



# The Brief

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Week	Date	
9	Thu 12/12	- 9:30am K-2 Presentation Day - 11:45am 3-6 Presentation Day
	Fri 13/12	- Parent Helper Morning Tea, 11:00 am, school library - Staff vs Students Sports Game - BCoS Choral Auditions 11:30-3:00
10	Mon 16/12	- K-2 Party Day – Lake Cinema - Band Party. Bus departs 11:40am. - Year 6 Farewell, 6:15pm arrival for 6:30pm start. Charlestown Bowling Club.
	Tue 17/12	- K-2 Christmas Assembly - Special Screening: The Show: * 9 am Stage 1 in the hall * 11:40 am Stage 2 in the hall * 2:10 pm Early Stage 1 in kindergarten classrooms
	Wed 18/12	- Last day of school for students

#### Dates to Remember:

Students return  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

#### Reminder of Money Due:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
- Year 6 Farewell - \$30  
- K-2 Party Day - \$11

## PRINCIPAL'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. (Please remember, if you have contributed at the school as a volunteer or parent helper this year, we'd love to be able to pass on our thanks and appreciation at Friday's Volunteers' Morning Tea). 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, at 2:40pm, for the traditional Year 6 Clap Out.

### Change of Enrolment Details

Thank you to the families who have indicated their changes for enrolment in 2020. (If you are planning on moving, please contact the office this week). We wish the best of luck to the students who are departing at the end of the year, and look forward to welcoming the new families who will be arriving in the local area. Our class organisation will not be finalised until the beginning of 2020, when our enrolment numbers are confirmed. Accordingly, students will commence the new year in their 2019 classes and likely remain with these for the first couple of days.

### Staffing Update

At the end of this year we bid farewell to a number of teachers who will be concluding their current roles. Mrs Naszka, Mrs Focic and Mr Sun will be departing Floraville after varying years of service. Mrs Naszka-Ballardie will be commencing a new role as a school counsellor, having been successful through a scholarship program and recently completed her studies in psychology. Having taught the students of Floraville for the past 17 years, Mrs Naszka's contribution to our community is immense. With a tremendous dedication to the students in her class, and a strong advocacy for student wellbeing, we are truly indebted for all she has contributed. Mrs Focic has been teaching at Floraville for the past six years, and will be commencing a new teaching position at Blacksmiths Public School in 2020. Having contributed to the school in so many ways during her time here, not only in the classroom, but in a range of extra-curricular programs, our school has been very fortunate to have counted Mrs Focic as one of our teaching staff. While Mr Sun only arrived at Floraville in 2019, he has been a great asset to the school, and greatly appreciated by his students. He has recently been appointed to a permanent teaching position at Forster Public School. While it will be sad to see these wonderful teachers depart, we thank them for their service to our community, empowering our students as the learners and citizens of tomorrow.

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

## Awards Review

At last month's P&C meeting, a request was made to review the weekly student awards. Under the current pencil award system, a very low number of students are recognised in school assemblies during the first half of the year, while a very high number are acknowledged during the second half of the year. Discussion with parents and community members at the P&C meeting included suggestions on how to balance out the awards during the course of the year. Over the past month, a further review has included consultation with teachers, the student parliament, and a school-wide survey, enabling every child to contribute to the decision-making process. The student voice was most important, in identifying which forms of acknowledgement students feel to be significant. Accordingly, plans for 2020 will include a change to the current system. Each week, teachers will continue to present awards in class for each of the six pencil values. However, rather than the need for accruing three certificates, the teacher will select one child every week who has best demonstrated the pencil values, and that child will receive a pencil at the next assembly. This will mean at the fortnightly assemblies, two children from every class will receive a pencil. In this way, we will be able to recognise student achievement consistently during the course of the year. Further to this, students in Years 3 to 6, voiced their opinion, that an ice block, rather than a pencil, would be a most-desirable form of reward.

## Finally

This will be our last newsletter for 2019. Students will receive their school reports on Monday. 2019 has been a wonderful year for Floraville Public School. Continuing on our school vision for excellence and equity in education, we have seen strong achievements for students across the school - many of which will be recognised at Thursday'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, stay safe, and keep reading.  
Simon Mulready, Principal

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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Overdue Library Books

Overdue notices will be sent out this week. Could you please encourage your child to search for these books and return them as soon as possible? The entire library has undergone a stocktake which means I'm 99.9% sure the books aren't here.

Thank you for your support.

### Literacy Pro

Congratulations to the following students who received Literacy Pro awards at our most recent assemblies:

- Blue Star Award (25 Literacy Pro points); Brianna James 1HS, Flynn Truong 1HS, Jaxon Truong 1HS, Cooper Thompson 4/5A, Callie Manderson 5O, Marley Douglass 5NR and Audrey Bright 5NR
- Red Star Award (50 Literacy Pro points); Anis Atai, Lara Crawford 3F and Tye Saul 4/5A
- Diamond Star Award (300 Literacy Pro points): Mitchell Battye 3F and Mila Gal 5/6B

## P&C NEWS

As the P&C wraps up its activities for the year we would like to report on the recent events we have held as a Floraville School community.

### Carols on the Green

We extend a big thank you to our Floraville community who attended our Carols on the Green Christmas event last night. We felt that the new venue, being the bottom playground, worked really well. Thank you to the following for making our Carols a success:- all of the teachers for getting the students ready to perform their Christmas songs; all of the volunteers that spent time setting / packing up, working the BBQ and the canteen stall. A special shout out to the canteen committee for their coordination once again this year; Andrew Hutton; Antony from DJ Hire; Maria from Hunter Ice Cream; Nick from You B'Ute Coffee (and his last minute replacement Anandi from Le Gypsi Coffee); Floraville P&C members for their work in the background; Finally, the students, soloists and Band for performing so well.

## **Colour Run**

It is an absolute pleasure to report that we raised an **amazing \$16 504** (after costs) from the Colour Run held on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. This first time event far exceeded our expectations for fundraising and served as a great opportunity to bring the school community together.

We would like to acknowledge the teachers contribution to the event, without their enthusiasm and support we could not have held such a successful event. In particular we thank Miss Brindley for her amazing efforts as our official colour run ambassador. We also would like to thank the ladies in the office for taking care of the many enquiries and GA Tim who did a fantastic job of keeping the grounds and the course looking so great. Finally, we would like to thank all the students and families for their great participation and fundraising efforts. We look forward to being able to invest this money into new playground equipment and additional flexible learning equipment for all to enjoy in the new year.

## **Wine & Cheese night**

On 19<sup>th</sup> November we held a wine & cheese night supported by Tamburlaine Organic Wines. A lot of fun was had by all who attended. Tamburlaine donated \$50 to the P&C for every 12 bottles purchased. From the night and subsequent orders we raised \$643 (after costs).

## **Merry Christmas to our teachers and school community from your P&C.**

Bryan Garland  
P&C President

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### **Coming Up**

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Presentation Day CANTEEN CLOSED

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of Term

### **Volunteers urgently needed for 2020**

As we quickly come towards the end of another year at Floraville, we find our school canteen in urgent need of new volunteers for Tuesdays and Thursdays 2020. If you can possibly spare even half a day 8.30-12pm, the canteen and your children would be so appreciative.

### **Christmas Lunch Bag Specials**

Our Christmas Lunch Bags have proved very popular this year, especially the Christmas treat! Available to order through until Wednesday 18th December inclusive. **Please note:** Children must bring their Christmas tokens to the canteen to receive their icy treat, these do not go out with their lunch!

### **Canteen Roster**

Thursday 12/12 – CANTEEN CLOSED – PRESENTATION DAY!!!

Friday 14/12 – Amanda Jackson, Corinne Cheung

Monday 16/12 – Barbara Camps, Marion Van Zeeland

Tuesday 17/12 – Meredith Wright, Yvonne Smith, Sally Davies

Wednesday 18/12 – Christine Brown, Caroline Minords, Jenny Davies, Lynette Cummins (Last day of Term)

A huge shout out to all our volunteers for a wonderful 2019, and for those who are finishing at Floraville, thank you for all your time over the years. The canteen would not run without your support.

## **BANKING NEWS**

School Banking is each Thursday. We were pleased to see 29 deposits despite a late start of the day. There are still many students due for their rewards, please order and items may still arrive this year. Thank you to our parent volunteers. More volunteers would be welcomed, so if you have 45 minutes to spare, please feel free to join the team at 9.15 AM in the uniform shop. Thank you!

Gabrielle Darabi  
Banking Coordinator

## **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