



The Brief

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Week	Date	
9	13/12	K-2 Presentation Day 9.30am-10.45am 3-6 Presentation Day 11.45am-1.30pm
	14/12	Year 2 Party day Tennis catch-up week 9.45am-10.45am
10	17/12	Year 6 Farewell 6.30pm-8.30pm
	19/12	Last day for students Year 6 Clap Out 2.40pm-3pm
	20/12	Staff Development Day
	21/12	Staff Development Day

Reminder of Money Due:
Band Fees – Term 3 OVERDUE - Term 4 now due
Book Packs 2019



PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 9 TERM 4

Merry Christmas

Christmas cheer has hit Floraville Public School. After a busy year of teaching and learning, students are excited to reach the end of term. Last night's Christmas Carols was a huge success with tremendous support from the P&C and their mighty team of volunteers. (Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our fundraiser for Noah Dobson, which raised \$600). The Year 6 Farewell will be a big event for our departing students on Monday night, while all families are invited to the COLA on Wednesday, the last day of school (2:40pm) for the traditional *Year 6 Clap Out*.

Talent Show

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's Talent Show. While the audience supported and encouraged each performance, the greatest cheer was saved for special guest, Georgia, of *Georgia Productions*, who came as a celebrity judge. A former student of Floraville, Georgia is a YouTube sensation, with 350,000+ followers, worldwide. Sitting in the audience, Mr Johnson commented to me he should've brought his book to be signed (having waited 4 ½ hours at Westfield's the previous week). Georgia kindly donated two copies of her book to the library.

Students Return
Wednesday 30 January 2019



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

Finally

This will be our last newsletter for 2018. Students will receive their school reports on Monday. 2018 has been a wonderful year for Floraville Public School. Commencing our new vision for excellence and equity in education, we have seen strong achievements for students across the school - many of which will be recognised at tomorrow's Presentation Day assemblies. I would like to thank all of our talented and dedicated teaching and support staff for their tremendous work this year, shaping our students as the learners and citizens of tomorrow. On behalf of all the staff, can I wish every student and family, a safe and happy Christmas. I hope you get the opportunity to take a break during the school holidays, and enjoy some time with family and friends.

Best wishes, be safe, and keep reading.

Simon Mulready, Principal



Mackenzie Hastie: The Big Haricut

You might have heard that I'm chopping off my hair and donating it to Variety - the Children's Charity! My hair will be used to make wigs for those who have lost their hair due to a medical condition.

Variety believes all Aussie kids deserve a fair go so they help thousands of kids who are sick, disadvantaged, or have special needs through various grants and programs including granting wigs to kids that have lost their hair due to a medical condition for example, alopecia. Wigs give these kids, like Hannah (<https://vimeo.com/173864173>), more confidence and better self-esteem so they can feel like themselves again. But wigs can cost thousands and last only 1-2 years.

This is a really big deal for me, and I'm a little nervous, but so excited to know that my hair will make someone else so happy. I'm aiming to raise \$500. Please don't be shy, every little bit counts!

You can donate at my fundraising page. Here's the link: <https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/makenzi-s-christmas-gift>

Thanks for your generous support. Keep an eye out for the first photos of me with short hair!

Mackenzie



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

Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is deciding carefully what you want to do, then giving it 100% holding nothing back. You give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. You finish what you start. You keep your promises.

SPORTS NEWS

PSSA Knock Out Competitions 2019

In Week 7, 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. This helped us to get an indication of whether we would have enough 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 and clinics. Staff representatives looked at the survey results at our sports committee meeting last Friday and made a decision on what teams to enter in 2019:

- * Cricket KO (boys team)
- * Soccer KO (girls team)
- * Soccer KO (boys team)
- * Tennis KO (2 girls & 2 boys in the team)
- * Touch KO (girls team)
- * Touch KO (boys team)

Please note:

Netball: We will still enter four netball teams in Macquarie Cup 2019.

Rugby League: We will still enter a school rugby league team in the Graham House Challenge (Windale).

Soccer: We will still enter junior and senior soccer teams in Macquarie Cup 2019.

AFL, Girls Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Softball and Rugby Union: We do not have enough student interest to enter a competitive team in the Knock Out competition. We hope to offer these sports in weekly sport rotations and/ or in development clinics with future sporting grants.

Other sports: We are still able to select and send talented sports people to trial for Zone PSSA teams in any PSSA sport.

Term 4 Primary Sport Reminder

Term 4 Primary Sport concluded last week (Week 8, 7 Dec). This Friday (Week 9, 14 Dec), students will participate in class-based sport except for students who were doing tennis for Term 4 sport have their catch-up lesson this Friday 14 Dec. In Week 10 (21 Dec) the Thursday and Friday are Staff Development Days.

Thank You & Looking Towards 2019

Thank you for another great year in sport. To everyone in our school community who participated or volunteered their time in the sporting arena, we thank you for your support. We look forward to celebrating the major sporting awards at Presentation Day this Thursday. Due to staffing changes, Ryan Cox will take on the role of Sports Co-ordinator full-time in 2019 while Carly Erich moves to a different role.

Ryan Cox & Carly Erich

Sports Co-ordinators 2018

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Books

Just a reminder that ALL library books need to be returned by Friday at the latest. 295 books are still out on loan and 204 books are missing after stocktake. It would be fantastic if everyone could check at home for any books that belong to the library. They are easily identified as they will have a valid Floraville Public School barcode (not crossed out).

Invoices will be sent home next week for any books that are missing or not returned. Payment for a replacement can be made at the school office.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

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 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 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

13 Dec – Presentation Day CANTEEN CLOSED

19 Dec - Last day of Term

Volunteers urgently needed for 2019

As we quickly 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.

Christmas Lunch Bag Specials

Our Christmas Lunch Bags have proved very popular this year, especially the Xmas treat. Available to order through until Wednesday 19th December inclusive.

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 13/12 – CANTEEN CLOSED – PRESENTATION DAY

Friday 14/12 – Amanda Jackson, Corinne Cheung, Sonia McCumiskey, Sue Mannix

Monday 17/12 – Barbara Camps, Trish Lembke

Tuesday 18/12 – Meredith Wright, Yvonne Smith

Wednesday 19/12 – Kristie Woodward, Amanda Steadman (Last day of Term)

P&C NEWS

Our sincere thanks to all of the teachers and volunteers that helped at Carols last night (and the weeks leading into tonight). A special big thank you to all of the wonderful students who entertained us this evening.

In 2018, the P&C have donated resources back to the school to a value that exceeds \$26,000. This includes major items such as school bubblers, literacy boxes, computer laptops and PA sound equipment. This could not be possible without the valuable contributions made to the P&C by our school community as well as the input from our dedicated volunteers. So thank you.

On behalf of all the members of the Floraville P&C, we wish our school community a very safe and happy holiday and we look forward to continuing the valuable work the P&C does for our school in 2019.

Bryan Garland - President

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BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

Great work to all our bankers last week with KS being our class of the week.

School banking commission for Terms 1, 2 and 3 have so far totalled over \$1400. These funds are allocated to the library for books and resources for our children. So not only do our children receive the benefit of saving their own money but they also receive the benefit from our school library resources.

A program like School Banking can only run with the assistance each week of volunteers. A big thank you to our small but dedicated group of volunteers who have helped with student banking throughout this year. It is very much appreciated and we cannot do it without you.

Wishing students, parents and carers a very Merry Christmas & a safe holiday season. See you next year!

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.



SCHOOLS COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Property Loan Advisor would like to support our local schools. We believe in giving back to our community and have developed this program to do so. For every eligible home loan or investment loan that settles we will provide your school with a donation of \$300. It's as simple as 1-2-3!

STEP 1



Contact Property Loan Advisor to discuss your home or investment loan.

STEP 2



For every eligible loan that settles, we will donate \$300 to your school.

STEP 3



School to use donated funds for educational resources, equipment etc.

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