IMPORTANT DATES

This Week:
- 31/5 – PSSA Netball – 9.30am
- 31/5 – Star Struck Dance Rehearsal
- 31/5 – Macquarie Cup Soccer – 11.45am
- 31/5 – Macquarie Cup Netball – 11.50am
- 31/5 – Windale Cup League – 1.00pm
- 31/5 – PSSA League Knockout – 10.00am

Week 6:
- 3/6 – School photos (for special groups) please remember to bring you gear on the day
- 4/6 – PSSA Soccer Knockout
- 5/6 – PSSA Touch
- 6/6 – Infants Assembly -2.15pm
- 7/6 – Change of date: Crazy Hair Day to support Cystic Fibrosis (Gold coin donation)
- 7/6 – Hunter Touch Trials (Girls & Boys)
- 7/6 – Star Struck Choir Rehearsal
- 7/6 – Primary Assembly – 10.20am
- 7/6 – Macquarie Cup Soccer and Netball
- 7/6 – Windale Cup League

Week 7:
- 10/6 – Queens Birthday Holiday
- 11/6 – School Council and P&C Meeting
- 12/6, 13/6 – Star Struck Rehearsal
- 14/6, 15/6 – Star Struck Show
- 15/6 – Aerobics State Champions
- 14/6 – Soccer, Netball and League

Week 8:
- 18/6 – Bandlink
- 19/6 – Bandlink
- 20/6 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 21/6 – Primary Assembly 10.20am
- 21/6 – Hunter Softball Trials (Girls)
- 21/6 – Soccer, Netball and League

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
- Canberra Excursion 2nd payment $75.00-overdue
- Canberra Excursion 3rd payment $75.00-due 3/6
- Bandlink - $55.00
- Star Struck Dance Costume
- Band Fees
- Aerobics Training - $20.00
- ICAS Exams

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 5

Dear Parents,

Athletic Carnival
Despite the less than perfect weather conditions on Monday, the primary athletics carnival went ahead at the Glendale sporting complex. It was a great day and we managed to get through the program. There were some great performances by many of the students and everyone competed with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Erich for her wonderful organisation of the day and the help of the staff and many parent volunteers who helped the day run smoothly.

Unfortunately our buses booked to return us to school were late arriving which meant the students were late arriving back for pick up and for afternoon buses. This combined with the burst water main on the footpath outside the front school made for quite a chaotic afternoon. I would like to thank the office staff for their splendid efforts in contacting parents of the bus children and ensuring that pick up arrangements were made so that all our students made it home safely. Thank you also to the many parents who had to wait to collect children and whose patience around the traffic chaos meant the afternoon pickup was as smooth as possible.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference
Last Wednesday, five of our student leaders attended the GRIP Student Leadership conference. The whole day program focussed on developing leadership capacity in practical, fun and engaging ways. The feedback about the program was extremely positive and our staff are now looking to implement the activities and strategies from the day as part of our leadership building program for our Year 5 students.

Special Photo Day (3rd June)
A pink note has been sent home with students and added to our website regarding our ‘Special Photo Day’. On this day, the school photographer returns to our school to take professional group photos. The following groups are involved:

- Year 6 group photo
- school band
- senior choir
- junior choir
- boys’ vocal group
- Start Struck dance group (if the costumes have been paid for in time), our four aerobics teams, Landcare group, House Captains and all school sporting teams.

The note will explain the uniform requirements for this day, the optional costs and the ordering process. It is very important that families take note of all the different group photos that your child is in on this day and pack a bag with all of the uniform requirements that are mentioned on this note.

Cancer Council Fruit and Vegetable Sense
Due to a very limited response the Fruit and Vegetable Sense sessions planned for this week have had to be cancelled. The Cancer Council will look at rescheduling these sessions at another time later in the year.
Cyberbullying – What the Experts Say
While research into cyberbullying is still in its infancy, the one thing we do know is the online environment is really just a new setting for age-old issues. Cyberbullying is an extension of face-to-face bullying. It’s all about relationships.

Find out more:

Making Music Together
Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children’s abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise.

Find out more: http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy-41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook

VIRTUES EDUCATION
This week’s virtue is TRUST
Trust is having faith in someone or something. It is a positive attitude about life. You are confident that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Even when difficult things happen, trust helps us to find the gift or lesson in it.

BANKING CHAMPIONS – 4L
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Earn and Learn program is well underway. Thank you to the students who have already started to return completed sticker forms. Should you require extra forms, they are available at the office counter. Our goal this year is to reach 160,000!

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following students who have all completed the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
Kelly Brown – Kindergarten
Gabby Brown, Maddison Jennings and Elleni Pedone – Year 1
This brings the total number of Floraville Public School students who have completed this year’s challenge to 28, with over 3 months remaining before all entries need to be complete.

Lexile Legend
Congratulations to this week’s Lexile Legend, Grace Kim – 2H. Keep up the great work.

Lexile
Congratulations to 3/4O, 4E and 4L who all received Lexile Class Awards at last week’s Primary Assembly. Congratulations also to Jaiith Bell, Carlie Perrin, Hayley Woodger and Zac Pritchard who all received a Blue Star Award (25 Lexile points).

SPORT NEWS
Seeking Sponsorship for Basketball Uniforms & Sports Singlets
We are still seeking sponsorship for the following two sports uniforms:

• our two school basketball uniforms for a total of $1345
• a set of Floraville sports singlets that can be worn to Zone Cross Country & Zone Athletics for $1425

Please see the pink note that went home last term which is also on the school website.

Athletics Carnival Results & Zone Athletics
Not even wet weather can stop Floraville! Each school is only able to book one day at Hunter Sports Centre so our carnival had to go ahead in wet weather yesterday. We are very fortunate that Glendale is an ‘all-weather’ track!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the carnival at Glendale yesterday. I would also like to sincerely thank the parent helpers who gave up their time and their body heat to ensure that all events ran smoothly. We really are lucky to have such supportive parents!

The results from the carnival are on display on our Sports Notice Board (top 4 in each event). The following places are selected to go to the Zone Athletics Carnival in August:

Track events (100m, 200m, 800m): 1st and 2nd place overall Field events (Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump): 1st place overall only (as long as you reach the qualifying distance/height).

Ribbons will be presented to students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in each event at our next Primary Assembly on Friday 7th June. Year 2 students who attended the carnival will join us for this assembly. Notes regarding Zone Athletics will be sent home later this term or early next term, depending on when we receive the information from the organisers.

Zone softball Team Selections
Congratulations to Ky Willoitt, Jysen Bell, Jessica Corrigan and Kayla Steadman, who were selected to be in the PSSA Zone Boys/Girls Softball teams. What a great result for Floraville and a credit to you commitment to the training sessions with Mrs Gibson, Mrs McDonald and Miss O’Friel!!

Zone Touch Team Selections
Congratulations to James Johnson who was selected to be in the PSSA Zone Boys Touch team. With very little time to recover from an injury, James attended trials and delivered an outstanding performance! Well done!

Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

P&C NEWS
Next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 11th June from 7pm.

CANCEEN NEWS
The canteen is in desperate need of volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays. If we do not have more volunteers come forward, the canteen may unfortunately close a few days a week.

Roster:
Thursday 30/5 – Michelle Keen, Emma Hibberd, Brooke Burn, Nola Glover, Julie Redding.
Friday 31/5 – Danyle Glover, Sarah Osmotherly.
Monday 3/6 – Elise Hughes, Rachel Searle, Tammy Price-Doyle, Megan Jennings.
Tuesday 4/6 – Cassandra Jensen, Vicki Corrigan, Charlene Thompson, Kristie Davies.
Wednesday 5/6 – Rachel New, Pam Finn, Kay Gibson, Megan Nicholson.