



# The Brief

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Week	Date	
5	All week	NAIDOC week
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Wellbeing Day. No cost. Out of uniform, swimmers and towel needed for slide.
6	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Day Camp.
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Opportunity Class Placement Test
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Leadership Training Day
7	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder Orientation

*\* See School Sentral calendar for details.*

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 5 TERM 4

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for us all to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their achievements and contributions to our nation. With the 2020 theme, Always Was, Always Will Be, this year the focus of our week long activities has been on how the First Nations people have occupied and cared for our continent for over 65,000 years, celebrating their spiritual and cultural connection to country.

Teachers, led by our Aboriginal Education Team, including Uncle Nolan and Mrs Morley-Davies, have taken our students on a journey via various classroom activities, delving into the history, exploring and learning about language and knowledge as well as the connections to the land of Indigenous Australians.

An artwork created by Uncle Nolan, Mrs Morley-Davies and the ATSI students is stunning and will be unveiled shortly. A culmination video which highlights how we celebrated NAIDOC Week at Floraville this year will also be shared with our school community.

Thank you to all involved.



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

## Cubby Houses Taking Shape

Today is the BIG day that our new cubby houses for the Bottom Playground are being installed.

These P&C donated cubbies are certain to be a welcome addition to the play area and guaranteed to be a hit for the students to enjoy for many years to come.

A HUGE thankyou to Craig Clark (Clark Building Services) for donating his time and team of workers to ensure the cubbies will be ready for play by week's end.

Keep an eye on [facebook](#) for a video of the progress!



## Covid Restrictions

Further updates have been issued by the Department of Education. These were raised and discussed at our P&C meeting last night.

The updates still have implications for our end of year Presentation assemblies with requirements that include:

***"Guests will be invited based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents & carers or visitors) who are able to be accommodated under the 4 square metre rule."***

Our Presentation organising committee are working within these guidelines to ensure that all families will have access to filmed highlights of the ceremonies and the possibility of a family member of the Year 6 Major award recipients and Leadership elects for 2021 being able to attend.

The opportunity for parents to physically witness the traditional Year 6 clap out is also being carefully considered with Covid-safe planning underway.

A summary of the updates can be found attached to this Brief. For further information please visit:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?utm\\_source=ref&utm\\_medium=schoolbiz&utm\\_campaign=covid-19term4&utm\\_term=article&utm\\_content=adviceforfamilies](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?utm_source=ref&utm_medium=schoolbiz&utm_campaign=covid-19term4&utm_term=article&utm_content=adviceforfamilies)



## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was observed in each class across the school today, with students pausing for a minute's silence and reflecting on the significance of the occasion. An important event to honour the memory of those who have died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Lest we forget.

**Jenny White | Acting Principal**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Remembrance Day at Floraville Public School

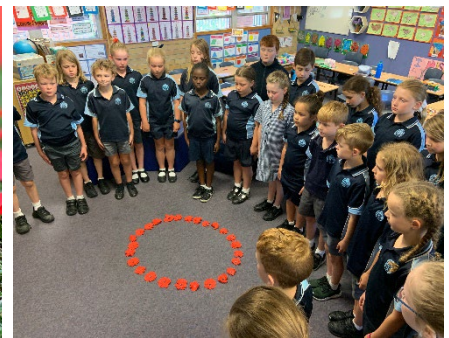
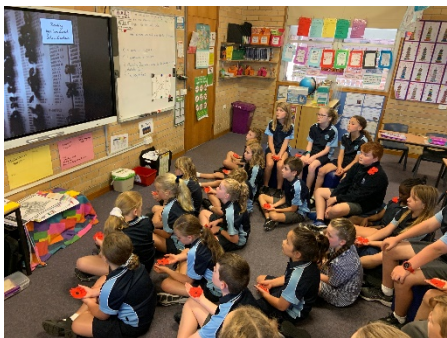
Today our school captains and prefects contributed to a virtual assembly.

In order to commemorate those who have served in all wars we listened to readings, poetry, made poppies, and we reflected on the fallen with a minute of silence.

Here are some short snippets of [our virtual assembly](#).

On behalf of the staff and students at Floraville Public School, we thank those who have served in all wars, we remember the sacrifices they have made and our thoughts are with those who find this day particularly difficult.

Mr McSweeney and Mrs Fester



## Library News: Literacy Pro

Congratulations to the following students who received Literacy Pro Awards recently.

Blue Star Award (25 points) Jace 1/2G, Charlotte 1MD, Noah 1/2G, Isabelle 2L, Levi 2L, Tahnee 2S, Jessika 2S, Lukas 4C, Riley 4/5M, Matilda 4Mc, Mia 4/5M, Callum 5RW.

Red Star Award (50 points) Elysia 1A, Crystal 1F, Mila 1/2G, Ava 1MD, Jasmine 1MD, Rocco 1MD, Ella 2/3C, Tilly 3B, Kaila 3B, Oscar 4/5M, Mia 6B.

Bronze Star Award (75 points) Grace 1A, Elsie 1/2G, Max 2L, Liam 4/5M, Isabella 6L.

Silver Star Award (100 points) Molly KH, Harper 2/3C, Heidi 2/3C, Huntar 6B, Isabella 6L, Charlotte 6L, Mila 6O

Gold Star Award (200 points) Caoimhe 3B, Olivia 3B, Blake 5O, Hollie 6O.

Emerald Star Award (400 points) Chloe 1F, Lachlan 5O.

## Kindergarten 2021

We are pleased to advise that some restrictions regarding Kindergarten orientation have been relaxed. We can now offer onsite visits for children who are enrolled to start school in 2021.

The dates we have set aside are Wednesday November 4th and Tuesday November 24th from 9.15am till 10.45am. If you have a child starting school next year, please ensure the office has your completed paperwork.

The uniform shop has already been busy taking orders and handing out information packages. There will be more information sent home over the next few weeks regarding starting school.

Kindergarten Teachers

## Selective High Schools Year 7 2022

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 (current Year 5), will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

Parents must apply online at: <https://bit.ly/2SOVGFD>

## Tennis Coaching for Stage 1

We are excited to announce that students in Years 1 and 2, will have a tennis coach attend their class sport lessons on Friday 4th and Friday 11th December. There will be no cost to families, the equipment is all provided and students should already be wearing sports uniform on Fridays. Teachers and students will enjoy tennis coaching in class groups during their normal sport time. The provider from 'Total Tennis Mt Hutton', is a Tennis Australia accredited coach that is authorised to deliver programs at schools and has approved COVID plans in place. We are looking forward to introducing your child to a fantastic sport!

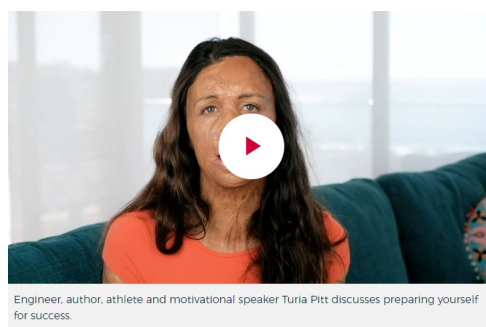
## Banking News

Banking is unavailable at this time.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

### Year 6 Wellbeing Day

This Thursday 12th November, Year 6 will participate in a series of wellbeing activities. These will include listening to a guest speaker from the 'NSW Education LIVE' series. Engineer, author, athlete and motivational speaker, Turia Pitt will discuss preparing yourself for success. An inflatable slip and slide has also been hired and students will also receive an ice-block on the day. If time permits, students will also watch a movie in the afternoon. Students may wear out of uniform on the day and they will also require swimming attire for the slide. Please ensure that your child also has a towel and sun cream packed for the day. The school will cover the cost of this event.



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### Whitebridge High School Uniform Shop

All appointments can be made online at: <https://shop.alintaapparel.com.au/web/login>

Parents/Carers can also call into the school Monday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm to try on uniforms. Upcoming special dates include:

- Saturday 28 November – Full Day
- Saturday 12 December – Full Day
- Thursday 14 January – 8am – 12pm by appointment only
- Monday 18 January – 1pm – 4pm by appointment only
- Thursday 21 January – 8am to 11am by appointment only

If you require any additional information regarding the Year 7, 2021 transition process please contact the school on 4943 3966.

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

## COVID-19 Guidelines November 2020

### Attendance

- Parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.
- Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

### Parents

- Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:
- Essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives
- Picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
- Canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms
- Being in an educational support role for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum
- Attending special end of year events at the invitation of the school, provided that these events can be hosted while maintaining a COVID-safe environment.

### Students

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Singing and musical activities must adhere to the Department's guidelines for singing, musical activities and creative arts.
- Students and their parents and carers will need to be aware that graduation and award ceremonies (Presentation Day) will be conducted in accordance with the COVID-19 Safety Plan for graduation ceremonies to ensure a COVID-Safe environment for all attendees.

### Requirements include:

- Guests will be invited based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents & carer or visitors) who are able to be accommodated under the 4 square metre rule.

### Activities on hold

- Activities that involve gathering of parent and community members such as parent functions, working bees, school barbecues, parent information evenings and on-site cultural events
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school activities unless it's an end of year school event as specified above and the venue can cater for the 4 squared metre distancing rule.
- School Formals can proceed for all year groups from 12 November 2020. All events must have a [COVID-19 safety plan](#) in place. Attendance is limited to the student cohort and supervising staff only.
- Carols by candle light events remain on hold
- Community social events or functions, fundraisers, fetes and barbecues are not permitted in Term 4.





- Parents and non-essential adults are not permitted in school grounds at this time, but you can come to the office or uniform shop if absolutely necessary.
- If you need to pick up children early or take them for an appointment, please make sure that you:
  - Send a message to the teacher to let them know.
  - Phone or email the school to let us know in the morning.
  - Come in to the office to collect your child and we will get them to come to the office, as you cannot go to the classroom.
  - Remember that it can be hard to find children at break times: 1<sup>st</sup> break 11:00-11:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> break 1:30-2:10 Mon-Thu and 1:00-1:40 Fridays.
- If your child is unwell, please keep them home. If children are unwell at school, we will call you to pick them up from school. If children have cold/cough symptoms, they need to have a Covid test, which must be emailed to the school: [Floraville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Floraville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Alternatively if children have other issues such as allergies or asthma, a letter from a doctor can be provided.
- Bring a drink bottle as our bubblers are unavailable.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A vertical advertisement for 'One Culture Football Mariners'. The top half shows a group of people playing football on a grass field. A yellow circle in the top left corner says 'STARTS NOV 8'. The bottom half is a dark blue banner with white and yellow text. It includes the 'ONE CULTURE FOOTBALL' logo, the text 'JOIN OUR ALL ABILITIES, AGE 6-65', and 'ONE CULTURE MARINERS' in large yellow letters. Below this, it lists 'WHERE: THE FOOTBALL GROUNDS, ERINA', 'WHEN: SUNDAYS, 9AM-10AM JUNIORS, 10AM-11AM SENIORS NOVEMBER 8TH TO DECEMBER 20TH 2020', and 'HOW: REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT WWW.ONECULTUREFOOTBALL.ORG/DISABILITY OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DISABILITY@ONECULTUREFOOTBALL.ORG'. There are also logos for 'MARINERS', 'FOOTBALL GROUNDS', and 'ndis REGISTERED PROVIDER'.

# Good for Kids good for life

## TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES



**'kal-ka-doon kee-an'**

All school-age groups (K-12)

### Background

In areas of north Queensland, a game of throwing skill was played. A large bone, such as an emu shinbone, with twine attached to it was thrown in to a pit or hole.

### Short description

The game involves throwing a ball into a small bin target as many times as possible.

### Equipment

- Use 'foxtail' or a tennis ball in a stocking (or long football sock) as the bone.
- Use a large plastic bin or hoop as the pit or hole.

### Game play and basic rules

- Play singly or in groups of two to four players.
- Players line up behind one another in their groups.
- Players hold the foxtail a short distance away from the ball and take it in turns to attempt to throw the foxtail ball in to the bin or hoop from 3-5 metres away.
- To avoid interference, the player throwing the foxtail is 2 metres in front of the rest of the line of players (mark a line for this)
- As an extra challenge, the balls are held further down the tail.

### Scoring

- Players can keep score of successful throw for a set time (2-3 minutes) or set number of turns (four to six).
- If using a hoop, score one point if the foxtail touches or bounces in and out of the hoop, and two points if it stays in the hoop.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games, Sport Australia

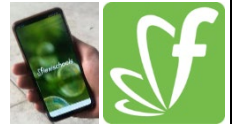


Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

[HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

**Canteen & Uniform Shop**

See the School Website → **About Our School** → **Uniform Shop & Canteen** for FLEXISCHOOLS information, canteen menu, and uniform ordering procedures.



<https://floraville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniform-shop---canteen.html>

# Christmas Lunch Bags 2020

## Rudolph (BAG 1)

Ham, Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato wrap (small)

Drink of Choice

50c ice block

Treat = \$ 8.00



## Santa (BAG 2)

Nachos

Drink of Choice

50c ice block

Treat = \$ 7.50



## Elves (BAG 3)

Sausage Roll

Drink of Choice

50c ice block

Treat = \$ 6.00



## Jingle Bells (BAG 4)

6 chicken fingers

Drink of Choice

50c ice block

Treat = \$ 8.00

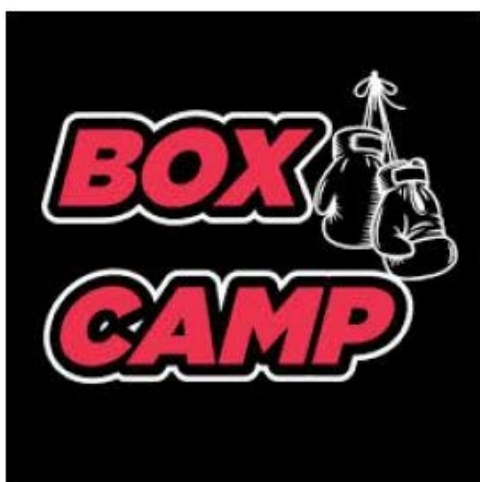


**THESE WILL NOT INCLUDE SLUSHIES!!**



Fundraising

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO HAVE SO FAR DONATED TO THE SCHOOLS P&C FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Drawn December 11.....Tickets on Sale from November 16



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**A Special Thanks to these school families for donating gifts:**

Minords Family, Gleeson Family, Bruce Family, McAlpine Family, Rowe Family, Hesketh Family, Petrassi Family, Shannon Family, Elliot Family, Green Family and Glew Family.

**Would you like to donate a gift?**

Donations can be anything from a box of chocolates to go in our hampers - to funds to purchase a toy!

**Donations can be left in the School Office up to**

**2:30pm Friday 13 November**

**Raffle Tickets on Sale Monday 16**  
**November!**

**Feeling proud!**

Today our school made its first donation of tetra-plastics and cans to Vinnies. This charity operates the 'blue bin' system that our school recently installed and all proceeds go to Vinnies, who support families in need. This amount of tetra-plastic and cans were collected after just 3 weeks! We have worked together to prevent this from going to landfill!

Great work Floraville! 🍌🌱♻️

Mrs Hadden, Mrs McSweeney & Mrs O'Neill | Waking up to Waste Team



**Waste Free Wednesday winners!!**

🌱 The response from our infants' students was overwhelmingly positive for our first 'Waste free Wednesday' lunch raffle. We want to thank our wonderful parent community (who probably pack a lot of these infants' lunches) for your support.

🌱 On a positive note, our middle and upper Primary students are the fastest improvers across the school. We want to encourage you to keep going with your environmentally-friendly choices of food and packaging because you are making a difference!

🌱 Prizes included a compostable toothbrush, compostable dishcloths, bento boxes, reusable produce bags, beeswax wraps, a coconut scourer and flamingo food pocket. Congratulations to the following students who won an eco-prize:

- Mia (KB)
- Ivy (1F)
- Noah (1/2G)
- Jaide (4C)
- Kye (3/4R)
- Luke (6L)
- Hailee (5RW)

Mrs Hadden, Mrs McSweeney & Mrs O'Neill | Waking up to Waste Team



**Celebrating NAIDOC Week | 8-15 November 2020**

This year's theme, 'Always Was, Always Will Be', recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold our annual whole school NAIDOC activities and assembly. Instead, we will be celebrating with:

- Virtual introduction to the week
- Daily videos/stories to share within the classroom
- Class-based activities
- An artwork created collaboratively with Uncle Noel and students
- A culmination video to share with the community.



These activities will be integrated within the classroom throughout NAIDOC week.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Please enjoy this Virtual Introduction to lead us into NAIDOC Week from 8-15 November, delivered by our students. This is followed by a video presentation of an Acknowledgment of Country, a joint project within the Belmont Community of Schools.

**Always Was, Always Will Be.**

Aboriginal Education Team | Floraville Public School