

## 2017 Priorities

Wellbeing (Kids Matter)

Future Focussed Learning

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Great Teaching, Inspired Learning



# The Bulletin

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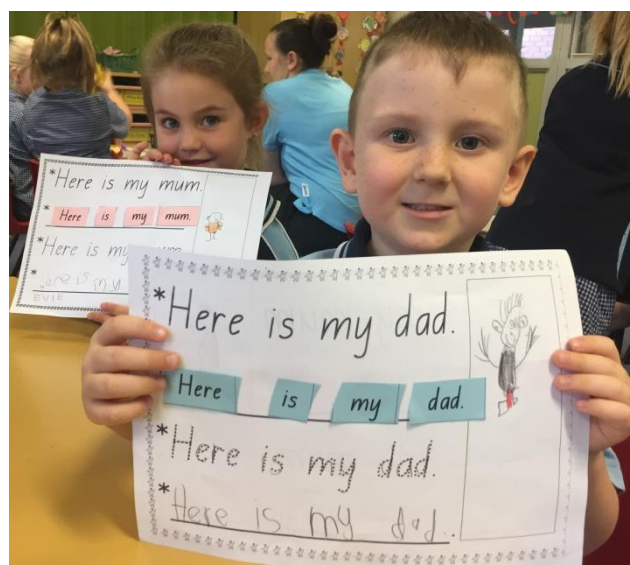


## Term 1 Week 8

### Principal's Report

#### Loving Learning

Visiting the students of KF during the week, I was delighted to see how engaged the children were with their literacy tasks. After two months of school, our kindergarten students are settled into their new routines, and eagerly engage with the learning activities presented to them. Quin and Evie (pictured) busily completed their sentence-making task, before moving on to the next classroom activity. Quin explained to me that dad was pictured wearing his red shorts, because, "they're his favourite."



#### Survey Update

Thank you to the 81 parents and carers who have completed the 50th Anniversary Survey. The survey link will be posted on our School Facebook page in case you would like to share the link with former students or interested community members. If you haven't already, please take 2 minutes to provide your feedback, which will help guide school decision making.

Survey Link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Floraville\\_50th\\_Anniversary](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Floraville_50th_Anniversary)

#### P&C AGM

Thank you to the many parent and community members who attended last night's P&C meeting. Mr Bryan Garland was elected as our new P&C President for 2017. A full list of elected officials will be included with next week's newsletter. The P&C have planned a number of activities for the last few weeks of term. In the lead up to Easter, Easter Eggs will be offered to students in years K-2. (I understand the Easter Bunny has been sub-contracted). Please inform your child's class teacher if you would prefer your child not to have an Easter Egg (alternative products will be available). While the Easter Eggs will be handed out in the controlled environment of the classroom, students are asked not to bring in other eggs from home to hand out to their friends.

## Uniform

At this week's assembly, I reminded students of the importance of taking pride in their school. One way this is demonstrated is in the wearing of full school uniform. Our students look terrific when dressed in their twin shades of blue. Please also ensure your child is wearing the appropriate black leather school shoes.

## Finally

Congratulations to Max Lonergan for his fine effort at *Loop the Lake* on Sunday, leaving Mr Hockey in his wake. Next week, we look forward to the events planned for Harmony Day. With the opportunity to promote diversity, respect and community, Harmony Day will be held on Tuesday 21 March.

Simon Mulready, Principal

This week's virtue is **HONESTY**

Honesty is being truthful and sincere. It is important because it builds trust. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat or steal. Being honest means that you accept yourself as you are. When you are open and trustworthy, others can believe in you.

## Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
8	16/3	Infants Assembly 2:20pm OOSH Family BBQ & Disco Night
	17/3	Yr 7 2018 High School Enrolment forms are due back Primary Assembly 12:20 – 1pm
9	20/3	Book Fair Preview
	21/3	Book Fair Harmony Day
	22/3	Book Fair
	23/3	Primary Winter Sports Trial 11:30 – 12noon
10	27/3	Parent Teacher Interviews Whole School Assembly 2:15pm
	28/3	Parent Teacher Interviews
	29/3	Parent Teacher Interviews Primary Cross Country 11:30 – 2:50pm
<b>Reminder of Money Due</b> Book packs – overdue Year 6 Shirts – payment & order due 17/3 ICAS Exams – payment due 23/3		

## 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.

**SPORTS TRIAL DAY**

All primary students – please wear sports uniform, hats & joggers Thursday 23rd March! All primary students will either attend team trials if they are interested, 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, however girls who trial for netball will remain at the school basketball courts to trial for the netball teams.

**Girls PSSA Eastlakes soccer trials**

Good luck to Luca Dawson and Blair Christian who will trial for the Eastlakes girls' soccer team this week at Valentine Ovals. Best of luck, girls!

**Knockout Boys Cricket**

Good luck to our boys' cricket team who will compete in round one of the PSSA cricket knockout. Our boys will take on Valentine Public School at Valentine Ovals on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Hit them for SIX boys!

**2017 Age Champions- Swimming**

Congratulations to our 2017 Age Champions



**Junior:** Charlie Griffiths and Kaden Pinfold.

**11years:** Nikita Hughes and Reece McManus.

**Senior:** Lucy Wallace and Lachlan McCarthy.

**Zone Swimming Carnival 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

A great day for students to represent Floraville at the Zone carnival at Swansea Swimming Pool.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Fair

We will be holding our first book fair for 2017 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the school library. Opening hours for both days will be 8:30am – 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> break and 3:00pm – 3:30pm.

All proceeds from the book fair go toward purchasing new books for our library so if you're able to support it your purchases will be greatly appreciated.

### NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

All Floraville Public School students are invited to participate in the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. The aim of the challenge is to 'encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature.'

For details, please refer to the Premier's Reading Challenge website [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

As of last week, students are now able to keep an electronic reading record on the PRC website. Alternatively, a written record can also be kept. When the written record is complete please send to the library.

All students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been given a reading record which can be used to manually record books read and also includes a copy of their DET username and password for those who wish to log the reading record electronically.

For any further questions, please contact Louise Southward in the library either personally, by phone or by email [Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Literacy Pro

Literacy Pro is an individualised reading plan and is designed to motivate students to read more (particularly home reading) and improve their reading performance.

All students in primary classes as well as independent readers (RR 28+) in infants classes are given the opportunity and encouragement to read regularly and use Literacy Pro.

Any encouragement from home for students to read regularly and/or complete Literacy Pro quizzes would be also of benefit.

To access the Literacy Pro program students need to type the following link directly into the address bar of the computer's browser. Students will also need to use their individual username and password.

[bit.ly/fpslitpro](http://bit.ly/fpslitpro)

If you have any questions or concerns about Literacy Pro, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Southward in the library. Email is an ideal means of communication; [Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au)

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Students moving into Year 7 2018

Students who will be attending Year 7 in 2018, need to return their expression of interest forms to their current class teacher by this Friday 17th March. Even if your child is not attending a government school in 2018, parts A and E need to be filled out and returned.

### Band Reminders for both Mini Minors and Majors

- All students should be having instrumental lessons. If you need a tutor please contact Mrs Blake ASAP.
- Parents must pick their child up from the hall area at the conclusion of band practice. Students are not allowed to walk down to the pick up zone alone at this time.
- Mini Minors should have borrowed their music book from the library.



- All instruments should have an identification key tag. See Ms Thacker at band practice if your instrument does not have one.
- All band students should attend band practice regularly. Students should also be practicing at home most days of the week.

### **2017 Stewart House Donation Drive**

Stewart House, located at Curl Curl Beach, continues to offer opportunities to children who are in need of a break from their everyday life.

Every year 1800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of N.S.W. and the A.C.T. During this stay children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support.

This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

By placing a gold coin into the envelope provided you could win a \$4000 holiday for your family to the destination of your choice.

Please return all envelopes with your donation to the front office by Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Landcare 2017**

Landcare is off to a great start for 2017! Many familiar faces have returned to the group and we have welcomed many new ones too.

The group has recently planted a new crop in the garden including Cos lettuce, snow peas, dwarf beans, zucchini and parsley (just to name a few).

The team has been working hard on a few school projects recently...

Our new compost procedures have begun with each class' Compost Cops dropping off their fruit scraps to the garden for our General Assistants Tim and Max to then put into the rotating bins when ready. The Landcare team has been keeping an eye out to ensure all students now understand the new procedures – word is that we are getting there!

The Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March was successful – the rainy weather didn't keep us away! You may have noticed the posters created by the Landcare team around the school, which we think helped a great deal to remind everyone to bring their gloves and a disposable bag for the day. The team can happily report that the classes didn't have too many rubbish bags full. Well done Floraville! The fact they we didn't have too much rubbish to pick up provides a perfect snapshot of our school environment and this information will be passed onto Clean Up Day Australia's survey.

New members are always welcome to join our Landcare group, usually meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> breaks on Tuesday (reminders are placed on Sentral).

Sarah, a dedicated and knowledgeable volunteer, has continued to help the group this year. If any other parents or community members are interested in volunteering their time to get outside with the team (and perhaps impart some gardening knowledge) we would be more than grateful to have you along. Please contact Mrs Melling via the school office.

### **P&C NEWS**

It was great to see so many faces at last night's AGM, where we were able to fill all positions.

A reminder to get your raffle tickets into the office and start thinking about crazy hair day coming up in a couple of weeks. (Thursday, 30th March)

As outgoing president, I thank all those people who have supported me within my roles on the Floraville P&C. It is very much appreciated.

I welcome Bryan Garland as new P&C president & wish him well in his new role.

### Canteen News

#### **HARMONY DAY 2017 – Tuesday 21st March**

Don't forget our special Harmony day lunch orders and money are due back at the canteen by this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>! Please also remember that our normal canteen menu will not be available for 1<sup>st</sup> break! 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 21<sup>st</sup> March

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

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

#### **Roster**

Thursday 16/3 – Narelle Masson, Sandy Green, Sally Brown, Kathy Campbell

Friday 17/3 – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies, Megan Garland, Kellie Christian

Monday 20/3 – Kristy Reid, Leoni Gordon, Marie Anthony

Tuesday 21/3 – HARMONY DAY - Simone Lindsey, Jacqui Morriss,  
Lauren Highfield, Sunitha Mumtahan

Wednesday 22/3 – Pat Whyte, Maree McCulloch, Marion Van Zeeland, Sue Mannix

### Banking

Congratulations to 1/20 for being most improved class champion for last week. Special mention goes to 6P, 1B and KG. 17 out of 22 classes banked last week.

Don't forget your reward for every 10 deposits.

Happy Banking!

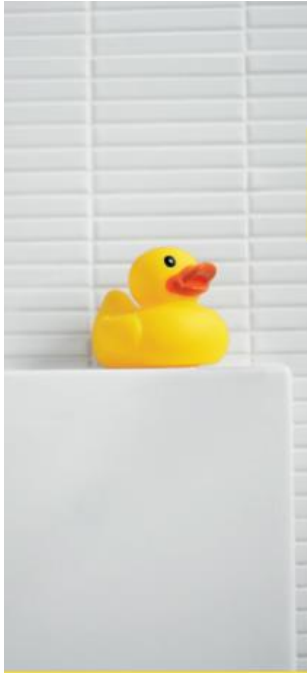
### Uniform Shop

**Volunteers are needed in the uniform shop on Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.**



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[www.hsc.org.au](http://www.hsc.org.au)



  
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**Contact Cynthia Culhane**  
**your local Saver Plus Coordinator:**

**02 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646**

**or [cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au)**

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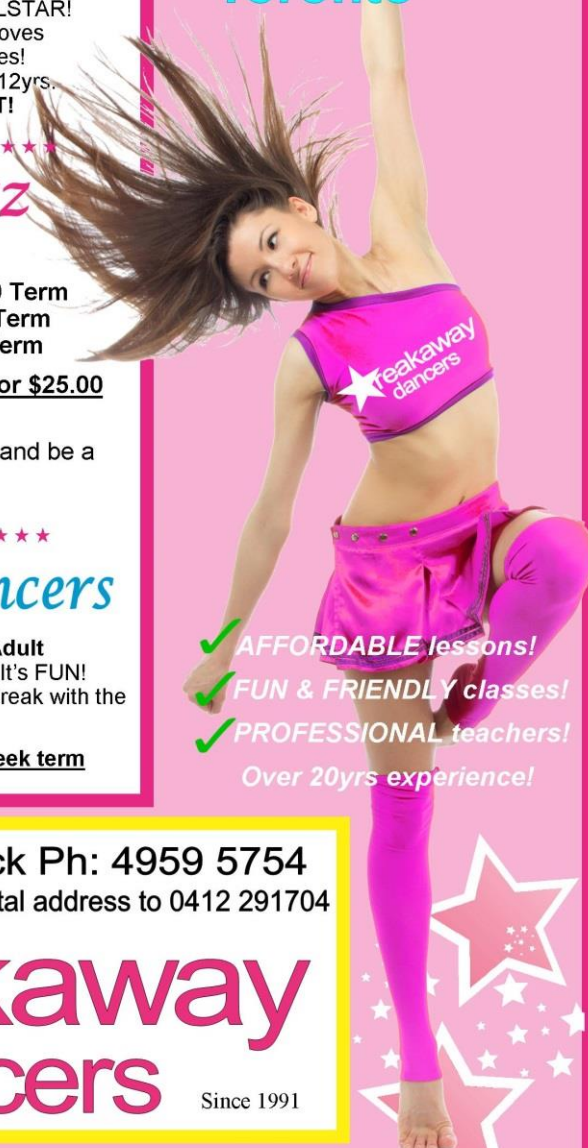


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