellence in Public Education – recognising the achievements of the past and looking forward to the future. Last year, I spent time discussing a new school vision with the staff and also the P&C, asking questions like, "How do we see ourselves at the moment?", "How could we make our school even better in the future?". This year, I will open up that discussion further to allow for input from the students and the broader community. Schools, by their very nature, are places of learning, growth and change. Our students come to school every day to learn, as do our teachers. As we think about our own learning and growth, a new school vision will help shape our direction and guide our decision making.

STOP PRESS

Correction: Swimming carnival money due by Thursday 9th February



School Uniform

Walking around the school this week, I have been delighted to see the high standard of school uniform. If you have yet to purchase school shoes for your child this year, please remember the uniform policy requires black leather shoes. A wide variety of comfortable leather shoes can be found locally, whether they are black polished shoes or black runners and joggers. Sneakers are appropriate for sport days and PE. Please also ensure students wear the correct school hat.

Property Update

- Works on the school Flat are continuing this week, with the solid base nearing completion. We look forward to the installation of the astro-turf in the coming weeks.
- During the holidays a new path was also completed adjacent to the Aboriginal garden, allowing better access to the primary classrooms.
- Families may have noticed that some of the plastic yellow tiles (above and below each set of stairs) are lifting away from the concrete. The school has tried a number of products to re-seal the tiles, with limited success. The WHS team are exploring other possibilities to provide a better solution to this problem.



Classes 2016

As noted on our school App (and website), due to the uncertainty of student numbers we have had to delay the formation of classes this year. Teaching staff met after school during the last 3 weeks of 2016 to plan and prepare student class placement for this year, based on the anticipated enrolment numbers. Classes were ready to go. However, from time to time in schools the anticipated numbers can differ significantly from the actual enrolment of students. This can require a change to not only the class make up but also the number of classes. If we had formed classes on the first day of school this year, we would have had to break-up and reform those classes based on the numbers of students in attendance. Those numbers have changed again today. Rather than unsettling students by placing them in one class and having to change them, our preference this year is to wait until later in the week when our true enrolment is known. Students can then be placed in the class where they will sit for the duration of the year.

Kinder-Parent Morning Tea

The P&C and canteen have organised a morning tea for the parents of new kindergarten students. Parents and carers are invited to the hall for a slice of cake from 9:30am – 10:30am on Thursday 2nd February (tomorrow). A coffee cart will also be on site (bottom car park) for anyone wishing to purchase a coffee and bring it up to the hall. The morning tea will provide a great opportunity to get to know some of our new families. All welcome!

Finally

On a personal note, my family and I moved down to the local area during the holidays. I've enjoyed the shorter commute to school (5 minutes instead of 1 hour), I'm signing up with a local soccer club, and it's been nice to greet students and families walking our dog down by the lake or along Redhead beach.



Looking forward to the year ahead.

Simon Mulready, Principal

This week's virtue is **COMPASSION**

Compassion is understanding and caring when someone is hurt or troubled, even if you don't know them. It is wanting to help, even if all you can do is listen and say kind words. You forgive mistakes. You are a friend when someone needs a friend.

SPORT

Primary Sport

Primary Sport begins Friday Week 4 and in Term 1 it is run at 9:40am - 11:00am.

Sport notes for Term 1 went home last year. If your child is participating in a paid sport, permission slips and payments are due this Thursday 2nd February. Unfortunately, students cannot participate without payment as the program is pre-paid and we will offer your child's spot to another student if the payment is not

received by Thursday. If your child did not receive a sport note this means that they are doing school-based free rotational sport at no cost.

2017 Swimming Carnival

This week all students in Years 3,4,5 and 6 should have received a Swimming Carnival Information Note. The note outlines all key information and all required permission slips. Again I am requesting any parents / grandparents that may be able to assist on the day. If you are able to assist please return the slip at the bottom of the swimming note to the office along with your working with children check. Please note a correction to the due date: Thursday 9th February.

Thank you - Mr Cox

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome Afternoon Yarn Up

Floraville staff and community would like to invite all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to a 'Welcome afternoon Yarn Up' on Wednesday 8th February 2017. Come along to the Aboriginal Community garden (near the basketball court) from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Meet your child's teacher and other families in our community for a cold drink and afternoon tea.

P&C NEWS

The P&C welcomes back all families of Floraville PS and especially those new families to our school. The first P&C meeting for 2017 will be held next Tuesday 7th February, in the library starting at 6:30. All welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to school for 2017, we hope everyone had a great holiday!

This week we sent home an interest to volunteer for our school canteen form. We would love to see some new parents/grandparents/carers join our wonderful school community, make new friendships & of course have the opportunity to see your children.

If you can volunteer some time in our wonderful canteen could you please fill out the form & return to our canteen supervisor Margaret, if possible by this Friday 3rd February.

Roster

Thursday 2/2 – Trish Oakey, Suzanne Halpin, Nicole Hooper

Friday 3/2 – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies

Monday 6/2 – Kristy Reid, Clare Stark

Tuesday 7/2 – Jo Maclean, Christina Sullivan

Wednesday 8/2 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BANKING NEWS

Banking will commence on Thursday 9th February.

Helpers are needed, if you can spare 1 hour to volunteer, please let the office know.

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm