



The Brief

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Week	Date	
5	1/3	Commonwealth Bank Officer 1.30pm-3.15pm
	2/3	Winter Sports Trials Round 1 Clean up Australia Day For Schools
6	6/3	Regional Swimming Carnival
	8/3	K-2 Assembly 2.15pm-3pm
	9/3	Winter Sports Trials Round 2 Primary Assembly 12.20pm-1pm Swimming Carnival ribbon presentation
Reminder of Money Due: 2018 Book Pack fees are now overdue and Band fees are due.		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 5 TERM 1

Bravo, Floraville

We are very proud of our school here at Floraville. We have wonderful teachers and a very supportive community. We seek to provide excellence in teaching and learning. However, we are probably most proud of our students. I am constantly delighted to see happy, respectful behaviour in the playground, and an eager, diligent approach to learning in the classroom. This was also reflected in an email I received this week from one of our parents who accompanied our students to the zone swimming carnival.

Dear Mr Mulready,

Over the last couple of days, I have had the pleasure of spending some time with Floraville kids and parents at the zone swimming carnival and wanted to let you know how proud I was of all of our kids, both days. The comradery, mateship and support that our kids showed each other was heart-warming and made me proud to be a part of it. Whether it be boys, girls, young or old, all of the kids representing our school were cheering their team mates on! At times, we were the only school cheering (LOL). Last but not least, the behaviour of all kids ...was to be commended as well. Our representatives most definitely did our school proud in all aspects.

Well done, students!

Volunteers

A number of family members have visited the office this week to update their details for volunteering. Kindergarten are also calling for new volunteers to help in the classroom. Don't forget to provide 100 points of ID and sign the Declaration (appendix 5) at the office.

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School Plan 2018-2020

At the recent parent information sessions, and at this month's P&C meeting, I provided an overview of the 2018-2020 School Plan. Within the context of our vision statement, the plan sets out the priorities of the school for the next three years. A summary is provided in the graphic, below. With a commitment to excellence and equity in education, teams of teaching staff work together to pursue school improvement in each of the areas noted. The plan reflects current developments in educational research while incorporating a range of evaluation measures and community feedback. The full plan will be uploaded on the school website in the coming week.

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Excellence in
Learning

Excellence in
Teaching

Excellence in
Wellbeing

Future
Focused
Learning

Great
Teaching,
Inspired
Learning

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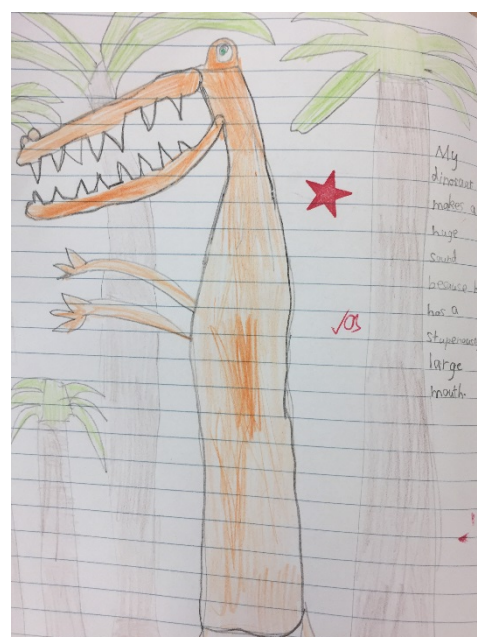
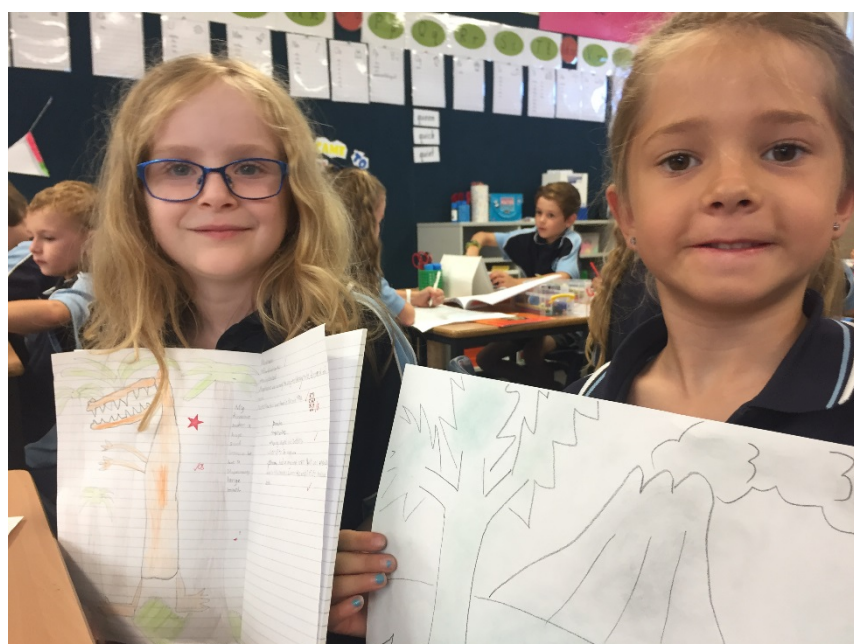
Aboriginal
Education

Kids
Matter

Finally

Yesterday afternoon, I was fortunate to drop in on Mr Barnett's new 1/2G class and visit Mrs Fox' class in 1F. Mr Barnett was very pleased with the bookwork of students in his class, as they learned about dinosaurs. (I was very impressed with Maddy's spelling of, *studendously*.) The students in 1F had to put up with a few minutes of the Principal singing, *Let it Go*. (Although I think it was Lennox' and Billy's favourite song).

Simon Mulready
Principal



This week's virtue **SELF-CONFIDENCE**:

Confidence is having faith in someone. Self-confidence is trusting that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things, without letting doubts or fears hold you back. When you have confidence in others, you rely on them.

SPORTS NEWS

Syd Sixer Visits Floraville!

Last Friday 'Syd Sixer', the mascot for the Sydney Sixers cricket club from the Big Bash League, came to our school! Syd ran sessions with groups of K-2 students to give them a taste for this popular summer sport! Thanks for visiting, Syd! We all had a great time!

Zone Swimming Results

Congratulations to the Floraville Swim Team! You represented our school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The team spirit and cheering from our parents, students and teachers made this a wonderful experience! Additional photos can be found on our school Facebook page.

A special mention to Joe Wallace and Charlie Griffiths for making it through to the Regional Swimming Carnival next Tuesday! We wish you both all the best and we hope you enjoy the experience. Their regional entries are as follows:

Joe Wallace – 8yr Boys 50m Freestyle

Charlie Griffiths – 10yr Girls 50m Freestyle, Jnr Girls Backstroke and Jnr Girls Individual Medley.



Winter Sports Trials

Over the next two Fridays (Week 5 & 6) we will be holding trials for our winter sports teams. Primary students can trial for our school soccer, netball or rugby league team and if they are successful in being selected, they will represent the school every Friday afternoon throughout Terms 2 and 3 during sport time. We have two junior netball and soccer teams and two senior netball and soccer teams who are participate in Macquarie Cup against local schools. We have one Rugby League team that competes in the Windale Cup against local schools. Rugby League trials are open to Year 5 and 6 students or any Year 4 student who plays at a representative level. Estimated costs were on the 2018 Stage Overview notes. Students who choose not to try out will participate in regular sports each Friday. Team lists will be displayed on the Sports Noticeboard outside our canteen from Week 7 after teams are finalised and then information notes will go home to those families. Good luck to those trying out!

Clean Up Australia Day 2018



This Sunday, 4th March is national Clean Up Australia Day. To assist with creating a healthier environment and to keep Australia beautiful the students of Floraville Public School will be joining thousands of school students across Australia by participating in the School Clean Up Day on **Friday 2nd March**. Now in its 28th year, Clean Up Australia Day is the nation's largest community-based environmental event, inspiring and empowering communities to clean up, fix up and conserve the environment. Students are being asked to pack a pair of gloves and a plastic bag to assist with the rubbish removal this Friday. If you and

your family have some free time on Sunday why don't you volunteer at a clean up site? Log onto www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/join/ to see the list of registered sites.

Happy cleaning, The Landcare Team.

High School Expression of Interest Forms

This week, students in Year 6 received their high school expression of interest forms. All students are required to return their forms to their classroom teacher by Tuesday 13th March. If your child will not be attending a NSW government school in 2019, Section E of the form still needs to be filled out and returned.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 14/3 & Thursday 15/3

Please take time to read the relevant information on the Newcastle School Portraits payment envelopes going home today. Family envelopes are available from the school office.

HEAD LICE

If your child is found to have head lice, it is important to treat your child before he/she returns to school. Please begin treatment as soon as possible. Exclude your child from attendance at school until one day after their first treatment. Re-treatment is recommended after 9-10 days. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday.

Wow, what an amazing week our bankers had last week. 103 students submitted their banking which was just sensational! It was very hard to choose a class of the week for last week but when 1HS had more than half of their class bank, it was a bit hard to go past this terrific tally. Great work, 1HS! Our Year 6 classes were again strong leaders with their banking. Let's keep these amazing results going.

The Commonwealth Bank have made changes to the way that commission is paid to our school. It will be split in 2 ways. From now on the Bank will pay an Annual Contribution each year based on the number of students who make at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year...this will be paid at the beginning of each year two business days after first banking for the year. For example:

Number of students	Contribution
1-100	\$100
101-200	\$200
201-300	\$300
301-400	\$400
401-500	\$500
501+	\$600

It's important to encourage more of our students to bank as this will determine the value of the annual contribution. Another change to the commission will be a Regular Savers Contribution. Previously the bank paid \$5 for each new account opened. This has changed to a commission based on how many times each student has made 10 School Banking deposits. For example, if your child makes 20 School deposits in the year, the Bank will pay a \$10 Regular Savers contribution. So, the aim of the commission changes is to encourage regular deposits and increase the number of students taking part in School Banking. This payment will be paid January, April, July & October.

Many thanks to the lovely mum helpers who were kept very busy! Trish Oakey, Deborah James, Leana Suffell, Donna Timmins & Jess Pietrobuono. We could not complete school banking without you!

Lastly, don't forget, a representative from The Commonwealth Bank will be visiting in the COLA this Thursday at 1.30pm – 3.15pm to answer any questions.

UNIFORM NEWS

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN 2018.

LIBRARY

Class Library Days

Just in case you missed this message last week, here it is again. It would be fantastic if infants classes could bring their library books to school in a library bag.

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

Just a reminder that all primary students as well as selected infants students should be using the Literacy Pro reading system which basically requires them to be reading every day and completing Literacy Pro quizzes. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please contact Mrs Southward, either in the library or by email Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to the following students who received LitPro awards at last week's primary assembly.

Gemma McNamee 5G, Henry Watts 5NR, Kaden Pinfold 5O, Alice Macready 6F, Hayden Antill 6F and Samara Ingram 6F all received Blue Star Awards (25 points).

Gemma McNamee 5G and Henry Watts also received Red Star Awards (50 points) and Bronze Star Awards (75 points).

Henry also received a Silver Star Award (100 points).

Book Fair Coming Soon

We will be holding our first book fair of the year during Week 9, just before Easter. It's a fabulous way for us to raise funds to purchase new books for our library.

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

Thursday 1/3 – Trish Oakey, Nicole Hooper, Suzanne Halpin

Friday 2/3 – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman, Shannon Keefe, Sarah Soewarno

Monday 5/3 – Peta Warland, Kristy Reid, Clare Stark, Kylie Wells

Tuesday 6/3 – Rachael Searle, Melissa Eastham

Wednesday 7/3 – Katie Budden, Vivienne Tindall, Sharon Robertson (pm)