



The Brief

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Week	Date	
5	28/2	Schools Clean Up Australia Day
6	2/3	Hunter PSSA Swimming
	3/3	Hunter PSSA Swimming
	5/3	Infants Assembly (2L) 2.15pm-3pm
	6/3	Yr 3-6 Winter Sports Trials Primary Assembly - Sports Captains (Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation) 12.20pm-1pm
Reminder of Money Due: Bookpacks are now overdue Band Fees are now due		



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 5 TERM 1

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 March, at 6:30pm in the school library. Attached to the newsletter this week, is a nomination form for anyone interested in taking on a formal role. The P&C continues to play a vital role within the school, contributing to school programs and resources and informing school decision making.

School Assemblies

Our school assemblies will commence next week, with an Infants assembly on Thursday afternoon, and a Primary assembly on Friday. Assemblies provide a great opportunity to recognise student achievement and celebrate a variety of programs and accomplishments around the school. These assemblies will also provide the first opportunity to present pencil awards within our new system. While the certificates presented in class articulate the achievements of each child, acknowledgement in assembly provides a higher level of recognition for special accomplishments. If your child is receiving a pencil award in assembly, notation will be made on the certificate they receive in class. (Some classes are using a *star* sticker on the certificate to indicate a pencil award will be presented).

School App: Evaluation

The school is reviewing the effectiveness of the Sentral App. Following some initial technical concerns with its release in mid-2019, the school would like to gain a clear picture of how effectively the App is now working. Please take 2 minutes to complete this survey which will support our evaluation. The survey will close on Tuesday, next week.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/school-app

Yarn-Up

On Wednesday 18 March, the school will be hosting a Yarn-Up afternoon tea for families of Aboriginal students. Aboriginal Education is an important component of our school plan, and we are seeking input from families on our priorities for this year. We have also invited representatives from the Minimbah AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultancy Group) who support students and families in the local area. The afternoon tea will be held at 3:15pm in our yarnning circle, near the basketball court.

Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 28 February has been nominated as a national day for schools to participate in Clean Up Australia Day. Our students will be working together at different times during the day, to clean up the school. A school clean up is a great way to inspire students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community. As we think more deeply about environmental sustainability, this year we have decided to ask students to bring in reusable gardening-style gloves, and not to bring in plastic bags or plastic gloves.

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

Students can elect to bring in tongs or other tools for collecting rubbish if they so desire. Teachers will be providing buckets, bins, and other suitable containers to collect the rubbish, rather than adding to the waste with plastic bags and plastic gloves. Students will be given instruction on picking up items safely and washing their hands.

Finally

Congratulations to all students who represented the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. School swimming ribbons will be presented at next week's primary assembly.

Simon Mulready | Principal

This week's virtue is : SELF-CONFIDENCE

Confidence is having faith in someone. Self-confidence is trusting that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things, without letting doubts or fears hold you back. When you have confidence in others, you rely on them.

SPORT NEWS

3-6 Sport Trials

The next two Fridays (28 February and 8 March) 3-6 Sports trials will be held for netball, soccer, and rugby league at Marks Oval. Trials for netball, with Miss Brindley, will be held on the basketball court at school. Students trying out for rugby league and soccer will be at Marks Oval. Students will walk down to Marks Oval in the morning. All students not trying out will be participating in other activities around the oval. Good luck to students involved.

PSSA Zone Netball Trials

Good luck to Amy Oakey, Charlie Griffiths and Molly McManus who are trialling for a spot in the PSSA Zone netball team next Wednesday 4 March. Play hard!

Regional Swimming

Congratulations to all students who represented Floraville at the Eastlakes PSSA Swimming Carnival last week at Charlestown. It was a great two days of competitive swimming and chanting, with plenty of PB's set. Special mention to Joe Wallace, Sam Allen, Tyler Clark, Jarrah van den Berg, Alexis Brown, Aiden Whitaker and Charlie Griffiths, who made it through to the Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 3 March.

Rugby League

Yesterday a number of students trialled for the Eastlakes PSSA Rugby League Team. All played to their very best under extremely challenging conditions. Well done to Ben Mostyn, Aiden Whitaker, Flynn Sullivan and Jake Richardson who made into the 11's and 12's teams.

Basketball

Good luck to Joe Becket and Cooper Evans who will be trialling for a position in the 2020 Eastlakes Snr Boys basketball team this week.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reading Aloud

Did you know reading aloud to your child can have amazing benefits, even in the primary school years?

1. Develops stronger vocabulary
2. Builds connections between the spoken and written word.
3. Enjoyment
4. Increases attention span
5. Promotes bonding between the reader and the listener

Book Fair

Just a bit of early notice to let you know we will be holding the first of 2 book fairs during Week 9 of this term. It's a fantastic way for us to promote the love of books and also raise funds to purchase new books for the library.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten 2020

Each shell that gathers in the swirling ocean or is washed up onto the soft sand of a welcoming beach is magically special in its own way. All look a little different, as each shell will have its own unique pattern. They represent perfect examples of art in nature. When our youngest students arrived at Floraville, they too were individually different, each bringing an exciting addition to the fabric of our wonderful school. On arriving they were gathered up by their Year 6 buddies and supported by

their teachers. We are grateful for the support and organisation that the Year 6 teachers, Mr O'Shannessy, Miss Lehn and Miss Reid have provided to allow this exciting transition to go so smoothly. Each new face represents a story and is a valued member of our school. They are the 2020 Kindergarten and we welcome both the students and their families on this exciting journey of growth, learning, fun and friendships. We hope you will all enjoy this exciting ride.

The Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs Barclay, Mrs Gu, Mrs Hadden and Mrs Sattler

NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

The NSW Police have produced a digital resource to assist parents and carers on a range of topics essential to child safety. The handbook has been updated to include key messages about bush fire safety given the unprecedented fires we experienced recently. Also included are important content updates from: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire NSW, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

Click on the link below to view the digital handbook

Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

Belmont High CAPA Enrichment Class

Belmont High School is offering Year 6 students a chance to audition to be a part of their 2021 CAPA Enrichment Class, combining dance, drama, music, and visual arts syllabus content.

Interested students can apply directly through the high school. Packages will be available from the front office of Belmont High and our school office from Monday 24th February 2020. Packs can also be downloaded from the Belmont High and Floraville Public School websites.

Belmont High School will be accepting applications for its 2021 CAPA Enrichment Program up to the Friday 13th March 2020.

Belmont High Parent Information Session

Belmont High will be holding a parent session on Monday 9 March. The session is aimed at parents who will have a student starting Year 7 in 2021. The session will begin at 5:30pm in the school gymnasium. Topics covered include:

- Enrolment processes (in zone/out of zone) and class structure
- Academic achievement and enrichment – A stream testing
- CAPA Enrichment class
- Extra-curricular programs

Schools Clean Up Day

Schools Clean Up Day 2020 (28th Anniversary!) is Friday 28th of February. With over 2000 Clean Up sites registered nationally, our school and students will be counted among the thousands of volunteers who will take part in this annual event on Friday and across the weekend.

Students will participate in a clean-up with their own class and a buddy class on the day. Students are welcome to bring a set of reusable, gardening-type gloves to participate on the day. Please no plastic bags.

If you would like to get involved with Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 1st March, follow the link and join a Clean Up event near you <https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au>

Remember, the change starts with you!

The Landcare Team

CANTEEN NEWS

Hard copies of the roster are available in the canteen. If you are unable to volunteer on your day, can you please let Margaret know ASAP (0457 826 333). If you are not on the roster and should be or you would like to be added please see Margaret.

Roster

Thursday 27/2 – Naomi Harris, Christine Jones, Caroline Minords, Lisa Anne Neale

Friday 28/2 – Kristie Woodward, Amanda Wanser, Sarah Soewarno, Amanda Ferris

Monday 2/3 – Kylie Wells, Renae Picton, Alison Banek

Tuesday 3/3 – Maree McCulloch, Jodie Harper, Kristy Reid (am)

Wednesday 4/3 – Katie Budden, Vivienne Tindall, Teresa Wilson

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

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Walk, bike ride, skate or scooter to school on March 13th, to celebrate active travel.



Children under 16 years of age (and adults supervising them) are allowed to ride on a footpath in NSW.

Encourage your kids to follow these tips for safer riding:

- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, properly fitted and fastened.
- Always obey road rules, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs.
- Turn your head when passing driveways
- Keep left when riding on the footpath and give way to pedestrians
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and others
- Wear bright clothing to make yourself visible

Sources: The Bicycle Network & Transport for Road Safety NSW



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.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 10 March 2020. 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 9 March 2020. 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 2020

I, _____, nominate myself for the position of _____ on the 2020 P & C committee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____