PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 2

Dear Parents,

NAIDOC Day
Today’s NAIDOC celebrations are shaping up to be very special. NAIDOC Day recognises and celebrates Aboriginal and Islander cultures and is a very important part of building understanding, tolerance and respect within our society. As we go to print we are half way through the day’s activities, which commenced this morning with an assembly and smoking ceremony. Part of the assembly featured a video from the Disney Channel about a young Aboriginal person, Jasmine. Jasmine attends Hunter School of Performing Arts and was chosen to be one of four young Australians to tell their stories for the “I Am...” series on Disney Channel. Jasmine attended our assembly, and following the video spoke to the students as well as teaching a few dance moves to some of our students. Here is the link to Jasmine’s video. It is well worth a look:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UPJDEj_YjY&feature=youtu.be

The remainder of the day has been about experiencing and learning about various aspects of Aboriginal culture including art, dance, music, lifestyle and food (yum!)

During the day our Landcare team also coordinated some native shrub planting to help minimise erosion and dust on the side of the flat.

I would like to thank Mrs Hadden and her Aboriginal Education team for organising the day, and particularly thank our generous volunteers who gave up their day to share aspects of their culture to our school.

Science Show
Yesterday’s science show was a very successful event as well and went off with a “bang” (literally). It was very entertaining. The students were engrossed in the show and got to experience and learn about some fascinating science facts.

This morning we received an email from the Jollybops Science team expressing their appreciation for how wonderful our students were in their enthusiasm, cooperation and behaviour during the shows. Well done Floraville!

Education Week
On Tuesday 30th July we will be combining our Public Speaking competition finals with an open classroom session and a sausage sizzle. Look out for the separate flyer that will be sent home with the schedule for the day.

Thank you.
D. Robson
Principal
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following people who have completed the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge: Andrea Battye, Abbey Hutton, Lara Kennedy, Matthew Kerr, Ryan Kinkade and Henry Watts from Kindergarten, Hannah Kerr from Year 2, Jake Robertson from Year 3, Emily Magri of Year 4, Mikaela Jensen and Tilleah Kerr of Year 5. This brings the total number of students from Floraville who have completed the challenge to 59. Note: All reading records need to be entered by the end of August.

Lexile Legend

Congratulations to this week’s Lexile Legend, Madelyn Anderson of 3/4O.

**BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS COMING SOON**

If you’d like to start planning, our Book Week celebrations will be held on Thursday 22nd August with our special guests being Grandparents. This year’s theme is ‘Read Across the Universe’ if this inspires you for costume ideas. More details to come closer to the date.

**SPORT NEWS**

Congratulations Hockey

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Netball NSW Cup

Our two senior netball teams participated in the Netball NSW Cup last week. They had a fun day and met April Letton from the Swifts. We would like to thank Katelyn Stanfield and Roxy Davis from Belmont High for being our team umpires. We would also like to thank the parents for transporting and supporting our teams! Some photos from the day will appear in the Week 4 Bulletin.

NSW PSSA Boys Hockey Knockout

In addition to the hockey news in the brief last week, further congratulations must go to Ky Willott. He was selected for a second year in a row to be a part of the NSW PSSA Boys Hockey Team. They will strive towards competing at the School Sport Australia 12 Years Hockey Championships, to be held in the ACT from 18-23 August. Best of luck Ky!

Well done also to our school’s NSW PSSA Boys’ Hockey Knockout team.

Last Thursday, they played three rounds against other school teams from the Hunter region. We are pleased to announce that the boys won all three games and are now through to round 5 (the final round of the Hunter draw), to be played in a few weeks time. Whilst it certainly helps having representative players on our team and having the expertise of Coach Mr David Willott, the boys displayed great team work and represented our school well on the day. Congratulations boys and best of luck for your next game!

Carly Erich
Sports Co-ordinator

**P& C NEWS**

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

Please support the school and use the traffic lights to cross Floraville Road. The staff car park is not a thoroughfare.

Book Club orders have gone home and are due back on Thursday 20th August.

If you can spare 45 mins once or twice a term we'd love you to join our team. Please contact Sue King 0405 718 628

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

If you are able to help on Tuesday 30th July with the Sausage Sizzle, could you please see Margaret in the Canteen.

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 25/07** – Michelle Keen, Emma Hibberd, Brooke Burn, Nola Glover, Julie Redding
- **Friday 26/07** – Danyell Glover, Sarah Osmotherly, Amanda McNamara, Carol Traynor, Jade Clark
- **Monday 29/07** – Elise Hughes, Rachel Searle, Tammy Price-Doyle, Megan Jennings
- **Tuesday 30/07** – Cassandra Jensen, Vicki Corrigan, Charlene Thompson, Kristie Davies
- **Wednesday 31/07** – Rachel New, Pam Finn, Kay Gibson, Megan Nicholson

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