



The Brief

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Week	Date	
5	1/3	Primary Sport
6	5/3	PSSA Hunter Swimming
	6/3	PSSA Zone Basketball Trials 3.15pm Afternoon Tea for ATSI students and families- in the Aboriginal garden
	7/3	K-2 Assembly (2MD) 2.15pm-3pm
	8/3	Primary Sport PSSA Hunter Boys Cricket Trials Primary Assembly 12.20pm-1pm (Sports Captains) Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation
Reminder of Money Due: Book Packs - OVERDUE Band Fees are now due		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 5 TERM 1

Question of the Week

Two students in Year 3 dropped into my office this week to show me the work they had been doing in mathematics, learning about angles. I asked them a tough question, "What is an angle?"

While it seems like an easy question, and it is easy to provide examples of angles and describe them, it's not that easy to provide a definition. We called a Year 6 classroom on the phone and asked a few students the same question. I asked a few more students throughout the day, and suggested they go home and ask mum or dad to see if they knew the answer. While waiting at the bus lines, Cooper wanted to use Google to help him, but I said he had to work it out himself.

While normally we associate mathematics with computation and calculating answers, a significant component of the mathematics syllabus requires students to use the language of mathematics. For example, a Stage 2 outcome for Working Mathematically reads:

MA2-1WM uses appropriate terminology to describe, and symbols to represent, mathematical ideas.

While students in Year 3 will learn efficient processes for completing mathematical tasks, they will also learn to be effective in communicating, reasoning and problem solving.

I'm sure there will be lots of great conversations around the dinner table for my question of the week. (But if you're really stuck, go and ask Sam Allen).

\$51,000

The significant work of our School P&C contributed \$51,000 to school resources in 2018. From literacy resources to air-conditioning in the hall, their efforts have been greatly appreciated. On Tuesday 12 March, the P&C will be holding their AGM for 2019. Attached to the newsletter this week, is a nomination form for anyone interested in taking on a formal role. (See P&C report for further details).

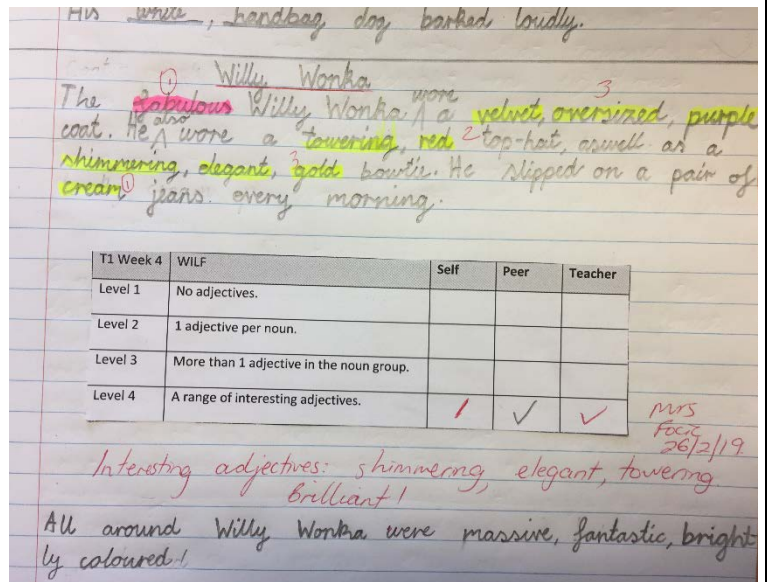
To provide **excellence & equity** in education, empowering students as creative, confident **learners** and active, informed **citizens**

Excellence in Writing

Yesterday, I looked at some writing with students from 4K. Students had been asked to write a description of Mr Wonka from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Prior to commencing, students were given the success criteria for the task. Upon completion, they self-assessed their work against the criteria and then sought feedback from a peer and the teacher.

In the image printed here, Kingston has used a highlighter to show evidence where he has achieved against the criteria.

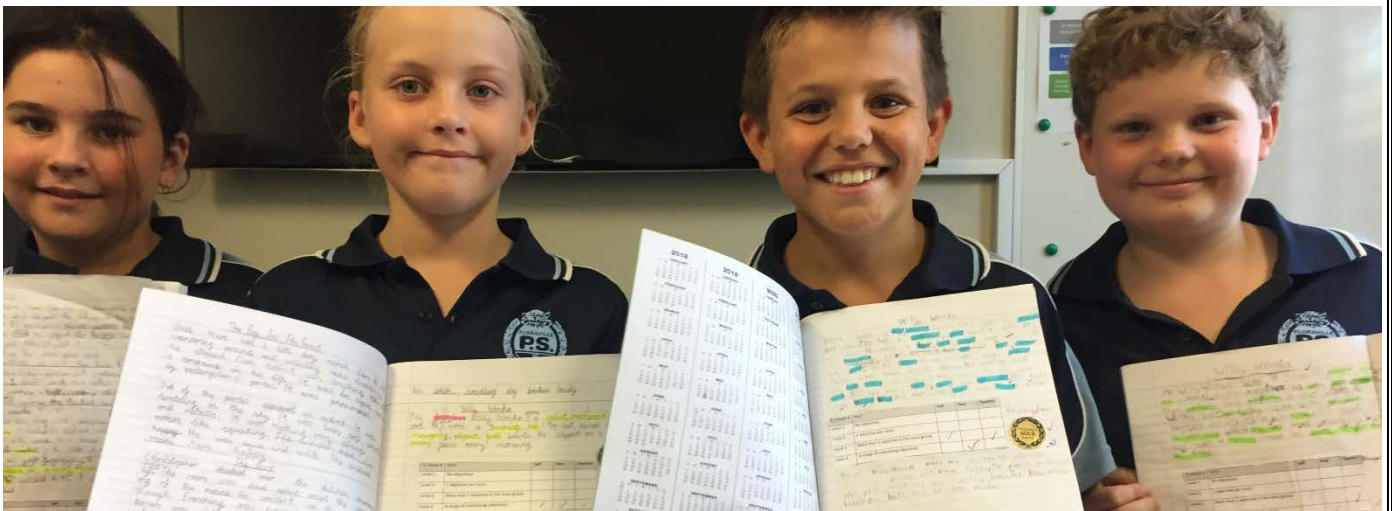
Writing has been a specific focus area for the school for the last two years within our School Plan. Accordingly, we have seen some very strong results. The school has used funding to provide an additional teacher to support students with writing and add to the quality of feedback. Our teaching staff are committed to enhancing their own practice, and professional learning over the last two years has also contributed to school improvement. I love seeing the writing our students complete, particularly when they use success criteria to improve their performance.



Finally

Next week, we welcome a new teacher to the school, Mrs Skye Lehn. Joining us from Stanmore Public School in Sydney, Mrs Lehn will be undertaking a Learning and Support role, from Monday to Thursday, while teaching KS on a Friday.

Simon Mulready
Principal



This week's virtue is **SELF-DISCIPLINE**:

Self-discipline means self-control. It is doing what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You act instead of react. You get things done in an orderly and efficient way. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.

SPORTS NEWS

Sydney Swans Player Visit

Last Wednesday, Years 3 and 4 students had the exciting opportunity to learn from two Sydney Swans players, Lewis Melican and James Rose! The players spoke about the persistence and healthy lifestyle required to become a professional sportsperson. Our students asked fantastic questions during Q&A and the Swans players stayed behind for photos and to sign students' merchandise. Some Floraville students are devoted Swans fans so it was great to see the big smiles on their faces. Mrs Phillips in the office, who is a big fan of AFL, was also very happy to meet the players. Thank you to AFL Hunter/ Central Coast and the Sydney Swans for giving regional NSW students this opportunity. Photos are on our Facebook page.

C. Erich

Eastlakes Swimming Carnival

Last week, our 45 students represented Floraville exceptionally well at the Eastlakes Swimming Carnival. There were many PB's during the rainy carnival at Charlestown Swimming Pool. At the end of the carnival, Floraville had two students progress to the Hunter Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all who participated. Thank you to the parents and carers for their support. Special mention to Joe Wallace [9yr Boys 50m Freestyle] and Charlie Griffith [11yr Girls Backstroke and Snr Girls IM]. Both will be representing Floraville and the Eastlakes PSSA at the Hunter Swimming Carnival at Lambton Swimming Pool, Tuesday 5th March. Best of Luck.

Cross Country

Our Annual Cross Country is coming up soon. It will be run at Marks Oval on Friday 22nd March. This carnival is for students 8yrs – 13yrs. More details to come very soon. Start getting out there for a run with friends and family each day so you're ready to give your best!

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair – Coming Soon

Just a bit of advanced warning that we will be holding our first Book Fair of the year in the library during Week 8; Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March.

P&C NEWS

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019 in the school library. All current positions will be declared vacant. Accompanying today's newsletter is a nomination form for those parents, carers or community members who would like to take on a position on the school P&C. Completed nomination forms can be returned to Mr Mulready, in his role as returning officer, prior to the meeting. Nominations for positions can also be made from the floor at the meeting. Anyone who nominates for a position, including a position on a P&C sub-committee, must be a P&C financial member (\$1 payable at the AGM).

This year we are proposing to introduce a new P&C position, being a P&C OOSH Representative. The elected person will be the P&C representative on an OOSH review committee that is formed throughout the year. There are conditions attached to this position and we encourage you to review the conditions noted on the nomination form or alternatively, via the P&C Facebook Page.

If anyone has any questions on any of the P&C roles, including the new OOSH position, please feel free to contact me.

Bryan Garland - President
fpspresident@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

If you have not received a new menu can you come to the canteen and get one as there are price changes, new items added and items no longer available. Please see Margaret if you would like to be added to the roster.

Roster

Thursday 28/2 – Jenny Davies, Naomi Harris, Kylie Feeney(am), Donna Timmins(pm)

Friday 29/2 – Kristie Woodward, Amanda Steadman, Sarah Soewarno

Monday 4/3 – Peta Warland, Kristy Reid, Kylie Wells

Tuesday 5/3 – Rachael Searle, Melissa Eastham, Shanon McSweeny

Wednesday 6/3 – Katie Budden, Vivienne Tindall, Krystle Bamback Urbanowicz

BANKING NEWS

Banking is every Thursday

Floraville was on fire last week with 89 students banking! What a terrific result! We also welcomed 6 new students to banking and they now have started their journey to achieve their 10 deposits and their reward is in sight. Congratulations to KS for being class of the week (20/21 classes banked). All student accounts are fee free and can be opened 3 ways: Visit a Commonwealth Branch with your child's birth certificate and your driver's licence, via the Comm Bank app and also online using this link <https://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html>.

Students are encouraged to take ownership and ensure their banking makes it to the Grey Satchel in their classroom and down to the office on Thursday mornings by 9.15am. All classes and students are encouraged to bank. Should your child bring their banking home not completed, please have them discuss with their teacher. It would be great to see 21 classes this week!

Many thanks to parent volunteers Deborah James, Leana Suffell, Gabby Darabi, Garry Green & Tegan Pogonovski

Sandy Green

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

CRUNCH&SIP®

Crunch&Sip® is a set time during class time for primary school students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad or fruit, and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated.

What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**
It's simple!
Crunch&Sip means vegetables, fruit and water only.



www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/crunchsip.aspx



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Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Floraville Public School P & C Association will be held on Tuesday 12 March 2019. Nominations are now being called for the executive and other positions on the committee. The positions are:

- * President
- * 1st Vice President/Fundraising Co-ordinator
- * 2nd Vice President/Canteen Co-ordinator
- * Treasurer
- * Assistant Treasurer
- * Secretary
- * Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
- * School Band Co-ordinator
- * Fundraising sub-committee (5 positions available)
- * Canteen sub-committee (5 positions available including secretary and treasurer)
- * Band sub-committee (5 positions including secretary and treasurer)
- * Special Needs Student Representative
- * OOSH Representative (1 position)

The P & C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (with the exception of school holiday periods). If you are interested in any position, please complete the form below and return it to school by Monday 11 March 2019. Nominees must be financial members of the P & C and can pay their membership fee of \$1.00 on the night of the AGM. For more information, please contact the school office or the P & C President, Bryan Garland, fpspresident@gmail.com.

Canteen - See Margaret Osborn in the canteen

Band - See Mrs Blake at school

OOSH – for those seeking nomination, parent or community candidates must have a student enrolled in OOSH on a regular basis, be familiar with OOSH operations, be able to attend regular P&C meetings and represent the views of the P&C and attend OOSH parent advisory meetings. The elected representative will be P&C's representative on any OOSH review committee.

All interested parties please complete the nomination form below and return to the school office, for the information of the returning officer, Mr Mulready.

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FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION-AGM NOMINATION FORM 2019

I, _____, nominate myself for the position of
_____ on the 2019 P & C committee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____