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Term 2 Week 8

Principal's Report

A Vision for the Future

For the past 50 years, the school has provided excellence in teaching and learning for the local community. While the school has earned a reputation for high achievement, it is important that we have clarity about a direction for the future. Over the past 9 months, I have engaged in consultation with students, teachers and families about a new vision for the school, providing a statement of purpose of what we want to achieve. A number of drafts have been discussed, but the final version had the greatest level of resonance across each of the three groups. As such, I am very pleased to announce our new vision for Floraville Public School:

To provide excellence & equity in education, empowering students as creative, confident learners and active, informed citizens.

The vision will be officially launched on the occasion of our the 50th Anniversary, where present and former students, staff and community members will be invited to sign the vision, as a statement of their commitment to the school and to our future direction. Certainly, our desire is for excellence in all that we do, with equity of opportunity, and the empowerment of students as both learners and citizens.

Coding at Floraville

Future Focused Learning is one of our school priority areas, and last night's P&C meeting included a presentation around the use of the new *Sphero* technology. With a number of web-based Apps, *Spheros* can be used to introduce students to the practice of computer coding, while also developing skills in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. As a member of the Future Focused team, Mr Barnett has been building the school's capacity in this domain. This enabling has been supported by the school P&C, who provided \$3000 for new *Sphero* equipment. Last night's presentation included a video from students Jacob Spruce and Lachlan McCarthy, while Mr O'Shannessy gave parents the opportunity to trial the technology for themselves. For more information on the use of *Spheros*, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yg8LmEkl_0c.



Lost Property

As we move into the cooler months, the school has an ever-increasing collection of lost property. Families are asked to ensure their child's name and class is written on their clothing, particularly hats and jackets. If a child has lost an item, they can check the lost property collection, outside the canteen. In the past, the school has had a parent volunteer who came in to help sort the lost property and return it to its owners. If this is a job you are interested in helping with, please contact the school.

School Attendance

While we would like children to attend school every day, it is important that students remain at home if they are unwell. This is important for their own recovery, but also in limiting their exposure to others. Please note, that office staff are unable to administer medicine (including panadol) unless it comes with a prescription.

Finally

Best of luck to our school aerobics teams who travel to Sydney for the State Finals this weekend.

Simon Mulready
Principal

This week's virtue is **CLEANLINESS**:

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean, and wearing clean clothes. It is putting into your body and your mind only the things that keep you healthy. It is staying free from harmful drugs. It is cleaning up mistakes and making a fresh start.

Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
8	16/6	Life Education Van NO MACQUARIE CUP NETBALL Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm Windale Rugby League 12:30pm
9	19/6	Life Education Van
	20/6	Life Education Van Bandlink
	21/6	Life Education Van Bandlink Infants Sport Carnival
	22/6	Life Education Van
	23/6	Life Education Van PSSA Knockout Gala Day – Hockey NO WINDALE RUGBY LEAGUE Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm
Reminder of Money Due Band Fees – DUE Life Education DUE Thurs 15 th June Year 4 Excursion – FINAL PAYMENT 20 th July Notes Due: 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.

Macquarie Cup netball

A reminder- there are no games this Friday due to Star Struck, we will stay at school and train during usual sport time.

Rugby League

Windale rugby league Challenge **WILL NOT** go ahead next Friday 23rd for primary sport. All players will stay on the school grounds and train with Mr Cox.

PSSA Boys Touch Football

On Tuesday our boys' PSSA touch football team took on Jewells Public School in the PSSA knockout competition. This was the first sporting event to be held on our all-weather field here at school. The boys were fantastic, although we were unable to come away with a win this time.



Recent Eastlakes PSSA representatives.

Mahney Jenkins cross country, Mark Wendt and Daine Sherry for rugby union.



State Knockout Touch Football

Last week, the girls' touch football team travelled to Valentine to play in the initial rounds of the PSSA State Knockout touch football competition.

With delays to the opening of the flat, our girls had a limited time to train prior to our match, but on the day gave their all in two great exhibitions of athleticism and sportsmanship. Our girls were enthusiastic, full of spirit and were excellent representatives of Floraville Public School.

We won one game against Hillsborough Public School and lost another to Valentine Public School, but gained a great deal of knowledge around teamwork and how the game should be played.

With this year's team made up of students from Years 4, 5 and 6, we will certainly have some better continuity and understanding when the team gets together for trials next year.

A big thank you to our parents for supporting us with transport and cheers from the sideline!

Well done, girls!

Mr Barnett



Softball News

Congratulations to Akira Wall for being selected in the girls' Lake Macquarie P.S.S.A. Zone Team. Unfortunately, Luke Mantle, Ryan Kinkade and Harper Wall were unsuccessful on this occasion.

Sportsmanship, determination and resilience were among many qualities that our girls' softball team displayed as they played against Caves Beach Public School in the P.S.S.A. state knockout competition on the 26th May. The odds were stacked against us, as many of our players had never played before. With the tremendous support and encouragement from their parents - and the ability to quickly learn the rules and skills of the game - the final score was 7:14. Congratulations team, we are very proud of you.

Thank you to all the parents that were involved on the day. I appreciate your time supporting the girls and warming them up before the game. We witnessed some hidden talents within our parent community!

Mrs Naszka Ballardie



Multi Sports Day

A select group of students attended a multi sports day at the University of Newcastle last Thursday. This day allowed students of varying abilities to take part in a range of sporting activities including tennis, rugby league, cricket, golf and hockey. Our students had a great time and enjoyed this special opportunity. Many thanks to the organisers and to Mrs Lord and Mrs McDonald for making it a success!

Carly Erich



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Tayla Bettison KB, Lincoln Cooper KS, Catelin Garland KF, Billy McSweeney KG, Mya Terbeeke KS, Tyler Wells 1LC, Phoebe King 1/2O and James King 5O who have all completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. 33 students have now completed the 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

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 25th August.

Literacy Pro

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Blue Star Awards (25 Literacy Pro points); Blair Christian 5/6K, Alice Macready 5/6K, Luke Houston 6F, Jade Gibson 6P and Lucy Wallace 6P.

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Red Star Awards (50 Literacy Pro points); Max Lonergan 2MD, Samara Ingram 5/6K, Elleni Pedonese 5O, Luke Houston 6F, Zachary Shaw 6P and Jacob Spruce 6P.

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Bronze Star Awards (75 Literacy Pro points); Hayden Antill 5O and Luke Houston 6F,

Congratulations to Hannah Kerr 5/6K who recently received a Silver Star Award (100 Literacy Pro points).

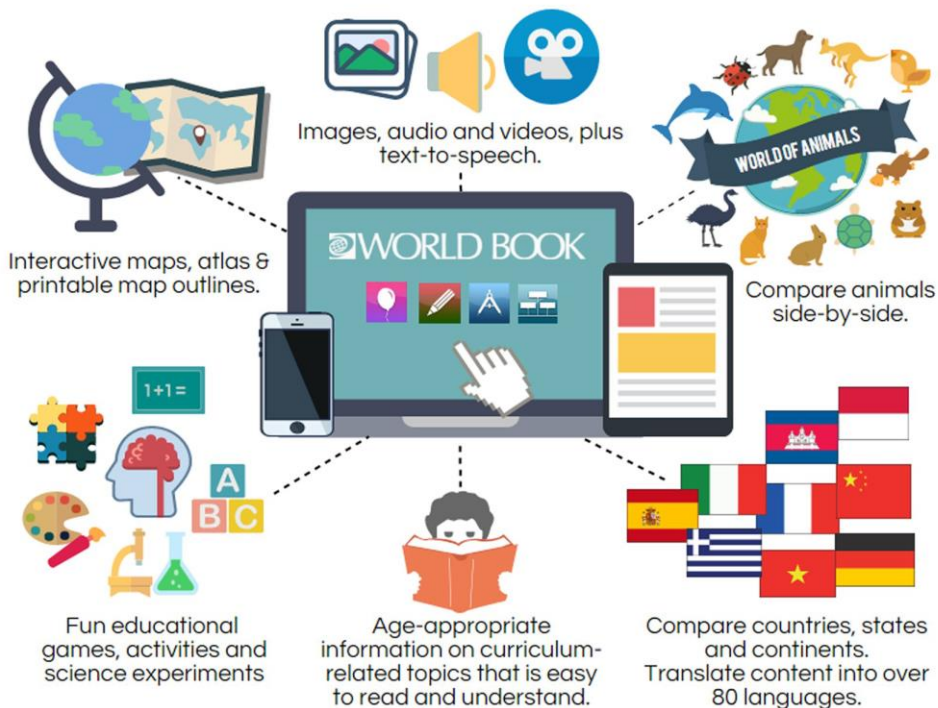
Congratulations to Sophie Ormerod who recently received a Gold Star Award (200 Literacy Pro points) and a book prize.



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Life Education Visits

(Friday 16th June - Tuesday 27th June)

Floraville students will participate in Life Education during weeks 8, 9 and 10 as we are lucky enough to have the van come to our school. Many students will remember previous visits from Healthy Harold. Each class will be allocated a time to go with their classroom teacher to the visit van. It has an associated cost of \$10 per student which must be paid by Thursday 15th June. These sessions will support our teaching of PD/H/PE and cover core outcomes for each stage. Should you have any issues regarding payments please see the office to make arrangements prior to the due date.

Mrs Watson and Ms Roberts

GRIP Leadership

On the 17th May Floraville Public School's 2017 school leaders attended the GRIP leadership course at the University of Newcastle. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, and People. Our leaders took part in fun, interactive activities on the day with many other schools involved. They take away with them many skills and ideas on how to be a successful leader.



Canberra

Last week 62 students from year 6 travelled to our nation's capital, Canberra, for 3 days of experiences. With chilly temperatures, the students visited many political and cultural sites, including Old and New Parliament house, the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Mint, the National Art Gallery and Questacon. It was a very busy and whirlwind trip, however the students thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and learnt a thing or two on the way! They should be commended for their fantastic behaviour and representing Floraville Public School in such a positive way.





P&C NEWS

Thank you to all those parents who attended and participated in last night's P&C meeting. At last night's meeting:

- We had an interesting Sphero presentation given to us by Mr O'Shannessy. This included a short video prepared by our students. We now have a better understanding of what they do and the benefits this provides our students;
- Mr Mulready went into some detail about the results of a student engagement survey conducted recently across years 4, 5 and 6 and how those results compared across state averages;
- Harry gave us an update on OOSH activities;
- We discussed this year's Calendar Art and an alternative and exciting new fundraising opportunity that will come up later in the year;
- We agreed in principle to a canteen sub-committee policy;
- We had some discussion on a uniform shop sub-committee policy;
- Discussion occurred around the accumulating pile of lost property and what we can do to reduce this.

A big thank you to everyone who has already purchased an Entertainment Book. They continue to be available to purchase from the office (in hard copy) or you can order your digital entertainment book from this link – <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/347056>

Finally, in a previous edition of this newsletter I mentioned that we would be considering many different avenues to broaden the P&C accessibility to the school community. As a first step, we introduced a contact email account. Last night the P&C discussed our second step, which is the establishment and operation of a Floraville P&C Facebook page. This page will allow us to update our community on many activities of the P&C, whether that be canteen, uniform shop or fundraising related, or whether that be general reminders and announcements. It will also provide another avenue for you to contact us. We thank Donna Timmins who has offered to set the page up and to assist me in administering this page. We will let you know when the page becomes active so you can "Like" us.

Bryan Garland - President
fpspresident@gmail.com

Canteen News

Coming up - RED DAY – 28th June 2017

This term will see our Red Day in the cooler winter months, so we have decided to do something warm for the kids to eat for their lunch on this day. We will be offering a sausage sizzle on a hot dog bun & choice of drink.

See separate order form enclosed & please have all order forms to the canteen for this special treat by: Friday 23rd June.

Please complete one form per child as these will go out in classes. Extra forms are available to print out from the school website.

Infants Sports Carnival

Our infants sports carnival will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2017. We will be offering a **Sausage Sizzle** for purchase this year as well as some of our regular canteen items. Ordering of lunches can still be done before 9am that morning but the menu will be limited so please check the separate form that came home last week before ordering.

Roster

Thursday 15/6 – Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Cher Blennerhassett,
Kylie Hanson

Friday 16/6 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Jess Lehman

Monday 19/6 – Renae Picton, Michelle O'Toole, Alison Blanek

Tuesday 20/6 – Deb Shaw, Kaye Gibson, Eileen Jackson

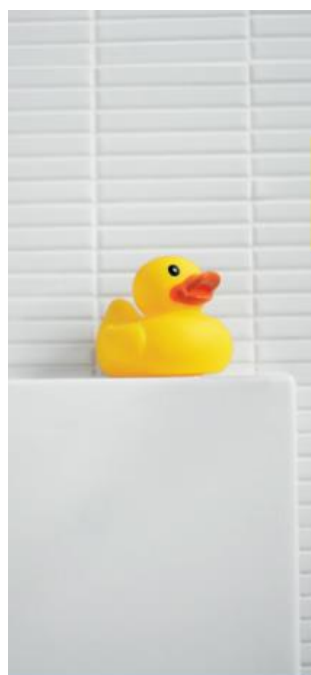
Wednesday 21/6 – Tash Treveton, Kristy Reid, Amanda Jackson

Banking

Every Thursday

Uniform Shop

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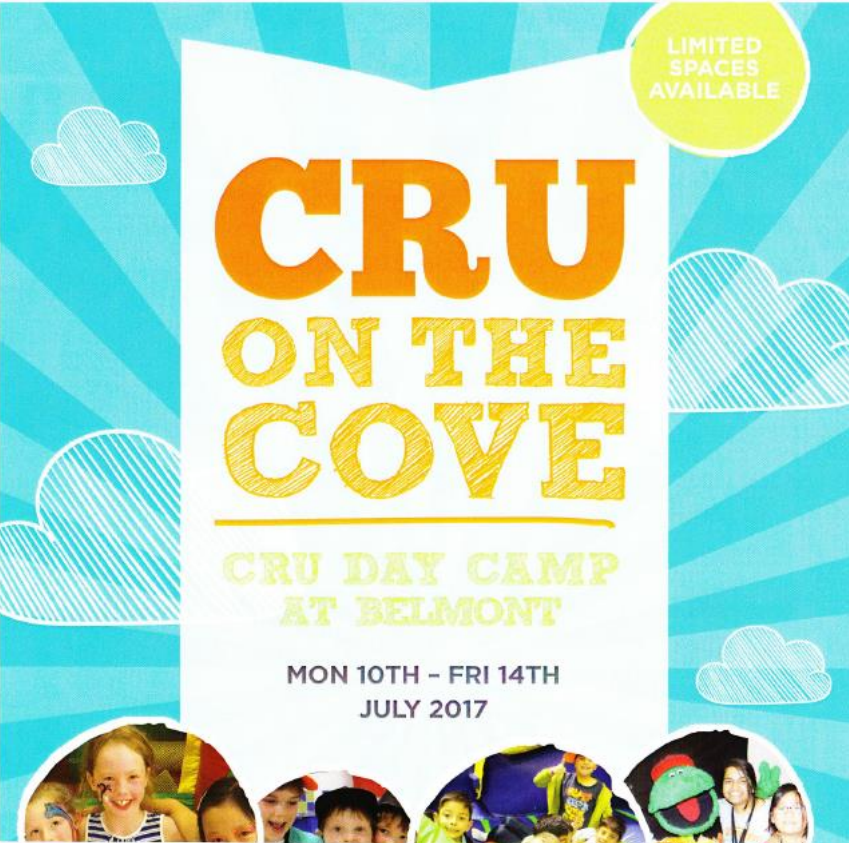
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WESLEY MISSION FOOD APPEAL

The Wesley Mission Food Appeal is asking for assistance with donations for disadvantaged people and families in The Hunter. We would appreciate contributions of non-perishable food items to help our community. Suggested items include: pasta & pasta sauce, rice, cereal, spaghetti, baked beans, drinks, long-life milk, biscuits, canned vegetables & canned fish.

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