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# The Bulletin

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## Term 3 Week 8

### Principal's Report

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: One week to go!

The photograph included here was taken on the first day the school opened, in 1967. Mr Alan Lewis was the school's first principal that day, and he will be joining us on Thursday next week, as the school celebrates fifty years. There is a lot to celebrate from the past fifty years, with tens of thousands of students having sat in our classrooms and roamed through our playgrounds. Fifty years of sporting, academic and performing arts success. Fifty years of tremendous contributions from parents, families and the broader school community. Fifty years of service to public education through the dedication and commitment of over a thousand teachers and support staff. I hope you will join us on Thursday 14 September to celebrate the school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



The first dress rehearsal for our concert series is scheduled for today, with students in Stage 3 practising in the hall at 12.00pm. Performing arts is an important part of the school curriculum and it's great that we can incorporate the student performances in our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Within the busyness of normal school routines, our students have applied themselves industriously learning songs, dance and various drama routines in preparation for the big event. A second release of ticket sales will open at 6pm this evening. Tickets can be purchased on-line via the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=308204&>

The Open Day itself promises to be an exciting occasion (9:00am – 12:30pm). Students and visitors will meet in the COLA for a morning assembly at 9:00am, which will include a welcome from Mr Alan Lewis. At 9:15am students will return to class and the Open Day will commence. During the day, students will be able to move around the school and engage in the various activities on offer, each reflecting significant moments from the school's past. Parents and family members are invited to join in with their children. (A note will be sent home with details of the activities). Former students and staff may be particularly interested in the school tours, gully tours, art show, and historical display in the library. The library will also include the school's new vision statement, to which family and community members are invited to sign their name in a show of support.

Former students and staff wishing to attend the Canapés & Catch-Up event in the afternoon (4pm – 6pm) are asked to RSVP via the Floraville 50<sup>th</sup> Facebook page, or by contacting the office. This event will provide opportunity for visitors to share stories from the past while enjoying light refreshments. There will be a brief presentation and cutting of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake at 5pm. (Note: This event is not designed for current students)

### School Uniform

Students are asked to attend in their normal school uniform for the day of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Moving around the school this week, I've noticed a few students wearing non-uniform items, including hats, jackets and necklaces. Students are reminded that necklaces should be concealed beneath the shirt. Students are also permitted to wear one wrist band, not multiple items. Please ensure all hats and jackets are consistent with the uniform. Wearing a full school uniform is a good way of demonstrating pride in our school.

Simon Mulready  
Principal

### Pedestrian Safety

Drivers are reminded to observe the road rules and drive safely. Driving fines apply for doing a U-turn on Chevron Close or on Floraville Rd in front of the school.

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

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	7/9	<b>INFANTS ASSEMBLY CANCELLED DUE TO DRESS REHEARSALS</b>
	8/9	<b>PRIMARY ASSEMBLY CANCELLED DUE TO DRESS REHEARSALS</b> Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal 11.30am Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm
9	11/9	Stage 2 Dress Rehearsal 11.45am
	12/9	Kinder Dress Rehearsal 10am
	14/9	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
	15/9	Macquarie Cup Netball 12-3pm
<b>Reminder of Money Due</b> Band Fees – <b>OVERDUE</b> Year 5 GABC - \$100 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment due by 21/9 Year 3 Camp Morisset \$85 deposit due by 21/9		

## 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

### Primary Sport Term 4

Term 4 Primary Sport preference notes were sent home today. The sign-up day will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8:40am. Please read the note carefully for further information. There will be the option of paid and unpaid sports.

We will be offering a number of new free sports along with changes to our paid sports. We will be continuing with Water Polo, however there will now be a qualified instructor teaching the students at the pool. We have taken away Water Fun and Safety and have introduced 'Swimming Squad' with the idea of helping our students prepare for our 2018 swimming carnival and be guided by a qualified instructor to help with stroke correction. These activities will be at Valentine Pool over 8 weeks with qualified instructors running the activities. Floraville teachers will also be in attendance.

### PSSA Golf

On the 15th August at the Newcastle Golf Club, Lachlan McDonald represented Floraville at the Hunter PSSA golf trials. Lachlan played so well he won the PSSA Golf 9-hole competition. This was a fantastic effort for such a young athlete!





### Floraville PS Ski team

Ruby and Bella Jones in action at the NSW Interschool's Championships in Perisher. The girls will now represent Floraville at the Australian Championships on 8-9 September in Mt Buller, Victoria. We wish them luck and we are looking forward to hearing about their experience.



### Windale League team

It has been another great season of rugby league at Floraville. Our team has improved each week throughout the year. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers that have helped in any way during the season.

This Friday is our last game for the Windale competition and the Newcastle Knights are putting a BBQ (Sausage Sizzle) on for all participating players after the last game of the day. Floraville will be playing Warners Bay PS on oval 4 at 1:50pm.

Mr Cox





### Macquarie Cup Soccer

Congratulations to both the Senior A and B Macquarie Cup soccer teams who have qualified for the grand final this Friday. The A team were victorious against Belmont Christian College, winning 3 nil, and the B team beat Charlton Christian College 3-1. They will be playing Eleebana Public School and St Benedicts Edgeworth. We wish them the very best of luck!

### PSSA Zone Athletics

Enjoy the happy snaps from the Zone Athletics carnival in Week 4. Floraville students achieved fantastic results.



### Bahtabah Oztog Gala Day

Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking 12 of our Stage 2 and 3 students to Lenaghan Oval for the annual Bahtabah Oztog Gala Day. To say this 'closing the gap' initiative is growing each year is an understatement, with 20 schools attending this year. Our students played against other local schools such as Belmont P.S, Swansea P.S and Belmont North P.S with fantastic skill and sportsmanship. I was very proud of them all. Thanks to the parents and grandparents who attended and supported our students. We will be back next year with an even stronger Stage 3 team!





### Hunter PSSA Hockey

Last week saw Callum Sharman, representative of the Hunter boys' hockey team, attend the NSW 2017 PSSA Hockey Boys' Championships held in Wyong. Callum has been training with the boys' team over the past term and the hard work must have paid off! Callum scored 3 goals over the course of the carnival - certainly not an easy task against the state's top players! Hunter finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, narrowly being defeated by CIS in the grand final. Congratulations Callum on representing Floraville Public School and the Hunter region. What a successful year of hockey you have had – we will be sure to watch out for you on the hockey field in years to come!



### OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

#### Fathers Day Celebration's

Last Friday, the Kindergarten students entertained some special visitors. Dads grandads, uncles and at least one great grandad came to school to have some fun with their very own little loved ones. The children and dads displayed their craft skills in making a tie, technology skills on the computer and their ball skills out in the COLA with cricket bats and balls, scoops and bean bag nets. Some of the children even gave their dads a shave! The teachers loved seeing how proud the men were in making and doing these tasks with their own very important person. There are some photos on the school website for you to check out.

We hope all who celebrated on Sunday had a happy day.

Kindergarten Teachers



### Junior Choir

On Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, the Junior Choir walked to our local Nursing Home, Narla Village and the students sang for the residents. Ms Thacker and I were very proud of our students who sang proudly and it was so lovely to see the elderly enjoying their beautiful voices. We were delighted to be asked back to sing carols for Christmas. We can't wait!

Miss O'Friel & Ms Thacker

### NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test from 14 August to 22 September. There is a lot of information for schools, students and parents on the [NAPLAN Online transition website](#). The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology as we prepare to transition to NAPLAN Online. It provides an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online assessment platform but is not an assessment of student ability.

During Week 10, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit a simulated NAPLAN online test for Reading, Language Conventions, Numeracy and Writing (Year 5 Only). These tests will not be graded or sent away for marking. Students are asked to bring in a pair of headphones from home for the test.

If you have any further questions about the process, please contact Mr O'Shannessy.

### Landcare Report

The Landcare team has been extremely busy of late to upkeep the garden and prepare for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are excited to share our garden with other students and visitors on the day of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, holding a Farmer's Market. This is a great opportunity for everyone to wander through the garden to look at the abundance of vegetables and herbs growing, as well as purchase some produce, succulent plants, seed starters or even a raffle ticket. The Landcare team does a wonderful job each Tuesday, meeting at 2<sup>nd</sup> break to carry out various gardening duties. Once again, we thank our amazing volunteers, Sarah and Marion. More recently, we have welcomed parents Kathy Campbell and Ben Griffiths to our growing number of volunteer helpers. More help is always appreciated, either on Tuesdays at 2<sup>nd</sup> break with the Landcare team or a time that works in with your own schedule. Please contact Mrs Fiona Melling via the school phone number if you are interested in helping out.

### Get to know your Teacher

Mrs Coreena Haylan

- **If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?** Restaurant reviewer.
- **When you were a child, what job did you want to have when you were older?** A teacher, always.
- **Did you play any sports as a child if so what?** Yes netball, touch football and indoor soccer.
- **What's your favourite part about F.P.S?** Everyone is so friendly and cares about each other, plus all the teachers are fun.
- **What is one thing you wish you didn't have to teach your class and why?** Dance - I am more of a get down and boogie style dancer so I find teaching organised dance tricky.
- **If you could teach any year of primary school, what year would it be and why?** I love teaching any year from Year 1- 6.
- **Were you ever a school captain of some sort, if so what role did you have?** Yes I was Vice Captain at Muswellbrook South Public School and Vice Captain at Muswellbrook High School.
- **What primary school did you attend?** Muswellbrook South Public School and Muswellbrook High School.
- **Have you taught at any other school other than Floraville, if so where?** Aberdeen PS, Denman PS, Muswellbrook South PS, Mayfield West PS, Cardiff South PS, Windale PS and Redhead PS.
- **How long have you been teaching here?** A long time, on and off.
- **What was your first job?** At Best and Less and a McDonalds party clown.

Mrs Kylie Focic

- **If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?** A journalist.
- **When you were a child, what job did you want to have when you were older?** A nurse or a ballerina.
- **Did you play any sports as a child if so what?** I played hockey at national Park every year from Year 3 until I finished high school.
- **What's your favourite part about F.P.S?** My class of course! I also really like the other teachers I work with.
- **What is one thing you wish you didn't have to teach your class and why?** I had to think about this one and there's nothing I've had to teach that I don't really want to.
- **If you could teach any year of primary school, what year would it be and why?** Year 6. I love that I can have a joke with the older kids and they usually get it. An added advantage is that they can do up their own shoelaces.
- **Were you ever a school captain of some sort, if so what role did you have?** I was a prefect at my primary school.
- **What primary school did you attend?** Belair Public School.
- **Have you taught at any other school other than Floraville, if so where?** I've taught at Lambton Public School, Kotara South Public School, and I was a casual teacher at a number of schools in Armidale and Guyra.
- **How long have you been teaching here?** This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year at FPS, and I taught here as a casual in 2013.
- **What was your first job?** I worked at the Commonwealth Bank at Wallsend when I left high school, training to do all sorts of things.

### 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program

Floraville has until September 19th 2017, to collect as many stickers as possible from Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

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.  
Goooo FLORAVILLE!!!



### P&C NEWS

#### P&C News

On behalf of the school community, we echo Mr Mulready's comments in last week's newsletter regarding the outstanding work of the School and Administrative Support Staff (SASS). In SASS Recognition week, we also acknowledge their hard work and dedication to the operation of Floraville Public School, and the support they give to our school P&C and community. Thank you very much.

Late last week, the school canteen was able to purchase a new refrigerator to replace aging equipment within the canteen. This purchase was possible due to the donations received from our school community during recent canteen fundraising activities. The fridge was ordered from Belmont Betta Home Living, a local company who have long supported FPS.

A reminder:

- The September P&C meeting will be conducted next Tuesday 12 September, commencing at 6.30pm in the school library. At this meeting, we will hear final planning details for the 50th Anniversary event, be provided with a general update from Mr Mulready and continue discussions on the P&C uniform shop policy and other P&C policies.
- 50th Anniversary Special Canteen Pre-Orders are due back to the canteen, with full payment, no later than Monday 11 September.

Bryan Garland - President  
fpspresident@gmail.com

#### Canteen News

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

All families should have now received their pre-order form for the canteen in regards to the anniversary celebrations, if not this is available to print from the school website notes. This is a preorder for cakes and soft drinks but please feel free to preorder lunches for all of the family for this day!

#### RED DAY - Thursday 14<sup>TH</sup> September

Our anniversary day will also be our Red day this term. The students will be able to purchase cakes, soft drinks, sausage sizzle, etc. Please pre-order your cakes and soft drink to ensure you get your 1<sup>st</sup> choice!

#### Roster

**Thursday 7/9** – Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Cher Blennerhassett, Kylie Hanson

**Friday 8/9** – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Jess Lehman

**Monday 11/9** – Renae Picton, Michelle O'Toole, Alison Blanek

**Tuesday 12/9** – Deb Shaw, Eileen Jackson

**Wednesday 13/9** – Tash Treveton, Kristy Reid, Amanda Jackson



### Banking News

Well the banking students were certainly on fire last week with a terrific 86 students and 19/22 classes taking part. It was great to see such an increase and we are edging closer to our 100 goal. We also had one new student join us along with a few students back after having a break. Opening an account is able to be done via the following link or visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch with your identification and your child's birth certificate. The school receives \$5 for every new account opened and also a commission for the total deposits that are banked each quarter. These funds are allocated to the library for resources for our children. Our first 2 quarters this year has seen an increase in commission compared to last year which is terrific.

[https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=gsa\\_generic\\_school-banking](https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=gsa_generic_school-banking)

The fabulous 1B have been awarded most improved class for last week – well done 1B! It was also great to see 1F and 2L hot on their heels.

Many thanks again to our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers Donna Timmins, Erin Griffiths, Michelle Ponman & Bree Perkins. These ladies spend roughly 45-60 minutes each Friday helping count all the banking that your children bring to school. New volunteers are very welcome. Even if you only have 15 minutes to spare this would be a great help to us. Counting begins 9am in the uniform shop.

Lastly, we have been advised that there has been a delay on the prizes that have been ordered in the last few weeks. We will have these prizes out to the students as soon as we receive them.

Happy Banking!



### Uniform Shop

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



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## LEARN TO SAIL (6 – 17 YEARS) September 2017

**COURSE DATE**  
Monday 25th September to Friday 29th September

Morning Session 9.30am to 12.30pm  
Afternoon Session 1pm to 4pm  
(Afternoon session will be opened if the morning session is sold out)

Cost per participant: \$140.00

**NOTE:** A Parent/guardian must be a full Financial Member of Belmont 16s and each course participant must be a Junior Member of the Club (as required by The Maritime Safety National Law Act 2012).

Sailing equipment can only be offered for use to Club members.

**COURSE COST INCLUDES**  
Instructor fees,  
Certificate upon completion,  
Use of Club boats and lifejackets.

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club is an accredited Discover Sailing Centre.  
Craft used are RS Fevas and at times Pelican dinghies.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA [SAIL16S.COM.AU](http://SAIL16S.COM.AU)

For further information please call the Sailing Office on 4945 7736.

## Good for Kids good for life

### FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

Fundamental movement skills (FMS) are the building blocks for more complex and specialised skills required in sports and leisure activities.

FMS include activities such as running, jumping, throwing, catching and kicking. FMS allow children to:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Improve posture
- Develop parts of the brain
- Develop problem solving skills
- Socialise and interact with their environment.

Teachers at your school are helping to teach FMS to your children. Why not ask them about the skills they are learning to help them practice at home?



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# VACATION CARE

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**During these holidays, we have 2 new Vacation Care programs!! NINJA KIDS & MOVIE EXCURSION**

Vacation Care is available from  
**MONDAY 25th September -  
Friday 6th October**  
(closed public holidays)

**7.30am - 6.00pm Meals Included**

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