

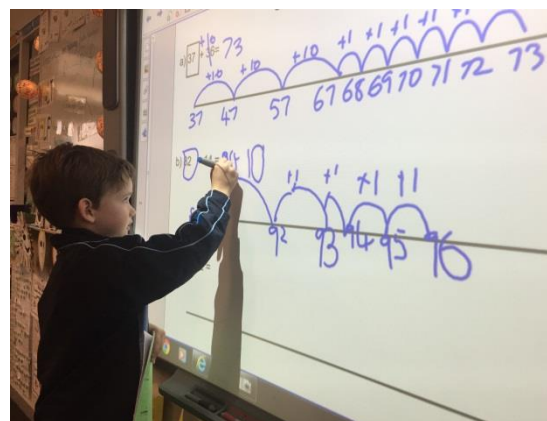


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## Principal's Report

Visiting students in 1/20 this week, it was great to see the “jump strategy” in action. Kaide was busy completing the work in his book while Lachlan was keen to demonstrate his work to the class on the Smartboard. Why not ask your child this afternoon if they can show you how to use the “jump strategy”?



At last week's P&C meeting, Mrs Barclay provided an update on the work of the school curriculum team, implementing the national curriculum for history and geography. Staff have been engaging with the new syllabus documents and implementing new teaching and learning programs in the classroom. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA, formerly, Board of Studies) has oversight for all syllabus material. If you are interested in viewing the curriculum used by our teachers, all documents are available on the NSEA website: <http://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

As noted in last week's P&C report, our students did a terrific job in a presentation to the P&C about fundraising priorities. Tasked with identifying current and future needs within the school, students across Year 6 spent time carefully considering their proposals. It was also great to provide students with an authentic context for creating a persuasive text. As students in Years 3 and 5 sat down to write a persuasive text for NAPLAN, our students in Year 6 were seeking persuade the P&C of the merits of their proposals – tremendous!



### Thank you

This morning, Mr Guido Magri [from Mr Rental] dropped off a new 10kg washing machine for the school. The machine will be used for the school sports uniforms, including the soccer uniforms, which are also sponsored by Mr Rental. His support is greatly appreciated.

### New School Sign

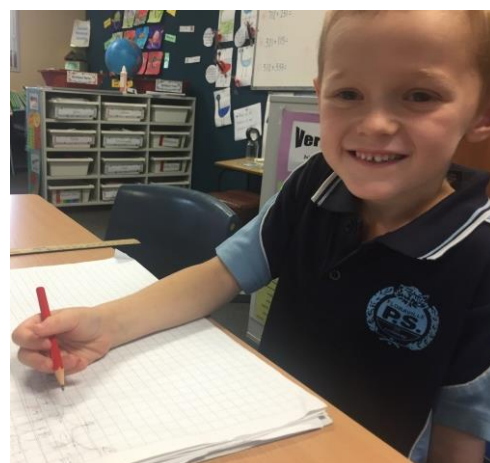
The electrical works on the new school sign are due to be completed today, with training for staff scheduled for Tuesday. Hopefully, by this time next week, the new sign will be operational.

### Meetings with Teachers

Schools are busy places for teachers and students. The role of the school teacher incorporates a significant administrative component for lesson preparation, data analysis, assessment and reporting. Outside the responsibilities of the classroom, our teachers regularly meet with their colleagues for school planning and professional learning. As a school, we are committed to excellence in teaching and learning, and continually seek to enhance and refine our practice. In addition, we are committed to processes for school communication and consultation with families. The school newsletter, website and App (and shortly, digital sign) are our primary methods of communication, while our teachers also allocate time to meet and consult with parents and carers. At the end of term 1, the school dedicated a two week period for formal parent-teacher interviews. At other times during the year, parents are welcome to arrange appointments with the class teacher, should the need arise. Occasionally, teachers may be available for very quick communication after the 3:00pm bell, but often they are committed to other responsibilities. Please be mindful of this, if approaching teaching staff after school. If there is a significant matter that requires communication or consultation, it is best to email the school or leave a message at the office, asking the teacher to get in touch.

Have a great week – beautiful weather to be outdoors!

Simon Mulready  
Principal



This week's virtue is **DETERMINATION**

You focus your energy and efforts on a task and stick with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn't easy. You are determined to meet your goals even when it is hard or you are being tested. With determination we make our dreams come true.

### Term Calendar

| Week   | Date | Event  |
|--|------|--|
| 4  | 18/5 | Infants Assembly 2:20pm  |
|  | 19/5 | Primary Assembly 10:15 am<br>Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm<br>Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm<br>Windale Rugby League Cup - <b>CANCELLED</b> |
| 5  | 26/5 | Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm<br>Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm<br>Windale Rugby League Cup 12:30 pm  |
| <b>Reminder of Money Due</b><br>Term 3 Netball – <b>DUE IMMEDIATELY</b><br>Band Fees – <b>DUE IMMEDIATELY</b><br><b>Notes Due:</b> Background Information Form |      |  |

## 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.

## SPORT

### PSSA ZONE Soccer Trials

Reece McManus, Liam O'Toole, Ruby Jones and Blair Christian represented our school at the PSSA Zone Soccer Trials. Unfortunately they were all unsuccessful in the selection process, however we know they tried their best.



### PSSA ZONE Basketball Trials

Congratulations to Jake Roseby who was selected in the PSSA Eastlakes Zone Basketball Team. What a great achievement!

### PSSA ZONE Hockey trials

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Dakota Naszka-Moody, Mia Brennan, Carissa Wendt and Callum Sharman represented our school and the Eastlakes zone at the PSSA Hunter hockey trials. The girls put in a fantastic effort on the day, however unfortunately were not selected for the Hunter team. It has been great to see Dakota and Carissa continue to develop their hockey skills and to see Mia take on this fantastic sport (no bias of course!) for the first time this year. Keep it up girls!

Congratulations to Callum, who has shown much determination with his hockey, particularly over the last 18 months. Persistence has paid off - after trialling for 3 years, he has now been selected in the PSSA Hunter boys hockey team! Well done Callum! You are extremely deserving of the selection and I'm so excited for what lies ahead in hockey for you. We wish Callum the best of luck for the PSSA Hockey Boys' state carnival in August.

Mrs Melling



### Athletics Carnival ribbons

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-getters from our Athletics carnival events will receive their ribbons at this week's Friday Primary Assembly at 10:20am. Any Year 2 students who will be receiving a ribbon will be invited to the Primary Assembly. A daily notice has been sent to those Year 2's involved. Age Champions and our winning house will be announced.



## Athletics Carnival Photos







2017 Rugby league team at the Newcastle Knights Knockout. It was a great day and many thanks to the wonderful parents who attended the day!









Congratulations to all of the wonderful runners at this year's Eastlakes PSSA Cross Country carnival.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Overdue Books

Overdue notices were sent out last week. Thank you to the students who returned their books as requested. A big thank you also to the families who had issues with the overdues and took the time to see me about them, it really is a huge help.

### Book Week & Grandparent's Day

Just a little advanced notice for our Term 3 Book Week/Grandparent's Day celebrations. They will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere' if you'd like to use it to inspire costume ideas.

### 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)

Students can enter reading records electronically on the website using their DET login details (the same username and password they use to access all school computers). Alternatively, a manual reading record can be kept and sent in to the library when complete.

The challenge needs to be complete by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.



### Calling all artists!

Nearly one in three Australian households is home to someone living with a disability – 85% of those disabilities are invisible, such as mental health issues, Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, ADD, MS, sight and vision impairments. We all have a role to play in ensuring our communities are welcoming and inclusive – Including YOU !!



Mrs Naszka is calling all creative and talented students to participate in the 'Smart Art Includes You' Challenge. Entrants will also go in the draw to win one of three cash prizes of \$500 towards an art project, or a student's artistic development. In total, there is a prize pool of \$9000. Students are asked to enter artwork that says: "What Inclusion Means to ME" this could be in the form of a rap song, video, photos, or visual art (painting/drawing/sculpture). A sign-up sheet is posted in the canteen for interested students.

### Mother's Day

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, the Kindergarten children invited a special lady in their life to come to school and be pampered. Mums, grandmas, nans and aunties all enjoyed a special morning. They were treated to some special singing and a movie made by the children where they expressed the many reasons why they love their mum.

Nail polish, back massages, handmade tiaras and necklaces, photo booths and story time activities were all approached eagerly and with tender loving hands. Learning to make an extension plait for mum's hair and a pompom flower for her to carry was just a small part of the wonderful morning.

We hope all families had a memorable day on Sunday.





## P&C NEWS

We hope all the Mums had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday and received some special gifts from our Mother's Day stall. We extend our thanks to Narelle Masson, Deb Shaw, Kylie Feeney, Kathy Campbell, Kate Smith, Donna Timmins, Jo McDonald, Leonie Garland, Sally Brown and Sandy Green for volunteering at the Mother's Day stall this year. These mothers and grandmothers were so wonderful and energetic with helping the children pick the perfect gift for their special mother or grandmother. We also thank those Mums who made items and donated gifts for the stall as well.

Organising a major fundraising event like the Mother's Day stall is quite a task. With over 630 gifts available, it took roughly 2 months of organising from the time the gifts were ordered to the time they were collated, wrapped and put on display for purchase at last week's stall. This year's event was coordinated for the first time by Sandy Green and Sally Brown who replaced previous coordinators Sharon Robertson and Kelly Woodger. Thank you Sandy and Sally for the successful running of this year's Mother's Day fundraising event and also to Sharon and Kelly for the many years of service you previously devoted to organising the Mother's Day stall.

### **Wanted: Signwriting / Graphics Business**

We would like to hear from any Floraville family who is involved in a signwriting or graphics business. We are looking to get some quotes to design and install some signage work and would like to provide first opportunity to a Floraville family. It would be appreciated if you could please forward contact details to the below P&C email address.

Bryan Garland - President  
[fpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:fpspresident@gmail.com)

Congratulations Daine Sherry on being the 2017 1st place Easter Raffle Winner!  
Thankyou all for participating.



### **Canteen News**

COMPETITION winners are: Maddison Harris – KB      Maddi Mega Burger!  
Oscar Moffitt – 1B      Green Monster!  
Jude Perkins – 4M      Gobble "n" Baaa Sliders!  
Alana Cross & Breanna Anderson – Year 6      Miraculous Mexican Wrap!

We will be sending home a separate form this week so that families can see exactly what's in the new burgers and wraps and these will be available from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### **Help Needed**

We are desperately looking for some new volunteers to help us out on Tuesdays, starting from Tuesday 30/5, monthly, and Tuesday 13/6, monthly. If you are available to help on either of these days could you please see Margaret in the Canteen. Thank You.

### **Roster**

Thursday 18/5 – Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Cher Blennerhassett, Kylie Hanson  
Friday 19/5 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Jess Lehman  
Monday 22/5 – Renae Picton, Michelle O'Toole, Alison Blaneck  
Tuesday 23/5 – Deb Shaw, Kaye Gibson, Eileen Jackson  
Wednesday 24/5 – Tash Treveton, Sharon Weinhardt, Amanda Jackson

### Banking

Last week saw us creeping closer to our 100 deposit goal with 88 students banking and 19/22 classes taking part. Our most improved class for last week was the superb **3B!** Well done to 3B. KF, you are also to be commended on your consistent banking every week!

Some great news from the Commonwealth Bank last week too. The school received their first quarter's commission payment from the bank, which was a combination of payments for new accounts and payments for deposits. This amount totalled \$420.48. Comparing to the same period last year, this showed an increase of approximately \$51. This shows the terrific support all of our parents & banking students contributed to the school. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this commission is used for library resources.

Keep up the terrific work and let's see if we can encourage our kids to bank each week.

Thanks again to our valued volunteers Michelle Ponman,, Donna Timmins, Sally Clark Petrassi & Erin Griffiths.

Happy Banking!

### Uniform Shop

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

Lots of second-hand uniform options for only \$5

Scarfs on sale for winter, 50% off, only \$8 each







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- Located at **63 Burton Rd Eleebana**, Open **8am – 5:30pm**, All families welcome.
- Eleebana Children Centre are now taking bookings for 2017. (Including 0-2yrs)
- Small, local centre with a warm & friendly environment
- We have better than government Staff/Child Ratios, Creating more personalised care for your child.
- Highly qualified, experienced & passionate Child Care Educators
- Implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) & Transition to School program.

### About Us:

Eleebana Children's Centre is a warm and homely child care facility for long day care. We provide quality care and education for children aged 6 weeks to 6 years. Children learn and play while they interact in a safe and friendly environment. The centre boasts a truly loving play environment for children to enjoy and develop in. Your children will be encouraged to learn through programs based on the Early Years Learning Framework curriculum by our team of experienced and qualified early childhood educators. Specialised programs for all children enrolled in the centre will be offered in line with this framework including a specialised School Readiness and life skills program. This is aimed at preparing children for school and beyond.

### AQUATIC CIRCUIT CLASSES

Do you want to get fit and healthy,  
tone up and feel great?  
Our Aquatic Circuit classes will give  
you a whole body workout.  
Great for all fitness levels!  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
6:00am – 6:45am



### SWIM PROGRAM

- Infant Aquatic Familiarisation Classes
  - Toddler, Preschool & School Age classes available
  - Pre-Squad sessions
  - Adult learn to swim
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### SQUAD SESSIONS

- Sessions for senior & junior athletes
- Stroke development and refinement
- Increase fitness and endurance
- Starts, Turns and Finishes
- Drills & Pace Clock Education
- AM & PM Sessions



### SWIMFIT PROGRAM

Our SwimFit program provides a  
unique blend of swimming and  
resistance training techniques  
delivering a diverse & unique program.  
Junior & Senior sessions available



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Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500  
for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
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- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card,  
are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your  
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Contact Cynthia Culhane your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646  
or [cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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Discover the magic of drama and music while  
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★ **Girlstarz** Age 7-12yrs

\*Girls Hip Hop \*Funky Jazz \*Tap  
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Learn the coolest dance moves  
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SUPER popular with kids 7-12yrs.  
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★ **Superstarz**

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\*Superstarz Jazz \$100 Term  
\*Superstarz Tap \$100 Term

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**SUPERSTAR!**

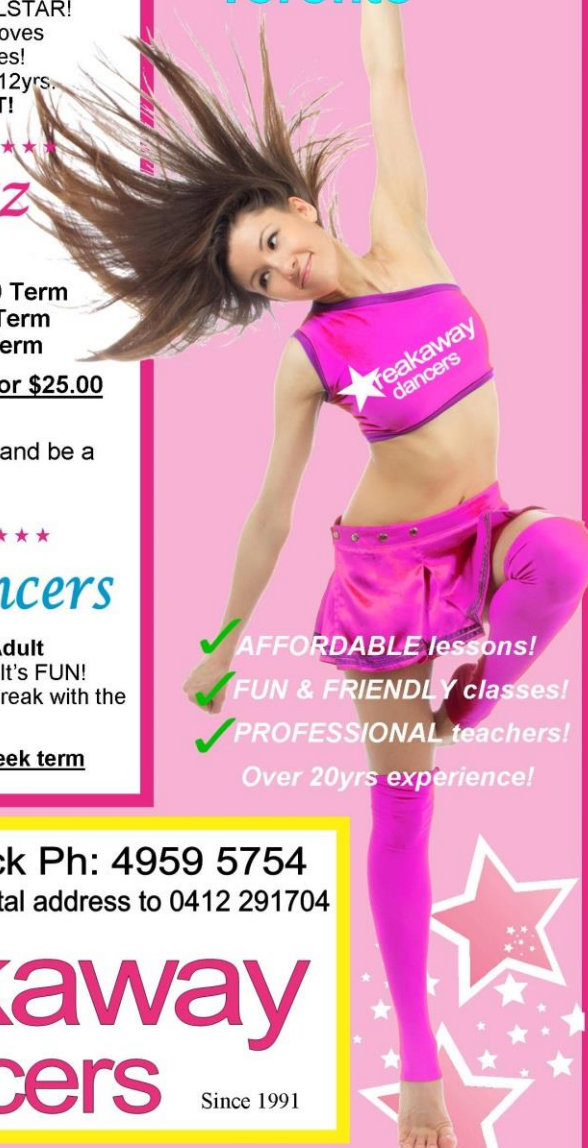


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