IMPORTANT DATES

This Week:

- 01/08 – ICAS English
- 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 – Zone Athletics Carnival
- 07/08 – Gavin Morris Visit Year 6
- 08/08 – Zone Athletics Carnival
- 08/08 – Zone Public Speaking Finals Stage ES1
- 08/08 – Jarrod Mullen Rugby League Cup
- 09/08 – Zone Public Speaking Finals Stage 1
- 09/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 09/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 09/08 – Windale Cup League 1pm

Week 5:

- 13/08 – Kinder Orientation Night 7pm
- 13/08 – P&C Meeting 7pm
- 16/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 16/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 16/08 - Windale Cup League 1pm

Week 6:

- 22/08 – Book Week Parade/Grandparent Day
  Canteen Morning Tea
- 23/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 23/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 23/08 – Windale Cup Netball 1pm

Week 7:

- 27/08 - Spelling Bee Finals Stage 2 and Stage 3
- 28/08 – Father’s Day Stall
- 28/08 – Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp-Year 5&6
- 28/08 - Year 5 Buddy Training at 11.30am
- 29/08 – K-2 Athletics Carnival
- 30/08 – Soccer, Netball & League

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 3

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents and friends who were able to join us yesterday for our Education Week open day and our public speaking competition finals. It was wonderful to see so many people here. We certainly hope you enjoyed visiting the classrooms, listening to our excellent public speakers and sampling the canteen’s gourmet sausage sandwiches. Thank you to everyone for your help in ensuring that yesterday was so successful and a special thank you to the canteen who managed to cook and serve so many lunches!

Congratulations to all those who participated in the public speaking finals. Please see the report on page 2 for more details.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

There have been reports of some cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in local childcare centres recently and there has been one case reported here at school this week. NSW Health advises that: “Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common viral infection which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness. Good hygiene helps prevent infection.” Furthermore: “Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school or childcare facilities until their blisters have dried.”


Work Health and Safety

As with all workplaces schools are required to maintain a safe environment for staff, students and visitors to our school. WHS guidelines require all visitors to the school to attend the office to sign in when they arrive. Sign-in books are located in the school office and in the canteen (for canteen workers only). If you come to school to volunteer we ask that you please drop in at the office and sign in. Thank you for your assistance in this important initiative.

Car Parks

Another safety issue is around our school car parks. The top car park in particular is very small, it becomes very congested and the entry has poor visibility. I would ask that parents dropping off and picking up at OOSH not use this car park, particularly during the busy morning and afternoon times. Please utilise the drop-off and pick-up points in Floraville Rd. Thank you.

D. Robson
Principal

Thought for the Week

When you forgive, you in no way change the past – but you sure do change the future.

~Bernard Meltzer
Public Speaking
The K-2 and 3-6 Public Speaking competitions were held yesterday. All staff were extremely proud of the manner in which all of our grade finalists presented their speeches to an audience of parents, grandparents and students. They spoke with confidence and clarity on a range of topics from the serious to the very entertaining.


Congratulations to the following students for winning their grade competition. Two students from each stage now move on to represent our school at the district level.
Kindergarten – Ryan Kinkade & Maddison Doyle (Runner-up)
Year One – Banjo Carbis
Year Two – Lucy Wallace
Year Three – Anna Leman
Year Four – Ashby Allen
Year Five – Emily Collins
Year Six – Mikayla Armstrong

This week’s virtue is LOYALTY
Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals, when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. With loyalty, you build relationships that last forever.

ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK 6C

KINDERGARTEN 2014 ENROLMENTS
If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please see the office for an enrolment form. The transition to school process will begin soon which will enable a smooth start to Kindergarten for you and your child. Mrs Barclay is happy to answer any questions you may have.

BINLESS DAY
A big thank you to everyone who participated in Binless Day. It was a great success and wonderful to see low waste lunchboxes. **Congratulations to 3/40 who won the lunchbox inspection!!!** They are invited to an afternoon tea and activity afternoon. Not only does packing a low waste lunchbox reduce the amount rubbish, most of the time the food packed into containers is fresh and more nutritious. We would really like to see lunchboxes packed like this everyday. Thanks for your support, The Landcare Team.

SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS & TEAM PHOTOS
All special group photos are now on display in the office foyer. If you would like to place an order, please collect an order envelope from the office and place correct money in the envelope before 20th August 2013.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Taj Waters of Kindergarten and Zali Waters of 1D who have both finished the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge bringing the total for Floraville Public School students finishing the challenge to 61.
For those who haven’t yet completed the 2013 Challenge, all entries need to be in by the end of August.

Lexile Legend
Congratulations to Jye Gibbs of 1S who is this week’s Lexile Legend.

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to Sophie Ormerod of 2C who recently received a Blue Star Lexile Award (25 points). Congratulations also to Diantae Fabar of 2C and Caitlin Barnett of 4/5W who recently received a Red Star Lexile Award. Finally, Congratulations to Madelyn Anderson of 3/40 who received a Bronze Star Lexile Award (100 points)

SPORT NEWS

Please note: We report on the results of PSSA sporting events in the newsletter. The Rugby League, Soccer and Netball team results for the Windale Cup & Macquarie Cup competitions are a weekly sport option and do not go in each newsletter.

PSSA Basketball Knock Out
Our boys’ and girls’ basketball teams will be competing against local schools in the PSSA Knock Out gala day today. We wish you all the best and hope that it’s an enjoyable day. We would also like to thank Jamie and Sharnnah Summers for helping Mrs Hadden to organise and training the team during and after school hours. We are very lucky to have such supportive parents at Floraville!

PSSA Touch Knock Out
Our girls’ touch footy team will be competing against Wallsend in Round 2 of the PSSA Knock Out this Thursday. Good luck girls!

PSSA Hockey Knock Out
Our boys’ hockey team will be competing in Round 2 of the PSSA Knock Out next week. Miss Strong will advise you of the date as soon as it is confirmed as we are waiting on two schools to play off so we can play the winner. Good luck boys and congratulations on your commitment to the training sessions. We would like to thank David Willott for coaching the boys after school hours at the hockey grounds. They are very lucky to have access to such a highly regarded coach.
**Teamwork & Commitment**
Unfortunately in recent weeks some children have not been attending our weekly netball training without a reason. In addition to this, several students have pulled out of representative sporting events just prior to the event, leaving it too late to find a replacement.

Please be mindful that accepting your selection into a school team is a commitment to the team. Withdrawing from a team or event affects the teachers, parent coaches and students involved.

On a positive note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our sporting representatives who always attend their team training sessions. It is a privilege to make it into a school team and requires commitment to training and games.

**Rugby League**
This week our PSSA Rugby League team took on Stockton PS at Stockton. It was a warm day with a fast field. All players played with outstanding sportsmanship and determination, walking away with a fantastic win 18 – 14 win.

Many thanks to the parents that came to support the boys. Stay tuned for our next round details.

Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

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**P&C NEWS**

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

**Book Club orders are due back on Thursday 1st August.**
The canteen and uniform shop require volunteers, if you can help out, please let them know.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The uniform shop sell second hand uniforms from $5 each. This service helps parents and raises funds for the P&C. If you have any second hand uniforms you no longer need that are in reasonable condition, we would love them.

Please deliver to the uniform shop or the front office.

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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Volunteers are urgently needed in the canteen especially Monday 12th August and Fridays. If we do not have more volunteers come forward, the canteen may unfortunately close on these days.

**Roster:**
- **Thursday 01/08** – Sandy Green, Lee-Ann Lentfer, Narelle Masson, Sally Brown
- **Friday 02/08** – Chris Rapp, Toni Roberts, Kim Toll, Michele Botham(PM),
- **Monday 05/08** – Kellie Christian, Gwendalyn Burt, Jodie Horton
- **Tuesday 06/08** – Katrina Halls, Lisa Wardle, Meredith Wright, Neridah Jackson
- **Wednesday 07/08** – Louise Grozdanovski, Jade Misford, Robyn Jenkins, Julia Mason

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Any payments with Eftpos please send in this slip to the office with your child in an envelope.

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**FLORAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL EFTPOS SLIP**

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