Dear Parents,

Weather
We certainly live in a country of extremes, with bushfires last week followed by torrential rain and storms yesterday. I am always amazed by the timing of such downpours; it appears they occur very regularly at 3pm just in time for children to be leaving school of an afternoon. Yesterday was no exception, with a blackout, electrical storm and sudden downpour all occurring between 3pm and 3:30pm. Several of the students were concerned by the storm and about getting home in the rain. I would like to congratulate the students for the sensible way they reacted yesterday and the parents who showed amazing patience in the traffic congestion in front of the school during the pick-up period. A special thank you to the staff as well who went out of their way to care for the students, arrange alternate pick-ups, reassure the children and ensure they were safe and as dry as possible.

2014
The school is planning for classes next year and is keen to finalise anticipated student numbers. Please contact the school directly (through the office, by phone, letter or email) if you know of any new students who may enrol next year; or if there are any students currently in Kindergarten to Year 5 who may be leaving. Your assistance will help us develop the number of classes and class structures for 2014.

School Fete
We are all looking forward to the fete which will be held on Sunday 17th November. There will be lots of rides, activities, stalls and fun on the day. Pre-sale wrist bands for the rides on the day are being sold through the office and these are less expensive if bought early rather than purchasing on the day. An enormous thank you must go the P&C who are working very hard to organise the fete for the benefit of the students. If you are able to assist with organisation or by volunteering on the day your help would be very much appreciated. Please let us know if you are able to assist.

D. Robson
Principal
Thought for the Week
Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, ‘What’s in it for me?’
~Brian Tracy

Term Calendar

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

Week 4:
- 31/10 – Music: Count Us In
- 01/11 – Kindergarten Excursion
- 01/11 – Primary Sport

Week 5:
- 08/11 – Primary Sport
- 04/11 – State PSSA Cricket
- 05/11 – Kinder Orientation 9.15am
  (Helpers and donations of cakes/slices will be needed)
- 06/11 – School Disco
- 06/11 – School Spectacular Rehearsal

Week 6:
- 11/11 – Cake Stall for Ky
- 11/11 – Remembrance Day Celebration
- 12/11 – School Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 12/11 – P&C Meeting 7pm
- 12/11 – Year 6 Personal Development Program
- 13/11 – Year 6 Personal Development Program
- 14/11 – School Spectacular Rehearsal
- 15/11 – Primary Sport
- 17/11 – Floraville Spring Fete 10 - 3.00pm

Week 7:
- 19/11 – Kinder Connection Picnic 5.30 - 7.30pm
  (2013 and 2014 Kinder Families)
- 20/11 – Cake Stall for Jysen
- 22/11 – Primary Sport

Week 8:
- 25/11-29/11 – Swim Scheme
- 26/11 – Year 6 Fun Day
- 27/11-30/11 – School Spectacular
- 29/11 – Primary Sport

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- School Spectacular Accommodation & Tickets - due
- Kindergarten Excursion – overdue
- Year 6 Personal Development Program - $15.50
VIRTUES EDUCATION
This week’s virtue is GENEROSITY
Generosity is giving and sharing. You share freely, not with the idea of receiving something in return. You find ways to give others happiness, and give just for the joy of giving. Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

Banking Champions – KG

News from the Office
Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm
Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions. Please note we now have EFTPOS available. EFTPOS transactions will incur a fee (all transactions - $1.00). These charges will be added to your transaction.

Sport
Our Cricket Star of 2013!
Ky Willott is off to Bathurst next week as a part of the Hunter PSSA Cricket team. They will compete against all other regions from around NSW. Enjoy the week Ky, we look forward to hearing all about it when you return to school.

Floraville’s Cricket Stars of the Future
We held trials at school last week for those interested in making the Eastlakes Zone Cricket team for 2014 (these were not trials for our school team). We can send two boys to trials which are this Friday and we would like to wish Damian Matthews and Matt White all the best at the trials. Congratulations boys!

Term 4 Primary Sport
The first week of sport was great! Please remember a hat and water bottle and if your child has asthma, please ensure they have their puffer with them at school.

Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

Other School News

STAGE ONE REPTILE PARK EXCURSION
Radical Reptile Romp! Stage One set about exploring the Australian Reptile Park yesterday and a fabulous day was had by all. From the Tasmanian Devils to the Reticulated Python to Elvis the Croc, we got to experience many new things and expand our knowledge of Australian wildlife. We thank the wonderful parent helpers and all the teachers for making this day one to remember.
BAND NEWS

The band have enjoyed a run of successful playouts over the last two months. Our first major performances for the year were in the Floraville Show Spectacular. “Dynamite” and Eye of the Tiger” were show-stoppers in both the Stage 2 and Stage 3 shows. A small group of select students also played duets at the Kindergarten show. Thanks to Olivia Urquhart and Sienna Elms for their flute duet “You Are My Sunshine”; and to Holly Perks and Tara Nuss for their clarinet duet “The Pony Song”. Not only did you gain valuable performance experience, you represented the band proudly.

Winners

Both our Mini Minors and Concert Band competed in the Hunter Central Coast Bandfest competition. The Mini Minors performed in the Novice section – a section designed specifically for students who have been playing for less than a year. After months of learning a new instrument, practising at home and at school, this was their first public performance. They played well together and were awarded a commended certificate. Congratulations to Mrs Thacker and the Mini Minors. The Concert Band were placed this year in the Developing B section. They performed a balanced program including “Big Band Bop”, “Dynamite”, “Forrest Gump” and “Eye of the Tiger”. Our competition was against 4 other school bands but we were declared the WINNERS and received the Bandfest Developing B Winner trophy for 2013. We received excellent comments from some well respected music teachers who heard our performance. A huge congratulations and well done to the band members. You played well and you should be proud of the part you played in becoming the winners.

Carnival

The Concert Band also performed last weekend at the St Luke’s Carnival. We were small in number but big in spirit. Thanks to those students who were able to make the performance. A special thanks to Caitlin Shaw for her awesome solo “Hakuna Matata”.

Tryouts For 2014 Band

Coming soon we will be looking for interested students from year 2 upwards to audition for the band. We cater for absolute beginners through to more experienced players. Instruments can be hired from school and we have experienced instrumental tutors who teach in-school lessons on most instruments. If you are interested in becoming part of the band in 2014 listen out to the daily notices for more information.

AEROBICS

Congratulations to our wonderful aerobics teams who performed at the Spring Challenge event on Saturday 26th October. All teams showcased their amazing skills and enjoyed competing in their last competition for the year. Billy Thomas came 2nd in his singles event and wowed the judges with his strength and flexibility. The Rocking Gems won their Stage One section with the coordinator of the event Roxy commenting on how strong they looked. Super Stars had some tough competition and came away with a bronze and both the Rock Stars and Triple Trouble came away with gold. It has been a wonderful year for aerobics and all the children are looking forward to showcasing their talents in next year’s competitions.

SPRING FETE

Thank you to all those people that have already brought in their stall items. Some of our stalls are now very full, we no longer require items for the Year 5 pet rock stall, lollies for the Kindergarten stall or balloons for the Year 1 stall. If you have not yet donated and would like to, the items that we still need are; lucky dip items, candle/gift items and the sticks to put the balloons on (they have been seen at Jay’Jay’s at Jewells). Please take any stall donations from now, to the office where a box has been placed.

Thank you to the people who have indicated that they will be available to lend a hand on the day of the fete, it would be great if we were able to get a few more volunteers for the day.

We have been able to book some fantastic rides for the day of the fete; a rock wall, bungee trampolines, jumping castle and an adrenalin rush obstacle course. To make it easier for families we will be pre-selling unlimited ride tickets at school, prior to the fete, the details of this, are on the note that will go out today.

STATE TRANSIT STUDENT BUS PASSES

Please Note: If you have changed address in the past 12 months you will need to complete a new Bus Pass Application to ensure your child gets the correct pass for 2014.

All children entering Year 3 in 2014 require a new State Transit Student Bus Pass Application to be completed. You are able to obtain the blank applications from the School Admin Office.
**Lexile Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have all recently received Lexile awards. Tobi Eeles 1NB, Cassie Jarvis 3/4O, Lily Robards 5/6M, Mikayla Armstrong 5/6G, Ryan Hockings 6C and Jet Randall 6P all received Blue Star awards (25 Lexile points). Jake Robertson 3/4O, Cameron Wood 3/4O, Emily Collins 4/5W and Mikayla Armstrong 5/6G all received Red Star awards (50 Lexile points). Ava Traynor 3H and Mikayla Armstrong 5/6G both received Bronze Star awards (100 Lexile points).

Congratulations also to 3/4O who won the Class Lexile Award for being the class with the highest percentage of Lexile participants.

**Stocktake**

Stocktake will be taking place in the library starting at the beginning of Week 6 (Monday 11th November). All books will need to be returned prior to this date. Please note that Lexile borrowers will continue to be allowed to borrow for this purpose whilst stocktake takes place.

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**P&C AND CANTEEN NEWS**

**P & C News**

The Belmont BETTA store continues to sponsor Floraville School P&C. With any purchases at BETTA please bring a copy of any receipts from the store to the school office. We receive 1% commission for each purchase.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Floraville P&C will be on 12 November from 7 pm in the school library.

It is great to see all the local graffiti has been removed, anyone can ring the graffiti Hotline on 1800 707 125.

A reminder a number of positions will be available on the P&C next year a run down on the roles are as follows:

The **President** is responsible for:
- The successful functioning of the P&C Association.
- To ensure that the P&C Association takes part in decision making processes in the school.
- Maintaining and setting up lines of communication with the Principal.
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome.
- Supporting volunteers and also consistent adherence to the constitution.

The **Secretary** is responsible for:
- Carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved.
- Preparing in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas.
- Required to attend every association meeting and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of minutes for subsequent distribution to members.
- Receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate.

The **Treasurer** is responsible for:
- Receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts.
- Presents a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement for each and every P&C meeting.
- Ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C.

Though at Floraville School we have always had a very proactive P&C membership other tasks are quite often undertaken by individuals. The workload is always shared around between committee members.
SOCIAL GOLF DAY
Sunday 10 November from 3pm at Charlestown Golf Club all teachers, parents and grandparents are invited to Charlestown Golf club for a social golf afternoon. The cost is the green fees. So come along and have a round of golf with a teacher.

CALENDAR ART
The Calendar Art orders needed to be in yesterday so that all the orders could be collated. This is to ensure that they are returned well before the end of the year. Thank you for supporting the Calendar Art.

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform shop hours are: Mondays 8.30 - 9.15am
Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.15pm

CANTEEN NEWS
Kindergarten 2014 Parent Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 5th November, 9.15-10.30am! We are looking for helpers on the morning and donations of cakes/slices, etc. If you are able to assist with either or both of these requests please see Margaret in the canteen.

Price increase on Paddle Pops from Monday 4th November will now be $1.40.

Roster:
Thursday 28/10 – Kellie Christian, Jodie Horton
Friday 29/10 – Katrina Halls, Lisa Wardle, Meredith Wright, Neridah Jackson
Monday 30/10 – Louise Grozdanovski, Jade Mifsud, Robyn Jenkins, Julia Mason
Tuesday 31/10 – Samantha Rickerds, Amanda Steadman, Kylie Hanson, Amy Bates, Kim Brewster
Wednesday 01/11 – Julie Bourke, Kristina Love, Sandra Hutton(AM), Amanda McNamara, Sally Brown(PM), Jade Clark

The P & C still have the magnetic display folders for sale if you require any, order form is below. They hold notes that can be stored on the fridge, if you can hand any orders in at the office.

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Nexta Newsagents at both Belmont Citi Centre and Lake Fair Mt Hutton.

5% of all purchases (excluding lottery products, bus tickets, phone recharges & tobacco products) will be donated to the P&C.
Just take a copy of your receipt to the school office. It’s that easy to help us raise funds for our school. Thanks to Aeron Gribble for his support. **Nexta is a great place to get brand name printer Cartridges.**
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE HIPPY PROGRAM?

Do you have a child who will be 4 years old in 2014?
Read on to find out more………………

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year home based program that empowers parents/carers to be their child’s first teacher. It promotes school readiness and maximises the chances of a successful early school experience.

HIPPY fosters parent/carer involvement in school and community life.

The HIPPY program is delivered by home tutors through home visits and parent groups. The families from Windale and surrounding suburbs are welcome to participate in this free Commonwealth Government funded program.

The HIPPY program also has limited employment opportunities for parents to gain work during school hours within the local community.

HIPPY has been operating in the Windale area since 2009 and has had a positive impact for more than 100 families within the community.

Best of all the HIPPY program is FUN for everyone involved.

If you would like to know more please contact the Co-ordinator:
Lynda Berghofer
on
0413342667
Mon – Thurs 8am til 4pm
Or please call to leave your details for the waiting list for 2014.
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