



The Brief

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Week	Date	
6	19/11	Whole School Assembly 2.15-3pm
	20/11	P&C Meeting 6.30pm-8pm
	22/11	K-2 Assembly (1F) 2.10-3pm
	23/11	School Leaders Speech & Voting No Primary Assembly

Reminder of Money Due:

Luna Park \$55.00 due Thursday 22 November (Yr 6)
Interrelate Family Sessions (Yr 6) \$30 1 session or \$35 for both sessions due Thursday 22 November
Fort Scratchley and Foreshore Park \$11.00 due Thursday 29 November (Yrs 3&4)
Band Fees – Term 3 OVERDUE - Term 4 now due



PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 5 TERM 4

Kinder-buddies 2019

A very warm welcome to our 2019 kinder students who joined us at school this morning for their third kindergarten orientation. Our Year 5 students were particularly excited to meet their new kinder buddies and joined in with the morning routine with art, reading and other activities. Parents and carers spent the morning in the hall and enjoyed a delicious morning tea, kindly provided by the canteen and P&C. Year 5 students are spending the rest of the day undertaking their leadership training program.

School Improvement

While meeting with parents and carers this morning, I spoke about the journey of school improvement. Schools, by their very nature, are places where learning and improvement is for everyone. We believe that every year, every student, every teacher and every leader, can and will improve – not because we are not good enough, but because we can be even better. One of the measures we use for school improvement, is the feedback provided by parents and carers. Recently, families were invited to complete the *Partners in Learning* survey. I have provided a copy of the survey results on the school website. Link <https://floraville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> Some of evaluation items include:

I feel welcome when I visit the school

Teachers have high expectations for my child to succeed

Teachers help students who need extra support

My child feels safe at school

We will be reviewing these measures to see where we have improved, and what further enhancements can be made.

Remembrance Day

From 2014 to 2018, Australia has been commemorating 100 years of the ANZAC soldier. Sunday's Remembrance Day commemorations, marked the last official occasion where the Australian public will acknowledge this significant milestone. At last week's primary assembly, I asked students to share their knowledge of Remembrance Day, previously known as Armistice Day. It was at the end of the 2nd World War when the name was changed for this national day of commemoration. As we look ahead to the next 100 years, it is our united hope that our children and grandchildren will continue to experience the relative peace and harmony we currently enjoy. While the Australian Defence Forces continue to contribute to international peacekeeping operations around the globe, we thank them for their service and remember those who have gone before them. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest we forget.

Simon Mulready, Principal

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creative, confident **learners** and active, informed **citizens**

SPORTS NEWS

NSW PSSA State Athletics Results

Congratulations to Mitchell Davies (Year 2), Stevie Botham (Year 5) and Reece McManus (Year 6) on your achievements in Athletics in 2018! These three students represented our school, Eastlakes Zone and Hunter Region at NSW PSSA State Athletics in Sydney from 31st Oct – 1st Nov.

Mitchell ran the 8yr Boys 100m with great speed and intensity, placing him in the top 30 of NSW!

Stevie competed in the 11yrs Girls High Jump with her skills, fitness and precision placing her 15th out of the top 41 competitors in NSW!

Reece was a strong competitor in both the Snr Boys Discus and Snr Boys Long Jump, placing him in the top 45 competitors in NSW!

Well done Mitchell, Stevie and Reece! We hope you continue to enjoy athletics, we've certainly enjoyed watching you compete!

Asthma Medication

If you have informed the school office that your child carries their own asthma puffer, please ensure they do have it with them and it isn't expired. When we leave for sport each week, some of these students with asthma check their bags and discover they don't have asthma medication with them at school.

Sun Safety

Please remember to send your child to school wearing a school hat every day. Applying sunscreen before coming to school is also recommended. We've had some scorching hot sports days already this term!

LIBRARY NEWS

Bring Back the Book

Our 4 week Bring Back the Book Reading Challenge has come to an end but let's hope that it doesn't end the positive reading buzz it created. If you're interested in statistics, here are some interesting ones. When comparing the library borrowing statistics between the first 4 weeks of Term 3 and the first 4 weeks of this term (while the challenge was running), things look really positive. The total number of library books borrowed during the 4 week borrowing period last term were 1707, compared to the first 4 weeks of this term at 2253. Year 3 and Year 4 were the most impressive with Year 3 borrowing 249 more books and Year 4 borrowing 132 more books. My biggest hope is that if the borrowing rates increased then so did the actual reading.

The draw for the Week 4 \$50 Book Club vouchers was done on Friday. Congratulations to the winners;

Ruby Knight 1/2G, Lincoln Cooper 1HS, Clancy Sarquis KS, Liam Pietrobuono 1/2G, Will Roseby 4B, Alexis Brown 3/4A, Douglas Hanson 5G and Mia Dorans-Knowles.

Louise Southward

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the Kindergarten 2019 Morning Tea and a huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time once again.

Monday Night 3rd December – Canteen Christmas Dinner Get Together

If you have volunteered your time to the canteen in any way or at any time during 2018, we would love for you to join us. Please place your name on the list in the canteen if you can come.

Roster

Thursday 15/11 – Sally Brown, Kathy Campbell, Sandy Green

Friday 16/11 – Amanda Jackson, Corinne Cheung, Sonia McCumiskey, Sue Mannix

Monday 19/11 – Barbara Camps, Trish Lembke

Tuesday 20/11 – Meredith Wright, Yvonne Smith

Wednesday 21/11 – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman

P&C NEWS

The Final General Meeting of the P&C for 2018 was postponed this week and will now be held next Tuesday 20 November commencing at 6.30pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks to everyone who donated morning tea for the Kindergarten orientation morning today. Also thanks to the Canteen for its coordination.

Bryan Garland - President

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OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Canberra

In Week 2, 70 students from year 6 travelled to our nation's capital, Canberra, for three days of educational experiences. Blessed by fabulous weather, the students visited many political and cultural sites, including The Museum of Australian Democracy, Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Electoral Education Office, the Australian Mint, the National Art Gallery and Questacon, amongst others. The students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. It was a very busy and whirlwind trip, however the students thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and learnt a thing or two on the way! They should also be commended for their fantastic behaviour and representing Floraville Public School in such a positive way. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. This amount was deducted from the initial cost for every student so that the rebate could be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Deb Philip
Excursion Coordinator

BaRK – Building Reading Confidence for Kids

Thank you to Mrs Swinkels for kindly sharing with us and the community this successful Lake Mac Libraries Initiative. BaRK is a free eight week program that runs during school terms. It allows children to practise reading on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog. The dog's trainer will sit nearby to assist the child if needed. BaRK is available at various Lake Mac Libraries, including our local library in Belmont. Mrs Swinkels highly recommends the program as her own children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is hoped that others may take up this wonderful opportunity. Thanks again, Mrs Swinkels. For more information, please contact Belmont Library on 49210731.

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.

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

A little quieter this week with our banking tally although our junior students were strong savers last week. Regular deposits into your child's Dollarmites account not only teaches them the value of money but also how important saving is. Have you downloaded the Comm Bank App? This app will show your child their up to date account balance and how many deposits they have towards their reward goal. Download via your smart phone app store or call into any Commonwealth Branch for hints and tips with regards to the app.

Many thanks to Leana Suffell, Donna Timmins, Gabby Darabi, Tegan Pogonovski & Deborah James for their assistance with banking over the last few weeks. Final banking day & reward order day will be Thursday 6th December.
Sandy Green

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Wednesdays 2:30pm – 3:15pm

Please note, the uniform shop WILL NOT be open the last week of term, Wednesday 19th 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.

Cassandra Keeping

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