



The Brief

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Week	Date	
1	17/10	Jets Visit 2pm-3pm Soccer KO Team
2	21/10	Soccer State Final Bandfest – Mini Minors
	23/10	Bandfest - Majors
	23/10 -24/10	PSSA State Athletics
	24/10	Debating Gala Day Infants Assembly (2L) 2.15-3pm Kindergarten Excursion - Blackbutt Reserve 9.15am to 2.30pm
	25/10	Primary Sport 9.40am-10am PSSA Touch Football Girls 10am-2pm Primary Assembly (3B) 12.20pm-1pm
	26/10	St Luke's Carnival - Band and Choir

Reminder of Money Due:

Year 6 excursion final payment \$100 due Thursday October 17
Primary paid Sport due Thursday October 17 see note for correct amount
Kindergarten excursion payment \$17.00 due Monday October 21
Year 6 Party Day Luna Park payment \$60 due Thursday November 14
Band Fees are now due



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 1 TERM 4

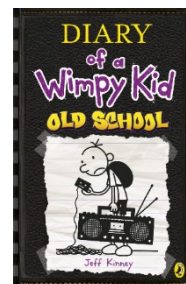
First Day of School (x 2)

Today was the first school visit for our new kindergarten students, as they prepare for their enrolment in 2020. With three visits planned as part of our kindergarten orientation program, the children will gain familiarity with the school and classrooms, while also getting to know some new friends. Our Year 5 students are very excited about meeting their new kinder buddies in the coming weeks.

This week also marked the first day of school for two other special people. Miss Reid and Miss Burnheim recently finished their university internships at Floraville and have now completed all the requirements to graduate. With approval to teach granted from the Department of Education, it was an exciting moment for the two ladies this week, as they each began their teaching careers. Miss Burnheim is relieving as class teacher for KS this week, while Miss Reid is relieving in the Learning and Support role for Mr O'Shannessy as he fills the Deputy Principal position for Mrs White. I congratulate these two fine young teachers on their first day of teaching and wish them long and successful careers, serving the students of NSW.

Australian Reading Hour

I'd only previously read one of the books from the series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, but as I sat with Tyler Marshall and Oscar Flett yesterday, I had the opportunity to read another one. Jeff Kinney's books are very popular with primary students, particularly boys, and with plenty of laughs and action, I can see why. The Australian Reading Hour provided the chance for everyone in the school to stop and enjoy a good book. Mrs Southward arranged the visit of some special guests (see *Library Report...*) and the event was enjoyed by all. It is certainly my desire that all of our students will experience the delight of falling in love with reading.



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

Colour Run

This week, students will receive further information about the upcoming P&C Colour Run. The event will be lots of fun, while raising funds for the school. All the money raised will benefit students with new equipment for the playground and flexible learning furniture for classrooms. Please ensure the permission note is returned by the end of next week to enable your child's participation on the day.

Sports Stars

Good luck to our girls' touch football team, due to play Hamilton Sth in the Hunter Finals next Friday October 25. The NSW athletics finals will also be held next week. I will be travelling with Mr Faulkner and our boys' soccer team to Sydney on Monday for the State Finals of the NSW PSSA Knockout. These competitions provide exciting opportunities for our students to extend their sporting expertise. On Thursday, this week, members of the Newcastle Jets will be coming to speak with the boys as they prepare for the finals experience.

Finally

As noted, Mrs White is absent for two weeks, with Mr O'Shannessy relieving as Deputy Principal. In the third week of this term, I will be attending the NSW Annual Conference for Primary Principals.

Simon Mulready
Principal

Chicken Pox

A number of families have reported recent cases of chicken pox. Please be aware of the public health guidelines.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/chickenpox.aspx>

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

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean, and wearing clean clothes. It is putting into your body and your mind only the things that keep you healthy. It is staying free from harmful drugs. It is cleaning up mistakes and making a fresh start.

SPORT NEWS

Term 4 Sport Payments

A final reminder that term 4 sport permission notes and money are due by 3pm Thursday 17 October. On Friday morning, new notes will be given to students on the waiting list.

PSSA Touch Football-Girls

At the end of last term, our Floraville girls competed in their Round 5 PSSA Knockout game against Valentine P.S. It was another very exciting game, where they showed team work and determination to win, and that they did! So proud of you. Congratulations! Now, let's get pumped for Round 6! Good luck girls!!

Miss O'Friel



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Book Club Issue #7 went home this week. Please send all orders to the office by Thursday 24 October.

Floraville Reading Hour

The **Australian Reading Hour** (ARH) is an important annual campaign encouraging **Australians** of all ages to **read** for one **hour**. In 2019, the **Australian Reading Hour** took place on Thursday, 19 September. The premise is simple – pick up a book at any time of the day or night and **read** for an **hour**. How amazing would it be if a day like this enthused our students to take some time to read every day. The benefits would be incredible.

Seeing as we were busy with our shows, we decided to have our own version of this event here at school on Tuesday 15 October. We began with an assembly that included 2 very special guests from the W-League Jets; Hannah Brewer and Cassidy Davis. They were fabulous role models for our students, showing that you can achieve in your chosen sport while at the same time valuing your education. The girls then spent some time wandering around, reading and talking with our students while they enjoyed some quiet reading time.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Selective High Schools 2021

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply online at <http://bit.ly/2qjMoXr>

The application website opened on 8 October 2019 and closes at 10pm on 11 November 2019. You must apply online before the closing date.

P&C NEWS

Colour Run Sponsorships are off & Running!

What a great response we have had to the colour run so far. Thank you to all those who have created a profile and started to share your profile with friends and family – we appreciate the generous sponsorships received to date which will go toward playground equipment and classroom flexible learning furniture.

At the end of this week the class with the most number of profiles set up (relative to class size) will be awarded a class pizza party. There are a number of classes very close in the race for the pizza party so now is the time to set up a profile - it only takes a couple of minutes and your children will have fun doing it.

Simply go to www.schoolfundraising.com.au

Bryan Garland - President

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CANTEEN NEWS

We hope everyone had a lovely break and welcome back to term 4!

Roster

Thursday 17/10 – Sally Brown, Sandy Green, Lynette Cummins

Friday 18/10 – Amanda Jackson, Corinne Cheung, Kristen Dover

Monday 21/10 – Barbara Camps, Trish Lembke, Marion Van Zeeland

Tuesday 22/10 – Meredith Wright, Yvonne Smith, Sally Davies

Wednesday 23/10 – Amanda Jackson, Tash Treveton

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Wednesdays 2:30pm – 3:15pm

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

Cass Keeping

Uniform Shop Coordinator

Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

When it comes to healthy eating it is important that kids get consistent messages at school and at home. As part of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, the Good for Kids team provides support to school canteens to create healthy canteen menus.

How can parents help?

Below are some ideas to use at home that support the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and build positive food habits for life.

- **Swap sugary drinks with water.** For a twist try adding sliced or frozen fruit, herbs or vegetables to the water.
- **Plan meals together** and allow your child to assist in compiling a shopping list, and help with meal preparation and cooking.
- **To add flavour to meals** use your favourite herbs and spices. Spring is the perfect time to plant a herb garden with your kids. Easy to grow herbs include mint, chives, thyme and basil.

For more ideas visit healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au and search 'parents and friends'



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