



The Brief

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Week	Date	
3	2/8	Year 4 Camp
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	4/8	Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm Macquarie Cup Soccer 12:05-3pm Windale Rugby League Cup 12:30pm
4	7/8	Whole School Assembly 2:15pm
	9/8	Zone Athletics
	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
Reminder of Money Due: Macquarie Cup Soccer – Term 3 payment OVERDUE Band Fees DUE		

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 3 TERM 3

This week at Floraville, staff continue their commitment to excellence in teaching, learning and wellbeing through engaging in professional learning. Collaborations as part of Great Teaching Inspired Learning (GTIL) are becoming more evident across the school as teachers are visiting colleagues for lesson observations. On Tuesday afternoon, our mental health and wellbeing initiative 'Kids Matter' was presented as part of staff training and development, exploring the relationships between staff, students and parents.

'I learn, We learn' is this year's theme for Education Week, which Floraville will celebrate in Week 5 (14-18 August) as part of our annual Book Week and Grandparents Day celebrations. The focus of Public Education is our commitment to high expectations and continuous improvements so that every child's potential is identified and developed by quality teaching in a safe and supportive learning environment. Great learning and teaching happens every day, and events such as this week's Public Speaking Competition, excursions, and last weeks NAIDOC Day celebrations are a reminder of the dedication and celebration of the work that is occurring as part of public education.

Links

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families>

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/mindfulness>

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

Fundraisers

Last Wednesday night our resident D.J Mr Faulkner entertained students with the latest music and dance moves while I had a moment of mindfulness in the library with some fresh fruit, tea, meditations and a chat. We thank all the students and parents for participating. The disco raised \$2,500 much needed funds towards the cost of taking students to the School's Spectacular in Sydney later in the year.

A huge thank you to the parents, students and staff that were involved in the cake stall fundraiser. This initiative raised \$1300 to help offset the cost of taking the girls to the Nationals for the School Aerobics competition at the Gold Coast this weekend. We wish the girls the best of luck.

Wear your beanie to school this Friday 4th August for Beanies for Brain Cancer. Your gold coin donation will go to the Mark Hughes Foundation.

<http://beanie.markhughesfoundation.com.au/>

Year 4 Excursion

While many families were getting up this morning our wonderful Year 4 teachers and 90 students headed off on buses to Sydney to explore 'first contacts' as part of their History syllabus. During their time, students will visit places such as The Rocks, Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney Living Museum and the Royal Botanic Gardens before returning to Floraville at approximately 6pm on Thursday evening.

Procedures for Communicating with Teachers

Please be mindful that schools are busy places for teachers and students and a place where we welcome parents and visitors. To ensure safety and wellbeing of all concerned we would like to remind you that if you intend to remain on the premises after 9 am, please sign in at the office and wear an appropriate badge. At times, it may be tempting to pop in for a quick chat during school hours (9am-3pm) however, duty of care to all students must take priority. Parents are welcome to arrange appointments with the class teacher. If there is a significant matter that requires urgent consultation, it is best to email the school or leave a message at the office, asking the teacher to get in touch so a private conversation can occur.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

There has been a report of whooping cough at our school.

Symptoms include a runny nose, followed by a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. If you suspect that your child has whooping cough, even if they are immunised, please take them to your GP. Your child will need to stay away from school for the first 5 days of antibiotic treatment.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/pages/pertussis.aspx>

Our Floraville family has grown

Congratulations to Mrs Carissa Watson and her husband Chris who welcomed the birth of their second child Jeremy, brother to Blake, on Monday. We were very excited to hear the great news and look forward to meeting baby Jeremy.

Dottie Naszka Ballardie

Relieving Principal

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

Zone Athletics

Permission notes and monies are due this Friday for those students attending Zone Athletics next week. We are looking forward to a great two days with our Floraville representatives.

Mahney Jenkins has been invited to participate in a new event at Zone this year, the 1500m race. This event will now be held on Thursday morning. As it is a new event for school athletics, students who placed in the first 6 at Zone Cross Country have been invited to take part in this event. We will be there to cheer Mahney on in this new event.

Hunter PSSA Golf trials

On Tuesday 15th August, Lachlan McDonald from 1/20 will be heading to the Hunter PSSA Golf Trials. This is a great achievement for Lachlan to be going to these trials as a Year 1 student. We wish Lachlan all the best and we cannot wait to hear about his experience. Go Lachlan!

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week and Grandparents Day – Week 5

- We will be holding our annual Book Week and Grandparents Day celebrations on Thursday 17th August. Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or perhaps get inspired by this year's official Book Week Theme 'Escape to Everywhere'.
- The Infants parade will be held from 9:05am followed by the Primary parade at around 10:05am.
- Tea, coffee and morning tea will be available for our visitors kindly supplied by our canteen volunteers and families. Visitors are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch to share with the children.
- Our visitors are then invited to join students in their classrooms as they create literature inspired art & craft masterpieces with these activities concluding at 1:30pm. An invitation will be sent home for students to give to their Grandparents.
- We will also be holding a book fair throughout the day so come along and support our library by making a purchase.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Oliver Smith of Year 1 and Nathan Connor of Year 4 who have both completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. 55 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.'

The challenge needs to be complete by Friday 25th August.

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

Cake Stall

On Friday, we held a very successful cake stall to raise funds for two of our Floraville aerobic teams who will be competing at Nationals on the Gold Coast next weekend. Thank-you to everyone who purchased something from the cake stall, you have helped the girls out with the cost of travelling and accommodation. A big shout-out to the girls' parents for arranging the cake stall. On behalf of students and staff we wish the girls the best of luck.

Miss Brindley & Miss O'Friel

Public Speaking 2017

Public speaking is highly valued at Floraville School and all students have had the opportunity to prepare and present a speech in their class competition. The class representatives then refined their speeches at school and took part in the Grade finals that were held in the hall yesterday. Once again the speeches were all of a high standard, presenting the audience with confidence, humour and entertaining information. We heard all about butterfly tamers, littering, school reports, Dad jokes and annoying pranks to name a few. We are extremely proud of the efforts made by all of our students who took part in this competition as they have all developed their public speaking skills.

Special congratulations must go to our grade winners for 2017.

Early Stage 1 – Mya Terbeeke

Year 1 – Oscar Roseby

Year 2 – Eli Evans

Year 3 – Pranali Shukla

Year 4 – William Dugomanov

Year 5 – Tobi Eeles

Year 6 – Hunter Campbell

These children will now progress to the Zone finals which will be held in Week 5. Photos will follow in our Bulletin next week. We wish our 2017 Floraville Stage representatives the best of luck in the Lake Macquarie Zone Competition.

Mark Hughes Foundation

Beanies for Brain Cancer

This Friday 4th August, we will be holding a beanie for Brain Cancer Day. We hope to raise funds for kids with brain cancer and to fund research to help find a cure for brain cancer. We will have activities in class like brain teasers, celebrity heads, and much more. Students will be encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and to wear a beanie this Friday. The Eventarians will be collecting the gold coins in the morning after scripture. We hope you join in to raise funds for kids with brain cancer.

Pick up Zone

The pick-up zone which operates at the front of our school is designed to create safe, flowing movement of traffic for students, which can only remain so if everyone obeys the rules. These rules are not being obeyed and have resulted in children being put at risk of harm. The following list is a refresher of these rules.

- Driver cannot get out of the car.
- Driver must be completely pulled over to the kerb they **CANNOT stop in the moving traffic lane and call their child over to their car.**
- Driver cannot stop in the disabled car park.
- Students **do not run** to your car (that footpath is very uneven and slopes away towards the road, if you slip you could be seriously injured or fall onto the road).

We want to keep everyone safe, Thank you for your support in this matter.

Carly Erich

Deputy Principal (Rel)

P&C NEWS

Next Tuesday 8 August 2017 we will hold our August P&C meeting. At this meeting we will:

- be provided an update from the OOSH team;
- be updated by Mr Mulready on recent news and activity from around the school;
- hear where the 50th Anniversary team are up to in their planning for the 14 September event;
- consider the recommendation to adopt our Canteen sub-committee policy;
- commence review of our Uniform Shop sub-committee policy and our grievance policy.

P&C meetings are open to everyone and provide a forum for parent discussion and participation in school decision-making. Everyone is welcome to come along – Tuesday 8 August from 6.30pm in the school library.

A couple of reminders:

- 50th Anniversary commemorative tea towel / calico bag orders are due back to the front office by this coming Friday 4th August. All proceeds will go toward new bubblers at the flat.
- Book club orders are due back to the front office by Monday 7 August.
- The canteen will be running the Fresh for Kids healthy food competition. It commences next Monday 7 August and concludes Friday 22 September.
- Entertainment books are still available. See previous newsletter editions or contact me.
- Like the P&C Facebook page. Facebook search “Floraville Public School P&C”.

Bryan Garland - President
fpspresident@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

Fresh for kids Healthy Food Competition

Our exciting new competition starts next Monday 7th August. A separate note went home last week with details and competition rules. We look forward to seeing lots of salads, fruit and vegetables being ordered at the canteen.

Coming up

Fresh for Kids Healthy Food Competition – starts 7/8/17-22/9/17

Grandparents Day - Thursday 17th August

Roster

Thursday 3/8 – Narelle Masson, Sandy Green, Sally Brown, Kathy Campbell

Friday 4/8 – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies, Megan Garland, Kellie Christian

Monday 7/8 – Leonie Gordon, Marie Anthony, Sue Mannix

Tuesday 8/8 – Simone Lindsey, Tracey Duthie, Lauren Highfield,
Sunitha Mumtahan

Wednesday 9/8 – Pat Whyte, Maree McCulloch, Marion Van Zeeland

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday.

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm

FROM THE OFFICE

Special request - second hand boys and girls uniforms size 10 – 14 required urgently for our “spares” cupboard.