



The Brief

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Week	Date	
7	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 1.40pm-3pm
8	18/3	Book Fair Preview 9am-3pm Whole School Assembly 2.15pm-3pm
	19/3	PSSA Hunter AFL Trials Book Fair 8.30am-3.30pm U10's Knights K/O 8.55am-2pm
	20/3	PSSA Zone League Trials Book Fair 8.30am-3.30pm
	21/3	K-2 Assembly (2L) 2.15pm-3pm
	22/3	Primary Sport No Primary Assembly Primary Cross Country
Reminder of Money Due: Life ED \$10 due 28/3/2019 Band Fees are now due		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 7 TERM 1

Take-A-Stand

This Friday 15th March, Floraville Public School will be joining more than 5000 schools across the nation to take a stand against bullying and violence. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. This is a positive day of action, bringing school communities together to help find workable solutions. With a focus on promoting *upstander* behaviours, students will take part in activities that promote kindness, cooperation and looking out for one another. Students will wear school uniform on the day (also a school photo day), and be given a *Take a STAND* wrist band which they are allowed to wear to school for the rest of the term (after the photos). The day is being organised by our school wellbeing team.
<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay>

Highway Patrol

With a couple of unsafe drivers reported to me last week, I have asked the Highway Patrol to monitor traffic outside the school. Note: It is illegal to do a U-turn across the double lines on Floraville Rd or at the entrance to Floribunda St. and Chevron Close. Nothing is more important to us than the safety of our students.

Scripture & Ethics

School Scripture and Ethics will commence this Friday morning. With lessons running for 30 minutes each week, students will attend their nominated classes, staffed by approved volunteers. We thank all our community members who volunteer their time to enable these programs. At this stage, where there is a shortage of volunteers, some programs will run over alternate semesters, while some programs have required the creation of a wait-list. Students not participating in Scripture or Ethics will engage in alternate meaningful activities.

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

P&C AGM

Thank you to everyone who accepted P&C roles for 2019 at last night's AGM. It was great to see a number of new faces as well.

Morning Drop-Off

Our kindergarten students have come a long way during their first seven weeks of school. With increased confidence and independence, students are demonstrating familiarity with the morning drop-off routine. To support the continued growth of students in this way, we are asking parents, once they have dropped off their child, to say goodbye and depart or move to the back of the COLA. This will also ease congestion outside the kindergarten rooms as students are moving into class.

Finally

Thank you to Kylie Wells and the local Fire Brigade who attended the school this week to support a Stage 3 curriculum program. Afterwards, there was time for K-2 students to have a turn with the fire hose in the bottom playground. It was a warm day as I walked past and, not wanting to miss out on the fun, thought I might have a turn as well. Unfortunately my aim wasn't as quite as good as the kids' and there may have been one or two wet students as a result. (I think Mrs Sattler managed to run out of the way).

Simon Mulready
Principal



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

Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. When you speak and act courteously, you give others a feeling of being valued and respected. Greet people pleasantly. Bring courtesy home. Your family needs it most of all. Courtesy helps life to go smoothly.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

This term, our Year 4, 5 and 6 students, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is confidential and will be conducted online during school hours between 18 March and 12 April.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 15 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

School Photos Reminder

Our school photo days are this Thursday and Friday. **Please ensure your child is in full school uniform, no sports uniform on either day.**

Please refer to the note that went home last week for more specific details and scheduling.

Here is a link to the note: <https://bit.ly/2EWo1nn>

All school photos are to be ordered online. To view packages and to place your order please visit www.newcastleschoolportraits.com and enter our school specific code: **191327**.

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby League

Good luck to Ben Mostyn and Aiden Whitaker who are both trailing for the Eastlake Rugby League team today. All the best, boys.

Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country will run next Friday 22nd March at Marks Ovals. This carnival is for students from Years 3-6. An information note is coming out very soon.

The Boys PSSA Cricket Knockout Team has been selected and will be playing Caves Beach once a time and date has been determined. The team is eager to represent Floraville. Good luck, boys. Go Floraville!

Good luck to the Under 10's Knights Knockout Rugby League team. We will be heading out to Mt View Park, Cessnock, to play five games against different schools in the area. The boys have trained well and are looking forward to having some fun with their mates on the field.

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 in students, and to enable them 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, which also includes their DET username and password. If your child is in primary and they would like a Personal Reading Log, they can just ask Mrs Southward.

Any questions or concerns can be forwarded to Mrs Southward in the library. Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair in the library Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March. Opening hours will be before school; 8:30 – 9:00 and 2nd break.

Literacy Pro

The following students recently received Literacy Pro awards. Congratulations to those students.

Blue Star Award (25 points) – Mitchell Battye 3F, Liam Pietrobuono 3F, Jake Baillie 4/5A, Max Lonergan 4C, Lachlan Wenke 4C, Blake Verschelden 4F, Robbie Freeman 5/6B, Mila Gal 5/6B, Daniel Cross 5/6B, Harper Wall 6P, Halen Foster 6S & Matthew Mulvaney 6S

Red Star Award (50 points) – Mitchell Battye 3F, Lachlan Wenke 4C, Harper Wall 6P and Matthew Mulvaney 6S

Bronze Star Award (75 points) – Mitchell Battye 3F and Harper Wall 6P

Silver Star Award (100 points) – Mitchell Battye 3F

P&C NEWS

Last night we held the P&C AGM. Thank you to those new parents who attended and took on a position within the P&C and to those who have agreed to continue with their previous role into 2019. Thanks is extended to Fiona MacKenzie (Secretary) and Erin Griffiths (Vice President/Fundraising) who have stepped down from their Executive positions this year – we appreciate Zoe Fox and Deb James stepping into their roles.

The only position that we were unable to fill last night was that of Assistant Treasurer. If you are available to assist in this role, please contact us via the below email or P&C Facebook page.

During last night's meeting we received a thorough update from Mr Mulready on current activities around the school, including continuation of car parking discussions, we also received a detailed OOSH update.

We would love to see more faces at our monthly meetings so please feel very welcome to join us without any pressure to take on a job! The next meeting is Tuesday 9 April (last week of term).

Bryan Garland - President
fpspresident@gmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

HARMONY DAY 2019 – Thursday 21st March

As part of this day four (4) special lunch bags from around the world will be available with all orders and money being due back at the canteen by **Friday 15th March**. Order forms will also be available to print from our school notes on our website. We please also ask that you send 1 order form per child, as all orders will be sent out in classes.

Roster

Thursday 14/3 – Renaye Dobb, Michelle Wood, Courtney Porcovich

Friday 15/3 – Kristie Woodward, Amanda Steadman, Megan Garland

Monday 18/3 – Kristy Reid, Ryan Degan (am), Nicole Hotston

Tuesday 19/3 – Emma Hollis, Jess Pietrobuono, Barbara Linsley, Katie Berryman (pm)

Wednesday 20/3 – Tash Treveton, Amanda Jackson, Kirryn Halsey

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

WHAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS?

Fundamental movement skills are the building blocks for movement. They are the skills which children need to participate successfully in all types of games, physical activities and sports. Examples of these skills can be frequently seen in popular games and activities played by children in the school playground.

These twelve skills represent a solid foundation for the development of specialised skills, enabling children to participate in a wide range of physical activities. They are:

1. Static balance
2. Sprint run
3. Vertical jump
4. Catch
5. Hop
6. Side gallop
7. Skip
8. Overarm throw
9. Leap
10. Kick
11. Two-hand strike
12. Dodge



Source: GET SKILLED GET ACTIVE
A K-8 resource to support the teaching of fundamental movement skills
NSW Department of Education and Training 2019.