



The Brief

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Week	Date	
7	16/3	School Photos We Stand Together - National day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
8	21/3	Harmony Day PSSA Zone Rugby League Trials
	22/3	K-2 Assembly 2.15pm -3pm
	23/3	No Scripture this week Cross Country carnival 9.20am-12pm Book Fair Preview 11.30am -3pm Primary Assembly 12.20pm – 1pm

Reminder of Money Due:

ICAS is due tomorrow 15/3 **NO LATE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.**

Band fees are now due and Year 6 T-shirts.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 7 TERM 1

Wellbeing

Student wellbeing is a significant priority within our School Plan 2018-2020, and it fits within the context of our school vision for students as learners and citizens. A school team meets regularly to plan initiatives which promote positive mental health and wellbeing. A number of initiatives are coming up this term.

Anti-bullying

This Friday is the *National Day Against Bullying*. Students engage in lessons for social skills and *Getting Along* as part of the class curriculum, but this Friday will provide a particular focus. Students in Years 4 to 6 will also be participating in a cyber-safety webinar in the hall. Our *Kids Matter* Team are currently reviewing and updating the school's anti-bullying policy, which will be shared at P&C in the April meeting. A cyber-bullying information session is being planned for parents in early term 2.

Playground

Physical activity has a positive impact on wellbeing. At last night's P&C meeting, we discussed a number of options to promote physical activity in the playground. Our Deputy Principal, Mrs Jenny White is also speaking with students to gain their perspective in this area. In the coming weeks, we will trial a number of new initiatives.

Harmony Day

Wednesday 21 March is Harmony Day. Students are invited to wear orange and bring in a gold coin donation for Save the Children. The canteen has also organised special lunch orders for the day. www.harmony.gov.au/about/

This week, families will also receive information about a survey students are undertaking to help identify areas of need in student wellbeing. The survey is for students in Years 4 to 6. With a desire for excellence and equity in all areas of education, the school is committed to continuous improvement in our provision of wellbeing services. www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing

P&C AGM

Many thanks to the parents and community members who attended last night's AGM and also accepted nominations for executive positions. The P&C doesn't function without its volunteers.

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

President	Treasurer	Secretary	Vice President (Fundraising)	Vice President (Canteen)	Uniform Shop
Bryan Garland	Kylie Feeney	Fiona MacKenzie	Erin Griffiths	Rachel Searle	Cass Keeping

Committee members and other representatives will be listed on the Floraville P&C Facebook page.

Special Ethics Education

Last night the P&C discussed the possibility of Special Ethics Education (SEE) at school. The Education Act 1990 states 'in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion'. Special education in ethics can be offered as a secular alternative to special religious education. The school has not offered SEE in the past due to a lack of volunteers. Recently, three volunteers have expressed their interest. If you are interested in training as a volunteer ethics teacher, visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/> or contact maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au. The Department's Policy on SRE and SEE can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics/about-religion-and-ethics>.

Finally

Congratulations to the school choir in their successful application for the 2018 Star Struck performance. Our school has an outstanding choir and the students are well deserving of their selection. Thank you to Mr Faulkner and Mrs Focic for their expert tuition. It is also a big week for the family of young Noah Dobson in KG. Noah will be undergoing open-heart surgery at Westmead Hospital. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes go out to Noah and his family.

Simon Mulready
Principal

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

Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. When you speak and act courteously, you give others a feeling of being valued and respected. Greet people pleasantly. Bring courtesy home. Your family needs it most of all. Courtesy helps life to go smoothly.

SPORTS NEWS 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!

Cross Country

The Floraville Cross Country is set for Friday 23rd (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.

Bullying. No Way!' on Friday 16 March 2018

Our school will stand united with 4000+ schools across Australia on Friday 16 March to mark the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

The NDA provides our school with the opportunity to stand together on this important issue and help ignite thoughtful and positive discussions about bullying and ways we can work as a community to address it.

Floraville Public School aims to support our students and families. Together we must ensure that we are providing safe and supportive environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence.

One area in which our students need to be well informed, is cyberbullying. Therefore, this Friday students from Years 3-6 will participate in a 40 minute, 'Imagine a future free from cyberbullying' virtual classroom launch. This launch is governed by the Office of the eSafety Commission. The session will ask students to imagine a world where students can use technology without the fear of being bullied or harassed. The objective is to make students feel empowered to solve online bullying issues together, with family and teacher support.

In Term 2, we will be following up with long-term programs and initiatives that will address other aspects of bullying within communities.

For more information or to access sound practical advice please visit the 'Bullying. No Way!' website (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au).

FPS Wellbeing Team



SPECIAL INFANTS EASTER ASSEMBLY

Thursday 29th March has been set for our annual Infants Easter Activities / Assembly Day. Once again our K- 2 students will be enjoying a special day rotating around several activities. No preparation is necessary for parents as the children will learn songs and make baskets and hats all at school that day. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us in the afternoon to watch them sing and parade their creations around the COLA. Please assemble along the canteen and OOSH verandas at 2.10pm.

BANKING NEWS

Congratulations, Floraville, for your continued strong numbers with banking for last week. Again 20/22 classes banked with 123 students taking part – an increase of 1 from last week. Keep it going. Add to your reward tally and see your savings grow! The Comm Bank app is a great way to keep a record of your reward tally and view your child's account balance. Download the App for free.

Last week, 15 rewards were sent home. We still have many students who are eligible for their reward. These students are : Aiden Wood 236, James King 248, Tom Breasley 320, Addison Beer 477, Haydn Burns 478, Mia Martin 480, Mikayla Penglaze 495, Samantha Pearce 497, Olivia Winner 517, Lacey Dobson 535, Alana Moore 559, Lani Perkins 572, Alice Macready 255, Harper Williams 261, Andrea Battye 336, Scarlett Halpin 355, Amelia Bellamy 512, Oscar Griffiths 522, Noah McBreen 530, Mitchell Battye 534, Tahlia Roberts 573, Jude Perkins 574, Noah Faith 359, Tori Lea Harris 484, Lily Faith 570, Mya Terbeeke 578, Samuel Gibbs 490, Hannah Loveday 492, Zoe Payne 579, Jye Gibbs 272, Daniel Cross 308, Thomas Kennedy 470, Mila Gal 606, Ben Breasley 329, Robert Freeman 354, Kobi Face 437, Angela Johnson 386, Hannah Davies 558, Jacinda Davies 368, Jarrah Van Den Berg 493, Cooper Thompson 455, Wil Burns 475. Send in your reward card or a note and The Banking Team will arrange the reward for you.

Many thanks to the wonderful mums who assisted us last week. It was a busy morning which could have taken much longer if it wasn't for our mums, Deborah James, Trish Oakey, Jess Pietrobuono, Leana Suffell, Erin Griffiths & Donna Timmins. Thank you!

UNIFORM NEWS

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN 2018.

LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Kalarna Swinkels 3M, Lara Crawford 2S and Samara Ingram 6F who have all completed the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge. If you're wondering how they could have finished so quickly, students (like Kalarna, Lara and Samara) are able to include Premier's Reading Challenge books they have read since September 2017.

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 31st 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

Book Fair Coming Soon

Just another reminder that we will be holding a Book Fair in the library during Week 9, Tuesday 27th March and Wednesday 28th March. Students will be able to purchase books before school (8:30am – 9:00am), at 2nd break (1:30pm – 2:00pm) or after school (3:00pm – 4:00pm-ish) on these days.

Literacy Pro Awards

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Blue Star Awards (25 LitPro points); Lachlan Wenke 3/4A, Kingston Webb 3M, Max Lonergan 3M, Pranali Shukla 4B, Luke Mantle 4C, Daniel Cross 5NR, Sienna Gribble 5NR, Cyrus Mumtahan 5NR, Elleni Pedonese 6F, Riley Antill 6K, Tobi Eeles 6K, Thomas Kennedy 6K and Lily Ryan 6K.

Congratulations to the following students who received Red Star Awards (50 LitPro points); Daniel Cross 5NR, Kaden Pinfold 5NR, Hayden Antill 6F and Samara Ingram 6F.

Congratulations to Hayden Antill who also received a Bronze Star Award (75 LitPro points) and a Silver Star Award (100 LitPro points).

Finally, congratulations to our first Gold Star Award (200 LitPro points) recipient of the year, Henry Watts 5NR.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

The Wellbeing Team

In 2018, Floraville Public School continues our journey in the promotion of mental health and wellbeing using the Kids Matter framework. Throughout the year we will publish mental health information in the School Bulletin.

The website, <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/> provides a range of information to help families support children's mental health and wellbeing, and to recognise [if and when professional help is needed](#).

P&C NEWS

I am very pleased to report that at last night's AGM, all positions were filled. Thank you to all those new and returning faces who have taken on a position. We would love to see more faces at our monthly meetings so please feel very welcome to join us without any fear or pressure on being asked to take on a job!

At the end of the AGM, we held our March General Meeting. At this meeting, Mr Mulready briefed us on the school's Wellbeing Framework team, we had some good discussion about the Ethics program and discussed establishing a P&C vision statement and some further documents to describe the roles and tasks of various P&C activities.

A reminder to parents and students that:

Crazy Hair Day is Tuesday 27 March. To participate in this fun day, we kindly ask for donations of Easter eggs, Easter basket or any other Easter decoration that will go to the Easter raffle. Donations will be collected from each classroom by our Easter volunteers.

Easter raffle tickets are to be returned to the office by Tuesday 27 March. Unfortunately, no late tickets can be accepted. The Easter draw will take place on Thursday 29 March to coincide with the infants Easter Hat Parade.

Finally, if you are interested in reading a precis of our 2017 activities, I have uploaded to the P&C Facebook page the Annual Report I presented to the AGM last night. Connect via this link – <https://m.facebook.com/p.c.floraville/>

Bryan Garland - President
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CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen has had issues with volunteers not turning up for their rostered days. If you cannot make your day, can you please contact Margaret 0457 826 333. It helps with the smooth operation of the canteen if volunteers could arrive as close to 8:30am as possible.

Harmony Day orders will be distributed March 21st at 1st break.

Roster:

Thursday 15th – Kylie Feeney, Rebecca Pearce, Alissa Baker, Samantha Sorenson

Friday 16th – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies, Megan Garland, Kellie Christian

Monday 19th – Kristy Reid, Ryan Degan, Shona Slade

Tuesday 20th – Amy Pearce, Kelly Todd, Sunitha Mumtahan

Wednesday 21st – Pat Whyte, Maree McCulloch, Marion Van Zeeland