



# The Brief

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Week	Date	
2	24/10	Bandfest 23/10 – 26/10 Year 6 Canberra 24/10 – 26/10
	25/10	AFL Clinic (Yrs 3,4,5) K-2 Assembly (1/2G) 2.10-3pm
	26/10	No Primary Assembly
3	29/10	State Athletics Cake Stall 11.10 -11.30am
	31/10	NSW PSSA Athletics 31/10 - 1/11
	1/11	AFL Clinic (Yrs 3, 4, 5) Yr 5 Budding Training 11.30am-1.30pm
	2/11	Primary Sport Resumes
<b>Reminder of Money Due:</b> Year 5 Camp final instalment due \$100 Thursday 25/10 Band Fees – Term 3 OVERDUE - Term 4 now due		



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 2 TERM 4

### Soccer State Championships: Runners Up

A huge congratulations to our PSSA Boys' Soccer team for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state after playing in the finals series on Monday. The team has had a very successful year, with a number of wins throughout. Making it through to the Grandfinal was a sensational achievement. Even though they went down 2-1 to King Park PS in the decider, the boys could take away a lot of positives from their experience. Awesome effort boys, parents, supporters and coach Mulready!

### Bandfest Performances

Well done to our band members from the Mini Minors and Majors who have been competing at Bandfest this week. Both bands did a wonderful job, with one parent commenting how it was "the best performance I've seen in three years". A special mention to Martin Macready (Mini Minors) for being awarded a certificate for an Outstanding Performance. Thank you to Mrs Blake and Mrs Thacker for their dedication to the band, ensuring our school is involved in great opportunities like Bandfest. Thank you also to Mrs Hadden for her assistance in organising our students' attendance at the event. A full report on Bandfest (including results) will be a highlight in the Week 4 Bulletin.



### Tell Them From Me: Parent Survey

The school is always keen to receive feedback and develop a greater understanding of the views of the community. As part of our regular evaluation process, the school recently invited family and community members to complete a survey. The survey relates to wellbeing, engagement, teaching and learning. A link to the survey is on our Facebook page or otherwise can be accessed via <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6jdzv>. The survey closes this Friday 26 October.

Once a report is available, feedback will be discussed at a staff level as well as at P&C meetings, providing input for future school directions.

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

### **World Teachers Day: Acknowledgement on Monday 29 October**

Yesterday, I was discussing with some colleagues where we were and what we were doing in the year 1998 (the last time Floraville PS won the State Soccer title). I happened to be teaching Kindergarten at Metford PS and it was also the year I was married.

Later in the day, I was at our Wellbeing team meeting and we were discussing how we could recognise World Teachers Day (official date, Friday 26 October) and perhaps combine it with acknowledging Mental Health awareness month (previously distinguished in recent years with activities on a special day known as Fluro Friday).

Reflecting upon these discussions, I thought about how people sometimes talk about *that one* teacher that really made a difference in their life. Great teachers have the ability to impact their students every day, not just by what and how they teach, but through the positive relationships and the genuine connections they establish.

Teachers, however, rarely get to share stories of the students who made a difference in their life. So, whilst acknowledging World Teachers Day next Monday 29 October, I think that it is also pertinent to reflect on the countless number of students who have inspired us to continue to learn and grow, to become the best teachers that we can possibly be.

When talking to people next week, I aim to share some stories about the students who have made a difference in my life.

### **Canberra Excursion**

An early morning start saw seventy Year 6 students and 4 teachers head to Canberra for 3 days of adventure in our nation's capital. With a number of planned activities, I am certain that their excursion will be both very enjoyable and worthwhile. Have fun, Year 6!

### **State Athletics Championships**

Good luck to Mitchell Davies, Stevie Botham and Reece McManus who will be competing at Homebush next Wednesday 31 October. I am confident that you will put in a great effort!

Please refer to the sport section for further information on their events and details about a cake stall fundraiser on Monday 29 October.

Jenny White  
Deputy Principal

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

Flexibility is being open to change. You consider others' ideas and feelings and don't insist on your own way. Flexibility gives you creative new ways to get things done. You get rid of bad habits and learn new ones. Flexibility helps you to keep changing for the better.

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **Cake Stall**

We are delighted that three Floraville students, Mitchell Davies (Year 2) for 8yr Boys 100m, Stevie Botham (Year 5) for 11yr Girls High Jump and Reece McManus (Year 6) who has made it in both Snr Boys Discus and Snr Boys Long Jump will be representing the school and Hunter region at PSSA State Athletics at Sydney Olympic Stadium on 31 Oct – 1 Nov. A cake stall will be held to help assist the family with the associated costs. We would appreciate it if the students of Year 5 could donate some goodies, if they are able to. [NB- We have selected the Year 5 cohort because Year 6 provided goodies for the soccer cake stall and Year 4 students provided goodies for the aerobics cake stall]. The cake stall will be run, Week 3, Monday 29 October at 1<sup>st</sup> break (any remaining items will be sold at 2<sup>nd</sup> break). All cakes and products should be nut-free!

#### **Primary Sport**

A reminder that Primary sport commences next week [Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November]. Please start organising any special equipment, hats and drink bottles that may be required for sport.

#### **AFL**

Last week saw Floraville students in Years 3, 4 and 5 participate in free [funded through Sporting Schools grant] AFL clinics run on our wonderful all-purpose flat. Clinics will continue each Thursday during PE, with the last clinic running on Thursday 8 November.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **BRING BACK THE BOOK**

Wow! There's been such a buzz around the school in response to our Bring Back the Book reading challenge. Congratulations to everyone for supporting this event.

The draw for the Week 1 \$50 Book Club vouchers was done on Friday. Congratulations to the winners; Billy McSweeney 1F, Imogen Highfield 1O, Mason Joncevski KG, Jaxon Truong KS, Kingston Webb 3M, Jaya Ayshford 3M, Lacey Dobson 3H and Amelia Whittington 5G. If you missed the information about this challenge, check the school website or last week's Brief.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Interrelate Family Sessions

On Monday 26 November, students in Year 6 and their families are invited to our school hall to attend some Interrelate sessions. They will be held in the evening, beginning at 6pm.

Session 1 educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2 prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

If you are wishing to attend these sessions, please organise payment at the school office. Final payments are due by Thursday 22 November. No money can be accepted on the night. Family cost: 1 session \$30 or \$35 for both sessions.

### The JollyBops Science Show

On Monday 12 November, students in Yrs 1 & 2 are invited to attend The JollyBops Science Show. More details to follow soon.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER.

#### Roster

Thursday 25/10 – Kylie Feeney

Friday 26/10 – Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies, Kellie Christian, Megan Garland

Monday 29/10 – Kristy Reid, Ryan Degan (am) Shona Slade (am)

Tuesday 30/10 – Marilyn Jonceviski

Wednesday 31/10 – Pat Whyte, Maree McCulloch, Marion Van Zeeland

## BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

It was great to see 21/22 class's bank first week back and 63 students sending in their savings. Congratulations to 2S for their efforts last week.

Notes for reward earners were sent back to classrooms to be sent home with students last Friday. We have roughly 100 students who all have rewards due to be ordered. That's a lot of prizes that need homes to go to before the end of the year. It would be wonderful for the banking team to be able to order these for the students so please complete those reward coupons and send them in as soon as possible. We anticipate the Term 4 rewards of Slushie Maker & Flying Disk being hot items and discontinued quickly so if these appeal to your child please get your order in as soon as possible. Thank you to Deb James, Gabby Darabi, Leana Suffell & Donna Timmins for their help with the banking for last week. Volunteers for this Thursday are required. Please visit us in the Uniform shop 9am – any time you can spare is appreciated.

Sandy Green

## UNIFORM SHOP

Open Wednesdays 2:30pm – 3:15pm

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

### Good for Kids good for life

#### INCREASING VEGETABLE INTAKE

##### Did you know?

Only 5% of children in NSW consume the recommended daily serves of vegetables? Kids aged 5-13 should be eating 4.5 to 5.5 serves of vegetables each day.

##### What is a serve?



Source: [www.eatforhealth.gov.au](http://www.eatforhealth.gov.au)

##### How can I get my kids to eat more vegetables?

- Involve your children in grocery shopping and meal preparation.
- Add easy to eat vegetables to the lunchbox.
- Make it fun! Try making vegetable skewers or create funny faces out of vegetables.
- Keep trying, serve vegetables in different ways to see how they like to eat them.
- Be a good role model and eat plenty of vegetables in front of your kids.



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