



The Brief

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Week	Date	
3	1/11	NSW PSSA Athletics AFL Clinic (Yrs 3, 4, 5) Yr 5 Budding Training 11.30am-1.30pm
	2/11	Primary Sport Resumes
4	5/11	Year 5 Camp 5/11 - 7/11 Whole School Assembly 2.15-3pm
	8/11	AFL Clinic (Yrs 3, 4, 5) K-2 Assembly (10) 2.10-3pm
	9/11	Primary Assembly (6F) 12.20-1pm
Reminder of Money Due: Calendar Art due Thursday 1/11 (correct money required) Band Fees – Term 3 OVERDUE - Term 4 now due Jollybops Science Show \$6.00 (Yrs 1&2) Swim School Scheme is now open first 60 Yr 2 students \$70		



DEPUTY PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 3 TERM 4

Process: How to Raise an Anti-Racism Concern

Issues arise occasionally that may be perceived as racist or discriminatory. If ever the need arises to raise a concern of this nature, please feel free to do so through the customary processes, as outlined by Mr Mulready in Week 1's newsletter.

Any concerns will then initiate involvement with our school's Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). An ARCO is available to provide support as required. Further information on ARCOs and their role within the school may be accessed via the office.

Home School Liaison Officers

Home School Liaison Officers (HSLO) are employed by the Department of Education (DoE) to monitor school attendance and to provide a supportive resource for students, parents and schools.

Their role is to encourage regular school attendance of all students at school. When there are attendance difficulties they work with the school in an attempt to resolve them.

Our HSLO meets with an executive member up to three times per term to discuss students who are falling below the DoE 90% attendance benchmark. They generally monitor poor or unexplained attendance patterns.

A reminder that it is a legal requirement to explain all student absences within 7 days. Partial absences (arriving late or leaving early) also require an explanation. An explanation is easiest given in reply to a sms absence message or via the School App notification tool.

The school is also legally required to seek verbal or written advice from parents/carers within 2 days (after the 7 days has expired) regarding unexplained full or part day absences.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yr 5 Buddy Training and Kindergarten Orientation

Year 5 students will undertake Buddy Training tomorrow (Thursday 1st), learning how to best assist the Kindergarten children starting in 2019.

Year 5 will then be able to meet and greet their buddy at the next Kindergarten orientation session on Wednesday 14th November.

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

A reminder to parents that buying gifts for the new Kinder students is not encouraged, but if your child would like to hand make something, they are more than welcome to.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Year 5 are in for loads of fun when they venture away next week to Great Aussie Bush Camp. Enjoy the experience and we look forward to a full report on your return.

Calendar Art Orders

A reminder that all calendar art orders need to be placed via the school office no later than 3pm, Thursday 1st November (tomorrow).

Thank you,

Jenny White
Deputy Principal

This week's virtue is **SELF-DISCIPLINE**:

Self-discipline means self-control. It is doing what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You act instead of react. You get things done in an orderly and efficient way. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.

SPORTS NEWS

Cake Stall

A very special thank you to all of the students and parents that helped with the cake stall this week.

All funds raised will greatly assist our outstanding three Floraville athletes, 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 and will be representing the school and Hunter region at PSSA State Athletics at Sydney Olympic Stadium on 31st Oct – 1st Nov. We look forward to hearing all three students achieving PBs and most of all, having fun!

Primary Sport

A reminder that Primary sport commences this Friday after scripture in the morning session. If you are in the PCYC sporting group, please make sure you have returned your Club Membership Form. If you are already a PCYC member, please bring your membership card on Friday. Also all Primary students, make sure you have any special equipment, hats and drink bottles that may be required for sport ready on Thursday night. It's going to be warm, so maybe pack some extra water and apply sunscreen before leaving home.

AFL

Our Years 3, 4 and 5 students will again participate in the free [funded through Sporting Schools grant] AFL clinics run on our wonderful all-purpose flat this Thursday during PE.

LIBRARY NEWS

Bring Back the Book

The draw for the Week 2 \$50 Book Club vouchers was done on Friday. Congratulations to the winners; Jarrah van den Berg 1/2G, Tyla Vaughan 1F, Jorja Robinson 2S, Chase Sams, Caitlyn Pattison 3/4A, Ellie Ehmann 3M, Lance Saker 5NR and Mackenzie Smith 3H.

If you missed the information about this challenge, check the school website or the Brief from Week 1.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

SWIMMING SCHOOL SCHEME

During Weeks 7 and 8 of this term (26th Nov. to 7th Dec.) Year 2 students are given the opportunity to participate in the Department of Education's Swim Scheme. Children who cannot swim or who cannot confidently swim 25metres are a priority in the program. While this program targets weaker swimmers, we encourage all Year 2 students to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to improve in all aspects of swimming. With summer around the corner we need to ensure our children are safe. The daily tuition over the two week period is a great way to revise precious life-saving skills. The cost of \$70 includes daily entry to the pool and bus fare. **Swimming tuition by Department of Education trained teachers is FREE.** If you wish your child to participate in this life saving activity please return your note and money to the office as soon as possible as it is a case of first in first served and we have a limited number of positions available. Any questions, please see Mrs Shantala Roach.

MORNING TEA FOR 2019 KINDER PARENTS

The Kindergarten orientation process is almost complete. The last session for the children is Wednesday 14th November. As a way of welcoming new parents to our wonderful school, the P&C has traditionally provided the new kinder parents with morning tea on this day. If you are able to contribute a small plate of food it would be very much appreciated. Please take it to the canteen when you arrive at school. Thank you very much to the canteen workers, uniform shop ladies and all the people who have helped to make the orientation process a success.

Jenny Barclay

OPAL CARDS

School student applications for 2019 are currently open.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31st December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31st December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

Thursday 1/11 – Renaye Dobb, Alison Maddocks, Naomi Loveday, Michelle Wood

Friday 2/11 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth

Monday 5/11 – Renae Picton, Alison Johnson, Alison Banek

Tuesday 6/11 – Eileen Jackson, Marilyn James

Wednesday 7/11 – Amanda Jackson, Tash Treveton

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

Congratulations to all our bankers last week with 73 students banking. Apart from our Year 6 classes due to their Canberra trip, we had all but one class take part. 2B were our class champions for last week.

We still have many students with rewards outstanding so please send your note request in so the banking team can order your reward before the end of the school year. These rewards can take up to 2 weeks to arrive so please allow this time for delivery. No orders can be received after week 8 for rewards (Thursday 4th December).

Thanks to our helpers Leana Suffell, Donna Timmins & Gabby Darabi.

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.

