



# The Brief

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Week	Date	
3	13/2	Primary Swimming Carnival Stage 1 Parent Information Session 4.30pm – 5.25pm Kinder Parent Information Session 5.30pm – 6.15pm
	17/2	School Leaders Induction Ceremony 2.15pm – 3pm
	20/2	Eastlakes PSSA Swimming Carnival
4	21/2	Eastlakes PSSA Swimming Carnival
	<b>Reminder of Money Due:</b> Bookpacks are now overdue	



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 3 TERM 1

### P&C Meeting

An excellent meeting with the P&C last night included a number of key items.

- Parents had the opportunity to welcome Mr McSweeney, who came along to introduce himself and meet the community
- A presentation on school priorities for 2020 included information on the school's focus area – teaching and learning in mathematics
- Mrs Erich explained the procedures for the External Validation in which the school is participating this year (see summary, later in the newsletter)
- An explanation of the new process for the school pencil awards, with a review completed at the end of 2019, as requested by the P&C
- Support for those affected by the fires, with a fundraiser planned for later this term

### House Captains

Congratulations to the students who were elected as captains and vice captains of their sports houses. All student leaders will receive their badges of office at the Induction Ceremony on Monday.

### Parent Survey

Thank you to the 60 parents and carers who completed the school evaluation survey at the end of last term. The school is committed to a process of continuous improvement and the feedback we receive is very helpful in school planning and evaluation. Included in the newsletter are a sample of responses.

### Finally

Best wishes to all students participating in tomorrow's swimming carnival – remember your hat, shirt and sunscreen. The carnival will go ahead even if it's raining, with lightning the only thing which could make a change. Keep an eye on the school's Facebook page and App for any updates.

Simon Mulready, Principal

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

## School Supports Learning

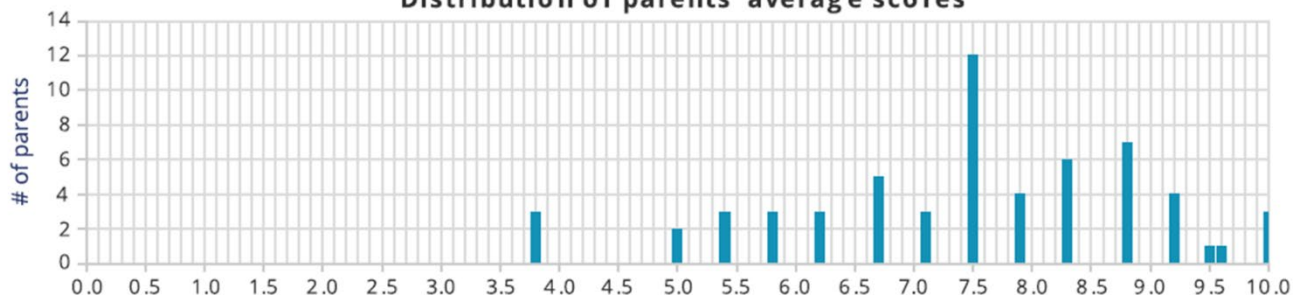
### School supports learning

#### School Mean (NSW Govt Norm)

7.4 (7.3)

Teachers have high expectations for my child to succeed.	7.6
Teachers show an interest in my child's learning.	7.8
My child is encouraged to do his or her best work.	7.9
Teachers take account of my child's needs, abilities, and interests.	7.0
Teachers expect homework to be done on time.	6.8
Teachers expect my child to work hard.	7.5

Distribution of parents' average scores



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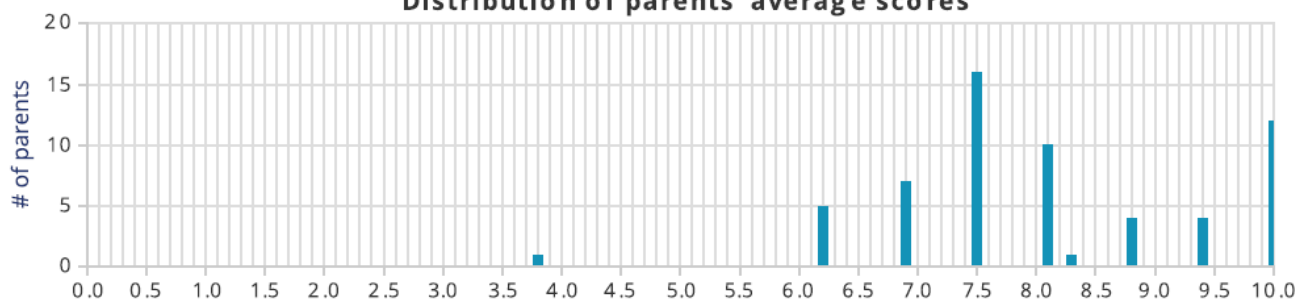
### School supports positive behaviour

#### School Mean (NSW Govt Norm)

8.1 (7.7)

Teachers expect my child to pay attention in class.	8.6
Teachers maintain control of their classes.	7.6
My child is clear about the rules for school behaviour.	8.4
Teachers devote their time to extra-curricular activities.	7.8

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

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. Be thoughtful about people's needs. Show love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. When you are tempted to be cruel, to criticize or tease, decide to be kind instead.

## SPORT NEWS

### Primary Swimming Carnival

All students should be at school by 8:30am, buses leave for Swansea pool at 9:10am. All students should also be in full house uniforms, have a school hat, healthy lunch, plenty of water and maybe a rain coat or umbrella. The carnival will go ahead, but will be stopped if there is lightning, then resume once the lightning has passed. The carnival needs to proceed as the Eastlakes PSSA Swimming Carnival is set for next Thursday and Friday at Charlestown Swimming Pool.

Many thanks to all parents that volunteered to help. We will again have Belmont High School students helping out during the day, but if we need extra help, we will call for helpers.

We are all looking forward to our first carnival for 2020!

## Sporting Houses 2020

Congratulations to this year's House Captains! It will be fantastic to see them working hard, helping their house do their best at the swimming carnival tomorrow. All students will receive their badges at the School Leaders Induction Ceremony on Monday, 2:15pm in the hall.

<b>Cook (Yellow)</b>	<b>Macquarie (Blue)</b>	<b>Phillip (Red)</b>	<b>Tasman (Green)</b>
Amy Oakey – <b>Captain</b> Charlotte James – <b>Vice Captain</b> Reuben Pedonese – <b>Captain</b> Zane Mulvaney – <b>Vice Captain</b>	Scarlett Halpin – <b>Captain</b> Ashlee Halloran – <b>Vice Captain</b> Koopaa Gray – <b>Captain</b> Noah Faith – <b>Vice Captain</b>	Callie Manderson – <b>Captain</b> Mila Gal – <b>Vice Captain</b> Olijah Steadman – <b>Captain</b> Cooper Thompson <b>Vice Captain</b>	Mollie McManus – <b>Captain</b> Jacinda Davies – <b>Vice Captain</b> Aiden Whitaker – <b>Captain</b> Aiden Penfold – <b>Vice Captain</b>

## Tennis

Well done to Max Lonergan and Flynn Maddocks, with both boys representing Floraville exceptionally well yesterday at the Eastlakes PSSA Tennis trials at Belmont. Both boys played very well and almost progressed on to the next round.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Days

Please take note of your child's library borrowing day.

**Monday** – 4C, 4Mc & 2/3C

**Tuesday** – 6B, 6L, 5O, 6O & 5RW

**Wednesday** – 3B, 3/4R, KB, KH, KG & 2L

**Thursday** – 1A, 1MD, 1F, 1/2G, 4/5M & 2S

**Friday** – KS

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### External Validation

This term, our school will be undertaking External Validation. The process is an important component of a system-wide approach to school excellence. Once during a five-year cycle, schools across NSW undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment. Schools regularly self-assess their improvement efforts using evidence to support their reflections. An external validation panel considers the school's evidence, against the standards articulated in the School Excellence Framework.

***External validation provides an opportunity for schools to;***

- undertake a self-assessment of practice and development utilising the School Excellence Framework, to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement
- discuss their judgements about the school's practice and the evidence that underpins them with a panel of peers comprising a Principal, School Leadership and peer principal
- identify opportunities for growth based on elements of the School Excellence Framework using the statements of excellence as a guide. This information may be used to inform strategic directions and the development of the next school plan.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/school-excellence-and-accountability/self-assessment>

NSW public schools are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for every child, facilitating consistent improvement of student outcomes and the narrowing of achievement gaps between students.

Mrs Elleina Martinez and Mrs Carly Erich

### Book Club

The first book club brochure of the year has been sent home. Please return any orders or pay online via the book club website by Friday February 14.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The volunteer roster and a new menu price list will be out shortly, please let us know if there are any changes that need to be made with your roster dates.

### ROSTER

**Thursday** – 13/2 Sam Bridge, Michelle Wood, Courtney Porcovich, Christine Jones

**Friday** – 14/2 Kristie Woodward, Amanda Wanser, Megan Garland, Sally Clark Petrassi

**Monday** – 17/2 Sally Davies, Ryan Degan (AM) Zoe Newell, Elisha Cooper

**Tuesday** – 18/2 Emma Hollis, Amanda Donohue, Jodie Harper

**Wednesday** – 19/2 Amanda Jackson, Tash Treveton, Clare Stark

## BANKING NEWS

School Banking is every Thursday

Welcome back to a new year at Floraville PS. We were so pleased to see 60 students depositing in Week 2, our Class Champion was 1F. Well done!

We have also sent home a few rewards that were ordered at the end of last year, there are still a few more orders to come. You can find the new awards on the School Banking Website and Apps.

Thank you to parent volunteers Leana Smith, Sue King, Tegan Pogonoski and Zoe Fox. We appreciate volunteers, so if you have 45 minutes to spare, please feel free to join the team at 9.15 am in the uniform shop.

Gabrielle Darabi

Banking Coordinator

## 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

**Play football.....**  
**with VALENTINE FC**  
**in 2020**



*Join one of our community  
or competitive teams!*

new players welcome, all skill levels  
boys, girls, men & women,  
teams from u6yrs - all age & over 35's  
active kids vouchers accepted

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(search for Valentine FC)

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