



# The Brief

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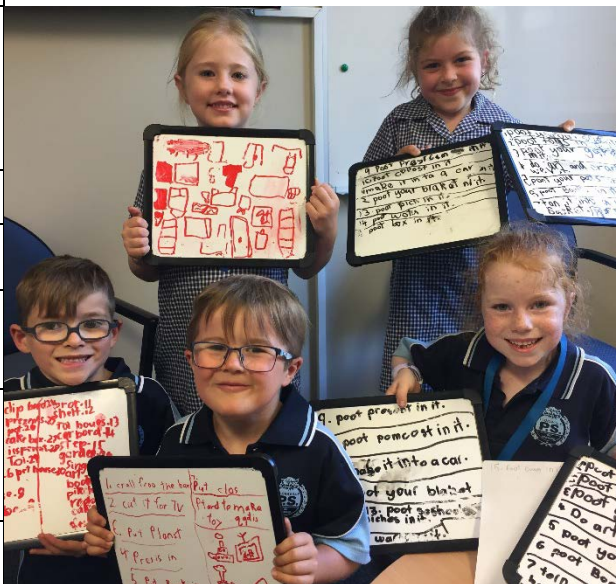
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Week	Date	
6	8/3	Primary Sport PSSA Hunter Boys Cricket Trials Primary Assembly 12.20pm-1pm (Sports Captains) Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation
	12/3	P&C Meeting 6-30pm-8pm
7	13/3	PSSA Zone Netball Trials PSSA zone Soccer Trials
	14/3	School Photos Selective High School Placement Test 9am-1.30pm
	15/3	School Photos Primary Sport PSSA Hunter Boys Cricket Trials Take a STAND 1.40-3pm
<b>Reminder of Money Due:</b> Life ED \$10 due 28/3/2019 Band Fees are now due		



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 6 TERM 1

### Mid-Term

It seems like we have only just begun the New Year and already we have reached the halfway mark of term one. Congratulations to all our kinder students (and parents!), for having made it along so far and settled into the school routine. While the important work of teaching and learning continues in classrooms every day, in the coming of weeks, there a number of events and activities scheduled. The fridge is a great place to keep school notes and information, while our website and App maintain a calendar of school activities. Please take particular note of:

- P&C AGM
- School Photos
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Primary Cross Country
- Life Education & Cyber Safety
- Take-A-Stand Day

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

This week, parents and carers will receive information about upcoming interviews. We would love the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child's learning needs. Take note of the online booking procedures.

### Science & Technology

This year, students are engaging with the new syllabus for Science & Technology. With a focus on the design process and investigation, learning in science and technology enables students to gain knowledge and understanding of the world. To launch the new syllabus, classes will be participating in special science sessions today with a range of fun investigations and experiments. The new syllabus document can be viewed via the link:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/learning-areas/science/science-and-technology-k-6-new-syllabus>

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

**Note: Harmony Day**

Harmony Day falls between our events for Take-A-Stand and Life Education. As each of these have a wellbeing focus, we will not be holding specific activities for Harmony Day this year. However, the canteen will be sending home a note for special Harmony Day lunches. At next week's P&C meeting, I will consult with community members on the best approach in balancing the requirements of the school curriculum with additional extra-curricular activities. In some cases, running programs over alternate years, is a good way of maintaining this balance.

**Finally**

Congratulations to Charlie Griffiths and Joe Wallace for their performances at the Regional Swimming Finals yesterday. Charlie will now compete at the State Finals in Sydney – tremendous!

Simon Mulready  
Principal

**Cyber Safety Lady**

Last year, the Cyber Safety Lady presented a talk to our parents on "Raising Responsible Digital Citizens". The presentation was very well received and the overwhelming feedback from our community suggested that we aim to have the Cyber Safety Lady return to talk to our students.

After consultation with our P&C, the school's Wellbeing Team is pleased to announce that the Cyber Safety Lady will be making a return to Floraville on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

We are also extremely grateful to our P&C as they have kindly offered to subsidise the cost of every child (Years 1 to 6) attending. This alleviates the cost to families of \$6.50 per student. It is wonderful that our P&C recognises the significance of keeping our students safe online, particularly in the home environment. Thank you, P&C for your kind donation of \$2830, so that every child from Years 1 to 6 can participate – FREE of charge!

Each talk is specifically targeted to cater for each age group: Years 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6.

We will be also purchasing a number of the Cyber Safety Lady's Online Manuals. These will be available for borrowing for our families from the school Library, early next term.

For further information on the Cyber Safety Lady and details of her talk contents, please refer to:

<https://thecybersafetylady.com.au/>

Permission notes will be sent home with today's newsletter. (See also, the school website)

Jenny White, Deputy Principal

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

Excellence is doing your best, giving careful attention to every task and every relationship. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition. Excellence is the key to success.

**SPORTS NEWS****Zone Trials**

Good luck to Alia Elliot, Bella Ciarrocchi and Stevie Botham who will be trialling at the Eastlakes PSSA netball trials next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Lacey Dobson, Mahney Jenkins, Victoria Dugomanov and Mackenzie Preston-Poole will be trialing for the Eastlakes girls soccer team.

Miss Brindley

**Primary Sport**

Our Inter-House sporting challenge kicked off two weeks ago. For the next 2 Fridays, students in Years 3-6 will participate in free rotational sport to earn points for their house as they move around a variety of sports guided by our wonderful teachers. Each week, students are reminded to bring a water bottle, a hat and their asthma puffers if they carry one themselves.

Miss Brindley & Mr Sun

**Swimming Carnival Presentation**

Our annual Swimming Carnival Presentation will be held in the school hall, this Friday at 12:20pm. Ribbons will be handed out to students who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in each stroke. Swimming Age Champions and winning House will also be awarded.

**Cricket**

Good luck to Jacob Curry who will be trailing this Friday at Rutherford. Best of luck!

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premier's Reading Challenge

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate in the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and enable students, to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge. K-2 students can read books or have them read to them.

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Books on the PRC reading list are available from the school library but accessing these books elsewhere is fine too. The Challenge closes on Friday August 30, 2019. Students are able to log books on a Personal Reading Log or online through the following site; <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been given a Personal Reading Log this week, which also includes their school username and password.

Any questions or concerns can be forwarded to Mrs Southward in the library. [Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au)

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 7 Belmont High 2020 Parent Information Evening

Next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Belmont High School is holding an information session for parents and carers who have students beginning Year 7 next year. The session begins at 5:30pm in the Belmont High gymnasium. Topics will include the enrolment process, A-stream testing, Enrichment classes and student wellbeing.

### High School Expressions of Interest

This week, Year 6 students will receive their Expression of Interest forms for High School 2020. This is one of the first steps in the journey to Year 7 next year. Please take the time to fill in the required information and return it to your child's classroom teacher by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. All students are required to return their form. Your assistance is appreciated.

### Landcare 2019

Landcare has kicked off at Floraville and what a turn out it has been! Over the last few weeks we have seen familiar and new faces clean up the vegetable garden and replant new seedlings. We now wait in anticipation for the new herbs and vegetables to grow, before selling them to the canteen and school community.

This year, we welcome Mr Adlington, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Hadden and Mr Sun to the Landcare team (in addition to Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Melling). With this team, we are excited to offer a Waste Warriors Day (in addition to a vegetable garden day), commencing very soon. Students may choose to involve themselves on Tuesdays at the vegetable garden day and/or Waste Warriors on Thursdays. Once again, grandparent Marion Van Zeeland is on board to help out on Tuesdays. We would love to have more volunteers to assist on either day (You don't necessarily need to have any gardening knowledge). If you are interested, please contact the school for further information.

Our first environmental event was the School Clean Up Day, last Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March. With over 2000 Clean Up sites registered nationally, our school and students have been counted among the thousands of volunteers who took part in this annual event. Students participated in a clean up with a buddy class. The Landcare team is now in the process of collating waste data, which will be sent to Clean Up Australia Day to assist with further research into how we can reduce our waste.

The Landcare team

## P&C NEWS

A reminder that the P&C Annual General Meeting will be held next Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 6.30pm in the school library. Nomination forms for P&C positions should be returned to Mr Mulready 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).

If anyone has any questions on any of the P&C roles please feel free to contact me.

Bryan Garland - President

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## CANTEEN NEWS

### Coming Up

#### Harmony Day – Thursday 21st

Notes will be going home this week.

### Roster

**Thursday 7/3** – Sally Brown, Sandy Green, Kathy Campbell

**Friday 8/3** – Amanda Jackson, Corrine Cheung, Sonia McCumiskey, Kirsten Dover, Sarah Pitman

**Monday 11/3** – Barbara Camps, Marion Van Zeeland, Trish Lembke

**Tuesday 12/3** – Emma Hollis, Jess Pietrobuono, Katie Berryman (pm)

**Wednesday 13/3** – Tash Treveton, Amanda Jackson, Kirryn Halsey

## BANKING NEWS

### Banking is every Thursday

What a sensational effort Floraville had last week with their banking. ALL CLASSES BANKED! Amazing! It has been a long time since all our classes sent in their banking so the banking team were super excited last week. We welcomed 3 new students and almost made it to the 100 mark, with 97 students banking. Keep up this amazing effort, Floraville! Thank you to all students for taking ownership and making sure their banking makes it into the grey satchel and down to the office promptly.

Class of the week is awarded to 6S with special mention to 1/2G, 2L & KB. Thank you to parent volunteers Leana Suffell, Deborah James, Gabby Darabi, Donna Timmins, Garry Green & Tegan Pogonovski. We cannot complete banking without wonderful support.

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

### WASTE-FREE LUNCHES

When packing your child's lunchbox it's important to think about nutrition, but we can also look after the environment too!

Waste-free means only packing items that can be recycled or composted.

That means no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods.

Here are some ideas for packing a waste-free lunch:



- Invest in some small containers or a lunchbox with a variety of compartments.
- Use paper bags as they can be recycled.
- Use a reusable bottle for water and milk.
- Buy in bulk and transfer into smaller reusable containers for food like yoghurt and rice crackers.