



The Brief

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Week	Date	
10	30/3	Parent Teacher Interviews Crazy Hair Day LAST DAY for Easter Raffle Tickets & Easter Egg Donations Infants Assembly 2:15pm
	31/3	Parent Teacher Interviews Last week of Primary sport Primary Assembly 12:20pm
11	3/4	Parent Teacher Interviews
	4/4	Parent Teacher Interviews ANZAC Event – student leaders Athletics Carnival Heats
	5/4	Parent Teacher Interviews
	6/4	Parent Teacher Interviews Infants Easter Activities Day & Assembly Easter Raffle Prize Draw
	7/4	Parent Teacher Interviews Forensic Science Show
Reminder of Money Due: Book packs – overdue		
Notes due: Background Information Note		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 10 TERM 1

School Song

The School Song is sung by students at our regular school assemblies throughout the year. The words include some core values and ideals which reflect our desires for the school. We expect students to give their best; we expect students to work side by side; and we expect students to be honest and take pride in their work. With some students and families new to our school, I thought it would be good to include a copy of the words with this week's newsletter. If your child is unsure of the words, (or if you would like to be able to sing along at school assemblies), you might like to cut out the text box and stick it on the fridge.

Sports Update

Primary students will be walking to Marks Oval today to participate in our annual cross country carnival, while next week, heats are scheduled for primary athletics events (Tuesday). The athletics carnival is set for Thursday 4 May, next term. School sports coaches have been finalising their teams for the winter sporting season. Team lists will be displayed on the sports notice board before the end of term. All the best to students who are currently trialling for zone and regional sports teams.

Finally

As noted in the calendar section (above) there are quite a few events scheduled for the last week and a half of school. Term 1 has been a busy time of teaching and learning, with the current parent-teacher interviews providing an opportunity for families to hear how their child has progressed during the first part of the year. A big thank you to our teaching staff for making themselves available before and after school, to accommodate interview times for parents and carers.

Simon Mulready, Principal

At Floraville, we give our best,
With honesty and pride.
In fields of sport and scholarship,
We're working side by side.
To reach the standards raised for us
And then together we'll go forward.
At Floraville, set high above the rest,
Her faith in us assured.
We'll go with confidence,
Knowing we've done our best,
And the future holds our reward.

This week's virtue is **COURAGE**

Courage is bravery in the face of fear. You do the right thing even when it is hard or scary. When you are courageous, you don't give up. You try new things. You admit mistakes. Courage is the strength in your heart.

SPORT NEWS

This week (week 10) is the last week for Term 1 Primary sport. Next term, Primary students will represent the school playing soccer, netball, rugby league or take part in free rotational sport on the school grounds each Friday.

X-Country

Age Champions medals and all ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be presented at the Primary Friday assembly, this Friday (31/3/17) at 12:20pm.

Eastlakes PSSA Soccer Trials

Congratulations to the boys and girls who attended on Monday. A special well done, to Reece McManus who was selected into the team.

PSSA Rugby League Trials

Well done to Ryke Denz for being part of the Eastlakes PSSA Rugby League team last week. He played very well in tough conditions at the Hunter trials.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

SPECIAL INFANTS EASTER ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 6th April, the Infants students will be enjoying a special day of Easter activities. All parents are welcome to join us in the afternoon to watch them sing and parade around the COLA with their creations. The children will be making their Easter hats and baskets at school and so it is not necessary for parents to be purchasing items or making these at home. Please assemble along the canteen and OOSH verandahs at 2.10pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP...PLEASE!!

As educators, we enthusiastically come together to plan, create and implement engaging educational opportunities for all students in our care. We do it enthusiastically and collaboratively. As a staff we are looking into the future and have utilised expertise and funds to transform the FLAT. It has been a long and methodical process and we are close to the completion of this stunning addition to our school.

The Infants playground on the southern end of the school, known as the Bottom Playground, is set to undergo another transformation. We have some funds set aside as well as some staff and parents who are willing to work together to achieve our goals. This area will have a different purpose and a more creative, play-based theme. Mrs Gu, along with others, has lots of creative ideas to put forward including building some small wooden huts for shops, houses or other imaginative play.

Now we are hoping we can encourage people who have abilities in landscape design, bob cat driving, construction and all the other building areas to come along with guidance and support to create this wonderful space. The children want and need an area to play soccer and we envision little pockets of multisensory activities along with areas mentioned above around the perimeter of the playground.

If you are interested in supporting us with your ideas, skills, equipment and enthusiasm we would appreciate you contacting the school by phone or email. We envisage working bees will occur next term. We are grateful for any support you are able to contribute in making this next venture successful.

P&C NEWS

Last Friday our Fundraising Co-ordinator, Erin Griffiths, and myself caught up with State Member for Swansea, Ms Yasmin Catley MP, to see what opportunities our P&C Association has available to apply for State Government grants and funding for projects to benefit our school. We were given information and insight into what we can do to tap into additional funding opportunities and will work with the school and our school community to target some specific projects. Please make contact if you have any suggestions.

Similarly, we have also sought a meeting with the Federal Member for Shortland, Mr Pat Conroy MP, to have the same discussion regarding Federal grant opportunities and we await a reply from his office.

A reminder to parents and students that:

1. Crazy Hair Day is tomorrow, Thursday 30 March. Don't forget your Easter egg, Easter Basket or any other Easter decoration to donate to the Easter raffle. Kids, please be careful when bringing your Easter donations to school.
2. The last day to return Easter raffle tickets to the front office is tomorrow, Thursday 30 March.
3. Parents / carers who are available to assist with bundling and wrapping Easter raffle prizes can meet at 9am on Friday 31 March at the bottom of the stairs leading to the teachers staff room. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Finally, the P&C will soon be considering avenues to broaden its accessibility. To start this off, I have established a new email address fpspresident@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you. Maybe you have a good fundraising idea or a specific project you would like to see delivered at the school. Or you might have an issue around the school that you would like raised but you are not sure how to bring it up. P&C is there to assist. We welcome feedback and ideas from everyone. Confidentiality can be assured if that is requested. I am also happy to make telephone contact if you first send me an email with your best contact number and best time to make contact. We look forward to hearing from you.

Bryan Garland - President
fpspresident@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

A huge thank you to our volunteers Simone Lindsey, Jacqui Morriss, Lauren Highfield, Sunitha Mumtahan, Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman, Kristy Reid, Amanda Jackson and Margaret Osborne. Without all of your help, the Harmony Day Lunches would not have been possible. THANKYOU ☺

Easter Lunch Bag Promotion

Our Easter lunch bags have started and these will be available until Friday 7th April. You can view the available bags on our School App and website!

Red Day – Wednesday 5th April 2017 – Frog in a Pond! (2nd Break Only)

By now everyone should have received their order form for our Frog in a Pond. If you did not receive one, they are available from the canteen or on our website. ONE form per child & return to the canteen by Friday 31st March with your \$2.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR SECOND BREAK ONLY FROM 1.30-2.15PM - if you are available to help please see Margaret in the canteen.

Roster

Thursday 30/3 – Trish Oakey, Naomi Harris, Suzanne Halpin, Nicole Hooper

Friday 31/3 – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman, Shannon Keefe, Sarah Soewarno

Monday 3/4 – Kristy Reid, Clare Stark, Peta Wardland

Tuesday 4/4 – Jo Maclean, Christina Sullivan, Bree Perkins

Wednesday 5/4 – Katie Budden, Vivienne Tindall, Tracey Duthie,
Sharon Robertson (pm)

BANKING NEWS**Banking – Every Thursday**

Thank you everyone for another wonderful week last week...again 107 deposits ...great work! It was great to see 20 out of 22 classes banking again last week. I wonder if this record can be broken this week? We also had some new students join us which is terrific...

Class champions for last week has been awarded again to 2 classes...firstly for most improved to the amazing 1F who had 9 sensational students banking and to 3B who have been so consistent with the number of students banking every week. Congratulations!! A special mention to 3/4C for their banking efforts last week too...

Should your children require a new bank book cover or new deposit book these items are kept at school in the uniform shop. New deposit books will be replaced at the end of your child's current book however if you would like any of these supplies at any time, please send a note into the banking ladies and we will send these home with your banking books.

To assist our lovely volunteers, it would be greatly appreciated if the deposit forms and stubs be filled out with all the required information, giving special attention to your child's student number. New accounts will have student numbers issued by the banking team at school.

Happy Banking!!

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm