IMPORTANT DATES

Week 5:
- 1/3 – Last day of early finish for Kindergarten.
- 1/3 – Kindergarten Connections Picnic. 5.30pm Bennett Park Valentine.

Week 6:
- 4/3 - Primary winter sport trials.
- 5/3 – Zone Netball, Soccer & League Trials.
- 6/3 – School and Captains Photo Day.
- 7/3 – Hunter Swimming Carnival.
- 7/3 – Footsteps Dance free sessions.
- 8/3 - Hunter Basketball Trials.
- 8/3 – PSSA Tennis.

Week 7:
- 12/3 – School Council, P&C.
- 14/3 – Easter Raffle Tickets distributed.
- 15/3 – Zone Cricket trials (boys).

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
- Lexile Reading $6.00 – Due now. Year 2 and new students Years 3 – 6.
- Kinder Cooking - $8.00.
- Year 6 Shirt $27.00.
- Band Fees

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 5

Dear Parents,

Student Health
Recently we have had reports of some infectious diseases present at school. There has been one confirmed case of chicken pox which both implications for children who are not immunised. We have also had several cases of impetigo (school sores) reported both from our school and also in neighbouring schools. Impetigo is a bacterial infection of the skin. The main causes are strains of staphylococcus aureus (golden staph) bacteria. The usual golden staph strains which cause impetigo are not dangerous but children with impetigo should be kept at home until the blisters have dried out. Further information on these diseases can be obtained from: [link]

School Photos
We are looking forward to our school photo day next week (Wed 6th March). Please ensure that your child is at school on time and looking their best in full school uniform. Photo envelopes were sent home last week and are due back on or before photo day. Additional envelopes and family photo envelopes are available from the office.

Student Information Forms
Recently we sent home “Student Background Information Forms.” Thank you to the many families who have already returned these forms. If you have not yet done so, please return the forms as soon as possible. These forms are very important as they not only provide up-to-date information about your children; they also contain various permissions for children to participate in many of our regular school activities. One of these is local walking excursion permission. Without this permission the children will not be able to walk to Marks Oval for sport or other local outings. This is particularly important for primary students wishing to attend winter sport tryouts on Monday 4th March. If they do not have this permission: we cannot take them to the oval and they will miss the tryouts. Please ensure you have returned the forms this week to enable your child to participate. If you require another form, they are available on the school website.

School Surveys
As part of every school’s annual self-evaluation process, surveys are often conducted to gather information about parent, student and staff perceptions and opinions. This year we will be trialling some online surveys for our students and parents which we hope will simplify the completion and collection of the data. Over the next week or two you may receive an email link to our school surveys and we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the surveys to provide us with feedback and to inform our future planning. It is important that we have up-to-date email addresses for our families and this is another reason why we ask that the student information forms (above) are returned to school soon.

Clean Up Australia Day
This Friday is Clean Up Australia Day for Schools. Our school will be participating and students will spend a few minutes with their class cleaning up a section of the school during the day on Friday. If your child is able to bring some gardening gloves, rubber gloves, or other protective gloves to school on Friday that would be beneficial. There is no need to go out and purchase any, but if there are some laying around the house it would be good to bring them in.

All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: [link]

Thank you. D. Robson Principal
Thought for the Week
You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who can do nothing for them or to them.
“Malcolm Forbes

VIRTUES EDUCATION
This week’s virtue is Patience.
Patience is quiet hope and trust that things will turn out right.
You wait without complaining. You are tolerant and accepting of difficulties and mistakes. You picture the end in the beginning and persevere to meet your goals. Patience is a commitment to the future.

BANKING CHAMPIONS – 2C
MATHLETICS CHAMPIONS – 3H
ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 2H

Sport News
Hunter Diving Trials
Yesterday three Floraville students trialled for the PSSA Hunter Diving team at Lambton Pool. Jodin, Jaith and Jysen Bell all competed in various diving events. Congratulations and we look forward to hearing about your experiences.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Today is Day 2 of the Zone Swimming Carnival. I would like to thank all of the parents for providing transport and ensuring that your child is organised on the day. Good luck to all of our swimmers!

School Teams Trials Day - Monday
Our school teams trial day will be held on Monday 4th March, weather permitting. Please ensure all primary students wear joggers and a hat to school on this day as all primary classes will rotate around various sporting activities while the trials take place. Trials will be held for: a boys rugby league team, soccer teams, junior netball teams. Other sporting teams are holding their trials at different times to avoid any clashes.

Listen to the Daily Notices to find out when these other trials are on.

Sporting Trials and Fairness
I think it timely to remind everyone that our school prides itself on offering a wide range of sporting opportunities. Our staff give up many hours before school and during break times to hold trials for our school teams. We always have a minimum of two teachers present at trials and we make decisions based on what we see at trials. Please remember that all of these sporting teams are optional and we offer them for the benefit of the students. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated staff who are willing to coach these teams and we hope you will support our staff so that the students continue to enjoy the variety of opportunities we provide. Carly Erich Sports Coordinator

Lexile
Lexile Legend
Congratulations to our first Lexile Legend of the year, Matthew Ayliffe of Year 6. It’s great to see one of our school leaders setting such a great example for the rest of our school. Keep up the reading Matthew.

Congratulations to Laura Vico who received her Blue Star Award (25 points) at last week’s assembly. Congratulations also to 3/40 and 4L who both received Class Lexile Awards.

Clean Up Australia Day 2013
This Sunday, 3rd March is national Clean Up Australia Day. To assist with creating a healthier environment and to keep Australia beautiful the students of Floraville Public School will be joining thousands of school students across Australia by participating in the School Clean Up Day on Friday 1st March 2013. Clean Up Australia Day is the nation’s largest community-based environmental event. Now in its 22nd year, the event attracts hundreds of thousands of volunteers from the community, schools and businesses to help clean up, fix up and conserve the environment. In 2012 more than 591,400 volunteers across Australia helped to celebrate 22 years of Clean Up Australia by donning gloves and filling up Clean Up Australia Day rubbish bags with an estimated 16,199 tonnes of rubbish at 7,363 registered Sites across Australia. Students are being asked to pack a pair of gloves and tongs on Friday if available to assist with the rubbish removal. If you and your family have some free time on Sunday why don’t you volunteer at a Clean Up Site? Log onto www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join/ to see the list of registered sites.

Happy cleaning, Mrs Lindsay & Mrs Cox.

P & C
Next P and C meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 12 March from 7pm. A nomination form was in last week’s newsletter. Floraville P and C are holding the subsidiary raffle at the 16 footers on Thursday and Friday night.
To the people who have returned an intention to help with fundraising, thank you. Any other assistance would be greatly appreciated.
If anybody is able to assist with setting up a MYOB system for the uniform shop, please let the ladies know in the uniform shop if you are able to assist.
The school is now involved with Athlete’s Foot at Charlestown Square, if you buy a pair of shoes from the store let them know that you are from Floraville School and we will receive a commission.

Canteen Roster
Thursday 28/2 – Belinda Richardson, Jodi Peachman, Renaye Dobb, Michelle Wood
Friday 1/3 – Kelly Woodger, Sonya Condon, Angela Buddingh
Monday 4/3 – Sharon Robertson, Michelle Waters, Jodie Jones, Kathy Brennan
Tuesday 5/3 – Debbie Shaw, Kate Coveny, Kristy Smith, Kaitlin Smith
Wednesday 6/3 – Andrew Sweet, Vikki Shoesmith, Erica Pedonese

After School Art Class
There will be no art class on 5th and 6th of March. Classes as normal the following week. Mrs Duffin. Phone 49471660 or 0419471660.

Nit Stuff
Order Forms for Nit Stuff are available at the uniform shop. Collect your order form from the uniform shop, complete it and place the correct money in an envelope then place it in the Nit Stuff order box. Orders will be collected each Monday and Wednesday. Delivery will be made to your child’s classroom within 2 days of receipt of payment. The order forms that went out last week had incorrect pricing on them. So please see below for the correct prices:

- 150ml $12.95
- 250ml $16.95
- 500ml refill $26.00

There are also a number of packs available offering discounts on the products. Call Mel 0466-090072 or Nat 0412225958 if you have any questions.

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.