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TERM 4 Week 8

Principal's Report

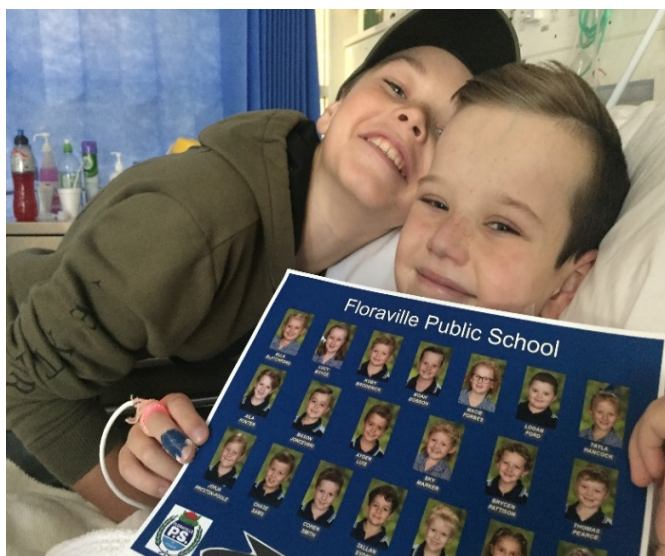
Celebrating Learning

I love it when students share their success stories with me. Elsie (pictured) had been working so hard to learn her sight words, she was jumping out of her skin to be tested on them. It's important that we celebrate the achievements of our students and this is done in many ways. Most powerful are the interactions between student and teacher that happen in the classroom every day - small words of encouragement, praise and recognition can have a tremendous impact. At the end of the year, our annual Presentation Day also plays a role. While our teachers look to acknowledge exemplars for each of our school *pencil* values, the Presentation Day is really a celebration of learning across the school. I congratulate all students who will be receiving awards on the day and thank our teachers for their tremendous work in shaping the learners and citizens of Floraville Public School.



Christmas Carols

Excitement is building for next week's Christmas Carols on the green. Families are invited to put on their festive wear, come with picnic blankets, and join us on the front grass as we sing songs and carols in the lead up to Christmas. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase on the night. This year we will also be using the opportunity to reach out to one of our Floraville families who are not having an easy time. Young Noah Dobson was taken by Careflight helicopter down to Westmead two weeks ago for emergency heart surgery. This will be his second extended period of stay at the Children's Hospital this year. His brother and sister are staying down with him, currently attending the hospital school. As Christmas is a time of joy and giving, we will be inviting Floraville families to make a gold coin donation on the night to contribute to Noah's expenses.



Simon Mulready, Principal

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

Modesty is having self-respect. When you value yourself with quiet pride, you accept praise with humility and gratitude. Modesty is being comfortable with yourself and setting healthy boundaries about your body and your privacy.

Term Calendar

| Week | Date | Event |
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| 8 | 6/12 | Year 6 Fun Day 11.30-1.30pm K-2 Assembly (1HS) 2.15pm-3pm |
| | 7/12 | Swim School finishes Final Week of Primary Sport (paid options) Kinder & Year 1 Party Day Primary Assembly (School Leaders) Photo presentation dedicated to Yr 6 students 12.20pm-1pm |
| | 9/12 | Band Performance at Salvos Christmas Celebration 6.30pm-8pm |
| 9 | 10/12 | Year 5 Party Day Year 6 Party Day Luna Park 8am-5pm |
| | 11/12 | Floraville's Got Talent 11.30am-1.30pm Carols on the Green 6pm-8pm |
| | 12/12 | Hunter PSSA Sports Award Ceremony |
| | 13/12 | K-2 Presentation Day 9.30am-10.45am 3-6 Presentation Day 11.45am-1.30pm |
| | 14/12 | Year 2 Party Day |
| Reminder of Money Due: Speers Point Park \$6.00 due Thursday 6 December (Year 2) Year 5 Party Day \$6.00 due Thursday 6 December Band Fees – Term 3 OVERDUE - Term 4 now due | | |

News from the Office

Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm

Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions.

We now have parent online payments through the School's Website as well as eftpos at the office.

You can now pre-pay fees and excursions in advance through our new system.

Please use our School App to notify the school of any absences for your child or any change of details.

SPORT NEWS

Good News Story for our Eastlakes Zone!

We are delighted to report that a long-serving member of the Eastlakes PSSA Executive, Judy Nolan, has been recognised for her contributions to school sport. Judy was one of 25 recipients out of 1500 to receive the NSW Sports Award for Services to School Sport. She has held the role of Eastlakes PSSA Treasurer for over 15 years and her executive duties have included organising zone carnivals, risk management plans, results data entry, organising sports uniforms, equipment, mentoring teachers, Eastlakes PSSA website development, managing all finances/accounts, and most importantly, she leads the way making sport affordable and accessible to all schools including small schools. The 23 schools in our zone are lucky to have such a passionate, knowledgeable leader who ensures all decisions are in the best interest of our students. *Pictured: Judy Nolan- Eastlakes PSSA Treasurer (left) and Evan Finlay- Eastlakes PSSA President (right).*



PSSA Knock Out Competitions 2019

Last week we surveyed all students currently in Years 3, 4 and 5 regarding what PSSA Knock Out Teams they would like to trial for next year and whether they play that sport outside of school. This will help us to get an indication of whether we would have enough capable students to enter certain teams. We reminded students that this competition format is for competitive teams. There are other opportunities throughout the year for less competitive, participation-orientated sports. We will look at the survey results at our sports committee meeting this Friday. A decision will be made on what teams we enter in 2019 after considering the student survey results, student ability as well as staff availability. We will notify families of this decision shortly.

Save the dates! 2019 Sporting Calendar

If you are interested in finding out the dates for sporting events in 2019, you can use the Floraville school app. Simply click on the 'Calendar' tab at the bottom of the app home screen and you can click on the arrow at the top, right of each term calendar to see future terms/ dates.

Term 4 Primary Sport Reminder

Term 4 Primary Sport concludes this week (Week 8, 7 Dec). Next Friday (Week 9, 14 Dec), students will participate in class-based sport and in Week 10 (21 Dec) the Thursday and Friday are Staff Development Days.

LIBRARY NEWS

Literacy Pro

Congratulations to the following students who received Literacy Pro awards during Week 4.

Blue Star Award (25 points) - Harry Brown 4B, Thomas Hayman 4C, Charlotte James 4C, Evie Lawes 5NR, Jacob Curry 5O, Oscar Flett 5O and Angus Reid 5O

Red Star Award (50 points) - April Brackley 5O

Bronze Star Award (75 points) - Maya Langholz 3/4A, Hollie Purcell 4B and Zac Anderson 5O

Silver Star Award (100 points) - Max Lonergan 3M, Ben Breasley 5O, Larna McCarthy 5O, Jye Gibbs 6F, James King 6P and Aiden Wood 6P

Gold Star Award (200 points) - Lachlan Wenke 3/4A and Alice Macready 6F

Emerald Star Award (400 points) - Mila Gal 4B and Hayden Antill 6F

Library Books

It would be really appreciated if all library books please be returned this week. Books that are being read for Literacy Pro can be returned next week.

CANTEEN NEWS

Coming Up

12 Dec – RED DAY Mousse and Sweet treats

13 Dec – Presentation Day **CANTEEN CLOSED**

19 Dec - Last day of Term

Volunteers urgently needed for 2019

As we come towards the end of another year at Floraville, we find our school canteen in urgent need of new volunteers for 2019. If you can possibly spare even half a day 8.30-12pm, the canteen & your children would be so appreciative. We have this week attached a volunteer form and emergency roster form for your consideration.

Christmas Lunch Bag Specials

Our Christmas Lunch Bags have started & will be available to order through until Wednesday 19 December inclusive.

Please note: Children must bring their Christmas token to the canteen to receive their icy treat, these do not go out with their lunch.

Roster

Thursday 6/12 – Trish Oakey, Nicole Hooper, Suzanne Halpin

Friday 7/12 – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman, Sarah Soewarno

Monday 10/12 – Kristy Reid, Kylie Wells, Peta Warland

Tuesday 11/12 – Rachael Searle, Melissa Eastham

Wednesday 12/12 – Katie Budden, Vivienne Tindall, Sharon Robertson

UNIFORM NEWS

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

Please note, the uniform shop WILL NOT be open the last week of term, Wednesday 19 December. It is yet to be confirmed whether we will open Tuesday 22nd January (the week prior to school returning).

To avoid the rush at the start of the year, consider ordering now for 2019. This also helps us to ensure we have sufficient stock available.

Volunteers are required, if you can spare an hour once a month, please let me know.

BANKING NEWS

Tomorrow (Thursday 6) will be the final banking for the year. Unfortunately rewards can no longer be ordered this year but those with rewards due can hold these over until next year to use when new rewards are announced.

It has been a terrific year of banking. Thanks to all those students who have taken part over the year. Saving is an important tool to educate our children. If you would like to begin banking with your child you can visit any Commonwealth Bank branch over the holidays to open an account on the spot (please take identification for yourself and a birth certificate for your child). Accounts are fee free. Merry Christmas to all our students, parents and carers and we will see you next year ready for another year of banking.

Sandy Green

P&C NEWS

We still require some parents to help at the BBQ and Canteen stall next Tuesday night at Carols. Access to the roster is available on the P&C Facebook page, the School Facebook page or via these links:


BBQ help: <https://bit.ly/2DTxAEf>

Stall help: <https://bit.ly/2zmIDBY>

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help. The event will be held on the front grass. Access to the event will be from 5.45pm with an anticipated finishing time of 8pm. As Carols will be held on school grounds, no alcohol is permitted. A reminder that we will have a Mr Whippy van onsite as well as a Coffee Cart.

Bryan Garland - President


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FOCUS CHARACTER ENERGY

drama classes

December School Holiday Fun!
Holidays start on Thursday 20th Dec!



Need to work? Need to shop?
Need some calm before the storm? Book your child in with FCE for school holiday fun!
Drama, games, art and more!
When? Thurs 20th Dec - Fri 21st
8:30-4:30
(No need to book in both days, book in what suits you. Drop off and pick up hours are flexible too).
Where? Warners Bay Public School Hall, Jones Ave Warners Bay
Cost? \$40 per day
Book? Head to the FCE website to download a registration form, then email it through to:
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