



The Brief

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Week	Date	
3	11/5	NAPLAN – Yr3 & Yr 5
	12/5	Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm Windale Rugby League Cup 12:30
4	15/5	Whole School Assembly 2:20pm
	16/5	Zone Cross Country
	17/5	GRIP Leadership Conference
	18/5	Infants Assembly 2:15pm
	19/5	Primary Assembly 10:15am
Reminder of Money Due: Winter Sports Fees – Term 3 Netball NOW DUE Band Fees DUE IMMEDIATELY Notes due: Background Information Note		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 3 TERM 2

There have been lots of smiles at school this week – students, teachers and parents. Students and staff were delighted with the opening of the new sports field, while kindergarten mums were aglow as they were “treated like princesses” at the kindergarten Mother’s Day event.

The Flat: Now Open!

While it has been quite a wait, the newly completed synthetic sports surface is simply tremendous. As I understand, we are the only primary school in NSW to have a synthetic sports field of this size and quality. The contractor is arranging the removal of the temporary fencing, together with some minor works around the perimeter, but this week, students were able to stretch their legs on the astro-turf for the first time. I stood in the middle of the pitch at the start of recess on Tuesday and smiled to myself, as the students came running on to the new surface, with arms raised and shouts of joy, thrilled to be on the field at last. While the pitch will be used at break times for students in years 3 - 6, students from K-2 will access the pitch during sport, PE and other fitness activities.

The turf itself has been laid on a hard surface, similar to road base, with sand laid on top and then a black rubber granule, which provides extra cushioning. In the early days, it is likely that some of the rubber will spill off the edge of the field and even be tracked, in students' shoes, back to the classroom. This problem should reduce over time as the rubber compresses a little into the surface and any additional granules are displaced.

In the end, we have a terrific new sports facility. Gone are the days of the dust bowl and muddy flat. Able to be used all year round, our all-weather pitch will benefit student health, fitness and wellbeing for many years to come.



NAPLAN

There were only a few nerves, but students in years 3 and 5 confidently undertook their NAPLAN assessments this week. Completing the reading task today, with mathematics tomorrow, the school presents the assessments as a normal part of school routine. Results will be available to schools and families towards the end of next term.

50th Anniversary Survey

The school always welcomes feedback which helps to evaluate school effectiveness and inform school planning. At the end of term one, 102 respondents completed the 50th Anniversary Survey. The 2016 Annual Report and 2017 School Plan are now available on the website. <http://www.floraville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report>

Sample responses:

- *How well does our school meet your child's learning needs?* 85% of respondents indicated Extremely well/Very well.
- *Overall, how satisfied are you with our school?* 86% of respondents indicated Highly satisfied/Very satisfied
- *Overall, how much does your child enjoy coming to school?* 99% indicated Loves coming/Usually enjoys coming to school.

What do you like best about our school? Sample responses:

- *Hard working and caring staff committed to providing a quality education for our children. Opportunities for our children to participate in a variety of academic, cultural and sporting pursuits – encouraging a well-rounded and balanced school life. A positive school encouraging respect, growth and personal growth.*
- *I like that teachers are approachable and willing to discuss the needs and progress of my child. I am happy in the knowledge that my child is safe and happy at school.*

What could our school do to be even better? Sample responses:

- *continue to upgrade areas of the school with the monetary help of P&C and school funding*
- *maybe stagger play and eating times so that all students have full access to all play areas*

New Pathway

Congratulations to Bryan Garland and the P&C on their successful representation to Council regarding a new footpath along the eastern side of Floraville Rd. Currently, only a dirt track is in place. A new footpath will provide an excellent facility for the community and will enhance pedestrian safety.

Finally

Congratulations to the kindergarten team on another impressive Mother's Day event. Students enjoyed a range of special activities one-on-one with their mums or grandmas. With massages, jewellery making, art therapy and even a nail salon, mums were made to feel like princesses. Thank you also to the P&C who have spent a lot of time preparing for today's Mother's Day stall. Happy Mother's Day to all our mums for Sunday.

Simon Mulready, Principal

For Your Diary

50th Anniversary Open Day

Thursday 14 September



This week's virtue is **RELIABILITY**

Reliability means that others can depend on you. You keep your commitments and give your best to every job. You are responsible. You don't forget, and you don't need to be reminded. Other people can relax knowing things are in your reliable hands.

SPORT NEWS

Macquarie Cup Netball

We had a great start to the competition last Friday. Our two junior teams play at 12:30pm and our two senior teams play at 1:35pm. All girls should have taken home a draw yesterday. A reminder to make sure you use the sign-out folder if you are taking your daughter home early.

Zone Cross Country

We have now received the information for Zone Cross Country. It will be held on Tuesday 16th May at Barton Oval, Belmont. A note was sent home yesterday to our Floraville representatives. Please let Miss Brindley know as soon as possible if you cannot attend. We know you will all try your hardest and represent our school with pride.

Athletics Carnival

What a great day last Thursday was for our Athletics Carnival! The team spirit amongst our school is outstanding. Results will be posted this week, and those who have qualified for Zone will be notified. Thank you for being patient in the process. Ribbons will be handed out to our top 3 place-getters in each event at our Week 4 Friday primary assembly along with Age Champions. Photos will be published in next week's bulletin.

P&C NEWS

A big thank you to all those parents that attended and participated in last night's marathon P&C meeting which, unusually, went late into the evening. We covered a lot of topics but ran out of time to cover everything that was on the agenda. We will carry these over to our next meeting which will be on Tuesday 13 June, 2017.

I would especially like to thank Mrs Phillip and student leaders, Wil Hooper, Grace Kim, Tom Breasley, Luella Brown, Brianna Anderson, Zara Graham, Jacob Spruce, Lucy Wallace and their families for coming to our meeting last night. As reported in a past newsletter, the student parliamentarians were challenged to come up with a list of projects, whether that be resources for the classroom or infrastructure around the school, that the students and school could benefit from and to tell us of the benefits of each project. The leaders each presented their ideas and confidently answered many questions. We look forward to working with the parliamentarians to deliver some of their ideas put forward.

We discussed last night the valuable contribution all of our volunteers make in our school. Without volunteers, we can't operate a successful canteen or uniform shop, fundraising committee or even a P&C. Unlike many other schools, we are extremely lucky with the volunteers that we have. We can operate the Canteen 5 days a week and run a uniform shop so that all of the revenue remains within our school. It is with this revenue, combined with the important fundraising that we do, that we are able to invest so much back into our school for the benefit of our students. We also took the opportunity to discuss avenues available to our volunteers, who may have any concerns from time to time, and who they can turn to to get help in resolving those issues or concerns quickly.

The Canteen Committee updated the P&C on the work they have been doing behind the scenes on their review of the Healthy School Canteen Strategy. We were advised that they have already started implementing this strategy. The Fundraising Committee also spoke about work they have been doing and other new ideas.

A reminder that Book Club orders are due back to the front office tomorrow, Thursday 11 May. Orders should be placed in an envelope and include correct cash payment or cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia. For convenience, credit card payments can also be made online to Scholastic Australia.

A happy Mother's Day to all the Mums, Grandmothers and female carers for Sunday. We hope you have a great day and get spoiled.

Bryan Garland - President
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CANTEEN NEWS COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce that we have our winners for our Healthy Wrap or Burger competition. We had too many terrific entries and this made our decision quite hard, so we have in fact picked a winner from each stage.

Our 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!

Congratulations to all of our winners. If they could please come and see Margaret in the canteen they will be awarded their \$5 canteen voucher 😊

Our new wraps and burgers will be available for purchase from Monday 22nd May!

Roster

Thursday 11/5 – Narelle Masson, Sandy Green, Sally Brown, Kathy Campbell
Friday 12/5 – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies, Megan Garland, Kellie Christian
Monday 15/5 – Kristy Reid, Leonie Gordon, Marie Anthony
Tuesday 16/5 – Simone Lindsey, Jacqui Morriss, Lauren Highfield,
Sunitha Mumtahan
Wednesday 17/5 – Pat Whyte, Maree McCulloch, Marion Van Zeeland, Sue Mannix

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday.

Consistent with last week, we had 75 students bank with 13/22 classes contributing to those results. Our senior classes were busy at their sports carnival. We hope they had a terrific day!

There were some very high numbers from our Kinder and Year 1 students which was fantastic to see. We also had a new student join our banking. Remember, it's never too late to join banking. It's fee free for the children and the school receives funding for any new account, along with commission for the deposits made each week. Last year, our school received \$950 in commission which goes towards resources for our library. If you'd like to take part in school banking there are a number of ways to do so. You can visit https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=gsa_generic_school-banking, visit a branch or call 13 2221 for information.

Last week, our most improved champion class goes to 3H! Congratulations. Let's see if we can get over 100 students bank this week!

Thank you to our wonderful mum helpers for last week Michelle Ponman, Jenny Chung & Donna Timmins. We can't do it without our volunteers.

Also, a very Happy Mother's Day to all the special ladies in our life.

Happy Banking!

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm

