IMPORTANT DATES

This Week:
- 12/6, 13/6 – Star Struck Rehearsal
- 14/6, 15/6 – Star Struck Show
- 14/6 – Macquarie Cup Soccer – 11.45am
- 14/6 – Windale Cup League – 1.00pm
- 15/6 – Aerobics State Champions

Week 8:
- 17/6 – Primary Sport sign up Term 3
- 18/6 – PSSA Soccer Knockout
- 18/6 – Bandlink
- 19/6 – Bandlink
- 19/6 – Netball Gala Day
- 20/6 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 21/6 – Primary Assembly 10.20am
- 21/6 – Hunter Softball Trials (Girls)
- 21/6 – Macquarie Cup Soccer – 11.45am
- 21/6 – Macquarie Cup Netball – 11.50am
- 21/6 – Windale Cup League – 1.00pm

Week 9:
- 24/6, 25/6, 26/6 – Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- 27/6 – Gold Day & Canteen Red Day
- 28/6 – Hunter Softball Trials (Boys)
- 28/6 – Macquarie Cup Soccer
- 28/6 – Windale League Cup

REMEMBER OF MONEY DUE

- Canberra Excursion - Final payment due 14/6
- Netball Gala Day - $7.00
- Aerobics Term 2 Training - $35.00
- Bandlink - $55.00
- Star Struck payments
- Band Fees
- Aerobics Training Term 2 - $35.00
- ICAS Exams

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 7

Dear Parents,

New Playground

Our new playground equipment has been completed and handed over to the school. Everyone is very excited to test it out and I am sure it will get a great deal of use. This week classes will have a supervised visit to the equipment with their class teacher during class time. From next week the equipment will be available for use during break times and students will be rostered on in year groups so we can ensure everyone gets a fair go and to minimise overcrowding. Please note that for safety reasons the equipment can only be used under direct teacher supervision and is not available for use before or after school.

As I mentioned in last week’s Brief the equipment has been jointly funded by the school and P&C. We are very grateful to the P&C for their generous contribution of over $21,000 towards the project. This has enabled us to purchase a high quality and appealing addition to our playground that will provide many years of benefit to our students.

As you can see from the photo, some of the school and P&C executive had a small test run on Monday morning to celebrate the completion of the project.

Star Struck and More

This week our Star Struck dancers and singers are very busy with rehearsals and performances. It is a very busy week for all involved: students, parents and teachers alike. Thank you to everyone who is supporting our performers this week. It should be a great show and I am certainly looking forward to attending on Friday night.

Good luck also this week to our school aerobic teams who are competing in State Finals in Sydney on Saturday. All our teams have made it through and we are very proud of their efforts so far. Good luck on Saturday!

School Photographer

At last night’s P&C meeting we completed our review of school photography by meeting with representative of our three shortlisted companies and discussing services, options and packages. Following this we decided on a new photographer for 2014. Consequently, next year we will be using Newcastle School Portraits for our photography. NSP is a local company offering a great range of high quality products and a high standard of customer service.

University Students

This week we welcome eight students from Newcastle University who are undertaking their 2nd year practicum at Floraville PS. They will be with us for four weeks across many of our classes. What a great school to have your first teaching experience! I know the Floraville family will provide a warm welcome for these new teachers.

Figures of Speech

How do you explain the difference between metaphors, similes and other literary devices? Is “pigs might fly” an example of an oxymoron, sarcasm, hyperbole....or something else? Here’s a cheat sheet for when your children need help with English homework, and is interesting for mums and dads as well.


Thank you.
D. Robson
Principal
**VIRTUES EDUCATION**

This week’s virtue is INTEGRITY

Integrity is living by your highest values. It is being honest and sincere. Integrity helps you to listen to your conscience, to do the right thing, and to tell the truth. You act with integrity when your words and actions match. Integrity gives you self-respect and a peaceful heart.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Premier’s Reading Challenge

If you haven’t started the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge, it’s not too late, you still have 2 1/2 months to finish. Congratulations to the following people who have now completed the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Daniel Cross, Mahney Jenkins and Caitlin Woodyatt of Kindergarten; Brayden Woodyatt of Year 2; Keeley Halls of Year 3; and Harrison Chung and Leah Wood of Year 5. This brings the total number of students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge individually to 48.

**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 $1,345
- a set of Floraville sports singlets that can be worn to Zone Cross Country & Zone Athletics for $1,425

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

**PSSA Soccer Knock Out Game**

The PSSA Soccer game has been rescheduled after two postponements due to wet grounds. The team will now play at Speers Point Soccer Complex this Tuesday 18th June and a new note will be sent home today. Good luck!

**PSSA Touch Footy Knockout**

Our boys’ and girls’ touch footy teams played the first round of the PSSA Knockout competition last week against Valentine. The boys played a very accomplished team who are expected to go through the rounds, but they never gave up! The boys’ determination was a credit to them. The girls played exceptionally as a team and ended up defeating Valentine convincingly. Great sportsmanship was shown by all. Well done to the teams and to Miss O’Friel and Mrs Lindsay for their dedication to training.

**Netball Gala Day**

The Netball Gala Day will be held on Wednesday 19th June. The gala day is aimed at giving students who do not play netball, or students who did not make the school netball teams, the opportunity to play netball and develop their skills. Mrs Watson had a great amount of interest from boys and girls and we have been able to enter four teams. I hope it’s an enjoyable experience for all students who are participating!

**Aerobics State Championships**

Good luck to our talented aerobics students who are attending State Championships this weekend. We have been fortunate to see most of you perform at recent school assemblies and we know you will do yourselves proud!

**Kayla adds another feather to her cap!**

Kayla Steadman has been selected in the Hunter Girls’ Soccer team and the NSW PSSA Soccer squad! This is another great achievement for Kayla who has also made it into the Zone PSSA Softball team this year. Her determination is certainly paying off. Well done, Kayla!

**Primary Sport Sign-Up Day for Term 3**

Students who participate in sports that are based at school and Marks Oval in Terms 2 and 3 will have their sports sign-up day on Monday 17th June. Unfortunately, if your child is absent from school on this day they may only be offered a very limited choice in sports as their preferred choices may have been filled on the sign-up day.

**Athletics Presentation Friday 21st June**

A reminder that the Age Champion medals and ribbons will be presented to students at our next Primary Assembly on Friday 21st June from 10:15am. Students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in each event will receive a ribbon and these results are on display on the Sports Notice Board. Year 2 students who attended the carnival will join us for this assembly.

Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

**P&C NEWS**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Important update on long sleeve school polo’s – The supplier has advised us unfortunately we won’t receive them till first week of Term 3. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen will be having a RED (lolly) DAY on Thursday 27/6 (Second Break Only) Please note a change of date

**What is a Red Day?**

RED foods can include:

- All types of confectionary (including cough lollies, carob lollies, yoghurt lollies etc)
- All types of deep fried foods e.g. hot chips, spring rolls, doughnuts, cream filled buns, cakes, croissants, sweet pastries, muffins, slices, Ice creams, crumbed and coated foods, snack foods bars, sweet biscuits, sugar sweetened drinks and ices.

If your child has an allergy and you would like them to be able to purchase something from the canteen on RED day, please come and see Margaret our Canteen Supervisor and she will be able to help with a selection of lollies available to your specific needs.

Volunteers are still needed on Wednesdays and Fridays. If we do not have more volunteers come forward, the canteen may unfortunately close.

**Roster:**

**Thursday 13/6** – Samantha Rickards, Amanda Steadman, Kylie Hanson, Amy Bates, Kim Brewster

**Friday 14/6** – Julie Bourke(AM), Kristina Love, Sandra Hutton(AM), Sally Brown(PM)

**Monday 17/6** – Kylie Bailey, Lisa Kerr, Lane Smith

**Tuesday 18/6** – Pam Taylor, Susan Guest, Christine Mitford

**Wednesday 19/6** – Pat Whyte, Lisa Booth, Maree McCulloch, Alison Johnson