



The Brief

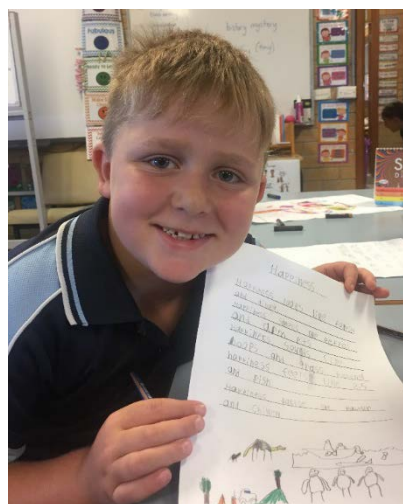
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Week	Date	
3	15/2	Parent Information Sessions Yr 1 & 2 4:40-5:20pm Yr 3 & 4 5:20-6pm Yr 5 & 6 6-6:40pm (Kinder 20.2.18 6-6:45pm) Debating Workshop Jewells PS
	16/2	Primary Sport commences
4	19/2	Leadership Induction Ceremony
	20/2	Kindergarten Parent Information Session 6pm-6.45pm
	21/2	Welcome afternoon 'yarn up' ATSI families
	22/2	Zone Swimming Day 1 K-2 Assembly 2.10pm-3pm
	23/2	Zone Swimming Day 2 Last day for kinder early finish time Primary Assembly 12.20pm-1pm Syd Sixer visit K2
Reminder of Money Due: 2018 Book Pack fees are now overdue		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 3 TERM 1

New Class: 1/2G

Each year, schools form classes based on the number of student enrolments. Teachers are allocated to the school accordingly. At the end of 2017, there was some uncertainty if the school would form 21 or 22 classes. When school commenced this year the enrolments only allowed for 21 classes. As a result, Mrs Fox and Mr Barnett shared a class (1BF) instead of taking two separate classes.

However, in the past week, three new families have arrived at the school, taking our enrolments (551 students) to 22 classes. As a result, we are now able to form the additional class in Stage 1. The new class, 1/2G, will be taken by Mr Barnett. Mrs Fox will continue with most of the students of 1BF with whom she began the year.

Changing classes that have already been established for two weeks, is an unusual situation, although the creation of a new class will enable **smaller class sizes**. The change will take place on Monday, next week. Classes will then remain in place for the duration of 2018. Primary classes will not be affected. Parents have been contacted individually if their child is to be placed in the new class.

Please note our list of classes, over the page. Each Stage has an **Assistant Principal** who leads the Stage team.

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

Early Stage 1		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3	
KB	Mrs Barclay	2B	Mrs Bowd	4C	Mr Cox*	5O	Mr O'Shannessy
KS	Mrs Sattler	1/2 G	Mr Barnett	3/4A	Miss Brindley	5G	Ms Gray
KF	Mrs Fester	2S	Mrs Singh	4B	Mrs Blake Mr Avis	5NR	Mrs Nelson Mrs Roberts
KG	Mrs Gu	2MD	Mrs Morley-Davis	3M	Mrs Melling	6P	Ms Phillip
		1HS	Mrs Haylen + Mrs Smith	3H	Mrs Hadden	6K	Mrs Focic
		1F	Mrs Fox	Mrs Erich* (Assistant Principal, Stage 2 Mon, Thurs, Fri)		6F	Mr Faulkner
		1O	Miss O'Friel				

Meet the Teacher

Can I encourage parents and carers to attend Thursday's Parent Information Sessions. The program will commence in the library for each group, where the Assistant Principal will introduce the Stage team of teachers. After a general introduction, parents and carers will be invited back to the teacher's classroom, where the teacher will outline their program and priorities for the year. (Note: The program for kindergarten classes will be 20.2.18. Ms Phillip will also run an information session for 6P in the coming weeks – date to be advised).

Stage 1	4:40-5:20pm
Stage 2	5:20-6pm
Stage 3	6-6:40pm
Early Stage 1	20.2.18 6-6:45pm

School Communication

Communication within a big school, like Floraville, is of great importance. Families are reminded of the channels the school uses to communicate with the community. The weekly newsletter (The Brief or Bulletin) is saved on the school website each week, and is usually the first place to go to find information. (In my house, the newsletter is also stuck on the fridge). Otherwise, information is communicated using:

- The school website
- The school App (Floraville Public School App)
- Notes home (these are also saved on the school website)
- The school Facebook page
- The P&C Facebook page can also be a good source of information

After checking online, if you have a specific question, feel free to contact the office (4945 4845) or send a request to your child's class teacher, via the school email address: Floraville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Yarn Up

Parents and carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are warmly invited to attend an afternoon tea and yarn-up at the Aboriginal garden, after school next week. (Wednesday, 3:30pm)

Thursday: Change of Routine

This Thursday, there may be some slight changes to school routines, as we seek to support the students and staff at Jewells Public School. A large section of the Jewells community will be attending a funeral for one of the Jewells' students. Four teachers from Floraville will be attending Jewells Public School in the afternoon to assist with the supervision of classes. Thank you for your understanding.

Volunteering at School

This week, families will receive information about an additional requirement for volunteering at school. Please take careful note if you currently volunteer, or are interested in supporting our school in a volunteer capacity.

School Payments

At the end of last year, the P&C reviewed the school process for the payment of money. Families are reminded that if a child does not pay for an event or activity by the due date, they will not be able to attend.

Coles' Fundraising

The school will be participating in the Coles *Sport in Schools* program again this year. Vouchers can be placed in the collection bin in the school office. <https://www.coles.com.au/sportsforschools>

Simon Mulready, Principal

Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school is essential if your child is to maximise their opportunity to learn.

The beginning of the school year is a great time to establish positive routines, ensuring that your child works with you to attend school on time every day. It is important that we all set an encouraging mindset about school attendance. The routines and attitudes established now, can have a huge impact on your child's educational future.

In addition, Department of Education requires schools to monitor student attendance on a regular basis. We encourage any parent to make contact with our school's Learning and Support Team (LST) should you experience any difficulties in getting your child to attend school. Similarly, our LST frequently observes student attendance patterns and a staff member may contact you should your child's attendance be raised as a concern.

Absences and SMS Messaging

A reminder that all student absences are legally required to be explained by parents/carers within a seven-day period. The school follows up on all unexplained absences.

Generally, parents write a note to their child's classroom teacher, send an absentee notification via the school's app or ring the school directly, with notification of their child's absence from school.

We also use an SMS messaging service to help parents with the process of explaining absences. This involves an SMS message being sent directly to you on the morning of your child's absence.

We understand that, at times, doubling up of explanations may occur. However, using this system safeguards both parents and the school, ensuring that Departmental legal requirements are met. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Jen White, Deputy Principal

This week's virtue **ENTHUSIASM:**

Enthusiasm is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly and eagerly. When you are enthusiastic, you have a positive attitude. Enthusiasm is being inspired.

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday.

Welcome back to our first week of banking. It was great to see 44 of our students bank and move forward to their goal of 10 deposits which enables them to receive their reward. We also had 6 new students open accounts, which was terrific (Term 1 last year saw 45 new accounts opened). Every new account opened means The Commonwealth Bank will pay the school \$5 which all counts towards our quarterly commission. Last year the Bank paid our school a total for the year of \$1087.25. These funds are used to purchase resources for our library. New accounts can be opened using the following link: https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=gsa_generic_school-banking or by calling in to The Commonwealth Bank with identification for you and your child.

We still have some terrific prizes left over from last year, so for this week only, the banking team will be holding a small challenge. Every student that banks this week will have their name go into the draw to win one of these prizes from last year. This will be a great incentive to get your kids back into banking for the year! Names & prizes will be randomly chosen and sent home with your child this week. Goodluck !

Thanks to our valued mum volunteers, Erin Griffiths, Donna Timmins, Bree Perkins & Leana Suffell. Thank you, ladies! Have a great week and hope to see many more of our students return to banking this week.

UNIFORM NEWS

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN 2018.

CANTEEN NEWS

We hope that the canteen rosters will be finalised this week and sent home next week.