

Vision Statement:

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



TERM 1 Week 8

Principal's Report

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia, and today our students look fantastic dressed in a swathe of orange. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural background. Held every year on 21 March, the Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. During their seven years of primary schooling, we want our students to grow, not only as learners, but also as citizens.



We Love Reading

We are fortunate at Floraville to have an excellent school library with a range of books for students to read. Sometimes it only takes one book, for a child to be hooked on reading for life. When I was in primary school, I couldn't get enough of Roald Dahl's books. Today, the options are endless. Next week's Book Fair will provide another opportunity for students to connect with some excellent reading resources.

Star Struck

Further to the announcement last week, that our choir was successful in their application for Star Struck, we have also learned that our nomination for dance, was also successful. Congratulations to all the students involved. Held in June each year, Star Struck is the Hunter's premiere showcase of talent in the performing arts.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our school values strong collaboration with parents and families. Don't forget to take the opportunity to book in an interview with your child's class teacher. http://www.floraville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/10196310/10202483/parent_teacher_interviews.pdf

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Sports Brief

This Friday, students in years 3 to 6 will participate in the school cross country carnival. Congratulations to the students who were selected for the Eastlakes Zone soccer teams – Maddison Jennings, Ruby Jones, Lacey Dobson, Reece McManus, Liam O'Toole, Will Dobson and Will Ryan.

Finally

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who have done a wonderful job supporting our new active-play program. With a variety of options in the playground this week, students have been very active, running, throwing, catching, jumping and skipping. Well done, students, and thank you to the staff who have organised the new activities.

Simon Mulready
Principal

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

Moderation is creating a healthy balance in your life between work and play, rest and exercise. You don't overdo or get swept away by the things you like. You use your self-discipline to take charge of your life and your time.

Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
8	21/3	Harmony Day PSSA Zone Rugby League Trial
	22/3	K-2 Assembly 2.15-3pm
	23/3	No primary Scripture this week Cross Country carnival 9.20am-12pm Book Fair Preview 11.30am-3pm Primary Assembly 12.20pm-1pm
9	26/3	Book Fair Preview 9am-3pm
	27/3	Raffle Tickets Due Crazy Hair Day –Easter Eggs Due Red Day (special ice blocks available) PSSA Zone Cricket Trials Book Fair 8.30am-3.30pm
	28/3	Book Fair 8.30am-3.30pm Easter Eggs Raffle Organisation in the hall 9am-11.30
	29/3	Hunter PSSA Hockey Trials Hunter PSSA Soccer Trials 8.30-3pm Infants Easter Assembly 2.15 -2.55pm Raffle tickets drawn
	30/3	Public Holiday – Good Friday
Reminder of Money Due: Year 6 Shirts due Thursday 22/3. Term 1 Band fees are now due. Netball 1 st instalment due Thursday 12/4.		

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

Book Fair

We will be holding our first book fair of the year on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March, next week. Students will get an opportunity to write a wish list on Friday or Monday prior to the opening of the book fair. There is no obligation to purchase something from the book fair however it is a great fundraiser for the library and enables us to purchase some new books. The book fair will be open 8:30am – 9:00am, during 2nd break and after school for a short time.

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students K-6 are invited to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. For details please refer to the official NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website; www.premiersreadingchallenge.det.nsw.edu.au or contact Mrs Southward in the library; Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

Infants Library Days

Just a reminder of library days for infants classes. It would be great if students could be encouraged to return their library books on a weekly basis to ensure they have a variety of books to read and to alleviate the chances of them going missing.

Tuesday 2B, 2MD and 2S

Wednesday KB, KF, KG, KS, 1F, 1O & 1HS

Thursday 1/2G

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Landcare News

The Landcare team has been busily working in and around the school gardens. We have continued to tidy the vegetable patch and Bush Tucker garden, planted some new vegetable seedlings, collected leaf litter for our compost bins and participated in the school clean up day.

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 available to help our Landcare team on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at 1.30pm (until approximately 2pm), please contact the school office for more details. Volunteers will need to complete requirements for working with children.

Earth Hour 2018

This week we are busy preparing for Earth Hour, which takes place on Saturday 24th March at 8.30pm. Earth Hour shines a light on the impact of biodiversity in Australia as a result of climate change. The students will share what they have learnt with their peers at the infants and primary assembly to encourage support for this wonderful initiative.



Here are 10 ways you could save energy in the home:

Turn off all lights when leaving your home

Have a no screen day and go and play outside

When doing the laundry, wash on the cold setting to use less energy

Shorten your showers to four minutes or less

During the day, open the blinds to let natural light in and turn off all the lights

At night, make sure all the lights are turned off before going to bed

During the colder months, wear warmer clothes and use hot water bottles to keep warm

Unplug all appliances when not in use

Take reusable bags when you shop (single use plastic bags require a lot of energy to make)

Turn off all appliances at the wall before going to bed

Don't forget to switch off and #Connect2Earth. Saturday 24th March at 8.30pm.

For more information go to; <https://www.earthhour.org.au>

Thanks for your continued support,

The Landcare Team

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.



SPECIAL INFANTS EASTER ASSEMBLY



Thursday 29th March has been set for our annual Infants Easter Activities / Assembly Day. Once again our K- 2 students will be enjoying a special day rotating around several activities. No preparation is necessary for parents as the children will learn songs and make baskets and hats at school on the day. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us in the afternoon to watch students sing and parade their creations around the COLA. Please assemble along the canteen and OOSH veranda at 2.10pm.

Cyber-safety Workshop

Last Friday, Year 4 -6 attended a cyber-safety workshop in the hall. Students were presented with strategies for posting positively online and the effect that cyber-bullying has on others. They were also given suggestions of what to do if they see something that is inappropriate. There were some great conversations and positive input from the students. For more information, please visit: <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/for-stu.../Staying-safe-online>

P&C NEWS

With around 300 Easter raffle prizes expected, our fundraising committee would welcome some assistance in bundling and wrapping Easter prizes, if you can spare some time during the morning of Wednesday 28 March to help out. Our bundling and wrapping team will meet you at 9am in the school hall. It is expected that wrapping of eggs and prizes may take around 2 to 2.5 hours. Any enquiries, please see Sandy Green or contact us via the P&C Facebook page or below email address.

A reminder that:

Crazy Hair Day is Tuesday 27 March. To participate in this fun day, we kindly ask for donations of Easter eggs, Easter Baskets or any other Easter decoration that will go to the Easter raffle. Donations will be collected from each classroom by our Easter volunteers.

Easter raffle tickets are to be returned to the office by Tuesday 27 March. Unfortunately, no late tickets can be accepted. The Easter draw will take place on Thursday 29 March to coincide with the infants Easter Hat Parade.

Bryan Garland - President

fpspresident@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

RED DAY – Tuesday 27th March

NEXT TUESDAY WE WILL BE HAVING OUR RED DAY WHICH WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL VARIETY OF ICE CREAMS AND ICEBLOCKS. PRICES WILL RANGE FROM \$2.00 TO \$3.50. THERE WILL BE NO ORDERING NOTE FOR RED DAY THIS TERM. IF YOUR CHILD WISHES TO PARTICPATE IN RED DAY PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PURCHASE AN ICE BLOCK.

Coming Up

Red Day – Tuesday 27th March

Roster

Thursday 22/3 – Alison Maddocks, Renaye Dobb, Naomi Loveday, Michelle Wood

Friday 23/3 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Lisa Aplitt

Monday 26/3 – Renae Picton, Alison Johnson, Alison Banek

Tuesday 27/3 – Red Day, Eileen Jackson, Marilyn James

Wednesday 28/3 – Amanda Jackson, Tash Treveton, Marilyn Jonceviski

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday.

Another great week, with 20/22 classes taking part in banking. This was a slightly lower amount of students from last week but still a terrific effort and still over our 100 target! Class of the week is awarded to KB, with 11 of their students contributing. Congratulations to KB. Any amount can be banked each week, whether it's 20c or 50c. The Commonwealth Bank encourage a regular savings pattern.

If you believe your child is due for a reward, please keep an eye out in The Brief or send the Banking Team a note with your child's name & student number and we will arrange for them.

Thanks again to our parent volunteers, Leana Suffell, Donna Timmins, Deborah James & Trish Oakey. Thank you, ladies! Volunteers are always needed, even if you only have a short amount of time to spare.

2018 Virginia Rigby Scholarship

This Scholarship assists students in the Hunter region who have a parent that has been diagnosed with breast cancer, or who have lost a parent to breast cancer, with their education expenses.

To apply or find out more visit :
hbcf.org.au/virginia-rigby-scholarship/



VACATION CARE



COME & JOIN US THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! WE WILL HAVE YOU REACHING NEW HEIGHTS, PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS:

GYMNASTICS TRAMPOLINING ATHLETICS TEAM CHALLENGES TABLOIDS

SCRAPBOOKING ARTS & CRAFT BUSHWALKING SCIENCE DRAMA

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

Vacation Care is available from

MONDAY 16th April -

Monday 30th April

(closed public holidays)

7.30am - 6.00pm

Meals Included

The Hunter Sports Centre also runs

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

For further information, visit our website.

The Hunter Sports Centre has achieved a Meeting National Quality Standards rating under the National Quality Framework.



BOOKINGS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL

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