



# The Brief

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Week	Date	
11	6/4	Parent Teacher Interviews Infants Easter Activities Day & Assembly Easter Raffle Prize Draw
	7/4	Parent Teacher Interviews Forensic Science Show <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
1	24/4	Staff Development Day
	25/4	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
	26/4	<b>STUDENTS RETURN</b>
	27/4	FPS Anzac Service 10:15am – 12 Noon
<b>Reminder of Money Due:</b> Book packs – overdue		
<b>Notes due:</b> Background Information Note		



## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 11 TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another very busy term (last day of term 1, Friday 7th April) at Floraville and I would like to wish everyone well for a relaxing holiday to recharge the batteries ready for term two, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### ANZAC Services

This Wednesday Mrs Phillip and Mrs Bowd and our Year 6 Student Leaders went to the Civic Theatre for the 62nd annual Newcastle Combined Schools ANZAC service. They represented our school well and learnt about Australia's partnership with Belgium in World War 1. This year ANZAC Day falls on the last day of school holidays (Tuesday 25th April). Traditionally, Floraville Public School has attended the Belmont march with great attendance in support of the ANZAC Day march along the main street of Belmont.

I have been in contact with Belmont RSL and have confirmed our intention to once again be involved in the march and service following. This is a very proud and respectful occasion and one we strongly encourage our students to take part in.

Commencing at 9.00am our students are invited to assemble in Belmont mall (outside of the Post Office), ready to march in full school uniform at 9.30am. The march includes a fly over by RAAF jets as the children progress up the main street. The service will take place in the park opposite the Gunyah hotel and will conclude at approximately 10.30am.

The RSL club provides each student with a free packet of chips and a soft drink for participating. These can be collected after the event at Belmont Bowling Club.

Our Floraville in-school ANZAC service will take place on Thursday 27th April in the school hall at 10:15am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2018

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

If you would like further details, detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26<sup>th</sup> April 2017** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on **26<sup>th</sup> April 2017** and closes on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.

### School Holiday Break

I wish all of our students and their families a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Please take care and return to us safely on Wednesday 26th April. If you happen to notice any person on the school grounds, please call the School Security on 1300 880 021. No student should be entering the school grounds.

Thank you,  
Ryan Cox  
Relieving Principal

This week's virtue is **RESPECT**

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. We treat others with dignity and honour the rules of our family, our school and nation. Respect yourself, and others will respect you.

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Primary Sport**

Primary sport is now finished for Term 1. Macquarie Cup Netball, Soccer and Windale Rugby League team lists were placed on the sports noticeboard last Friday and notes are being handed out to the students involved this week. Please bring all notes and money to the school office ASAP.

### **Athletics Heat Day**

Our Athletics Heat Day was cancelled yesterday due to continued rain. A new date will be set later this week and new notes will go home early next term.

### **Cross Country**

Well done to everyone who participated in our Cross Country carnival last Wednesday. The sun was shining and all students gave it their best go. Results were placed on the sports noticeboard on Wednesday afternoon.

We were extremely grateful for those parents, carers and grandparents who assisted us on the day. Our carnival would not of being able to go ahead without your help.

The top 4 in each age group will attend Zone next term.

#### **Our 2017 Age Champions**

**8-9 year girl:** Jade Stringer

**8-9 year boy:** Koopa Gray

**10 year boy:** William Dugomanov

**10 year girl:** Mahney Jenkins

**11 year boy:** Denzel Steadman

**11 year girl:** Alice Macready

**12-13 year boy:** Xavier Steadman

**12-13 year girl:** Dakota Naszka



## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to Kendall Griffiths KF, Oscar Griffiths 1B, Indianna Ponman 1/2O and Jorja Robinson 1LC who have already completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. Great work Kendall, Oscar, Indianna and Jorja.

If you'd like your child to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge, visit the official website for all the details [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au) and use your child's DET login details (this is the one all students use to access school computers). If you require any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Southward in the library. [Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **Literacy Pro**

Congratulations to Scarlett Halpin 3B, Amy Oakey 3H, Samara Ingram 5/6K, Maddison Jennings 5NR, Kobe Jones 5NR, Ben Seu 5NR, Joel Sherring 5NR, Gabby Brown 5O, Samantha Johnson 5O, Ryke Denz 6F, Sophie Ormerod 6F, Callum Sharman 6F, Tom Breasley 6P, Hector Saker 6P, Zac Shaw 6P and Jacob Spruce 6P who have all received Blue Star Awards (25 Literacy Pro points).

Congratulations to Seth Diver 4B, Kaden Pinfold 4B, Aiden Wood 5/6K, Hayden Antill 5O and Ryke Denz 6F who have all received Red Star Awards (50 Literacy Pro points).

Congratulations to Riley Antill 5NR, William Mottley 5NR and Ryke Denz who have all received Bronze Star Awards (75 Literacy Pro points).

Congratulations to William Mottley 5NR, Thomas Kennedy 5O, Lachlan Maddocks 5O and Ryke Denz 6F who all received Silver Star awards (100 Literacy Pro points).

## **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.

### **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**

This week we were fortunate to go along and speak at the student Parliament meeting. The Parliamentarians have been challenged to come up with some project ideas around the school that could benefit our students. These ideas could come from either in the class room, in terms of learning resources, or around the playground, in terms of infrastructure. They were encouraged to consult across all Stages of the school to come up with a list of projects worthy of future funding and to give reasons why each project is needed and the benefit each provides. The Parliamentarian leaders have been invited to present their ideas at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 9 May commencing in the Library at 6.30pm. We very much look forward to welcoming our Student Leaders to this P&C meeting and hearing about the ideas that the students have come up with.

A big thank you to all the families that donated to, and bought tickets in, the Easter raffle. We especially extend our thanks to Sandy Green, Narelle Mason, Deb Shaw, Sharon Robertson, Sally Brown, Jenny Chung, Erin Griffiths, Sherree and Sophie Robinson and Robyn Adamson who helped in the massive task of wrapping and bundling 328 Easter prizes. Major prize winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

A reminder to parents and students that:

- The Easter raffle winners will receive their prize tomorrow, Thursday 6 April to coincide with the Infants Easter Hat Parade
- Pie drive orders can be collected from the school hall from tomorrow, Thursday 6 April.

Finally, notice is hereby given to all current financial members of the Floraville P&C Association, and any potential future members, that the P&C Executive has called a Special General Meeting of the Floraville P&C Association at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 May 2017 (the same night as our next ordinary general meeting which we will also conduct) in the school library. The purpose of this Special General Meeting is to ratify the association constitution and to adopt association by-laws, sub-committee rules and other association policy. We also intend on ratifying the Canteen and Fundraising sub-committees. I am happy to take any enquiries about this Special General Meeting and can be contacted via the below email.

Happy Easter everyone.  
Bryan Garland - President  
fppresident@gmail.com

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### **Competition**

In conjunction with the new Healthy School Canteen Strategy we are running a competition to see who can design the "healthiest" new wrap or burger for our canteen menu. A separate note will come home setting out what is required for the competition and hopefully over the holidays we will have many healthy and yummy suggestions. We look forward to picking a winner!

### **Easter Lunch Bag Promotion**

Our Easter lunch bags have been very popular this year and will be available until Friday 7th April. You can view the available bags on our School App and website!

### **Roster**

Thursday 6/4 – Kate Lonergan, Tracey Aspinall, Di Stringer, Kylie Feeney

Friday 7/4 – Corinne Cheung, Amanda Jackson, Emma Kay, Nicole Degan,  
Aleisha Hastie

Monday 24/4 – PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 25/4 – ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 26/4 – Tash Treveton, Sharon Weinhart, Amanda Jackson

## **BANKING NEWS**

### **Banking is every Thursday.**

A great week of banking last week with 85 children banking. Again, we had 20 classes from 22 banking which is terrific. It would be superb to see our whole school bank.

Banking will still be on this week so send in your bank books to be counted. Lots of rewards were ordered last week and these will be issued when school returns next term.

Class Champions for last week goes to **KG**...congratulations! KG have been very consistent with their banking. We also give a special mention to our senior classes 4B & 3B.

A very big thank you to our mums Michelle Ponman, Donna Timmins, Sally Clark Petrassi, Erin Griffiths and Wendy Delaney for being our wonderful banking helpers. Without the help of these mums our banking would take many hours longer to complete.

Have a fantastic holiday & Happy Banking!!

## **UNIFORM NEWS**

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