



The Brief

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 1 TERM 1

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all students, families and staff to a new year at Floraville Public School. A special welcome to the students and families who have just arrived this year. Kindergarten students are currently undertaking their Best Start assessments, but will begin their magical *first day of school* this Friday. As students form their classes later this morning, I will be reminding them of the two things which are most important for our school – the two things which sit at the heart of our school vision. We want all students to pursue excellence as **learners** and **citizens**. We want all students to grow in their academic ability as learners, but we also want all students to grow in our school values as citizens. I look forward to watching this growth in 2018.

2018 Classes

Our current enrolments are sitting at 549 students, which is five students less than the previous year. This will mean we will form 21 classes today. Teachers spent considerable time last year planning the organisation of classes, but the school was unable to form the new classes until our enrolment numbers were confirmed (today). In the planning process, staff give careful consideration to the needs and ability of every child to ensure they are placed in the best classroom setting. I am sure that students will be very excited to meet their new teachers and their new classmates.

Friday: Coffee Cart

The P&C would like to welcome all the families new to our school this year, and have organised a coffee cart to be on site on Friday morning. After dropping off their child, parents and carers are invited over to the play equipment where the coffee cart will be situated. There will be opportunity to purchase freshly brewed coffee and meet some other families. (Anyone is welcome to purchase coffee once the van has set up).

New Bubblers

The P&C play a vital role in the school community. Their fundraising efforts last year have led to the installation of new bubblers during the holidays. Our student parliament had identified the need for new bubblers near the sportsfield and the P&C committed to raise funds towards this project. If you would like to volunteer for the P&C or help in the canteen, please contact the school or visit the Floraville Public School P&C Facebook page.

Simon Mulready, Principal



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

Term 1 Sport 2018

After lengthy discussions with our sports committee, the staff have decided to trial a refined Primary Sport program for Term 1, 2018. This will relate to all Primary students in Years 3 - 6. Floraville will now conduct free sport rotations on Fridays in Term 1, utilising Marks Oval facilities as well as our school flat and basketball court. This will allow us to hold house competitions whilst still offering participation in a range of sports.

This model will also allow students to trial for winter sports teams during the allocated sports time towards the end of term, rather than causing disruption to class time.

Primary sport will commence Friday 16th February, Week 3. Girls selected into the 2018 Aerobic teams will continue to train during Primary sport as normal in the school hall.

In Terms 2 and 3 2018, Floraville Primary students will again enter teams into the Macquarie Cup netball, Macquarie Cup soccer and Windale League Cup competitions.

In Term 4 2018, Primary students will have the option of free sports or elective paid sports as offered in previous years.

PSSA

In 2018, we will be entering a soccer, touch football and hockey team into the NSW PSSA Knockout competitions

2018 Floraville Carnival dates

Floraville Swimming Carnival: Wednesday 14th February at Swansea Pool.

Floraville Cross Country: Friday 23rd March at Marks Oval.

Floraville Athletics carnival: Wednesday 27th June at Hunter Sports Stadium, Glendale.

As always, further details will be shared in the weekly brief and on permission notes. We look forward to another successful year on the sporting fields.

Floraville Primary Sporting Committee.

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday.

UNIFORM NEWS

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN 2018.

Pre-order 2018 uniforms to avoid missing out! We are unable to receive stock from suppliers between mid December and late February. Orders can also be made by email: fpsuniform@outlook.com