



The Brief

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Week	Date	
2	9/2	Sport Captains Elections
3	12/2	Kinder Photos
	13/2	P&C 6:30-8:00pm
	14/2	Primary Swim Carnival – Swansea Pool
	15/2	Parent Information Sessions Yr 1 & 2 4:40-5:20pm Yr 3 & 4 5:20-6pm Yr 5 & 6 6-6:40pm (Kinder 20.2.18 6-6:45pm) Debating Workshop Jewells PS
	16/2	Primary Sport commences
Reminder of Money Due: 2018 Book Pack fees due Thursday 8/2/2018.		

Note: No School Canteen on Wednesday 14 February.

(No web orders, lunch orders, or any purchases on the day). The canteen is still in need of more volunteers for 2018.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 2 TERM 1

Welcome to Kindergarten!

A very warm welcome to the new kindergarten students who had their first day of school on Friday. Such a special occasion for these students and their families, there were lots of beaming smiles and not too many tears, as students entered the classroom with their new teachers. Already, our Year 6 students are doing a wonderful job of welcoming their new kinder-buddies and helping them settle in to school. Year 6 students greet their buddies at playtime and initiate games and activities to help the kindergarten students get to know some new friends (I think Year 6 also enjoy revisiting games of duck-duck-goose).

Student Leadership

This Friday, students in years 3 to 6 will vote for their House Captains of 2018. House Captains play an important role throughout the year, particularly at the school sports carnivals. All student leaders will be presented with their badges at the Leaders' Induction Ceremony on Monday 19 February, at 2:10pm in the school hall.



Captains	Elleni Pedonese	Connor Halpin
Vice Captains	Tobi Eeles	Jordan Gu
Prefects	Anika Mulready	Aiden Wood
	Zali Waters	Riley Aitken

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

Swimming Carnival

The first sports carnival for 2018 will be the school swimming carnival, planned for Wednesday, next week, at the Swansea swimming pool. Hopefully students have done plenty of swimming over the summer and will be charged and ready for the big day. Please note, the school canteen will not be open on this day.

Student Support

The school utilises a range of strategies to support learning in the classroom. One of these strategies is to have additional teaching staff within the room during the week. Support staff provide additional instruction to students and enhance practices for teaching and assessment. A priority is to provide students with feedback about their learning and build capacity for self-assessment.

Sovereign Close

This week, Mrs White and I have been monitoring the afternoon collection of students in Sovereign Close. While parking can be limited in the afternoon, please be respectful of local residents and ensure your vehicle is parked legally, not across someone's driveway. The NSW Police Highway Patrol have indicated they will be monitoring parking around the school. Please take care when driving through school zones. Further to this, students have been reminded that if no one is there to collect them from Sovereign Close in the afternoon, they should report to the school office, rather than waiting on their own.

Meet the Teacher

Next week, parents and carers will have opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher at the Parent Information Sessions. Stage teams will be outlining their priorities for 2018 and providing information on the class program. Please note the details, below.

Yr 1 & 2 4:40-5:20pm

Yr 3 & 4 5:20-6pm

Yr 5 & 6 6-6:40pm

(Kinder **20.2.18** 6-6:45pm)

Simon Mulready, Principal

SPORT NEWS

Primary Swimming Carnival

A reminder that all notes and money are due this Thursday 8th February. Our carnival will be held at Swansea Swimming Pool on Wednesday 14th February. Students will need to be at school by 8:30am and will return to school by 2:50pm. All students will require a towel, sunscreen, hat, swimmers, change of underwear, snacks, a refillable water bottle, a packed lunch or a lunch order paper bag. All items to be clearly labelled please.

LIBRARY NEWS

Class Library Days

It would be fantastic if infants classes could bring their library books to school in a library bag. Library days are as follows.

Monday 5G & 5O

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

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

Thursday 3H, 3M, 3/4A, 4B, 4C & 5NR

Literacy Pro

Literacy Pro testing has begun this week. Literacy Pro is an online reading program, mainly used by students in years 3 to 6. Most students already have a subscription. Students who commenced at Floraville prior to 2015 have the old Lexile life-long subscription, so payment is not needed. Year 3 subscriptions have been included in book packs this year. These will commence once book packs have been paid for. Students who started at Floraville after 2014 will need to pay for their subscription at the office. (Notes have been given to these students).

Students have already begun borrowing books in a strong start to the year. Encouragement to do regular home-reading would be of great benefit to students. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Literacy Pro, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Southward in the library. For ease of contact, here is her email address Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

BANKING NEWS - Banking is every Thursday.

Welcome back to school and a new banking year! Where did those holidays go?

Just to let you know **School Banking will commence this Thursday 8th February**. Please send in your yellow bank books on this day and we will begin the year. If you are new to Floraville, welcome. New accounts can be opened via a few different

avenues. Call into any Commonwealth Bank branch with your identification and your child's passport or birth certificate, online using the link below, or if you are already a Commonwealth Bank customer you can open via your app.

- New account information

https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=gsa_generic_school-banking

- New Rewards information – print out your reward card

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-01/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour-0118.pdf>

Reward Cards will also be sent home in the coming weeks but if your child would like to make a head start on receiving their reward then please send the banking team a quick note with your child's name, class and student ID and we will arrange the reward for you. Late last year it was advised that tokens would be making a comeback this year. The team have decided to postpone the tokens and utilise the bulletin to convey when rewards are due for your child. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin for your child's name and then send in your reward card. This year, yet again there are some terrific prizes just waiting to be sent home for your child. Check them out on the above link.

Volunteers are required to count money each Friday at 9am - we have lost 2 of our team of 4 to work and other commitments. This is a big chunk of our helpers gone. If you can spare a short amount of time to help out we would be grateful. More helpers means a quicker amount of time that it takes which is a win for everyone.

Hope to see all our wonderful bankers back on Thursday 8th Feb.

UNIFORM NEWS

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN 2018.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to school for 2018. We hope everyone had a great holiday!

We would love to see some new parents/grandparents/carers join our wonderful school community, make new friendships and of course, have the opportunity to see your children.

If you can volunteer some time to our wonderful canteen could you please come and see our canteen supervisor, Margaret. We hope that the canteen rosters will be finalised this week and sent home next week.

IN UPCOMING NEWS, KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW MENU WITH THE ADDITION OF MORE HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS, AS WE PROGRESS THROUGH THE CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO CREATE A HEALTHIER CANTEEN FOR THE CHILDREN.

ALSO, DUE TO THE INCREASE IN PRICES FROM SUPPLIERS, ALONG WITH THE ADDITION OF A RECYCLING LEVY, WE HAVE HAD TO INCREASE THE PRICES ON MANY ITEMS. YOUR CO-OPERATION THOROUGH THIS PROCESS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Roster

Thursday 8/2 – Sally Brown, Kathy Campbell, Sandy Green

Friday 9/2 – Amanda Jackson, Corinne Cheung, Erin Griffiths, Sue Mannix,
Sonia McCumiskey

Monday 12/2 – Barbara Camps, Bec Prestwidge

Tuesday 13/2 – Meredith Wright, Yvonne Smith

Wednesday 14/2 – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies

P&C NEWS

The first P&C meeting of 2018 will be held next Tuesday 13 February. The meeting commences at 6.30pm in the school library and concludes at 8pm (if not sooner). All parents, carers and community representatives are most welcome to attend. At this meeting, Mr Mulready will provide us with a general school update and what is in stall for 2018. We plan to discuss our 2018 fundraising initiatives and continue discussion we commenced late last year regarding school uniform.

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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