Dear Parents,

**Student Medical Records**
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records system to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. Forms will be sent home tomorrow for students identified with medical records in our current system. Please complete and return them to us as soon as possible.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we will be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information. If you have any questions about this process please contact the school office.

Importantly, your child may have a newly diagnosed medical condition that does not appear on our current system. If this is the case you will not receive a letter in the mail-out but should contact the office so we can provide you with the necessary forms.

**Kindergarten 2014**
If you have or know of a child ready to start Kindergarten in 2014 please have them enrolled at school as soon as possible. Our Kindergarten Orientation Program commences next week with a parent information session on Tuesday evening and we want to ensure we don’t miss anyone. In addition, it is important for us to have an accurate picture of our proposed enrolments so we can begin our planning for next year and because our staffing and resource allocations are dependent upon our numbers of enrolled students.

**Amendment To School Show Dates**
Please be advised of the following changes to Kindergarten and Stage 2 (Year 3&4) performances.
- Kindergarten – Tuesday 17th September, 2013
- Stage 2 – Thursday 19th September, 2013

This necessary change was to enable our Year 3 students to attend Camp Toukley as well as to participate in school soccer and netball grand finals. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The following dates remain unchanged for Stage 1 (Years 1&2) and Stage 3 (Years 5&6).
- Stage 3 – Monday 16th September, 2013
- Stage 1 – Wednesday 18th September, 2013

**Mosquitoes**
A parent concern has been raised about the number of mosquitoes the school attracts during the warmer weather. In an attempt to help minimise the problem (before summer), the school together with the P&C will be raising the issue at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 13th August at 7pm.

If you know of any possible solutions or would like to help look into some possible solutions, please come along to the meeting.

D. Robson
Principal
Thought for the Week
I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.
~Edward Everett Hale

### Term Calendar

**This Week:**
- 08/08 – Zone Athletics Carnival
- 08/08 – Zone Public Speaking Finals Stage ES1
- 09/08 – 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

**Week 5:**
- 12/08 – Debate V Jewells
- 13/08 – Kinder Orientation Night 7pm
- 13/08 – ICAS Maths Test
- 13/08 – P&C Meeting 7pm/School Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 15/08 – Debate V Booragul
- 16/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 16/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 16/08 – Windale Cup League 1pm
- 17/08 – Aerobics Nationals (Sat)

**Week 6:**
- 20/08 – Rugby League Mentoring Program
- 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 – Rugby League Mentoring Program
- 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
- 30/08 – Hunter Athletics Carnival

**REMINDER OF MONEY DUE**
- Aerobics Term 3 - $50.00
- Netball Term 3 - $63.00
- Year 3 Camp Toukley - $50.00 deposit before 12/08
- Year 4 Wangat Lodge - $60.00 deposit before 12/08
- School Spectacular Accomm - $50.00 deposit

**VIRTUES EDUCATION**
This week’s virtue is **PURPOSEFULNESS**
Being purposeful is having a clear focus. Begin with a vision for what you want to accomplish, and concentrate on your goals. Do one thing at a time, without scattering your energies. Some people let things happen. When you are purposeful, you make things happen.

Assembly Class of the Week – 3H
Banking Champions – KF
News from the Office

Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm
Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions. Please note we now have EFTPOS available. EFTPOS transactions will incur a fee (all transactions - $1.00). These charges will be added to your transaction.

Sport

Team Photo Orders
A reminder that the group/team photos that were taken on our special photo day have arrived and are on display in the office foyer. Please take an order envelope from the office if you wish to place an order and return it to school with correct money by 20th August.

PSSA Basketball Gala Day.
On Wednesday 31st of July, our boys and girls basketball teams travelled to Broadmeadow Stadium to play in the PSSA Basketball knockout Gala Day. Both teams played very competitively but with a true sense of sportsmanship; even amongst some rough competitors at times. The girls won 3 and lost 2 of the matches in their pool and came close to being in the semi-finals. Well done girls, you represented your school proudly!
The boys, aptly assisted by Jamie Summers, won all 5 of their games which put them straight into the semis. They won the semi and went into the final against Jewells which was a re-match of last year’s final that saw Jewells go through to the next round. The boys played solidly and both teams were evenly matched until just before half time when Floraville started to dominate and they never looked back. They won 33 – 15 and now proceed to the next round against Nulkaba to decide who will represent Hunter in the State Final in a few weeks in Bathurst. Good luck boys and ‘Go Floraville!

PSSA Touch Knock Out
Last Thursday the Girls PSSA Touch Football team versed Wallsend South at Upper Reserve in round two. It was a very tight game and the girls played extremely well. Karla Steadman scored two tries and Sophie Tabrett and Mackenzie Glover played integral roles. Unfortunately Wallsend South scored two tries in the final minutes of the game making the score 4 to 2. I would like to thank the girls for the dedication shown all year towards training and the sportsmanship they displayed.
Thanks Mrs Lindsay

Macquarie Cup Netball Update
Our four school netball teams have had a fantastic season so far. As of this week, our teams are currently placed as follows in their 4 separate competitions: Junior A team = 1st; Junior B teams = 3rd; Senior A team = 2nd; Senior B team = 2nd. The girls show great team commitment by attending training every week after school and we thank the parents for arranging to collect the students after training. Mrs Watson and I are looking forward to the finals! Go Floraville!
Macquarie Cup Soccer Update
Our Macquarie Cup soccer teams have been enjoying the fine weather of late. With the return of Mr O last week, both of the B teams came away with a win. All players have been extremely well behaved every week and it really does make Friday afternoons a pleasure. This is the last term of winter sports so enjoy the season while it lasts. Just a reminder that both B teams have a bye this week and will be staying at school with Mr O for training.

Windale Cup Update
Windale Cup has been very successful so far with our team still undefeated. The boys are playing well and have become a real TEAM. This week we will be competing in the Jarrod Mullen Cup for the first time. We are playing at Croudace Bay Ovals Friday 9th of August. In the PSSA Knockout, we are progressing nicely and are still waiting to hear who wins out of Jewels PS and Edgeworth PS. We will play the winner of this game.
Finally, many thanks to our fantastic parents for all of their help with transport and support at all of our games.

Macquarie Cup & Windale Cup Grand Finals
The Grand Finals for soccer, netball and rugby league are scheduled for the last day of term, Friday 20th September. We hope to have a soccer and netball teams in the Grand Final this year. Good luck teams!

PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
Good luck to the Floraville Athletics Team who will compete at the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival this Wednesday and Thursday at Baxter Field. I’m sure it will be a great couple of days!

Floraville Hockey Uniforms- THANK YOU!
Our boys’ hockey team will be looking very professional when they play their next round in the PSSA Knock Out thanks to Jamie Bell and Jamie Bell’s Swim School. Jamie has donated a full team set of hockey shirts, shorts, socks and a team sports bag all with our school logo on them. The boys looked fantastic when they modelled the uniforms at our assembly on Monday! We are extremely fortunate to have such an involved and supportive family at our school.

Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator
**Other School News**

### Schools Spectacular 2013
This year is the 30th anniversary of the School’s Spectacular, one of the biggest variety shows in the southern hemisphere. This year promises to be an amazing show with 16 talented singers from Floraville School once again being successful in gaining a place in the massed choir! There is a schools preview performance at 12pm on Friday 29th November. Tickets cost $22. If your child would like to travel to Sydney to watch the show (last year a group of students thoroughly enjoyed the experience) please express your interest to Mr Faulkner and notes will go home in the near future. Also, a coach will be travelling to Sydney on Saturday afternoon 30th November to watch the night performance for any parents or staff who are interested. Keep an eye out for more details!

### Kindergarten 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.

### After School Art Class
There are a limited number of vacancies in both Tuesday and Wednesday art classes. Classes are held from 3-4.30pm at a cost of $10 a week. This includes all materials used. The children are currently working toward an exhibition to be held at Finite Gallery in the next school holidays.
For enrolments and enquiries, please call Leslie Duffin – 0419 471660.

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**Library News**

### Book Week and Grandparent’s Day Celebration
Thursday 22nd August

‘Read Across the Universe’

Use this year’s theme as inspiration for costumes or simply come as a character from a book.

- 9:30 am  **Book Character Parade** (Infants classes except 2J)
- 10:15am  **Book Character Parade** (Primary Classes and 2J)
- 11:00am  **Morning Tea** (Tea, Coffee & Cake)
- 11:30am – 1:00  Literature Inspired **Art/Craft Activities**

*Visitors are invited to visit classrooms and help with the activities.*

- 1:00 – 1:40  **Lunch**

*Visitors and children are invited to bring along a picnic lunch to share or purchase a pie or sausage roll from the canteen.*

(Order forms for lunch went home Tuesday 6/8/13)

- 1:45 – 2:30  Literature Inspired **Art/Craft Activities**

*Visitors are invited to visit classrooms and help with the activities.*

There will also be a **Book Fair** held in the library all day, so come along and check it out. Maybe you’d like to buy a book to take home or to donate to our library.

### Premier’s Reading Challenge
This year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge is coming to an end with all personal reading logs needing to be entered by the 31st August.

Congratulations to Matthew Mulvaney and Taj Waters of Kindergarten, Zali Waters of Year 1, Raphael Rickards of Year 2, Brock Ayliffe of Year 3, Jordan Rankin and Carmen Rickards of Year 4 who have all completed the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge. This brings our school total to 66 people.

### Lexile Legend
This week’s Lexile Legend is Caitlin Barnett of 4/5W. Congratulations on all your hard work.
The Belmont BETTA store continues to sponsor Floraville School P & C. With any purchases at BETTA please bring in a copy of any receipts from the store. We receive 1% commission for each purchase.

Thank you to everyone that has been able to support the school over the last few weeks with NAIDOC and Education Week Celebrations. A big thanks to the canteen helpers during that time as well. The look on the children’s faces eating the exotic sausages was very interesting.

**P & C MEETING**

Next Tuesdays 13th August, will be the first P&C meeting for 2 months. It will be held in the library from 7pm, everyone is welcome. If there are any agendas you would like discussed please drop a note at the school office for the attention of the P&C.

At the present time the school is actively promoting road safety. Please encourage your children to use the traffic lights to cross Floraville Road. The staff car park is not a pedestrian thoroughfare for children to use.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform shop hours are:
- Mondays 8.30am to 9.15am
- Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.15pm

The Uniform Shop sell second hand uniforms from $5 each. This service helps parents and raises funds for P&C. If you have any second hand uniforms you no longer need that are in reasonable condition, we would love them. Please drop them into the uniform shop or the front office.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Roster:**
**Thursday 8/8** – Samantha Rickerds, Amanda Steadman, Kylie Hanson, Amy Bates, Kim Brewster
**Friday 9/8** – Julie Bourke(AM), Kristina Love, Sandra Hutton(AM), Amanda McNamara, Sally Brown(PM), Jade Clark
**Monday 12/8** – Kylie Bailey, Lisa Kerr
**Tuesday 13/8** – Pam Taylor, Susan Guest, Christine Mitford
**Wednesday 14/8** – Pat Whyte, Lisa Booth, Maree McCulloch, Alison Johnson

**SCHOOL BANKING**

For student bankers who have been saving in their Youthsaver accounts and collecting tokens, it’s a good time to redeem!

Rewards available in term 3 are:
- Wallets, Hand ball, Knuckles game, Projector torch, Calculator (new release), Dollarmite character money boxes. (Only available while stock lasts)

All rewards are worth 10 tokens. You can use a redemption card, available from your School Banking co-ordinator or simply write a note with your name, class and selection. Send it in with your tokens on banking day and your reward will be ordered. Please allow 1-2 weeks for delivery.

Banking day is Thursday.

**FROM THE P&C FEDERATION**

**Home Power Savings Program Targets Eligible NSW Families**

NSW Families have been recognised for being some of the hardest hit by increasing electricity prices. With little or no buffer in household budgets to manage rising power bills the FREE Home Power Savings Program helps eligible households to reduce power use, save money and actively live a sustainable lifestyle. To confirm your eligibility for a FREE In-home Power Assessment, FREE Power Savings Kit and FREE Power Savings Action Plan or for further information, visit [www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/freehelp](http://www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/freehelp) or call 133 662416 today.
Sustainable Schools NSW is a hub of resources and information for school communities interested in protecting their local environment. Explore a wide range of information and resources to assist with planning, delivering and reviewing environment and sustainability education activities. You can use these resources with investigations and projects relevant to your school community, and link them to a variety of curriculum areas across primary and secondary schools.

For information on NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum visit the Board of Studies NSW website. Information about Sustainability can be found in Syllabus elements: Learning across the curriculum in each learning area.

The P & C still have the **magnetic display folders** for sale if you require any, order form is below. They hold notes that can be stored on the fridge, if you can hand any orders in at the office.

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**Floraville Public School Merchandise Order**

Name: ___________________________________________ Class or Phone: _____________

Magnetic Display Pockets A4 Size__________ @ $4.00 each = $ _________

Total enclosed $. Please make cheques payable to the P&C Association.

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**Nextra Newsagents at both Belmont Citi Centre and Lake Fair Mt Hutton.**

5% of all purchases (excluding lottery products, bus tickets, phone recharges & tobacco products) will be donated to the P&C.

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