**IMPORTANT DATES**

**This Week :**
- 2/5 – Starstruck Dance Rehearsal all day
- 2/5 – Zone Cross Country all day
- 3/5 – ANZAC school service 10.30am
- 3/5 – Macquarie Cup Netball 11.50am
- 3/5 – Primary sport begins 1.40pm
- 5/5 – Aerobics Teams at Preliminaries

**Week 2 :**
- 6/5 – Choralfest
- 6/5 – Hunter Golf trials
- 6/5 – Zone Cross Country backup date
- 8/5 – Choralfest
- 8/5 – Mothers’ Day Stall
- 9/5 – Kindergarten Mothers’ Day activities
- 9/5 – PSSA Netball at Redhead 11am
- 9/5 – K-2 assembly 2.15pm
- 10/5 – Hunter Cross Country
- 10/5 – Primary assembly 10.15am
- 10/5 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.45am
- 10/5 – Macquarie Cup Netball 11.50am
- 10/5 – Windale Cup League 1pm

**Week 3 :**
- 13/5 to 22/5 – Hunter Life Education Van visits all classes
- 14/5 to 16/5 – NAPLAN Yrs 3&5
- 14/5 – Athletics Field event trials
- 14/5 – School Council and P&C
- 16/5 – Athletics Field event trials backup
- 17/5 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.45am
- 17/5 – Macquarie Cup Netball 11.50am
- 17/5 – Windale Cup League 1pm

**Week 4 :**
- 20/5 – Zone Touch Football trials
- 21/5 – Zone Softball trials (girls & boys)
- 21/5 – Band Disco K-2 (5.30 – 6.45pm), 3-6 (7 – 8.30pm)
- 22/5 – School Leaders Conference (SRC)

**REMINDER OF MONEY DUE**
- Canberra Excursion $70.00 – due 10/05
- Choralfest $7.50
- Lexile Reading $6.00 – due now. Year 2 and new students Years 3-6
- Kinder Cooking - $8.00
- Band Fees
- Aerobics Training - $20.00
- Term 2 Netball - $49.00
- ICAS Exams

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 1**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. It is fantastic to see all our students back and ready for another busy term of learning at Floraville.

This week began for staff with two School Development Days on Monday and Tuesday. The first of these days was devoted to the new NSW English K-10 Syllabus. The new Australian Curriculum has led to the introduction of new syllabus documents in all Key Learning Areas which will be implemented over the next few years. The process begins in 2014 when NSW schools will be implementing the NSW English K-10 Syllabus.

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K-6, where essential foundations skills are developed.

The syllabuses identify essential knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

**ANZAC Day**

Thank you to all the students who represented our school at the local ANZAC Day service and march in Belmont during the holidays. It was wonderful to see such a great turn out from Floraville. As usual the behaviour of our students was impeccable. I was very proud to be associated with our fantastic students. Thank you also to our captains and prefects: Connor, Giorgia, Gemma and Mia who attended and did a great job as student leaders.

Our school ANZAC Service will be held this Friday, commencing at 10.30am.
Staff News
I would like to welcome Mrs Roberts back to school who has returned to us from maternity leave for 1 day per week (Wed) this term. Mrs Roberts takes over part of the RFF program that Mr Barnett was undertaking in term 1.

Mrs Naszka-Ballardie will be commencing her maternity leave from Monday 20th May, and Mr Barnett will be taking over 1NB from then. Mrs Naszka-Ballardie and Mr Barnett have been working closely on the transition and I am sure student and parents will find it very smooth. For parents of 1NB, Mr Barnett will be holding a “Meet the Teacher” session on Monday 20th May straight after school.

Congratulations to Mr O’Shanessy who has been successful at merit selection and has been appointed as Assistant Principal at Floraville PS. Well done Mr O!

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN from Tuesday 14th –Thursday 16th May unless withdrawn or exempted for special circumstances. The assessment data will inform the school and parent/carers of students’ skill and areas for improvement.

Choralfest
Good luck to our 60 performers who are representing us at Choralfest next week. We can look forward to additional information about their performances in next week’s brief.

OC Class Placement
Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement at another school in 2014 on behalf of their children will be able to access the online application site from Monday 29 April 2013, a week before paper applications are scheduled for distribution. This is a deliberate strategy form DEC to encourage more parents to apply online.

Thank you.
David Robson
Principal

Thought for the Week
Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.
~Les Brown

VIRTUES EDUCATION
This week’s virtue is CONSIDERATION.

Consideration is being thoughtful of other people and their feelings. You consider how your actions affect them. You pay careful attention to what others like and don’t like, and do things that give them happiness.

BANKING CHAMPIONS – KG

A REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Daily school attendance is compulsory.

Should your child arrive late or leave early please ensure you accompany them to the school office so that partial attendance procedures are recorded accurately.

Any absences from school must be informed in writing. If for some reason you child is absent for a period of 2 days or more please notify the school office by phone.

PARKING and PEDESTRIANS
Staff, as well as many parents, continue to be alarmed by the way some of our community members misuse the limited parking areas in and around the school.

The No Parking designated “Kiss and Ride” zone or the 5 minute only zone are not areas where cars can remain parked or unattended, especially in some instances for more than 20 or 30 minutes.

Rules are in place for the safety of everyone. This term Parking Officers will be patrolling our school on a regular basis. Please ensure that you abide by parking signs.

Similarly, those who choose to cross busy Floraville Road without using the controlled crossing are placing children at significant risk of harm. The best option is always the safest option!

AEROBICS TEAMS BEGIN THEIR CAMPAIGN
We wish our aerobics teams, the Rocking Gems, Super Stars, Rock Stars and Triple Trouble good luck as they perform at the preliminaries in Sydney on the weekend. This year we also have Mackenzie Glover and Lily McCudden who are performing in individual categories. Go Floraville!

CAPTAIN SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains photographs will be on display in our office foyer. If you would like to order, please collect a Re-Order envelope from the office and place correct money in the envelope before 3rd June 2013.

SPORT NEWS
Seeking Sponsorship for Sports Uniforms
We are still seeking sponsorship for our sports uniforms. Please see the pink note that went home last term which is also on the school website.

Athletics Field Event Trials Day 14-5-13
In Week 3, Tuesday 14th May, all of Years 3-6 and any interested Year 2 students will walk to Marks Oval to participate in shot put and discus trials. Remember to wear your sports uniform on this day. Holding these heats prior to the Athletics Carnival will help to relieve the very tight time frame we have to get through so many events. The finals will be held at the carnival on Monday of Week 5.

gCarly Erich
Sports Co-ordinator

P&C NEWS
A reminder that our P&C Mother’s Day Stall is next Wed 8th May. Students will be able to purchase a special gift for mum, grandma or another special lady in their lives from a range of items priced from $4-$10.

Unfortunately, there will be no opportunity for “lay-bys” this year, so if children do not have the money with them on the day they will not be able to purchase from the stall.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 7pm. Meetings are held in the School Library and everyone is welcome to attend.

Peter Guest
P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen helpers are always valued please consider adding your name to the roster.