



# The Brief

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Week	Date	
6	8/3	K-2 Assembly 2.15pm-3pm
	9/3	Winter Sports Trials Round 2 Primary Assembly 12.20pm-1pm Swimming Carnival ribbon presentation
7	14/3	School Photos
	15/3	Year 6 School Photos
	16/3	We Stand Together - National day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

#### Reminder of Money Due:

2018 Book Pack fees are now overdue and Band fees are due.  
ICAS due 15/3 no late payments accepted.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 6 TERM 1

### School Writing Project

Last year, the school trialed a new writing project for students in Stage 3. This year, the project has been introduced to students in Stage 2. Writing had been identified as an area of improvement for students, and so the school engaged with the latest educational research to devise a program which would be of greatest benefit. A key factor in improving writing outcomes for students is feedback. Students benefit from immediate, explicit feedback about their writing against a set of clear criteria. The project includes two elements to enhance the quality of feedback students receive.

1. The employment of a writing interventionist - provides an additional teacher in the classroom to support students with writing. With two teachers in the room, students are able to receive feedback with greater immediacy. The additional teacher has been funded through the government's Gonski initiative.
2. We change the way we teach writing. Students are being taught to critically analyse their own texts against a set of criteria, and provide feedback to themselves and their peers. With a deeper knowledge of their own capacity, students can better identify the next steps for their improvement. Staff have been supported through professional learning in the NAPLAN marking process and use of the literacy continuum cluster markers for writing. <http://www.literacy-continuum.det.nsw.edu.au/m>

### P&C AGM

Next Tuesday evening will be the Annual General Meeting for the school's P&C. The meeting will commence at 6:30pm in the library, followed by a general meeting. This week's newsletter includes nomination forms for those interested in specific roles. We were fortunate to have a number of new members at last month's meeting. Please feel welcome to come along, with no obligation to stand for a position.

### Safety Reminder

Students are directed to remain clear of the folding (garage) door when it is being raised and lowered for assemblies in the hall. Parents and carers are also asked not to pass under the door until it has reached its full height.

### Finally

School photos are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, next week. Students should wear full school uniform on both days, even if they have sport or PE scheduled. All the best to anyone *looping the lake* on Sunday – I hope to see you there.

Simon Mulready, Principal

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

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

Excellence is doing your best, giving careful attention to every task and every relationship. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition. Excellence is the key to success.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Eastlakes Soccer Trials**

Best of luck to the students trialling for the Eastlakes zone soccer team on Wednesday 14 March.

Boys: Reece McManus, Liam O'Toole, Will Dobson, Isaac Preston-Poole, Jordan Gu

Girls: Ruby Jones, Blair Christian, Lacey Dobson, Maddison Jennings

### **PSSA Zone netball trials**

Today, Gabryella Barrett, Stevie Botham and Mia Walton are representing Floraville at the PSSA Eastlakes Zone netball trials at Gateshead. We wish them the best of luck!

### **Regional Swimming Results**

Congratulations to the Floraville swimmers! You represented our school and Region with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Joe Wallace and Charlie Griffiths both swam their very best on Tuesday! **Joe Wallace** – 8yr Boys 50m Freestyle came 4th

**Charlie Griffiths** – 10yr Girls 50m Freestyle 7th, Jnr Girls Backstroke 2nd and Jnr Girls Individual Medley 4<sup>th</sup>, Charlie continues on to the State Swimming Carnival, representing Hunter, in the Jnr Girls Backstroke.

### **Swimming Ribbons Presentation**

This Friday in the school hall at 12:20pm, we will be holding the Primary Swimming Carnival Ribbons and Swimming Champion presentation. Ribbons are awarded to students that placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall (not just in heats).

### **Winter Sports Trials**

Continuing this Friday, 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 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!

### **Cross Country**

The Floraville Cross Country is set for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Week 8) at Marks Ovals from 9:30am. All Primary students will participate. There is NO cost for this event. Students will walk down to Marks Oval with their classroom teachers after rolls have been marked. More details will be released next week.

## **BANKING NEWS**

### **Banking is every Thursday.**

Wow, such an amazing response to banking last week. 122 students added to their reward tally and 20/22 classes took part, an increase of 19 students from last week. This is such a fantastic result. The more we encourage our bankers, the more they'll be rewarded with not only prizes but seeing their banking balance grow. A regular savings pattern can set our children up with great habits when it comes to money.

Last Thursday, a representative from the Commonwealth Bank came to spend some time with our students and encourage them to select their rewards. She also spent some time with parents discussing new account opening procedures. It's never too late to open an account for your child or their siblings. You can either call into your local branch of the Commonwealth (Belmont, Swansea, Warners Bay) with your Drivers Licence and your child's birth certificate or follow the prompts at the link online [https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=gsa\\_generic\\_school-banking](https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html?ei=gsa_generic_school-banking). When opening an account online, the Bank will send you a letter along with a yellow folder and bank book. The letter contains a white sticker which will show the account number details. This sticker will need to be placed into the deposit book sent to you. The banking team will issue a student number for your child.

Thank you again to the wonderful mums that support our banking each week, Donna Timmins, Deborah James, Trish Oakey & Jess Pietrobuono. We always welcome helpers, even if you have only a short time on Friday mornings. The uniform shop is where you will find us from 9am.

## **UNIFORM NEWS**

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN 2018.**

## **LIBRARY**

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more widely. Students in years Kinder through to Year 6 are invited to accept the challenge. For more details or to enter Student Reading Records online, please go to the website;

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au>

The username and password are the same as those students use to log on to computers at school.

Students can also keep a copy of Premier's Reading Challenge books read using a Personal Reading Log (Kinder and Year 1 have been given a copy during library this week with their username and password).

Students in K-2 need to read or have read to them 30 PRC books (PRC books from the library are marked with a PRC sticker on the front cover). To check out the full list of books, refer to the website above.

Students in Years 3 – 6 need to read independently 20 books from the PRC list.

The PRC challenge needs to be completed by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Good luck and I hope you accept the challenge.

Please contact Mrs Southward in the library with any questions [Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **Book Fair Coming Soon**

Just another reminder that we will be holding a Book Fair in the library during Week 9, just before the Easter Break.

### **Literacy Pro**

It's great to see so many students working hard on their reading and completing Literacy Pro quizzes. It's really important that students make an effort to read on a regular basis. My suggestion is 20-30 minutes per day.

### **Overdue Library Notices**

Students will be given overdue library book notices this week. If your child receives one, could you please encourage them to return or renew the books.

## **P&C NEWS**

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held next Tuesday 13 March, commencing at 6.30pm in the school library. Accompanying the Brief home today is a nomination form for those parents, carers or community members who would like to take on a position on the school P&C. Completed nomination forms can be returned to Mr Mulready, in his role as returning officer, prior to the meeting. Nominations for positions can also be made from the floor at the meeting. Anyone who nominates for a position, including a position on a P&C sub-committee, must be a P&C financial member.

If there are any questions about any of the P&C positions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me either via the below email or via the P&C Facebook page.

Following the Annual General Meeting, a short P&C General Meeting will be held. At this meeting, Mr Mulready will provide us with a general school update, including answering some questions on the Working with Children Check. He will also discuss school Ethics classes.

It was pleasing to attend the Year 6 parliament meeting last week and to address the students. They were set the task of consulting teachers and students in each Stage of the school to identify resources or infrastructure that could support student learning, that the P&C can assist deliver through fundraising. The leaders were invited to present their findings at the April P&C meeting.

A reminder 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/>

Bryan Garland - President

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## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### **Coming Up**

Harmony Day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

We have a new selection of drinks in either a can or a bottle, they come in a range of flavours and are in line with the Healthy Food Association. They have a 5 star Healthy food rating, priced at \$2.00.

### **Roster**

Thursday 8/3 – Sally Brown, Sandy Green, Kathy Campbell

Friday 9/3 – Amanda Jackson, Corrine Cheung, Sonia McCumiskey, Sue Mannix, Erin Griffiths

Monday 12/3 – Barbara Camps, Bec Prestwidge, Trish Lembke

Tuesday 13/3 – Meredith Wright, Yvonne Smith, Renae Weinert

Wednesday 14/3 – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman

# FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Floraville Public School P & C Association will be held on Tuesday 13 March 2018. Nominations are now being called for the executive and other positions on the committee. The positions are:

- \* President
- \* 1st Vice President/Fundraising Co-ordinator
- \* 2nd Vice President/Canteen Co-ordinator
- \* Treasurer
- \* Assistant Treasurer
- \* Secretary
- \* Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
- \* School Council Representative
- \* School Band Co-ordinator
- \* Fundraising sub-committee (5 positions)
- \* Canteen sub-committee (5 positions including secretary and treasurer)
- \* Band sub-committee (5 positions including secretary and treasurer)
- \* Special Needs Student Representative

The P & C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (with the exception of school holiday periods). If you are interested in any position, please complete the form below and return it to school by Monday 12 March 2018. Nominees must be financial members of the P & C and can pay their membership fee of \$1.00 on the night of the AGM. For more information, please contact the school office or the P & C President, Bryan Garland, [fpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:fpspresident@gmail.com).

Canteen - See Margaret Osborn in the canteen

Band - See Mrs Blake at school

All interested parties please complete the nomination form below and return to the school office, for the information of the returning officer, Mr Mulready.

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## FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION-AGM NOMINATION FORM 2018

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate myself for the position of  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the 2018 P & C committee.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_