



The Brief

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| Week | Date | |
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| 7 | 29/11 | Swim Scheme to 7/12 |
| 8 | 3/12 | Whole School Assembly 2.15-3pm Band Auditions to 4/12 Junior Choir visit to Narla Village Yr7 2019 Belmont High Parent Session 5pm-6.30pm |
| | 4/12 | Belmont HS Orientation Day 9.15am-2.30pm |
| | 5/12 | Belmont HS Year 6 Interviews School volunteer thank you morning tea 11am-11.45am |
| | 6/12 | Year 6 Fun Day 11.30-1.30pm K-2 Assembly 2.15pm-3pm |
| | 7/12 | Swim School finishes Final Week of Primary Sport (paid options) Kinder & Year 1 Party Day Primary Assembly 12.20pm-1pm |
| | 9/12 | Band Performance at Salvos Christmas Celebration 6.30pm-12pm |



Reminder of Money Due:

Fort Scratchley and Foreshore Park \$11.00 due Thursday 29 November (Yrs 3&4)
Lake Cinema and Speers Point Park \$11.00 due Thursday 29 November (Kinder-Year 1)
Speers Point Park \$6.00 due Thursday 6 December (Year 2)
Band Fees – Term 3 OVERDUE - Term 4 now due

PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 7 TERM 4

300 Sausages + A New Friend

I wasn't sure how long it would take to cook 300 sausages, but we had 120 hungry, happy kids together with mums, dads and grandparents enjoying a November evening, ready for dinner. Thankfully, the rain held off long enough last night to finish the BBQ for the Kindergarten Welcome Night. Before eating, I told the students they had one job for the evening – to make a new friend. Running around on the basketball court, chasing balls and throwing frisbees, there were lots of smiling faces, and I had a number of children (and parents) come up to tell me they'd made a new friend. Events such as this don't rate a mention on national school ranking charts, but they reflect the heart of a school.

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

Parent-Helper Morning Tea

Much of what happens at Floraville Public School is enabled by the community who support us. Not only was the BBQ provided by the P&C last night, but the sound system, used to address the gathering, was recently donated by the P&C. I spoke with two parents during the evening who have volunteered in classrooms this year, assisting with reading groups and craft activities. From the canteen, to the uniform shop, to student banking and Landcare, our school benefits from the contribution of so many individual volunteers. As a small gesture of our appreciation, we will be holding a parent-helper morning tea, next Wednesday in the library. Everyone who has volunteered in some capacity at school this year, is invited to attend.

Last Week for SRE and SEE

This Friday will be the last week for our Scripture (SRE) and Ethics (SEE) programs for the year. These trained volunteers generously give their time each week to provide instruction for the students of our school. While we have been fortunate to have SRE volunteers for many, this year we were also able to provide a new opportunity for students in Stage 2 with SEE running as well.

Simon Mulready, Principal

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

Being purposeful is having a clear focus. Begin with a vision for what you want to accomplish, and concentrate on your goals. Do one thing at a time, without scattering your energies. Some people let things happen. When you are purposeful, you make things happen.

SPORTS NEWS

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.

So far, dates have been confirmed for all school carnivals (primary), PSSA Zone carnivals and PSSA State Carnivals as well as Zone/ Hunter PSSA team trial dates for students who are selected to trial for a Zone/ Hunter PSSA sporting team. PSSA Knock Out Competition draws come out in 2019 after school entries are received and draws are created. Please note that dates can be subject to change, due to inclement weather, ground issues, referee/ convenor issues, etc. The school app calendar is live and always up-to-date and any late changes or updates are communicated through the app 'Messages' tab. We recommend turning your notifications 'ON', via your phone settings, for our school app.

Term 4 Primary Sport Reminder

Term 4 Primary Sport continues this week (Week 7, 30th Nov) and next week (Week 8, 7th Dec). On Friday of Week 9 (14th Dec), students will participate in class-based sport and in Week 10 (21st Dec) the Thursday and Friday are Staff Development Days.

LIBRARY NEWS

Literacy Pro

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Literacy Pro awards;

Blue Star Awards (25 points) were received by Darcy Holmes 1F, Marley Krishnan 1F, Olivia Purcell 1F, Tayla Bettison 1HS, Harrison Budden 1HS, Georgia Wenke 1HS, Jesse Briggs 2S and Zoran Knezevic 2S.

Red Star Awards (50 points) were received by Olivia Purcell 1F, Jarrah van den Berg 1/2G and Marli Mannix.

A Bronze Star Award (75 points) was received by Evie Beatty 1F.

A Silver Star Award (100 points) was received by Lucas Oakey 2S.

Book Blitz

Could I please ask that all students check at home for any books belonging to Floraville Public School. These books will have a valid Floraville Public School barcode (not crossed out). It would be fantastic to recover some of the many library books that go missing each year.

Overdue Library Books

As the year draws to an end, your child may receive an 'Overdue Library Book' notice.

What's the process if a book is missing?

1. Encourage your child to look carefully at home to try to find the book or books.
2. It may also be worth encouraging your child to check elsewhere eg. Friend's house, grandparent's house, OOSH
3. If you think it may already have been returned, please ask your child to speak to Mrs Southward and we'll check the shelves in the library again.
4. If the book/s is still missing, Mrs Southward will record this on our library system.
5. At the completion of stocktake if the book/s aren't recovered, Mrs Southward will send an invoice home requesting payment be made to replace the book/s.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Floraville's Got Talent

Class auditions started today and will continue into next week. Class teachers will notify students to let them know when the auditions will take place. If your child has signed up please ensure they are ready to perform with their chosen music, props, costumes etc. If students make it through to the second round, Stage finals/dress rehearsals will be as followed;

Early Stage 1- Thursday 6th December

Stage 1- Tuesday 4th December

Stage 2- Thursday 6th December

Stage 3- Wednesday 5th December

Mrs Nolan and Mrs Lindsay

Band News

On Monday the band put on a special concert for Yrs 2, 3 and 4 to show them what it's like to be in the band. This was the beginning of the process for new students who wish to join the band in 2019. If you wish to join the band next year, see Mrs Blake for a note this week. The audition process will take place in Wk 8. Auditions involve students trialling a variety of band instruments to see which one they are most suited to, and which one they like. Mrs Blake and Ms Thacker then offer suitable students a position in the Mini Minors band for 2019. Please ensure you read the information before signing the note for your child to audition. Looking forward to a great 2019 making music together.

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

Coming Up

27th Nov – Christmas Lunch Bag Specials

3rd Dec – Volunteer dinner

13th Dec – Presentation Day – CANTEEN CLOSED!!

Christmas Lunch Bag Specials

Our Christmas Lunch Bags are available to order. We hope the children enjoy these special offers!

Please note: Children must bring their Xmas tokens to the canteen to receive their icy treat, these do not go out with their lunch!

Roster

Thursday 29/11 – Renaye Dobb, Alison Maddocks, Naomi Loveday, Michelle Wood

Friday 30/11 – Lisa Booth, Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Shantell Martin

Monday 3/12 – Renae Picton, Alison Johnson, Alison Banek

Tuesday 4/12 – Eileen Jackson, Marilyn James

Wednesday 5/12 – Amanda Jackson, Tash Treveton

P&C NEWS

With less than 2 weeks to go before Carols on the Green (Tuesday 11 December), we are after some parents to help out on the night – mainly for the BBQ and the canteen stall. Thank you to those parents who have already put their name down on the roster.

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>

Like last year's Carols, we will have a Mr Whippy van on site as well as a Coffee Cart.

Bryan Garland - President

fpspresident@gmail.com

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

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.