



The Brief

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Week	Date	
10	29/6	Debating 12-3pm Infants Assembly 2:20pm
	30/6	Primary Assembly 10:15 am NO MACQUARIE CUP NETBALL Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm Windale Rugby League 12:30pm
1	17/7	Staff Development Day
	18/7	STUDENTS RETURN
	19/7	Belmont HS Enrichment Yr7 2018 5:30-6:30pm
	21/7	Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm Windale Rugby League Cup 12:30pm PSSA Knockout Basketball
Reminder of Money Due: Year 4 Excursion – Final Payment due 20 th July Macquarie Cup Soccer – Term 3 payment due 20 th July Band Fees DUE Notes due: Background Information Note		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 10 TERM 2

Charity Fundraising

Our vision for excellence and equity for every child, includes a belief that students need to develop as citizens as well as learners. Our student parliament plays a key role in this regard, and last week discussed which charity fundraising initiatives our school should support in 2017. While there are many tremendous charity organisations around the globe, the students decided to hold fundraising initiatives for Beanies for Brain Cancer and Pink Stumps Day. We are fortunate to have a strong student voice at Floraville Public School.

School Reports

Students will receive their half-yearly school reports this afternoon. Having read every child's report over the last two weeks, it has been exciting to see the progress students have made and reflect on their achievements during the first half of the year. Can I ask every parent and carer to take the time to sit down and read the report with their child. The best athletes and sportspeople have a specific knowledge of their own skills and abilities – where their strengths lie and where they need to develop their expertise. We want this same *knowledge of self* for our students. We want our students to be the best they can be. Such knowledge is explicitly taught in the classroom. Sometimes students are asked to assess their own writing against a set of criteria or to review and evaluate the problem-solving strategies they may have used. Self-reflection, evaluation and critical analysis are all higher-order thinking skills which promote a greater *knowledge of self*. Half-yearly school reports provide an excellent context for students to build this *self-knowledge* in conversations with their families at home.

Thank you – Active OOSH

Many thanks to our local OOSH provider, who this week donated \$2,600 for the purchase of 11 new electric pencil sharpeners. An invaluable time-saving resource, the sharpeners have been gratefully received by our classroom teachers.

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

Finally

Can I wish students, teachers and families a safe, enjoyable break during the holidays. While it has been a busy term, teaching and learning remains our core business and our students are well served by our talented, hardworking teachers and school administrative support staff. I would also like to thank our teachers for the many hours they have spent completing reports at home over the last few weeks. While students return to school on Tuesday 18 July, teachers return on the Monday for a day of rigorous professional learning and engagement with the latest in educational research.

Simon Mulready
Principal

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

Being Assertive means being positive and confident. You are aware that you are a worthy person with your own special gifts. You think for yourself and express your own ideas. You know what you stand for and what you won't stand. You expect respect.

SPORT NEWS

PSSA Hockey Knockout

Last Friday 23rd June, our school's PSSA hockey knockout teams attended a gala day at the Newcastle International Hockey Centre. Both the boys' and girls' teams faced Redhead Public School, undoubtedly possessing some strong hockey players. Both Floraville teams played well in the game, although unfortunately lost. We then played a friendly game against Kahibah Public School, scoring some exciting goals and coming away with a win. Despite not progressing to the next rounds in the knockout, it was lovely to witness our students' persistence and sportsmanship on the day. Many thanks to the parents that assisted with transport and cheering. Extra gratitude must go to Allison Maddocks, who volunteered her time to help train our teams and assist on the day. Congratulations boys and girls on your enthusiasm and efforts! We look forward to providing more hockey opportunities in the future. Photos from the day will be in next term's Week 4 Bulletin.

Mrs Melling and Miss Leedham.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Lily Burtenshaw KS, Tilly Hutton KF, Owen Kinkade KG, Lara Kennedy 4M, Jessie Rose Bradburn 4/5G and Thomas Kennedy 5O who have all completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. 39 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); Kalarna Swinkels 2CJ, Indianna Ponman 1/2O, Olivia Bell 3B, Ashlee Halloran 3H, Isabella Davies 4/5G, Amber Camilleri 4/5G, Will Ryan 4/5G, Mia Walton 5NR and Will Hooper 6P,

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Red Star Awards (50 Literacy Pro points); Lachlan Wenke 2CJ, Pranali Shukla 3/4C, Amber Camilleri 4/5G and Jade Gibson 6P.

Congratulations to Amber Camilleri 4/5G who recently received a Bronze Star Award (75 Literacy Pro points).

Congratulations to Lachlan Maddocks 5O and Grace Kim 6P who recently received a Gold Star Award (200 Literacy Pro points) and a book prize.

Book Week/Grandparents Day – **COMING SOON**

For those who'd like to get organised for our Book Week and Grandparents Day celebrations, they will be held on Thursday 17th August (Week 5).

If you'd like to use this year's official Children's Book Week theme as inspiration for a costume, it is 'Escape to Everywhere'. Alternatively, students can use their favourite book as inspiration for a costume idea.

More details coming soon.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten 2018

The first orientation session for parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2018 will be held on Tuesday 29th August at 7pm in the school hall. Come along and find out about the programs our school offers. Learn about L3, our Virtues program and how to help your child have a successful start to school life. Meet the experienced staff and become familiar with some of our school routines. Tea and coffee will be available and staff will be able to answer all of your questions. If you haven't already enrolled your child please see the office ASAP. Dates for further sessions for the children are on the school website. Jenny Barclay

Charity Fundraising: Motor Neurone Disease

A big shout-out to Kylie Wells and Belmont Fire & Rescue who are joining forces with fire fighters from around the country to raise funds for Macquarie University's MND research facility. If you are interested in supporting their initiative, visit: <https://friesclimb.gofundraise.com.au/page/KylieWells>

P&C NEWS

A reminder that Entertainment Books are still available to purchase. The Newcastle area Entertainment Books are \$65 this year and represent great value! 20% of the sales price goes back to the P&C. Electronic versions can be purchased from this link – <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/347o56>

If you are on Facebook, don't forget to Like our Facebook page. Search "Floraville Public School P&C" or connect via this link – <https://m.facebook.com/p.c.floraville/>

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CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to our volunteers who helped at the Infants Sports Carnival last week and also to our volunteers today that helped with our red day sausage sizzle.

Without our volunteers we would not be able to successfully run these special events so, THANK YOU ☺

Wishing you all a safe & happy holiday!

Roster

Thursday 29/6 – Kate Lonergan, Tracey Aspinall, Di Stringer, Kylie Feeney

Friday 30/6 – Corinne Cheung, Amanda Jackson, Emma Kay (am)
Nicole Degan (am), Aleisha Hastie

Monday 17/7 – PUPIL FREE DAY!!!

Tuesday 18/7 – Deb Shaw, Eileen Jackson, Kaye Gibson

Wednesday 19/7 – Tash Treveton, Kristy Reid, Amanda Jackson

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday.

A quieter week last week with 77 of our students taking part in banking, but still a terrific 18/22 classes sending in their satchel of banking last week. The banking ladies have awarded class of the week to 1/20. They have made consistent banking numbers for quite a few weeks now which has been awesome to see. Congratulations and keep it going. I wonder which class can make it to double digits of students banking this week? We also had a new student start banking too. These new accounts all add to the commission the school receives. Accounts can be opened at any stage of the year.

Banking will still take place this week so don't forget to send in your child's books. Next Term will see new rewards added to the selection of what your child can order. If your child has a reward due, you may like to wait until Term 3 for these new prizes. Should your child not receive their bank books back in time to re-bank for the coming week, please have them check with their class teacher. Our teachers are indeed busy people so I'm sure they would welcome a friendly reminder from their keen bankers.

Have a great week and a terrific holiday...

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm

Landcare Volunteers Needed!



The Floraville Public School Landcare team are looking for more parent (or grandparent) volunteers to help with group activities. We would greatly appreciate the assistance of at least one extra pair of hands on Tuesdays 1.30-2:10pm, beginning next term. Gardening skills are desired, but not essential. ☺

Volunteering with the Landcare group is a great opportunity to become a valued member of our school community.

If interested, please contact Mrs Fiona Melling via the school phone number:

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