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TERM 3 Week 8

Principal's Report

Japanese or Bon Jovi?

I don't think I could speak Japanese when I was in kindergarten, but there's nothing stopping the students in KF. Having missed their assembly presentation last week, I visited Mrs Fester's kindergarten class and was fortunate to be given an encore performance of their assembly item – a Japanese version of *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. It's a big deal for five and six year old students to stand on stage in front of 300 people and deliver a speech or perform a song, but with lots of practice and preparation, our students consistently rise to the occasion.

Apart from our regular assembly items, there are a range of performance opportunities for students at Floraville. Yesterday I was invited by Mrs O'Neil to visit her Year 6 music class. Students had written their own pieces of music for small groups to perform. Samara, Addison and Alice were ready with their composition, but were short of a musician. While my rockstar days are probably over (not sure they ever started), I was keen to fill the missing spot in their ensemble. The "triangle" was not the instrument I had in mind, but we made it through our performance, following the sheet music Samara had composed.

It has also been a busy month for our school band. Following a band Fun Day and performance at a school assembly, a group of dedicated band members attended Valentine Public School on Sunday for the BANDITS showcase. Floraville has enjoyed success with the school band for many years. Although there are not many schools who can boast two school bands, a *Major* and a *Minor* group enable both beginner and more experienced musicians to participate. Now is the time for Year 2 students to start considering if they would like to join the band in 2019.



There is a lot more to school than learning to read and write. The performing arts play such a vital role in our daily lives. How significantly can our mood change when we hear a favourite song on the radio? For some reason Bon Jovi has had significant air time in the Mulready household this week. While there are some members of the house who enjoy it more than others, a few objectors were noted to be singing along. As we pursue our school's vision for *creative, confident* learners, we want our students to love and enjoy music, to be their own creators and composers, and to be confident to stand up on the stage in front of an audience. Whether they're singing in Japanese or rocking out to Bon Jovi, the performing arts will always hold an important place at Floraville Public School.



School Communication

At last night's P&C meeting we reviewed the school processes for communication. With regular information being provided to families across a variety of channels, it is important that the purpose of each channel is understood. The table below summarises the purpose of each communication channel. Families may have noticed additional material provided on Facebook in recent weeks. As a school, we are committed to continually improving and enhancing our processes in this area.

Communication Channel	Purpose
School Website	The one stop shop for information, notes & newsletters. (Includes the school calendar)
Newsletter	A selection of highlights and reminders of upcoming events. (A more-detailed newsletter, The Bulletin, is published in Weeks 4 and 8)
Facebook	Celebrating student achievement
App	Reminders and notifications. (Includes the school calendar and a digital copy of the newsletter)
Digital Sign	Highlights and reminders of upcoming events

Parking Improvements

The school and P&C are working together to improve the parking situation around the school. In the afternoon, traffic can become particularly congested. Yesterday afternoon we met with representatives from Lake Macquarie Council and the Department of Education so that they could view the situation first hand. The Council representatives will now create a draft proposal for parking improvements, which will be provided to the school and available for comment at the next P&C meeting. The school is also in consultation with neighbours on Sovereign Close and Chevron Close with an awareness of their concerns.



Finally

Thank you to everyone who supported the school's disco and cyber safety event last week. Some of the feedback we received was that students in years 4 to 6 would also benefit from hearing the Cyber Safety Lady. The school's Wellbeing Team is considering future plans in this regard. Can I also thank the members of the Wellbeing Team for enabling such a great event.

Simon Mulready, Principal

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

Trust is having faith in someone or something. It is a positive attitude about life. You are confident that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Even when difficult things happen, trust helps us to find the gift or lesson in it.

Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
8	13/9	K-2 Assembly (2B) 2.10pm-3pm
	14/9	Senior B Soccer Grand Final 12.30pm Term 4 Primary Sport Sign-Up 8.40am-9am Primary Assembly (3H) 10.20am-11am Macquarie Cup Netball 12.05pm-2.50pm
9	18/9	PSSA Touch Football v Nulkaba
	19/9	Soccer K/O v Neutral Bay 12pm-1pm
	20/9	Kindergarten Blackbutt Reserve excursion
	21/9	Ride to school safely day Macquarie Cup Netball 12.05pm-2.50pm
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Reminder of Money Due: Kindergarten excursion \$12 due Tuesday 18 September Year 3 FINAL PAYMENT \$50 due Thursday 13 September Year 5 Deposit (non refundable) \$90 due Thursday 13 September Year 6 Canberra 2 nd instalment \$130 due Thursday 13 September Band Fees – Term 3 now 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 NEWS

Term 4 2018 Primary Sport Nomination Form

Please do NOT send money with this form.

Number your preferences from your 1st choice at number 1 through to last choice at number 6. If you select an elective sport number all boxes unless one of your other choices is a rotational sport.

Notes must be returned Friday 14th September 2018. Each grade will have their own collection box outside the hall from 8.40am to 9am and the first notes returned will take preference. If your child is absent on this day they need to give their form to someone who can line up on their behalf. If your child gains a place in an elective sport, a permission note will be sent home by Tuesday 18 September.

PSSA Girls Touch Football

Good luck to our Girls Floraville Touch team, who have moved to round 5 of the Knockout State competition. They will be playing Nulkaba Public School next week. Details TBA.

Macquarie Cup Soccer

Congratulations to the senior A team who won their grand final against St Mary's last Friday, 2-0.

The Senior B team will 'replay' their grand final against Belmont Public School this Friday at 12:30pm after last week's game was called off during the second half because of a lightning storm.

The A team will join the B team on the bus this Friday so they can be their cheer squad! We wish them all the best.



LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who have completed the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge. Certificates should arrive sometime around the middle of next term.

Kindergarten

Harper Bellamy, Ruby Blades, Duncan Blake, Max Ferris, Macie Forbes, Aila Hunter, Elsie Keating, Darcy Lembke, Isla Maddocks, Kiara Maher, Josie Mullins, Ky Mulvaney, Sophie Nelson, Lucy Pearce, Sophie Robinson, Chase Sams, Orlando Suffell, Kye Swinkels, Flynn Truong, Jaxon Truong, Kyan Van Der Velde, Aleyah Verschelden and Noah Wheeldon.

Year 1

Evie Beatty, Tayla Bettison, Jemma Blackburn, Harrison Budden, Lily Burtenshaw, Brodie Clark, Caoimhe Cogan Ennis, Lincoln Cooper, Quin Fox, Catelin Garland, Kendall Griffiths, Darcy Homes, Heidi Keating, Marley Krishnan, Chanae McNamee, Billy McSweeney, Alana Moore, Olivia Purcell, Mahi Shukla, Mya Terbeeke, Tyla Vaughan, Georgia Wenke and Jasper Wydro Holland.

Year 2

Mitchell Battye, Amelia Bellamy, Lara Crawford, Alina Gal, Oscar Griffiths, Liam Krysko, Jake Nelson, Milly Pearce, Jorja Robinson, Isabella Timmins and Tyler Wells.

Year 3

Jaya Ayshford, Phoebe King, Max Lonergan, Eden McNamee, Mikayla Suffell, Kalarna Swinkels and Lachlan Wenke.

Year 4

Mila Gal, Scarlett Halpin, Hollie Purcell and Pranali Shukla.

Year 5

Andrea Battye, Bella Ciarrocchi, Caitlyn Holland, Matthew Kerr, Gemma McNamee, Cyrus Mumtahan and Jackson Wells.

Year 6

Jessie Rose Bradburn, Connor Halpin, Samara Ingram, James King, Alice Macready and Zali Waters.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.

DISCO



CANTEEN NEWS

PLEASE PROVIDE 2 LUNCH BAGS FOR LARGE ORDERS

Roster

Thursday 13/9 – Trish Oakey, Nicole Hooper, Suzanne Halpin

Friday 14/9 – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman, Sarah Soewarno

Monday 17/9 – Kristy Reid, Kylie Wells, Peta Warland

Tuesday 18/9 – Rachael Searle, Melissa Eastham

Wednesday 19/9 – Katie Budden, Vivienne Tindall, Sharon Robertson

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

Changes to School Banking Counting Day

Currently, our school counts the school banking every Friday morning. Due to Changes within banking guidelines from The Commonwealth Bank, all banking must be counted the same day that the books are received (Thursdays). Therefore commencing Thursday 13th September all banking can only be sent into school on a Thursday. Any books received on any other day will be sent home and will need to be re-banked on the following Thursday.

Well done to 3/4A for their banking efforts last week being class champions. 20 classes banked. Many thanks to our parent volunteers Leana Suffell, Donna Timmins & Gabby Darabi. Given that counting day will change to a Thursday commencing 13th September, new volunteer parents/ carers will be required as many of our Friday helpers are not able to assist on a Thursday. We would greatly appreciate new volunteers to assist. Counting takes place in the uniform shop at approx. 9am.

Sandy Green

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to last night's P&C meeting. Mrs Southward addressed the meeting with ideas to encourage increased reading activity and received P&C full support. We also discussed school band, canteen space, and received updates on avenues for school communication and property matters.

Thank you to the school for organising last week's Cyber Safety briefing by The Cyber Safety Lady. It was a very informative evening and well attended. If the opportunity arises again, we encourage all parents and carers to consider attending this worthwhile briefing.

On behalf of the school community, we echo Mr Mulready's recent comments regarding the outstanding work of the School and Administrative Support Staff (SASS). We 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.

Bryan Garland - President
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NINJA ARTS & CRAFT BUSHWALKING PAPER PLANE ORIGAMI WEARABLE ART

Vacation Care is available from

Tuesday 2nd October -

FRIDAY 12th October

(closed Mon 1st October due to public holiday)

7.30am - 6.00pm

Meals Included

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Trampoline Holiday Programs, Skills Clinics, and all **NEW** Ninja Kids and Ninja Teen (inspired by the TV program, Ninja Warrior).

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MANAGING 'ON-LINE' GAMING

A FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Does your child spend time playing on-line games on a PC, X-Box or PlayStation? Are you concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on gaming? Do you know what games your child is accessing and how they work? Issues relating to gaming behaviour for children (especially boys) are becoming increasingly common and are having a significant impact on children and families. In this workshop we will cover topics including:

- How on-line / gaming access is impacting our children.
- Strategies for managing gaming access.
- Understanding popular games such as Fortnite and Roblox.



Jewells Primary School is pleased to partner with Turning Point Behaviour Support Consulting to offer this workshop on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 7:00pm. The workshop will be held in the school library. For more information please contact the school on Ph. 4948 7300 or Email: jewells-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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