IMPORTANT DATES

This Week:
- 13/2 – Zone Basketball trials.
- 14/2 – Zone Tennis trials.

Week 4:
- 18/2 - Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet BBQ and classroom orientation 5:00 to 7:30pm.
- 21/2 – Zone Netball trials.
- 22/2 – Zone Cricket (girls) trials.

Week 5:
- 25/2 – Zone Swimming carnival Swansea.
- 26/2 – Hunter Diving.
- 27/2 – Zone Swimming carnival Swansea.
- 1/3 – Last day of early finish for Kindergarten.

Week 6:
- 5/3 – Zone Soccer & League Trials.
- 6/3 – School and Captains Photo Day.
- 7/3 – Hunter Swimming Carnival.
- 8/3 – Hunter basketball Trials.

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
  Kindergarten – $51
  Year 1 or 2 – $55
  Year 3 or 4 – $46
  Year 5 or 6 – $50
  NB: The price includes a Mathletics licence cost $12 and a Reading Eggs licence cost $8. These packs replace School Fees payments.
- Overdue – Primary sport payments for Term 1 paid sports.
- Lexile Reading $6.00 – Due now.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 3
Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Years 3 to 6 on another fantastic swimming carnival yesterday. I was very impressed with the level of enthusiasm and support of the day. Thank you to Mrs Erich for all her hard work and organisation in ensuring the smooth running of the day and thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and help out or just support the students.

Meet the Teacher and Information Night

As I mentioned in last week’s Brief, we are holding a Meet the Teacher BBQ and Information Night for parents and carers on Monday 18th February. Times for the classes will be staggered across the night to enable parents with children in different stages to attend the various sessions on the one night. An information sheet is coming home with today’s Brief. I look forward to seeing many of you on the night.

Whooping Cough
We have had a confirmed case of whooping cough at school this week. Whooping cough is an infectious disease that is caused by an infection in the throat and can be very serious for young children.

If you suspect your child may have whooping cough please keep them at home and consult your doctor. Please advise the school of your concerns and if the disease is confirmed. Students with whooping cough should be excluded from school for 21 days or until they complete 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment.

School Council and P&C
Tuesday night’s school council and P&C meetings were well attended and productive meetings. I would certainly encourage any interested parent to come along to P&C meetings. You would be very welcome.

Many items were discussed, including the design of the new playground equipment. The purchase of this equipment is a joint initiative between the school and the P&C and will mean the students will have a wonderful new set of playground equipment in the near future.

Also discussed were new space requirements for OOSH and the possibility of relocating the uniform shop / P&C room to the current OOSH building and moving the OOSH service to the current uniform shop space. A working party will examine this proposal and a decision will be made at the next P&C meeting (12th March).

Canteen
An urgent call for volunteers, especially on a Thursday, for the canteen. Helpers are required to ensure the canteen continues to operate on this day. Please see Margaret in the canteen.

Child Safety
There have been several recent reports across the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas of intruders on school grounds and two occasions of students being approached by unknown persons in vehicles. It is timely to discuss safe behaviours with our students. The message is to be alert: not alarmed. Teachers have today reviewed safe behaviours at school and parents are asked to reinforce safety messages at home. Thank you. D. Robson Principal

Thought for the Week
I am grateful for all of my problems. After each one was overcome, I became stronger and more able to meet those that were still to come. I grew in all my difficulties.
RESPONSIBILITY
This week’s virtue is RESPONSIBILITY.
Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake, you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.

Well Done Kindergarten!!
The Kindergarten children have settled in to school well. They are becoming organised and confident with their belongings and are beginning to show good getting along skills as they make many new friends. Thank you to the parents for your patience in the afternoons with our 2:30pm finish. We realise that many of you have to wait for older children to finish at 3pm but a slightly earlier finish for Kindergarten gives us a chance to get to know you better and discuss any concerns you may have regarding your children. Please remember the school rules about not running on the concrete and remind your Kindergarten children that other classes are still working at this time. Kindergarten staff are available to talk to you most afternoons except Tuesday when we have staff meetings and Mrs Barclay has bus duty every Thursday.
A big thank you also goes to the Year 6 Buddies who have been very helpful in explaining routines and rules to the newest members of the Floraville Family. It’s heartening to see groups of children all playing together and displaying caring virtues and great ‘Gabby Getting Along’ skills. The Kinder and Year 6 teachers have plans for more contact through social events throughout the year.
Jenny Barclay for the Kindergarten Team

BANKING CHAMPIONS – 4/SW, 5/6G

SPORTS NEWS
Swimming Carnival
WOW! Our participation points were the highest I have seen for any of our school carnivals! It is great to see that so many children are able to swim as it is a skill that can save your life. Congratulations to everybody who went in an event yesterday. Ribbons will be awarded to students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall of their age group’s heats at our first Primary Assembly on Friday 22nd February. The Swimming Age Champions and the winning House will also be announced at this assembly. I would also like to sincerely thank the parent helpers. Your efforts are appreciated and we would not be able to get through all of the events in one day without you. Thank you and well done Floraville!

House Captain Inductions
Congratulations to all nominees and to our newly crowned House Captains. I hope the swimming carnival was a great start to your leadership experience. Our 2013 House Captains are as follows, Cook: Dawson Spruce (Captain), Ethan Perrin (Vice Captain), Mackenzie Glover (Captain), Ella Douglas (Vice Captain). Macquarie: Jysen Bell (Captain), Isaac Stuckings (Vice Captain), Erin Taylor (Captain), Taylor Dettelbacher (Vice Captain). Phillip: James Johnson (Captain), Will Morrow (Vice Captain), Kayla Steadman (Captain), Hannah Guest (Vice Captain). Tasman: Zachary Summers (Captain), Jet Randall (Vice Captain), Sophie Tabrett (Captain), Lilli Tighe-Wall (Vice Captain).

Sporting Trials
Students are reminded to listen to our Daily Notices on Sentral, check the Sports Notice Board and listen to messages at assemblies so you don’t miss out on any sporting trials that may interest you. So far we have called for students to sign up for tennis, zone basketball, senior netball, girls’ cricket and boys’ & girls’ softball.
Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

Library News
Library Days for classes are as follows;
- Monday - 2/3J, 2H, 2C, KJ, KG & KS
- Tuesday - 1R, 1D, 1S, 1NB, KF, KB & 6P
- Thursday - 3A, 4E, 3H & 6C

All infants classes will need a library bag for borrowing on these days. Kindergarten will also start borrowing as of next week. Please keep in mind, students are welcome to borrow outside of their official library day. However, it may mean them visiting the library in their own time; before school, during second break or after school.

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Anaphylaxis arm bands are now for sale in the office for $2.00 each.

P & C
Thank you to everyone that attended these weeks’ P and C meeting. There was a very good attendance at the meeting. The meeting was updated on the designs for the new playground equipment and the type of soft fall that will be used. The school executive wants to give the children an area to see so many enthusiastic readers.

Lexile
The Lexile Reading Program is up and running again. It’s great to see so many enthusiastic readers.

Help Needed
Are you available to help shelve books in the library? Mrs Southward would love your help. Even 10-15 minutes at the end of the school day would be helpful. Bring a friend, have a chat, visitors are always welcome in the library.

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After School Art Class
Mrs Duffin is pleased to be able to once again offer Art Classes after school. Phone 49471660 or 0419471660.

Community Notices
Please see our community notice board located under the COLA for any community notices available. This location will be used to advertise local community announcements, sporting registration information and extra curricular activities relating to Floraville families.