



The Brief

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Week	Date	Event
7	9/3	Selective High School Placement Test 9am – 1:30pm
8	13/3	Whole School Assembly 2:15pm
	14/3	P&C and AGM 6:30pm
	16/3	Infants Assembly 2:15pm
	17/3	Yr7 2018 Govt School Enrolment Forms due Primary Assembly 12:20 – 1pm

Reminder of Money Due

Book packs – overdue

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 7 TERM 1

50th Anniversary - Survey

To help with the planning for our 50th Anniversary, the organising team are asking parents, carers, community members and former students to complete an online survey. With questions about current school programs and future school directions, the survey provides an excellent opportunity for a *community voice*. If you know of former students or community members intending to enrol their child at our school, their input would also be highly valued. The survey closes in two weeks' time.

At the time of the newsletter going to print 43 respondents have already completed the survey. (Direct link on the website or via the School App)

Here are a few sample responses:

Q: What do you like best about our school?

- A: - *That students are treated with respect, and that the parents' concerns are listened to and acted upon.*
 - *Great teachers who are very dedicated. Provision of extra support for kids going through a tough time.*

Q: What could our school do to be even better?

- A: - *I am interested to see how STEM will be incorporated into the classrooms as I recently saw that the school has increased their focus in this area. I think that will be a huge benefit to the children.*
 - *Parking!!!!!!*

Please take 2 minutes to provide your feedback, which will help inform school decision making.

Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Floraville_50th_Anniversary

Student Survey

In addition to the survey listed above, in the coming weeks, students in years 4-6 will complete the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. Further details will be provided with this weeks' newsletter or by accessing the link: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. The school undertakes various forms of consultation and evaluation during the course of the year to appraise our existing programs and determine future priorities.



P&C AGM

Date: Tuesday 14 March

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: School Library

Positions: President,
Secretary, Treasurer, Vice
President

All welcome!

Finally

I look forward to seeing parents and citizens at next week's P&C AGM – Tuesday 14 March. (Or else at *Loop the Lake* on Sunday). Otherwise, parents and community members may like to consider supporting the Benefit Night for one of our local parents, Troy Miles, as noted in today's Herald.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/4510238/going-the-extra-miles-former-knights-courageous-fight/?cs=305>

Simon Mulready, Principal

This week's virtue is **CO-OPERATION**

Co-operation is working together and sharing the load. When we co-operate, we join with others to do things that cannot be done alone. We are willing to follow the rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Together we can accomplish great things.

SPORT NEWS

Primary Winter Sports Trials

As we draw closer to Term 2, we are beginning to get organised for Terms' 2 and 3 Primary Sport. Students have the opportunity to trial for the school netball, soccer and rugby league teams that play each Friday in Terms 2 and 3. Students who do not trial for these teams or are unsuccessful in gaining a position will take part in free rotational sport at school. Sign-up sheets have been placed on the sports notice board and numerous messages have been placed on our Sentral Daily message system. More details relating to our trial afternoon will be released very soon.

Cricket

This week Callum Sharman was selected to attend the Eastlakes PSSA cricket trials held at Belmont. Although Callum was not selected in the Eastlakes team, he gave it his best and represented our school with pride. Well done, Callum!

School Primary Sport

While we are experiencing some inclement weather at the moment, unless otherwise advised, please assume Friday sport is on. It will be posted on the school app and Facebook page if cancelled. Also, a reminder that Water Safety and Water Polo will attend Swansea swimming pool this week. Please make sure your child has the appropriate equipment.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos

Well done, students and parents, for having yourself looking fantastic for the school photos last week. If you have not ordered a photo, you can still order them online until Thursday 9/3/17 at: www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

Students moving into Year 7 2018

Students who will be attending high school in 2018, need to return their expression of interest forms to their current class teacher by Friday 17th March. Cardiff High School will be running their Expo day on Wednesday 8th March, with a parent session starting at 7pm.

Harmony Day

Tuesday 21st March

All students are invited to wear orange - the colour of harmony. A gold coin donation is requested to support disadvantaged communities in Fiji.

There will be a whole-school assembly at 2.15pm where we will sing and hear a guest speaker talk about their educational experiences coming from another country. All parents are welcome to attend.

Canteen Harmony Day lunches will be served at 1st break. Students need to have the orange order form to the canteen by Thursday 16th March. Volunteers are welcome in the canteen. Please contact Margaret if you are able to help.

World's Greatest Shave

On Friday 17th March during Primary Assembly (12.45pm), one of our Year 6 students, Konah Milton, will be shedding his long locks in support of the Leukaemia Foundation through the World's Greatest Shave.

Konah has been growing his hair for many, many years and has decided that now is the time to give it the chop! His ponytail is being donated to people suffering from cancer who have lost their hair.

There is no obligation or expectation for anyone to become involved or to sponsor, however Leukaemia touches many families and so any parents or community members who would like to sponsor Konah can do so through the Leukaemia Foundation shave website: <http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/>

Thank you.

P&C NEWS

Next Tuesday, 14th March the P&C AGM will be held in the library at 6:30pm. If you wish to nominate yourself for a position please fill in a nomination form and return it to the school office. All are welcome. If you wish to vote you will need to pay for a P&C membership of \$1 on the night.

The P&C meeting will follow.

CANTEEN NEWS

HARMONY DAY 2017 – Tuesday 21st March

On Tuesday 21st March the school canteen will be assisting the school in celebrating Harmony Day.

As part of this day four (4) special lunch bags from around the world will be available with all orders and money being due back at the canteen by Thursday 16th March. Order forms will also be available to print from our school notes on our website.

We please also ask that you send 1 order form per child, as all orders will be sent out in classes.

If anyone is free to help assist in the canteen on this busy day please see Margaret prior to the day or just come along on the day from 9am!

Coming Up

Harmony Day – Tuesday 21st March

Easter Lunch Bags Start – Monday 27th March

Roster

Thursday 9/3 – Kate Lonergan, Tracey Aspinall, Di Stringer, Kylie Feeney

Friday 10/3 – Corinne Cheung, Amanda Jackson, Emma Kay, Nicole Degan,
Aleisha Hastie

Monday 13/3 – Rachael Searle, Melissa Eastham

Tuesday 14/3 – Meredith Wright, Jennifer Thompson, Yvonne Smith

Wednesday 15/3 – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

Class Champions: This week the Banking ladies have awarded the champion class for the **most improved** with their banking. Congratulations to 5O who were last week's most improved class. A special mention also to 1B, 3/4C, 3B and 4B. It's great to see our senior classes giving our younger bankers a run for their money!

Last week we had a terrific 18 out of 22 class's complete banking and an increase of previous week's deposits of 83 to 91...almost at our 100 deposit goal! It was great to see some new students banking this week too. You can open an account at anytime whether it is online or in person at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Just your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate are required.

Again a big thank you to our enthusiastic mums Michelle Ponman, Donna Timmins, Sally Clark Petrassi & Erin Griffiths for their help and suggestions. Any new mums or dads are welcome to help with the banking. An hour or less of your time is all that is required.

Happy Banking!

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm



School Vision Statement

One of the items in the survey seeks parent & community input on a new school vision. Complete the online survey to have your say:

- *To empower and develop students so that they can grow in confidence and reach their full potential*
or
- *To partner with the community in providing equity and excellence in education for every child*
or
- *To provide equity and excellence in education, empowering students as creative, confident learners and active, informed citizens*