

## 2017 Priorities

Wellbeing (Kids Matter)

Future Focussed Learning

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Differentiation

Aboriginal Education

Great Teaching, Inspired Learning



# The Bulletin

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## Term 3 Week 4

### Principal's Report

#### Film Star: Diantae Fabar

Congratulations to Diantae Fabar on her recent involvement with the School Shorts filmmaking workshop and festival. Run by the Department of Education and the University of Newcastle's School of Creative Industries, students from across the Hunter worked together to write, perform and edit a short film with a given brief. Diantae's short film was screened at the University's Great Hall, earlier this term, with the festival receiving coverage on NBN. You can view the film and the NBN report on the link below (Diantae's clip is #4).

<https://vimeopro.com/creativeindustries/school-shorts-2017/video/227268550>

#### Book Parade & Grandparents Day

Excitement is building for the upcoming Book Parade and Grandparents Day, with students invited to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. While Dr Seuss was a popular source of inspiration last year, Harry Potter continues to attract a wide audience. I understand *Captain Underpants* is also making a comeback (according to Keegan Rowe, anyway). Whatever your preference, the event will provide a great opportunity to celebrate a range of books, while encouraging students to develop a love of reading. The school library will be a focal point for the week, with a Book Fair also taking place. I look forward to meeting some of the grandparents who travel from far and wide to make it to the school for this occasion.



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

## NAPLAN 2017

The Department of Education recently released preliminary information about this year's NAPLAN results. While the school has yet to receive any results for individual students, these will be provided to parents and carers as soon as they become available. NAPLAN is one of a number of assessment tools used by the school in analysing student achievement.

## Morning Routine

Each morning, students in years K-2 assemble in the front COLA for morning messages before being collected by their class teacher. Parents and carers are asked to ensure their child lines up, with the rest of the class, when the bell sounds at 9:00am. It is important for students to gain confidence and familiarity with a morning routine with which all students comply.

## Finally

Students at Floraville participate in a range of academic and extra-curricular programs. Congratulations to Cole and Bronson (pictured) on their tremendous achievements with the Reading Recovery program. Congratulations also goes to the students representing the school this week at zone public speaking finals.

Finally, all the best to students in years 3-6 competing at the zone athletics carnival this week.

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	10/8	Zone Athletics Infants Assembly 2:15pm
	11/8	Primary Assembly 10:15am Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm Windale Rugby League Cup 12:30pm
5	15/8	ICAS Mathematics 9:15-11am
	17/8	Book Week Parade / Grandparents Day 9-3pm
	18/8	Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm Windale Rugby League Cup 12-3pm
<b>Reminder of Money Due</b> Band Fees – DUE		

## 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

We wish our golfer, Lachlan McDonald, all the best at the PSSA Hunter golf trials on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Good luck!

### Zone Athletics

We wish our athletes who will be competing at the Eastlakes Zone Athletics carnival this week the best of luck. We know you will represent our school's values and do your best. Good luck and enjoy the experience!

### Primary Sport

Just a reminder for all primary students to make sure they are bringing their hats and water bottles for sport each Friday.



### Aerobics

Congratulations to our FPS aerobics teams who competed in the National School Aerobics competition on the Gold Coast on Saturday. Ella & Tara placed 5<sup>th</sup> in their pairs division and Enchanted placed 7<sup>th</sup> in their division. We are extremely proud of their achievements and know they would have represented our school with pride.

Also, a big thank you again to everyone who supported their cake stall.







## Boys Softball

Enthusiasm, sportsmanship and resilience were among many qualities that our boys' softball team presented as they played against Valentine Public School in the P.S.S.A. State knockout competition earlier this term. The odds were stacked against us, as many of our players had never played before and we were kicking the round off against a very strong and competitive team comprising of only experienced players.

Thank you to all the boys that represented Floraville. You should be proud of your achievement, your grace and determination to never give up. It is your grit, and rising after you fall, that defines you more than any victory.

Well done, boys!

Mrs Naszka Ballardie

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Week and Grandparents Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August

9:05am	Infants Book Character Parade
10:05am	Primary Book Character Parade
11:00am	Morning Tea (tea, coffee and cake for our visitors)
11:30am –1:30pm	Literature inspired art/craft activities – visitors are invited to visit classrooms to help with the activities.
1:30pm –2:10pm	Lunch – visitors are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with the children or pre order something from the canteen.
All Day	We will also be holding a book fair in the library all day so come along, make a purchase and support our library.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Maddison Harris KB and Zali Waters 5O who have both completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. 57 students have now completed the challenge.

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

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Kindergarten 2018

The first orientation session for parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2018 will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

### Clued Up Kids

In Week 10 last term, six Year 6 students participated in Law Week at Belmont Court House. Jacob, Lucy, Tom, Brayden, Sophie and Hannah had to solve a crime involving a teenage party and the serious consequences of underage drinking. They then presented their findings in a creative and entertaining way to a panel, which included police officers and solicitors. The group were successful in identifying the correct suspect and represented Floraville admirably on the day. Thank you to Mrs Breasley who accompanied the team on the day. We may have discovered some future detectives or barristers!







### **A Matter of Seconds – Water Safety**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, Lifeguards from Lake Macquarie City Council visited our school to give Water Safety talks and demonstrations to students in Kinder, Year 3 and Year 6.

Thank you to Lake Macquarie City Council for offering this service to our school.



### **Debating**

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June, our debating team participated in their first round of the Lake Macquarie Debating competition against Jewells Public School. With the topic being 'Why canteens should provide lunch for kids', the students put forward some strong arguments for the affirmative side. The adjudicator said it was a 'close call', however the debate was won by Jewells. You all displayed such confidence, commitment to your arguments and the ability to work harmoniously as a team. Great job! Now, let's get ready for Round 2!



## NAIDOC DAY AT FLORAVILLE – THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

Once again the students, staff and community celebrated the first Australian people – the Aboriginal people. Floraville was a sea of blue, green, white, yellow, black and red representing the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags as students came to school out of uniform. Students were able to taste crocodile or emu meats, cooked and handed out to classes by our four interns from the University; Tanisha (3H), Amy (5/6K), Kate (3/4C) and Jenna (6F).

We were fortunate to have dance workshops with Marcus Weatherell and the students from Hunter Sports High School. These students were highly engaging in their performance during the assembly in the afternoon. Mr Simon told the story of Tiddalick, sharing his personal artwork and connecting the story to the artwork on the wall near the frog pond.

Our Stage 3 Aboriginal students led the whole-school assembly with dedication to practice and pride in their family's culture. Thank you to Diantae (6P), Levi (6P), Hayley (5O) and Ciara (5/6K) for a great job!

Aboriginal Education Team



### 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program

A reminder, we only have until September 19th 2017 to collect as many Woolworths Earn & Learn sheets as possible. Floraville has boxes to deposit your Earn & Learn sheets at Mount Hutton and Belmont Woolworths, as well as at the school's front office.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.



### 2017 Public Speaking Competition

Last Tuesday, 26 very confident Floraville students represented their classes in the 2017 Floraville Public Speaking Competition. We are proud of the efforts made by all of our students who took part in this competition, but special congratulations must go to our grade winners for 2017. These children will now participate in the Zone Finals which are being held at various local schools this week.

Mya Terbeeke and Makenzi Hastie (ES1)

Oscar Roseby and Eli Evans (Stage 1)

Pranali Shukla and William Dugomanov (Stage 2)

Tobi Eeles and Hunter Campbell (Stage 3)

We wish our Floraville Stage representatives the best of luck in the Lake Macquarie Zone Competition.





### Year 4 Camp

Last Wednesday and Thursday saw Year 4 attend camp – for the first time this year, we went to Sydney. It was an eventful two days with a great balance of experiences for the students and teachers. The Sydney Museum, Botanic Gardens and Hyde Park Barracks activities are a wonderful complement to our learning in history this term. Exposure to the hustle and bustle of the city, Powerhouse Museum and the Darling Harbour playground proved to be fun times. The photos are just a snippet of our times in the big city!



### Beanies for Brain Cancer

Last Friday the Eventarians organised a fund raising event to raise money for the Mark Hughes Foundation. All students were encouraged to wear a beanie to school and contribute a gold coin donation. We are extremely thankful to the generous students who donated \$ 495.90 to this cause.



### Get to know your Teacher

Mrs Dottie Naszka Ballardie

- **If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?** Psychologist.
- **When you were a child, what job did you want to have when you were older?** International Flight Attendant.
- **Did you play any sports as a child if so what?** Danced and Rep Touch football.
- **What's your favourite part about F.P.S?** The relationships and friendships that you form with staff, parents and students.
- **What is one thing you wish you didn't have to teach your class and why?** Manners- they should be automatic.
- **If you could teach any year of primary school, what year would it be and why?** Middle primary as the kids are kind to each other and their personalities come out.
- **Were you ever a school captain of some sort, if so what role did you have?** Yes both Primary and High School. In Primary I was on the Student Council and Treasurer and in High school I was Vice Captain
- **What primary school did you attend?** I went to 4 different primary schools, one in Germany, one in Sydney and 2 in Newcastle.
- **Have you taught at any other school other than Floraville, if so where?** Yes, Hillsborough PS and Maryville PS
- **How long have you been teaching here?** 15 years.
- **What was your first job?** First unpaid job was helping my grandad, he was a director of a cemetery in Poland and we would have to do the rounds to check everything was locked up of an evening and light lanterns and the street lights. My first paid holiday job was at my dad's drafting company and I would file plans. My first real job that I had to go for an interview for was at Sportsgirl in Newcastle.

Mrs Shantala Roach

- **If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?** Interior designer or project manager for property developments.
- **When you were a child, what job did you want to have when you were older?** Always a teacher.
- **Did you play any sports as a child if so what?** Netball.
- **What's your favourite part about F.P.S?** Great people. The families are generally positive people with good values and ideas.
- **What is one thing you wish you didn't have to teach your class and why?** Nothing really. Thinking creatively and learning can be made fun across an area of the curriculum.
- **If you could teach any year of primary school, what year would it be and why?** I like to teach different years at different times. I think moving on to different year groups keeps it interesting.
- **Were you ever a school captain of some sort, if so what role did you have?** I was school captain of my High School and SRC rep (we had 2 captains and 4 SRC reps) for primary school.
- **What primary school did you attend?** Nambucca Heads PS.



- **Have you taught at any other school other than Floraville, if so where?** Too many to list. Most time spent at Auburn North PS, International Grammar School, Frank Partridge VC PS, Beckenham Infants School (London) and Hankyung University (South Korea).
- **How long have you been teaching here?** 8 Years.
- **What was your first job?** Baby sitting at 12yrs, Takeaway shop at 14yrs, OOSH carer and waitress at 16yrs, first teaching job at 21yrs.

## P&C NEWS

Thanks to all the parents that participated in last night's P&C meeting.

Due to popular demand, the 50th Anniversary commemorative tea towel / calico bag orders have been extended by a further week. Order forms can be returned to the front office no later than this Thursday (10/8/17).

Volunteers are sought for the Uniform Shop between 2.30pm and 3.15pm each Wednesday.

Our Father's Day stall will be held on Tuesday 29 August. Gifts range from \$4 to \$10 and card purchases for \$1. Further details will be provided in coming weeks.

Today we have applied to the State Government, under the Community Building Partnership Scheme, for grant funding to go towards a covered walkway between the canteen block and the basketball courts.

P&C extends its thanks to Lake Macquarie City Council for installing the concrete footpath on the other side of Floraville Road.

Bryan Garland - President  
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## Canteen News

### Fresh for kids Healthy Food Competition

Our exciting new competition has started! We are seeing lots of fruit, salads & vegetables being ordered at the canteen. Keep up the great work.

### Grandparents Day/Book Week Parade

Book Week Parade/Grandparents day – Thursday 17th August

Infants & primary parents, we need your help on Grandparents Day!

Everyone loves to watch their children in the book parade & it would be lovely to get some extra help in the canteen to make this possible! So if you can spare a half hour so all our parents on canteen can see their parade this would be greatly appreciated.

### Coming up

Fresh for Kids Healthy Food Competition – starts 7<sup>th</sup> Aug – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Grandparents Day - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August

### Roster

**Thursday 10/8** – Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Cher Blennerhassett, Kylie Hanson

**Friday 11/8** – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Jess Lehman

**Monday 14/8** – Renae Picton, Michelle O'Toole, Alison Blaneck

**Tuesday 15/8** – Deb Shaw, Eileen Jackson, Kaye Gibson

**Wednesday 16/8** – Tash Treveton, Kristy Reid, Amanda Jackson

## Banking

### **Every Thursday**

Our school banking relies upon the assistance of volunteers to help count our children's banking each Friday morning. Unfortunately, we only have a very small group of volunteers who assist most Fridays and naturally from time to time these regular volunteers have prior commitments or some life events which mean they are not able to attend banking. This can leave only 1 or 2 people including the coordinator. One person counting the children's banking is simply not enough and this takes the time to complete banking from 45 minutes to some hours. I am appealing to the school community to please offer your assistance. If we are not able to broaden our volunteer base this will leave us with just the coordinator, as was the case last Friday. A last minute playground appeal to a few mums meant we were able to go ahead, but if this was not the case banking would have been cancelled. One person counting, as you can appreciate, means we cannot go ahead. Volunteering

does not need to be every week, or for the full duration. If you could spare even half an hour this would be a great help. The uniform shop is where we count and we are there from 9am Friday mornings.

A big thank you to our last minute mums Sue King & Erin Griffiths, who also had prior commitments but put these aside to lend a hand.

Last week's banking champions, a big congratulations to 3B! You guys are smashing the banking tally with 9 students taking part. It's great to see a class from our senior school still so eager to contribute to their banking each week. A very quiet week with only 12 classes banking. I'm sure illness has played a big part of this but if your child is not receiving their books back could they please check with their teacher.

#### Uniform Shop

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

## Good for Kids good for life

### EAT A RAINBOW

Fruit and vegetables come in all the colours of the rainbow! But did you know that each colour provides different nutrients so why not pack a different colour for each day of the week?

**Red:** Red capsicum sticks, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, red grapes

**Orange/Yellow:** Carrot sticks, yellow capsicum sticks, oranges, mandarins, pineapple

**Green:** Cucumber sticks, celery sticks, snow peas, green beans, kiwi fruit

**Purple/Blue:** Red cabbage in salads, plums, blueberries

**Brown/White:** Mushrooms, cauliflower rice, banana



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