**IMPORTANT DATES**

**This Week:**
- 19/07 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 19/07 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 19/07 – Windale Cup League 1pm

**Week 2:**
- 23/07 – Naidoc Day Science Show
- 24/07 – Naidoc Day Activities
- 25/07 – Binless Day
- 26/07 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 26/07 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 26/07 – Windale Cup League 1pm

**Week 3:**
- 30/07 – In-School Public Speaking Finals
- 30/07 – Education Week Celebrations
- 31/07 – PSSA Basketball
- 31/07 – A matter of seconds Kinder, Year 3 & 6
- 31/07 – BHS – Music festival
- 02/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 02/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 02/08 – Windale Cup League 1pm

**Week 4:**
- 05/08 – Zone Public Speaking Finals Stage 3
- 06/08 – Zone Public Speaking Finals Stage 2
- 07/08 – Gavin Morris Visit Year 6
- 08/08 – Zone Athletics Carnival
- 08/08 – Zone Public Speaking Finals Stage ES1
- 09/08 – Zone Public Speaking Finals Stage 1
- 09/08 – Soccer, Netball and League

**Week 5:**
- 13/08 – P&C Meeting 7pm
- 16/08 – Soccer, Netball and League

**REMINDER OF MONEY DUE**
- Naidoc Day Science Show $10 or $25 (for 3 or more families)
- Netball Term 3 $63.00
- Aerobics Term 2 Training - $35.00 – overdue
- School Spectacular Accomm - $50.00 deposit

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 1**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new term at FPS! Hopefully the holidays have left everyone well-rested and ready for the busy and productive 10 weeks ahead. Staff returned on Monday for the School Development Day that included a focus on the National English Curriculum. Teachers will continue planning this year in preparation for the full implementation of this syllabus in 2014.

Our term calendar is filling up quickly and will be sent home soon, but some activities coming up in the near future include next week’s NAIDOC week celebrations, K-6 Science show and a “Binless” day on Thursday. Also, Education Week which is a celebration of Public Education and will be recognised in Week 3. Further information about these events is coming home today with this newsletter.

**BounceBack**

We have been notified that the SMS bounce back system that we use at FPS to inform you of cancellations and changes will cease to operate on the 23rd July. While this will cause some small disruption to our normal practices, the school was already in the process of looking at a replacement system, which will most likely be a smartphone application providing much more information and functionality. We are currently reviewing 3 different apps and will provide more information soon.

**Welcome**

A special welcome this week goes to three visiting university interns who have joined us for the term. They are completing their final teaching placement here with us before graduating as fully qualified teachers and joining the profession. Miss Paterson will work with 4L, Miss Montgomery – 4E and Miss Bell – KF. I am sure they will find their time with us enjoyable and professionally rewarding.

**Education Week**

In 2013 we celebrate Education Week in week 3 of this term. On Tuesday 30th July we will be combining our Public Speaking competition finals with an open classroom session and a sausage sizzle. To assist with your planning, a brief outline of the day is as follows:

- 9.15am - Infants : Public Speaking finals
- 10.30am – Infants : open classrooms
- 11.00am – Sausage Sizzle lunch
- 11.45am – Primary : open classrooms
- 12.15pm – Primary : Public Speaking finals

More detailed information regarding the day will be provided early next week.

Thank you.
D. Robson
Principal
Thought for the Week
It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.
~Ann Landers

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 – 4L
BINLESS DAY
On Thursday 25th July Floraville Public School will be participating in a ‘Binless Day’.
We are asking students to come to school with no or low waste lunches to dramatically reduce the amount of waste generated within the school grounds on the day. The bins will be removed from the playground and students whose lunches do have packaging will be asked to take it home with them.
The goal is to encourage the whole school community to think about where all of the packaging on food and other products we consume everyday ends up. Rubbish that doesn’t make it into a bin can get swept into our stormwater drains and carried out to sea, where it can cause a lot of problems for our sea life. During the morning session the senior Landcare students will also be coming around to each classroom to inspect lunchboxes. The class who has the least amount of packaging will receive a reward. Please do your bit for the environment and support this campaign. Thank you in advance, the Landcare Team.

ENRICHMENT CLASS PROGRAM 2014 – BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL
All interested parents are encouraged to attend our information evening for parents tonight at 5.00pm at Belmont High School’s Hall.

PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING
A new committee is being formed between teachers and parents to discuss performing arts activities and ideas at Floraville School. There will be a meeting for parents who have children in the band, choir, boys vocal group or those simply interested in coming along next Monday 22nd March at 4pm in the library. Hope to see you there.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.
If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms sent home with your child. You will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as possible. The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.
The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.
We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Week and Grandparents Day celebrations coming soon, keep Thursday 22nd August free! There will be more information soon.

SPORT NEWS
Congratulations Josh & Ky!
Joshua Redding and Ky Willott competed as a part of the Hunter PSSA Hockey team at NSW State Hockey titles throughout the last week of Term 2. The weather made the conditions tough and we came up against some highly skilled teams. We are thrilled to announce that Hunter are STATE CHAMPIONS FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING! Back-to-back State Champs for Hunter is very exciting and the boys should feel very proud to be a part of such an achievement. Ky was also in the team last year so we congratulate you on this wonderful achievement!

Hunter Softball
On the last day of Term 2, Jysen Bell attended Hunter PSSA Softball trials. He gave it his all and his determination is a credit to him. Unfortunately he wasn’t selected in the Hunter team.

Netball NSW Cup
Our two senior netball teams are competing in the Netball NSW Cup today. We hope it’s an enjoyable experience for you all. We would like to thank Katelyn Stansfield (an ex-Floraville student) and Roxy Davis from Belmont High for being our team umpires.

Primary Sport starts this week
Macquarie Cup Netball, Soccer and Windale Cup Rugby League all spring back into action this Friday, along with the free sports. So please come prepared. Bring on Term 3 Sport!
Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

P&C NEWS
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th August at 7pm in the library.

UNIFORM SHOP
Orders for long sleeve school polo’s are still available to pick up from the office. Please place the correct money in a labelled envelope at time of collection.
The Uniform Shop is looking for volunteers to help in the shop Monday 8.30 – 9.15 am or Wednesday 2.30 – 3.15 pm. So if you can spare 45 mins once or twice a term we’d love to join our team. Please contact Sue King 0405 718 628

CANTEEN NEWS
Volunteers are urgently needed for Wednesday 24th July, Monday 12th August and Fridays. If we do not have more volunteers come forward, the canteen may unfortunately close on these days.

Roster:
Thursday 18/07 – Belinda Richardson, Jodi Peachman, Renaye Dobb, Michelle Wood
Friday 19/07 – Kelly Woodger, Sonya Condon, Angela Buddingh
Monday 22/07 – Sharon Robertson, Michelle Waters, Michelle Rachubinski, Kathy Brennan
Tuesday 23/07 – Debbie Shaw, Kate Coveny, Kristy Smith
Wednesday 24/07 – Andrew Sweet, Vikki Shoesmith, HELP NEEDED

COMMUNITY NOTICE
Belmont High 1983 – 30 years reunion. Lambton Park Hotel 12 October 2013 contact: Jon 0411 095 375 for details.