



The Bulletin

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TERM 1 Week 4

Principal's Report

Leaders Induction

The school enjoyed a visit from two former Floraville students at the Leaders' Induction Ceremony on Monday. Jessica Noble and Jake Foster finished at Floraville in 2012, but have recently commenced their roles as school captains at Belmont High School. It was wonderful for our new student leaders to see the fine example set by these two young people who have continued in the values and traditions they learned in primary school. During the ceremony, Jake and Jessica, together with Belmont High School principal, Geoff Robinson, and P&C President, Bryan Garland, presented students with their new leadership badges. Mrs White led the students in a pledge of office. Congratulations to all students who have undertaken new roles.

School Uniform

Our school has a strong uniform policy and the students looked tremendous at yesterday's assembly. Families are reminded to order school uniforms in advance to ensure sizes are available. This would be worth considering for jackets and warm tops before we enter the cooler months. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. Many thanks to Cass Keeping and our team of volunteers who kindly give their time to run the uniform shop. Having the uniform shop managed by the P&C means our uniforms are less expensive than others in the local area.

Sports House Captains					School Band
	Cook	Macquarie	Phillip	Tasman	
Girls Captain	Krystal-Lee Oxby	Blair Christian	Jayden Booth	Charlie Poulsen	
Girls Vice Captain	Jaiden Anne Reid	Alice Macready	Amber Camilleri	Isabelle Barnett	
Boys Captain	Haydn Burns	James King	Tom Kennedy	Reece McManus	
Boys Vice Captain	Will Mottley	Liam O'Toole	Denzel Steadman	Ashton Morriss	

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

School Scripture

School Scripture resumes at Floraville this week. Staffed by trained volunteers from local churches, students engage in moral and religious education for 30 minutes each week. Under the Education Act 1990, government schools allow time for special religious education. Programs are delivered by authorised representatives of approved religious groups to students who have nominated that religion. Further information can be found on the link, below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics/about-religion-and-ethics>

Student and Family Information

For the safety and wellbeing of all students, it is important that our records are up to date. This week, students will receive a *Student and Family Information* note. Parents and carers are asked to complete one form for each child at our school. The consent section will allow students to participate in local walking excursions, watch approved PG rated content, participate in the safe use of the internet, and have photos published. Please return the note to the office.

Finally

Our school is fortunate to have an amazing school library. Students are delighted to visit the library each week and eagerly hunt for a new or favourite book. Why not take the time this week to sit with your child and read the book they have borrowed from the library? Students also have opportunity to extend their reading with the Literacy Pro program.

Simon Mulready
Principal

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

Perseverance is being steadfast and persistent. You commit to your goals and overcome obstacles, no matter how long it takes. When you persevere, you don't give up... you keep going. Like a strong ship in a storm, you don't become battered or blown off course. You just ride the waves.

Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
4	21/2	Welcome afternoon 'yarn up' ATSI families
	22/2	Zone Swimming Day 1 K-2 Assembly 2.10pm-3pm
5	1/3	Commonwealth Bank Officer 1.30pm-3.15pm
	2/3	Winter Sports Trials Round 1 Clean up Australia Day For Schools
6	5/3	Regional Swimming Carnival Day 1
	6/3	Regional Swimming Carnival Day 2
Reminder of Money Due: Band Fees 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Days

Just a reminder of the library days for each class with the only change being for students in the newly formed 1/2G. Could you please encourage students, particularly those in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to return their library books every library lesson. This will ensure students have a fresh set of books to read each week and will also alleviate the issues with books going missing.

Monday 5O and 5G

Tuesday 2B, 2MD, 2S, 6F, 6K and 6P

Wednesday 1F, 1O and 1HS

Thursday 1/2G, 3H, 3M, 3/4A, 4B, 4C and 5NR

Literacy Pro

By now students who are on Literacy Pro (all Primary students and some Year 1 and Year 2 students) have completed their first Literacy Pro test. This gives students an indication of the level of books they should be reading.

The next step requires students to participate in regularly reading. My suggestion would be at least 20 minutes per night for infants and 30 minutes per night for primary. Students are then asked to complete a Literacy Pro quiz (a 10 question quiz) after reading a book. This will give them and their teachers an indication of whether they are comprehending what they have read and also earns them points with an aim to receive Blue Star, Red Star, Bronze Star, Silver Star and Gold Star awards.

Students are encouraged to visit the library at any time to swap their library books, it's open every day.

If you have any questions relating to Literacy Pro please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Southward in the library. Here's her email address; Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Floraville Public School is 'a nut aware school'. Some students have a mild reaction when exposed to nuts and some potentially may have a severe reaction known as anaphylaxis. These students have a medical action plan to manage this intolerance. This plan has been authorised by a medical practitioner and directs the staff to use an injector known as an EpiPen if required.

Whilst we cannot ensure that the school is totally NUT FREE, we would encourage you to consider the following:

1. Not providing loose nuts and/or food with nut additives such as peanut butter when preparing snacks and lunches for your own children to eat at school.
2. That you discuss with your child the importance of NOT sharing their food with others.
3. Please remind your child not to share drink containers and /or eating utensils.
4. If you are providing cakes, biscuits etc for the class that they come with a list of ingredients.

These steps will help reduce the risk of accidental exposure.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that anaphylaxis is on the increase in our community and in our school. All parents are urged to consider this and the needs of other students' health and provide nut free food to your own children.

The parents of the anaphylactic students in our school community are most grateful for your empathy in this matter.

Welcome afternoon Yarn Up

Floraville staff and community would like to invite all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to a Welcome afternoon 'Yarn Up' on Wednesday 21st February 2018. Come along to the Aboriginal Community garden (near the basketball court) from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Meet your child's teacher and other families in our community for a cold drink and afternoon tea. We would love to hear your ideas for Aboriginal Education at our School.



Safer Internet Day

On Wednesday 7th February, Years 4 -6 attended a presentation to celebrate 'Safer Internet Day 2018'. Information was based around the theme of "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you". The program was a call to action for everyone to join in and engage with others in a respectful way, online and offline. The presentation assisted students to:

- Identify the benefits of belonging to an online community.
- Identify strategies for creating a respectful and inclusive online and offline school community.
- Understand the process of reporting serious cyberbullying.

With the help of classroom teachers, the presentation allowed for polling, peer discussion and interactive questions. It also created much discussion in classrooms afterwards. It is hoped that students use the strategies in their everyday lives as they navigate their way through the online world.

School Ambulance Cover Scheme

An annual licence arrangement for student ambulance covers all NSW government schools. The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student requires the ambulance service, whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, the cost will be met through the Scheme.

NRL All Star Visit

Last week primary students were treated to a visit from the NRL. The NRL Development Officers gave an informative presentation relating to 'Respect'. Some lucky student were able to get up close and received prizes.



Primary Swimming Carnival

The Primary Swimming Carnival was again a huge success, in what was very HOT conditions. All students looked fantastic in their full house colour uniforms and participation was very high.

Many thanks to the parents and carers who helped out with setting up and time keeping during the carnival. It really does make a difference!

Many of our students qualified for the Eastlakes Swimming Carnival being held at Charlestown swimming pool this year. We wish them all the very best this Thursday and Friday!

If any of our students are successful in qualifying for the Hunter Swimming Carnival, it will be run at Maitland swimming pool, March 5th and 6th.



Tennis

This week Kristen Fletcher and Mitchell Vico went and trialled for the 2018 Eastlakes PSSA Tennis team. Whilst both students were unfortunately not successful, they represented our school well and played their very best!

Primary Sport

Please make sure you have all required equipment ready to participate including your Floraville hat and plenty of water.

Landcare 2018

Landcare has officially begun for the new school year! This year we welcome some keen gardeners amongst our staff to the team – Mrs Roberts and Mrs Lindsay. This has allowed the opportunity for an extra Landcare day each week. The team has tidied the vegetable garden (as it looked a little tired after the summer holidays) and it is now ready for new plants. Throughout the year, we will also promote some environmental events and activities, with the School Clean up Day on Friday 3rd March kicking us off.

Landcare is available to any students interested from K – 6 (Kindergarten usually commence later on through the year). This year we meet on **Tuesdays (with Mrs Melling and Mrs Lindsay) and Thursdays (with Mrs Roberts and Mrs Singh) at 2nd break outside the vegetable garden for 1st half**. Students may attend one or both of the days as interested.

The team continues to appreciate the support of our regular volunteers during this time, however we are always welcoming of an extra pair of hands. You don't necessarily need to have a green thumb – it's a great time to spend with the students and learn some gardening tips as well. If you are interesting in helping our Landcare team on either Tuesday or Thursday (or perhaps both), please contact the school office.

Buddy Program

The “dress rehearsal” last year for the implementation of the Buddy Program for 2018 has burst onto the stage at Floraville with “rave reviews.” Our Year 6 leaders have once again risen to the occasion and shown enthusiasm, patience, responsibility and kindness to our youngest members of the Floraville family. The buddies were personally matched to their younger charges to help them navigate their new world at big school. These buddies have become special friends and opportunities will be provided to continue the friendship throughout the year. Once again, the Buddy Program has promoted a sense of community and belonging in our school. Well done, Year 6. We value your commitment to this program. YOU ROCK!



P&C NEWS

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Canteen News

All 60c Ice blocks have been increased to 70c. Milk, Quench's and Juices are now \$2. Large water is \$1.50 and small water is now 80c. These new prices have been included on your new menu sent home.

Roster

Thursday 22/2 – Alison Maddocks, Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Michelle Wood

Friday 23/2 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Lisa Aplitt

Monday 26/2 – Renae Picton, Alison Johnson, Alison Banek

Tuesday 27/2 – Eileen Jackson, Marilyn James

Wednesday 28/2 – Amanda Jackson, Tash Treveton, Marilyn Joncevski

Banking News

Banking is every Thursday.

First of all can we mention the return of Year 6 classes! All Year 6 classes showed the rest of Floraville that you are back. Well done to 6F. They are our amazing class of the week. Keep it up Year 6! We also must give a special mention to 1O who also had a terrific week.

Such a busy week last week with 82 students banking, 13 new accounts opened and 19 prizes being sent home from our lucky draw of remaining rewards left from last year. Thank you to our mum volunteers Leana Suffell, Deborah James, Jess Pietrobuono, Donna Timmins, Erin Griffiths & Trish Oakey. Our mums were certainly kept very busy and the school is very grateful to have the help of these lovely ladies.

Reward cards were also sent home. Please keep these handy - when your child is due for their reward they will need to send in their selection to the banking team when they bank. The following students are due for their reward:

Lara Crawford 214, Harper Williams 261, Jye Gibbs 272, Daniel Cross 308, Tom Breasley 320, Ben Breasley 329, Robert Freeman 354, Scarlett Halpin 355, Ryan Kinkade 356, Owen Kinkade 357, Noah Faith 359, Caitlin Brown 363, Jacinda Davies 368, Connor Mackle 369, Mollie McManus 375, Amy Oakey 376, Anglea Johnson 386, Alexia James 391, Aiden Whitaker 401, Mikayla Suffell 427, Kobi Face 437, Sophie Green 446, Mia Doran Knowles 452, Cooper Thompson 455, Lamiah Simon 456, Lara Kennedy 457 (2 rewards), Zoran Knezevic (3 Rewards) 459, Thomas Kennedy 470, Dwayne Simon 471, Wil Burns (2) 475, Addison Beer 477, Mia Martin 480, Tori Lea Harris 484, Samuel Gibbs 490, Hannah Loveday 492, Jarrah Van Den Berg 493, Lachlan McDonald 498, Amelia Bellamy 512, Mitchell Davies 515, Oscar Griffiths 522, Noah McBreen 530, Caoimhe Cogan Ennis 540, Nikita Knezevic 547, Matilda Hutton 556, Hannah Davies 558, Ellie Clark 561, Daniel Clark 562, Lily Burtenshaw 563, Lily Faith 570, Tahlia Roberts 573, Jude Perkins 574, Mya Trerbeke 578, Zoe Payne 579, Lucas Ylonen Martin (2) 585, Mila Gal 606. We would love to be able to send these rewards home so get your selections in quickly.

Next week, details on Commission Changes and also a representative from The Commonwealth Bank will be visiting the school, Thursday 1st March 2.30-3.15 in the COLA to answer any questions.

Let's see if we can top last week's numbers and make our goal of 100 bankers!

School Banking Information Session

Floraville Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to take your Bank Book to Class.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.

Band News

What a great start we have had to 2018. Both bands are underway with Majors back in the swing of things. Rehearsals for Majors (more experienced players) take place on Monday afternoon from 3-4 in the school hall. New music was distributed on Monday and more new pieces have been ordered. Last week we had our meeting for the new Mini Minors to receive their instruments. If you were unable to attend please contact Mrs Blake through the school office to organise the paperwork and pick up of your instrument. Mini Minors rehearsals begin TODAY in the hall from 3 – 4 pm. We look forward to a magical year of music making with our magnificent musicians!

Any new students interested in joining the band please see Mrs Blake for an information pack.

P&C News

We put the call out to our Floraville community to see if we have some crafty card making mums or grandmas out there that could help make some Mother's Day cards and donate those to the Mother's Day stall in May. If you can help, or would like further information, please contact me at the below email address or contact the P&C via the P&C Facebook page. Many thanks in advance.

A reminder for those families new to Floraville, we encourage you follow our P&C Facebook page. Feel free to "Like" us by Facebook searching our page "**Floraville Public School P & C**" or connect via this link – <https://m.facebook.com/p.c.floraville/>

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