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The Bulletin

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TERM 1 Week 4

Principal's Report

School Plan 2018-2020

Public Schools in NSW set their plans and priorities within a 3-year planning cycle. 2019 marks the second year of our School Plan. At last week's P&C meeting, I reviewed our priorities for 2019, indicated within the graphic, below. Outside of their classroom responsibilities, every teacher contributes to the continuous improvement of teaching and learning at Floraville, as a member of one of our school Target Teams. These teams lead the professional learning, planning and organisation for our priority areas. If you would like to find out more about our School Plan, updates are provided at each P&C meeting, or you can view our School Plan on the school website.

<https://floraville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html>



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Excellence in Learning

Excellence in Teaching

Excellence in Wellbeing

Future Focused Learning

Mathematics

Curriculum

Learning Progressions

Aboriginal Education

Wellbeing

Aboriginal Education

On Wednesday 6 March, the school will be hosting an afternoon tea for families of Aboriginal students. Aboriginal Education is an important component of our school plan, and we are seeking input from families on our priorities for this year. We have also invited representatives from the Minimbah AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultancy Group) who support students and families in the local area. The afternoon tea will be held at 3:15pm in our yarnning circle, near the basketball court.

Finally

Three weeks into the school term, we have enjoyed a nice settled start to the year. It was great to have parents and carers here last night for our Parent Information Sessions. Thank you to our teachers for allocating this time to engage with the broader school community. Best of our luck to all the students competing at the zone swimming carnival later this week.

Simon Mulready
Principal

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

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. You do a careful job, giving your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully. Caring makes the world a safer place.

Term Calendar

Week	Date	Event
4	21/2	Zone Swimming Carnival
	22/2	Zone Swimming Carnival Primary Sport
5	26/2	Aboriginal Education Consultancy Group 6-8pm
	1/3	Primary Sport
Reminder of Money Due: Book Packs - OVERDUE Band Fees 2018 - OVERDUE		

News from the Office

Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm

Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions.

We now have parent online payments through the School's Website as well as eftpos at the office.

You can now pre-pay fees and excursions in advance through our new system.

Please use our School App to notify the school of any absences for your child or any change of details.

SPORT NEWS

Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to all those representing Floraville at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Charlestown Swimming pool this Thursday and Friday.

Zone Cricket Trials

Congratulations to Ben Breasley (6S) and Jacob Curry (6P) for representing Floraville Public School at the Zone Cricket Trials last week. There was some terrific talent at the trial and our very own Jacob Curry was selected to trial for the Hunter team. Congratulations to both boys, you have done Floraville proud and good luck to Jacob for your future trial!



Zone Tennis Trials

Last week Eli Evans (4F) and April Brackley (6S) were selected to participate in the Zone trials for tennis. Even though tennis hasn't been popular over the past couple of years, these two students have obviously been spending their time developing their skills. Congratulations to April who has been selected to trial for the Hunter team. I know that you will represent Floraville with pride.

LIBRARY NEWS

Literacy Pro Award

Congratulations to Mila Gal who reached 500 Literacy Pro points at the very end of 2018 and was presented with a Sapphire Star Award at Monday's assembly. Mila is the first student to achieve this goal and should be commended for her amazing effort. Keep up the fantastic work, Mila.

Book Fair – Coming Soon

Just a bit of advanced warning that we will be holding our first book fair of the year during Week 8, Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March.

Overdue Library Books from 2018

Another set of overdue notices for books that still haven't been returned from 2018 were sent home last week. There are still 54 books that haven't been returned from 34 students. If your child received an overdue notice, could you please encourage them to return the book or books. Alternatively, a voluntary payment can be made at the school office to assist in purchasing a replacement book.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school is essential if your child is to maximise their opportunity to learn.

The beginning of the school year is a great time to establish positive routines, ensuring that your child works with you to attend school on time every day. It is important that we all set an encouraging mindset about school attendance. The routines and attitudes established now, can have a huge impact on your child's educational future.

In addition, Department of Education schools are required to monitor student attendance on a regular basis. We encourage any parent to make contact with our school's Learning and Support Team (LST) should you experience any difficulties in getting your child to attend school. Similarly, our LST frequently observes student attendance patterns and a staff member may contact you should your child's attendance be raised as a concern.

Absences and SMS Messaging

A reminder that all student absences are legally required to be explained by parents/carers within a seven day period. It is also the school's duty of care to follow up on all unexplained absences within two days of a student non-attending.

Generally, parents write a note to their child's classroom teacher, send an absentee notification via the school's app or ring the school directly, to provide notification of their child's absence from school.

We also use an SMS messaging service to help parents with the process of explaining absences. This involves an SMS message being sent directly to you on the morning of your child's absence.

We understand that, at times, doubling up of explanations may occur. However, using this system safeguards both parents and the school, ensuring that Departmental legal requirements are being met. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Jenny White
Deputy Principal

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6

The Kindergarten teachers would like to sincerely thank the Year 6 students for their excellent role as buddies to the new Kinders. The Year 6 students have been patient, supportive and kind in their role as leaders in our school. They have enabled the Kinders to become more independent and confident in learning about where things are at school. We have witnessed Year 6 organising games between groups of Kinders and helping them to form friendships. Thank you, Year 6! Your efforts are appreciated and we look forward to being involved in more activities together throughout the year.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesdays from 2.30-3.15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to our new volunteers, thank you for giving up your time to help in our canteen. We hope you have a great year and make great new friends. Welcome back to our exiting volunteers. Thank you for once again volunteering. Here's to a great 2019.

Roster

Thursday 21/2 – Kristie Woodward, Amanda Steadman

Friday 22/2 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth, Samantha Sutton

Monday 25/2 – Renae Picton, Alison Johnson, Alison Banek

Tuesday 26/2 – Eileen Jackson, Marilyn James, Christine Jones

Wednesday 27/2 – Michelle Gray, Melinda Kennedy, Courtney Porcovich

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

Our K-2 students kept the ball rolling at banking last week as years 3-6 attended the Swimming Carnival. Well done to KB for being class of the week last week.

Don't forget new students for banking are always welcomed. New accounts can be opened by visiting a Commonwealth Bank branch, via the Bank's phone app or online. Thanks to our volunteers Tegan Pogonovski and Garry Green.

Sandy Green

School Banking Information Session

Floraville Ps is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2019 are:

Scented Stackable Highlighters

Snowy Origami Set

Icicle Slapband Ruler

Yeti Fluffy Notepad

Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring

Scratch Art Cards

Water Skimming Bounce Ball

Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is **Thursday** Each week you need to **take your Bank book to class**.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: **8.30am till 9.15am**

Date: **Thursday 21st of February**

Location: **In front of the kinder rooms , under the COLA**

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.



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1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every
Chance to flourish...*

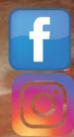


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ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time!
Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids to apply



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