IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

Week 2:
- 17/10 – Year 4 Camp
- 18/10 – Year 4 Camp
- 18/10 – Stage One Excursion – Reptile Park

Week 3:
- 24/10 – Kinder Orientation 9.15am
- 25/10 – Book Club orders due
- 25/10 – Primary Sports begins
- 26/10 – Aerobics Spring Carnival
- 26/10 – St Luke’s Fete

Week 4:
- 28/10 – Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp
- 29/10 – Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp
- 29/10 – Calendar Art orders due
- 30/10 – Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp
- 31/10 – Music: Count Us In
- 01/11 – Kindergarten Excursion

Week 5:
- 04/11 – State PSSA Cricket
- 05/11 – Kinder Orientation 9.15am
(Helpers and donations of cakes/slices will be needed)

Week 6:
- 12/11 – School Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 12/11 – P&C Meeting 7pm

REMAINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Year 5 Camp - $80 due – 17/10
- Term 4 Primary Sport Electives – overdue 15/10
- Stage One Reptile Park Excursion – $20 overdue
- Kindergarten Excursion - $9.50
- Book Club orders due 25/10
- Calendar Art orders – due 29/10

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 2

Dear Parents,

New School App

Great News! Our school mobile phone app is now “live”. What's the app you may ask? It is a little application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7. The app allows you to receive timely notifications about school events, instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or send in a sick note electronically. Discover many of the other features by downloading it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for Floraville. Once you have found it press install or download and be sure to “allow” push notifications so you receive any broadcast messages we send.

A more detailed instruction sheet on installing the app is available from the office and on our school website for anyone who requires it.

Selective High School Applications

Applications for students currently in Year 5 seeking selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015 are now available. Most parents are expected to apply online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement however a limited number of printed applications will be available for families without access to internet connection. All students in Year 5 have received a separate note today with additional information about the process.

NAPLAN 2013

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN (literacy and numeracy) test results released this week show our overall student results continue to be strong against national standards. Year 3 and Year 5 results were sent home yesterday.

The results show areas of strength as well as identifying areas for improvement. Data analysis by teachers informs teaching and learning programs for further student success.

It is worth keeping in mind that NAPLAN is just one snap shot in time and is only part of how we build a complete picture of student progress.

Highlights include:

Year 5 (Boys) are 19 scale scores above the state average growth in the test aspect of Grammar & Punctuation.

Year 5 (Girls) have improved by 27 scale scores from the 2012 data in the test aspect of Grammar & Punctuation and are 31 scale scores above the state average in the test aspect of Writing.

D. Robson
Principal

Thought for the Week

Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.
~ Joshua J. Marine
This week's virtue is COMPASSION

Compassion is understanding and caring when someone is hurt or troubled, even if you don’t know them. It is wanting to help, even if all you can do is listen and say kind words. You finish what you start. You keep your promises.

ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK -
BANKING CHAMPIONS – 6P

LIBRARY NEWS
It’s getting close to that time of the year for our annual Library Stocktake. Reminders will be sent home soon for any overdue books.

SPORT NEWS
Kayla & Piper compete at PSSA State Soccer titles
At the end of last term and through to the beginning of the school holidays, Kayla Steadman and Piper Richards represented the region as members of the Hunter PSSA Girls’ Soccer team. The tournament was held in Coffs Harbour and the girls took to the field with Kayla playing in the back and Piper in left wing. The Hunter team played well together and came equal first with the mid-north coast and Northern Inland, however after a countback on goals scored, Hunter came 3rd overall. Congratulations on being selected in the top 14 soccer players from across the Hunter region!

Term 4 Primary Sport
Primary Sport begins in Week 3 (25th October). This term sees the return of our summer sports program which includes the sporting electives of Sailing, Water Polo, Water Fun & Confidence, Tennis and Aerobics. These sports are not on offer in Terms 2 or 3. Thank you to all the students who have already paid and returned their permission note. The notes and full payment were due yesterday (Tuesday 15th October). If you wish to make financial arrangements please don’t hesitate to contact the school ASAP, because failure to pay on time will result in your child’s spot being offered to another student. If you are now unable to participate in your paid sporting elective, please let me know ASAP so I can offer your spot to another student to ensure we cover costs.

Most spots in paid sports are filled by Year 5 and 6 students, as they get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their turn to get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm in the library.
Book Club
Book club orders and money are due back before 25th October.
Calendar Art
Viewing of artwork is available from Thursday 17th at your child’s classroom. The orders are due by Tuesday 29th October. Calendars - $12, Cards - $13.00 and Diaries - $17.
Spring Fete
Just a reminder to bring in stall items and please indicate on note times available to help on the day
UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open Monday 8.30 – 9.15 am or Wednesday 2.30 – 3.15 pm.
Canteen News
We hope you all enjoyed your Frog in the Pond yesterday; it was certainly very colourful in the canteen with all that jelly!!
Coming Up
Kindergarten 2014 Parent Morning Tea to be held on Tuesday 5th November.
A form will be coming home shortly asking for helpers and donations of cakes/slices.

Roster:
Thursday 17/10 – Michelle Keen, Emma Hibberd, Brooke Burn, Nola Glover, Julie Redding
Friday 18/10 – Danyell Glover, Sarah Osmotherly, Amanda McNamara, Carol Traynor, Jade Clark
Monday 21/10 – Elise Hughes, Rachel Searle, Tammy Price-Doyle, Megan Jennings
Tuesday 22/10 – Cassandra Jensen, Vicki Corrigan, Charlene Thompson, Kristie Davies
Wednesday 23/10 – Rachel New, Pam Finn, Kay Gibson, Megan Nicholson

From The Australian P& C

SPRING FETE VOLUNTEER SLIP

I am able to help on the day of the fete.

Name: __________________________________________    Phone number: ________________________________
Child’s Name/Class: _______________________________     Time available: ________________________________