



# The Brief

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Week	Date	
9	23/3	Primary Winter Sport Trials 11:30am
	24/3	Parent Teacher Interview Booking CLOSE at 2pm
10	27/3	Parent Teacher Interviews Whole School Assembly 2:15pm
	28/3	Parent Teacher Interviews PSSA Girls Knockout Cricket 9-1pm
	29/3	Parent Teacher Interviews Primary X Country 11:30-2:50pm
	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
<b>Reminder of Money Due:</b> Book packs – overdue		
<b>Notes due:</b> Background Information Note		



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 9 TERM 1

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

An effective partnership between the school and the home is an important component in the successful education of a child. Parents and carers come with a deep knowledge of the child's interests, life-experiences and wellbeing, which can enhance the teacher's capacity to cater for the child. At the same time, the daily observations and classroom perspective of the teacher are vital in developing a shared understanding of how the child is progressing. The school has allocated the last two weeks of this term for parent-teacher interviews. I know families are interested to hear how their child has settled into their new class. Please take the opportunity to schedule an appointment through the online booking system. Bookings close at 2pm on Friday 24 March.

Booking: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Event code: **gvaf**

### World's Greatest Shave

The school was very proud to share the moment with Konah Milton on Friday, as he lost his locks for the *World's Greatest Shave*. Having grown his hair for the last five years, Konah was keen to donate his hair to a child suffering from leukemia. He was also close to reaching his target of \$2000 in sponsorship. A special moment for Konah and his family, he'd decided to shave his head for a cause, having lost his little sister to leukemia.

<http://www.nbnnews.com.au/2017/03/17/special-gift-from-lake-macquarie-schoolboy/>

### Harmony Day

Many thanks to Mrs Shukla, who shared her inspiring story with students at our Harmony Day assembly this week. Speaking about her experiences in India, Mrs Shukla reminded students of the importance of education and how fortunate we are in Australia. Rich in resources, with excellence in teaching and learning, the Shukla's are glad to call Australia home. (Mr Shukla tells me he now even supports the Australian cricket team).



### Student Parliament

This week I was fortunate to see our student parliament in action, and was delighted to hear a strong student voice advocating for a student perspective in school programs. During the session, students provided their thoughts and opinions on the new school vision statements, (included in the recent survey) and spoke with passion and conviction on the future direction of our school. Certainly, our vision is for students as learners and citizens, and our school parliament provides an excellent context for the development of active, informed citizens.



### Child Protection

Child Protection lessons are an important part of the school curriculum. Child protection education and respectful relationships education are required to be taught in every stage of learning from Kindergarten to Year 10 as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). This education aims to assist students in:

- developing skills in recognising and responding to unsafe situations
- seeking assistance effectively
- establishing and maintaining respectful and equal relationships
- strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.

These lessons will be undertaken over the next few weeks. If you have enquiries about the Child Protection program, please speak with your child's class teacher.

### Finally

While I love joining in playground games of handball around the school, I keep finding lost handballs – please remind your child to write their name on their handball. Also note, this is the last week to complete the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Survey - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Floraville\\_50th\\_Anniversary](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Floraville_50th_Anniversary)

Simon Mulready  
Principal

### P&C Positions 2017

- President – Bryan Garland
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Fundraising – Erin Griffith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Canteen – Rachel Searle
- Treasurer – Kylie Feeney
- Secretary – Fiona MacKenzie
- Uniform Shop – Cass Keeping
- Canteen Committee
  - Sharon Robinson
  - Kristie Davies
  - Kay Gibson
  - Deb Shaw
  - Amanda Steadman (Assistant secretary and treasurer)
- Fundraising Committee
  - Donna Timmins
  - Sandy Green
  - Sally Brown
  - Robyn Adamson
  - Narelle Masson
  - Jo McDonald
- Band committee – Yasmin McNamee
- Special needs student representative – Donna Timmins

### This week's virtue is **ORDERLINESS**

Orderliness is being neat and living with a sense of harmony. You are organised, and you know where things are when you need them. Solve problems step by step instead of going in circles. Order around you creates order inside you. It gives you piece of mind.

### SPORT NEWS

#### PSSA Rugby League Trials

Zac Miles and Ryke Denz attended the PSSA Rugby League trials yesterday. We wish the boys luck with the selections. We are sure you tried your hardest.

#### PSSA Soccer Trials

Luca Dawson and Blair Christian will attend the PSSA girls soccer trials and Reece McManus, Jordan Gu and Liam O'Toole will attend the PSSA boys soccer trials next week. We wish them luck.

#### Primary Winter Sports Trials

All primary students – please remember to wear sports uniform, hat & joggers this Thursday. All primary students will either attend team trials if they have signed up or rotate around other sporting and non-sporting activities. Trials will be held for

our school rugby league, soccer and netball teams. Students will attend soccer and rugby league trials at Marks Oval along with students who are not trialling for a team, however girls who are trialling for netball will remain at the school basketball court.

### **Primary Cross Country carnival**

The Primary Cross Country Carnival is on next week, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Marks Oval from 11:45am. No cost. Students will walk down to Marks Oval with their classroom teachers.

Please ensure that:

- Students have refillable water bottles and sunscreen
- Students have snacks (1<sup>st</sup> break will be at school as normal so students can still purchase school canteen food for 1<sup>st</sup> break if they wish to)
- Students wear school sports uniform, joggers, a hat and sunscreen
- Students with asthma are responsible for bringing their own puffer

We are looking forward to a great day.

### **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **SPECIAL INFANTS EASTER ASSEMBLY**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **P&C NEWS**

In my first report since my appointment as P&C President, I must first acknowledge my predecessor, Sharon Robertson. We are indebted to Sharon's service to the P&C with over 6 years on the fundraising committee and many years on the Executive, including the last 3 as President. As Sharon has decided to step back this year, we thank her for the stellar job she has done and for her ongoing commitment and passion to FPS.

I am very pleased to report that at last weeks' AGM, all positions were filled. Thank you to all those new and returning faces who have taken on a position. It is such an exciting time for the P&C and FPS in our 50th year. We would love to see new faces at our monthly meetings so please feel very welcome to join us without any fear or pressure on being asked to take on a job.

A reminder to parents and students that:

1. Pie drive orders are due to be returned to the canteen by next Wednesday 29 March.
2. Crazy Hair Day is Thursday 30 March. To participate in this fun day, we kindly ask for donations of Easter eggs, Easter Baskets or any other Easter decorations that will go to the Easter raffle. Donations will be collected from each classroom by our Easter volunteers.
3. Easter raffle tickets are to be returned to the office by Thursday 30 March. Unfortunately no late tickets can be accepted.

With around 300 Easter raffle prizes expected, our fundraising committee would welcome some assistance in bundling and wrapping Easter prizes. If you can spare some time during the morning of Friday 31 March to help out, our bundling and wrapping team will meet you at 9am at the bottom of the stairs leading to the teachers' staff room.

Finally, I conclude this week's report by advising that earlier this month the NSW Department of Education, in collaboration with NSW Health, the Catholic Education Commission NSW and the Association of Independent Schools NSW, revised its Healthy School Canteen Strategy. The key focus of the revised Strategy is to increase student access to healthy food and drink options and to discourage the intake of unhealthy foods and sugar-sweetened drinks in its aim to contribute to a reduction in childhood overweight and obesity by 5% by 2025. Our canteen committee is currently reviewing this revised Strategy in the context of our current canteen menu. What we do know is that our menu will need to change to comply (although not immediately) as implementation of the Strategy is a requirement for Government schools. Once the canteen committee has completed their review, we intend on conducting further communication and discussion with the school community in multiple forums. Watch this space.

Bryan Garland - President

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

#### **Easter Lunch Bag Promotion**

It's Easter soon and to celebrate this special time of the year the canteen will have available 3 Easter inspired lunch bag promotions.

These lunch bags will be available from Monday 27th March to Friday 7th April. These will also be available to view on our School App!

## **Red Day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Frog in a Pond! (2<sup>nd</sup> Break Only)**

This term for Red day we will be doing Frog in a Pond. This will consist of Jelly in a cup with a Chocolate Frog for just \$2! These must be pre-ordered prior to the day for catering purposes, so if you would like your child to have one please fill in the enclosed order form, ONE per child & return to the canteen by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

### **Coming Up**

Easter Lunch Bags Start – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Red Day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### **Roster**

**Thursday 23/3** – Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Cher Blennerhassett, Kylie Hanson

**Friday 23/3** – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Jess Lehman

**Monday 27/3** – Renae Picton, Michelle O'Toole, Alison Blaneke

**Tuesday 28/3** – Deb Shaw, Kaye Gibson, Eileen Jackson

**Wednesday 29/3** – Tash Treveton, Sharon Weinhart, Amanda Jackson

### **BANKING NEWS**

#### **Banking – Every Thursday**

Wow!! What an amazing effort from all our bankers last week. A sensational 20 out of 22 classes banked with 107 deposits. We surpassed our goal of 100 deposits ... well done & let's keep it going ! We also had 4 new students banking which was terrific to see. It's always a good time to start banking for your children and they receive great rewards along the way. Accounts can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch, online or via the Comm Bank app.

It was very hard choosing our class champions for the week with so many classes deserving of the title but our most improved champions this time are 3H and KB. Congratulations!! A tie this week – the results were so close. A very special mention to the awesome KF, 3B and 6P.

Last year our school was paid commission from the Commonwealth Bank of \$950 for the banking your children do each week. These funds are used for resources for our school library. What a great incentive not only for your child but for our school.

A big thank you to our mum helpers who braved the wet weather to count all those deposits...Donna Timmins, Sally Clark Petrassi, Erin Griffiths & Jenny Chung ... Thank you !

Happy Banking!

### **UNIFORM NEWS**

**Uniform Shop Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm**

