IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

Week 5:
• 08/11 – Primary Sport

Week 6:
• 11/11 – Cake Stall for Kyr
• 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 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
• 14/11 – School Spectacular Rehearsal
• 15/11 – Primary Sport
• 15/11 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm
• 17/11 – Floraville Spring Fete 10am – 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
• 28/11 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
• 29/11 – Primary Sport
• 29/11 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

Week 9:
• 02/12-06/12 – Swim Scheme
• 04/12 – Year 7 Orientation
• 05/12 – Art Gallery 2pm – 2.50pm
• 06/12 – Primary Sport

REMININDER OF MONEY DUE

• School Spectacular Accommodation & Tickets - due
• Year 6 Personal Development Program - $15.50

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 5

Dear Parents,
Dare to Lead

Our school is part of the Dare to Lead coalition. Dare to Lead is a commonwealth funded national project with a focus on improving educational outcomes for Indigenous students. As part of the project we will be undertaking a “school snapshot” next week where a team from Dare to Lead will be at school looking at our procedures, speaking with students, staff and parents and undertaking a review of this vitally important area.

Several groups of students and parents will receive an invitation to be part of the snapshot. No student will be interviewed without parental consent.

School Fete
The school fete is next weekend, on Sunday 17th November and the preparations are well underway to make it a fantastic event. Pre-sale wrist bands for “unlimited” rides on the day are being sold through the office for $20 which is less expensive than if purchased on the day of the fete ($25). If you are able to assist by volunteering on the day your help would be very much appreciated. Please let us know if you are able to help.

School Spectacular
Congratulations to our choir representatives who are in Sydney today for their first rehearsals for this year’s School Spectacular. This is a big commitment from the students, parents and staff involved and we are looking forward to their performances later this month.

Thank You
Thank you to the families who supported our kindergarten orientation morning tea yesterday with donations of delicious cakes and slices. The orientation program is a very valuable part of beginning the big school journey and we look forward to the completion of the program in Week 7 with the Kinder Connections BBQ.

School Surveys
Keep an eye out for two surveys that will be coming home soon. We are interested in how the school caters for gifted and talented students and the P&C are reviewing some aspects of our uniform policy. These surveys will be online through Survey Monkey and a link will be available soon.

Design Competition
The design competition for NSW Youth Week 2014 is open to young people aged 12-25 years. The winning artist will be awarded $1000 and given the chance to showcase their work during Youth Week.


Sun Safety
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.


Digital Citizenship
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

D. Robison
Principal

Thought for the Week
We all make mistakes, have struggles, and even regret things in our past. But you are not your mistakes, you are not your struggles, and you are here now with the power to shape your day and your future.

~Steve Maraboli

This week’s virtue is HUMILITY

Being humble is considering others as important as yourself. You are thoughtful of their needs and willing to be of service. You don’t expect others or yourself to be perfect. You learn from your mistakes. When you do great things, humility reminds you to be thankful instead of boastful.
ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 4E

BANKING CHAMPIONS – KG

YEAR 5 NEWS
What a wonderful group of students! Last week it was an absolute pleasure to take such a fantastic cohort of students to Great Aussie Bush Camp. We were met with some challenges, swinging from heights, paddling in a canoe and climbing to the top of steep sand mountains. We are so proud of the achievements of all our students as they conquered fears and worked “outside their comfort zones”. We really were able to see leadership and determination in a different setting to the school environment. Photos will come in the next Bulletin. Well done Year 5!

Mrs Watson on behalf of the teachers who went on Year 5 Camp.

2013 PARLIAMENT DISCO
This year the 2013 Parliament Disco will be run inside the Floraville school hall. The parliament group will be utilising the wonderful lighting and smoke systems inside the hall. Both Infants and Primary discos will be supervised by Floraville teachers.

The admission cost to the disco is $5.00 and is payable at the front doors of the hall on the night. For their $5.00, students will enjoy; music chosen by the Yr6 Parliament group, a packet of chips and a can of soft drink.

Parents are asked to walk their child into the school grounds and up to the school hall. When picking up children, parents are asked to come to the hall to collect their child from the front doors of the hall.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 Parliament Disco.

When: Wednesday 6/11/2013
Where: Floraville School Hall
Theme: Summer Time (must have enclosed footwear)
Cost: $5.00
Times: Infants disco 5:30pm – 6:45pm
Primary disco 7:00pm – 8:30pm

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
The Kindergarten 2014 Orientation process is almost complete. The children have visited the school a number of times to find out where the library, canteen, assembly hall and play areas are and to meet the Kindergarten teachers. We hope that they feel more comfortable and relaxed about coming to school next year as they know what some of the teachers look like and where the important places in the school can be found. Thank you to the current Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Southward (who has allowed the new children to borrow books already), all teachers for their flexibility, P and C, canteen workers, uniform shop ladies and the fantastic office staff who all help to make the process run smoothly. The Year 5 buddies are very excited about helping the Kinders and with their teachers will make name badges to allow us all to identify the new students by name early next year. Our last get-together will be a Kinder Connections picnic held on the Flat on Tuesday 19th November. This picnic allows 2013 Kinder families and next year’s Kinder families to get to know each other and maybe help the new parents also to feel more comfortable about their son or daughter starting school.

Please remember to RSVP if you have your invitation to this event.

Jenny Barclay for the Kindergarten team

LIBRARY NEWS
Lexi Legend
This week’s Lexile Legend is Mikayla Armstrong from 5/6G. Congratulations, Mikayla.

Stocktake
Stocktake in the library will begin next week. Could all books please be returned by the end of this week.

Special Note for Lexile Readers - Students reading for Lexile purposes will continue to be allowed to borrow one book at a time during stocktake

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME
During weeks 8 and 9 of this term (25th Nov. to 6th Dec.) students will be participating in the Department of Education’s Swim Scheme. Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 who cannot swim or who cannot confidently swim 25 metres unaided are being given the opportunity to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to improve in all aspects of swimming. The cost of $55 includes daily entry to the pool and bus fare. Swimming tuition by Department of Education trained teachers is FREE. If you wish your child to participate in this life saving activity please return your note and money to the office as soon as possible as it is a case of first in first served and we have a limited number of positions available.

Many thanks,
Shantala Roach

SPORT NEWS
Ky, Josh & the entire hockey team to be recognised at Hunter Sports Awards Ceremony
Last week we received invitations from the Hunter PSSA for Ky Willott and Joshua Redding. They should be very proud as they will be receiving a Hunter Regional Recognition Award as members of the Hunter Regional Hockey Team. This Hunter team won the PSSA State titles for the second year running. Many nominations are put forward for these awards along with rankings from the convener of each sport so these awards are very prestigious and they both thoroughly deserve this recognition. The awards presentation will be held Wednesday 11th December.

Our school hockey team will also be receiving a Hunter Regional Recognition Award for their efforts in becoming State Champions for 2013. Their awards will be sent to the school. Congratulations to all members of the hockey team, to their coach, Mr Willott and to our school organiser, Miss Strong. This is a fantastic achievement.

Damian selected in the Zone Cricket team for 2014!
Last Friday we sent two boys to try out for the Eastakes Zone Cricket team for 2014. The PSSA competition starts early in Term 1 so these selections are held this term. Both Damian Matthews and Matt White put on a competitive display and on the day Damian was selected in the team. Congratulations and we wish you all the best for Hunter team trials on 13th November.

Cake Stall for Ky next Monday
As mentioned in the Week 3 edition of our newsletter, this term we will be holding two cake stalls; one on Monday 11th November to support Ky Willott as he represented NSW in hockey and the second cake stall will be on Wednesday 20th November to support Jyssen Bell as he represented NSW in diving. Thank you to our staff, the Year 6 students and the Year 6 parents for providing the tasty treats! So bring along some money next Monday to purchase a treat to support a great cause!

Carly Erich - Sports Coordinator

SPRING FETE
With the fete being on a Sunday it makes it difficult to have a cake stall as we would not be guaranteed of enough fresh cakes on the day. However, it has been suggested that we could make it a slice stall, so if you are able to make any slices could you bring them to school next Friday, 15th November to the canteen.

A couple of fun activities that we are having at the fete are: guess the amount of lollies in the jar and guess the teacher by looking at their baby photos. Both of these activities are 20c a guess, the children can already start their guessing as a table will be set up each morning (except Tuesday) under the COLA. There are some great prizes to be won.

P&C NEWS
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm in the library.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Calendar Art.

The Teacher and Parent Social Golf Day is on:
• Sunday 10th November at 3pm
• Charlestown Golf Course

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open Monday 8.30 – 9.15 am or Wednesday 2.30 – 3.15 pm.

CAINTEEN NEWS
Coming Up
Roster:
Thursday 07/11 – Belinda Richardson, Jodi Peachman, Renaye Dobb, Michelle Wood
Friday 08/11 – Kelly Woodger, Sonya Condon, Angela Budding
Monday 11/11 – Sharon Robertson, Michelle Waters, Michelle Rachubinski, Kathy Brennan
Tuesday 12/11 – Samantha Richards, Debbie Shaw, Kate Convery
Wednesday 13/11 – Andrew Sweet, Vikki Shoesmith