IMPORTANT DATES

Week 1
- 8/10 – K-2 Dog Safety Talk
- 8/10 – PSSA Boys Touch Football Round 5 - 10.30am
- 9/10 – Year 5 Leadership Training Day

Week 2
- 12/10 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 12/10-16/10 – Bandfest Week
- 13/10 – Kinder 2016 Orientation 9.15am
- 13/10 – Water Catchers Film Crew 12.30pm
- 13/10 – P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- 14/10-15/10 – NSW PSSA Athletics
- 15/10-29/10 – Calendar Art viewing for parents
- 15/10 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 16/10 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
- Year 5 Leadership Day - $5 due 8/10
- Year 4 Camp – 2nd Payment $55 due 8/10
- Primary Sport Term 4 – Payment & note due 9/10
- Year 5 Camp - $90 Final payment due 15/10
- School Spectacular deposit $100
- School Spectacular coach/ticket cost

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 1 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!
Welcome to the new term at Floraville PS! Hopefully the holidays have left everyone well rested and ready for the busy and productive 11 week term ahead.

The Term 4 FPS calendar is filling up fast. Accessing the calendar via the Floraville App or Website will keep you informed of the many planned activities and important dates for the term. The current calendar contains dates for activities which have been organised and confirmed, however there are always additional events and activities that come up throughout the term. It would be wise to access it regularly.

A reminder too that any notes sent home to students (including The Brief) can also be accessed through our school’s website.

Leadership Training Day
This Friday, 82 Year 5 students will be heading to St Luke’s Community Multi-Purpose Centre for the commencement of their leadership training program. The day will be aimed at developing and preparing all of our current Year 5 students for their role as Year 6 leaders in 2016.

The program will look at aspects of leadership including; recognising leadership qualities within themselves, different ways of leading, methods of leadership, dealing with opportunities and working as a team.

Over the coming weeks, the selection process for formalised Student Leadership positions in 2016 will begin.

Bandfest
Good luck to our band members from both our bands (Mini Minors and Majors) who will be competing in Bandfest next week. Our Mini Minors band did a wonderful job in performing to the whole school assembly late last term and our Majors band were fantastic at the Primary CAPtivate performances. A full report on Bandfest (including results) will be a highlight in the Week 4 Bulletin.

Kindergarten Orientation for 2016 Students
Next Tuesday (13th October), will be the first orientation session at school for the Kindergarten students of 2016. We look forward to meeting them and trust they are all excited about their first “big school” experience.

Water Catchers Filming
Last year you may recall a collection of our Year 6 students were successful in winning the Hunter Water Wise Water Catchers competition. The major prize of $10 000 went a long way in resourcing the new Aboriginal garden area.

This year, some Floraville students have again advanced to the finalist stage of the competition. This means that next week the film crew to create the advertisement will be recording here at school. Very exciting news! We hope to “bring home the bacon” again this year. We will keep you informed about how and when to vote for Floraville’s entry.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C meeting for this term will be held next Tuesday (13th October) at 6.30pm. The meeting is held in the school Library and everyone is most welcome to attend. The P&C is one of the best means to keep up to date and informed about happenings within the school.

Calendar Art
Visiting classrooms these last two days I have had the pleasure in viewing some outstanding Calendar Art. A reminder that your child’s art work will be ready for viewing outside their classroom from Thursday 15th October. All Calendar Art orders will need to be finalised by Thursday 29th October. The P&C have stipulated that due to organisation constraints, no late orders will be accepted. Orders will be returned prior to the end of the school year.

Costs per item will be calendars $12, cards (pack of 8) $13, diaries $17, notebooks $17, family planners $14, iPhone covers $14 and pillowcases $15.

Parent Survey
A reminder that a parent survey is currently open for completion by families. The survey is conducted entirely online and will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Information regarding the survey together with your unique login details was sent home at the end of last term. The survey will close on Friday 16th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however your responses are very much appreciated.

**Earn and Learn**
Well done Floraville families! We managed to collect an incredible 45 060 Earn and Learn stickers. Scary to think though, in such a short time we have collectively spent nearly half a million dollars on groceries. These stickers have been registered and in the next fortnight our teachers will prioritise purchases to be made to benefit students and classrooms across the school.

**K-2 Dog Safety Visit**
This Thursday, a representative from the NSW Government’s ‘Living Safely with Dogs’ program will be visiting our school. A session takes approximately 40 minutes and in that time students will learn when not to touch a dog, what to do if approached by an unknown dog and how to meet a dog in a safe manner. This service is free and is offered to all students K-2. If you prefer your child not to attend the program, please inform your child’s classroom teacher in writing. Additional information can be found at [http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)

Jenny White
Relieving Principal

**Thought for the Week**
"Being honest may not get you many friends but it’ll always get you the right ones.”

-John Lennon

**SPORT NEWS**

**Primary Sport**
Primary Sport begins Friday Week 2 and in Term 4 it is 9:40am - 11:00am.
Sport notes for Term 4 went home last term. If your child is participating in a paid sport, please return the permission slip and payment to the office by Friday 9th October 2015. Unfortunately, students cannot participate without payment by this date as the program is pre-paid and we will offer your child’s spot to another student if the payment is not received. If your child did not receive a sport note that means that they are doing school-based rotational sport at no cost.

**OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Band News**
Next week both the Floraville PS bands will be participating in the Bandfest competition. The Mini Minors will contest in the novice section – designed for bands with all members of less than 12 months experience on their instrument. They will perform at 1:20pm on Monday 12th October at the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre, The Esplanade, Warners Bay. Entry for audience members is $5 per person and this ticket lasts for the entire day.

Our Majors Concert Band will play in the developing section of Bandfest on Wednesday 14th October. They will take the stage at 1:10pm at the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre, The Esplanade, Warners Bay. Entry for audience members is $5 per person and this ticket lasts for the entire day. Please come along and support our musicians.

**Band Reminders**
Students MUST be picked up from the hall at the conclusion of rehearsals. We cannot allow your child to leave the hall area without an adult due to safety reasons.

Band practice finishes at 4pm. If you are unable to be there to pick up your child by 4:15pm please call the school and advise of alternative arrangements. Students will otherwise be placed into OOSH at 4.15pm.

**Specialty Group Photograph Orders**
Floraville Public School  Specialty Group Photographs 2015

**P&C NEWS**
Today you will receive the order forms for Calendar Art. You will be able to view your child’s artwork from next Thursday 15th October outside your child’s classroom. The teachers and children have put a lot of time and effort into their work and can’t wait for you to see them. All orders need to back to be school by Thursday 29th October, we are unable to accept late orders due to the limited helpers we have. Remember each child needs their own order form, although money can be put into the same envelope. Payments need to be made by cash or cheque (made payable to Floraville P&C Association), no online payments or credit card payments. A sample of items for sale, will be on display in the front office.

Next P&C meeting is next Tuesday 13th October in the library at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Welcome back to Term 4, we hope everyone had a great holiday!
A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped out on our Ice-cream Red Day last term, the kids loved it!

**Volunteers Needed**
Helpers are still **desperately** needed on our canteen roster for the following days:
- Mondays for the remainder of the year – 12/10, 2/11, 9/11, 30/11, 7/12.
- Thursdays - 29/10, 26/11.

If you can help with any or all of these could you please see Margaret our Canteen Supervisor asap.

**Roster**
- **Thursday 8/10** – Renaye Dobb, Belinda Richardson, Cher Buddingh
- **Friday 9/10** – Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Angela Blennerhassett
- **Monday 12/10** – Renae Picton, Michelle O’Toole
- **Tuesday 13/10** – Deb Shaw, Kate Coveny, Kay Gibson, Larissa Street (am)
- **Wednesday 14/10** – Andrew Sweet, Sharon Sweet, Vikki Shoesmith, Michelle Keen

**BANKING NEWS**
Banking Champions – 1N
Banking is every Thursday **Helpers are required urgently**

**UNIFORM NEWS**
**Kindergarten Uniform Orders Due 13th October**
If your child is starting school next year, their uniform order needs to be in by 13th October (the first orientation) and can be collected from 9th November (last orientation). Stock is ordered based on orders received therefore late orders will have a late collection date.

**SALE RACK** - Several items are on sale in the uniform shop. If you can, come in, take a look and grab a bargain. Sports shirts, shorts, pants, microfiber jackets and more.

Uniform Shop is open Wednesday’s 2.30-3.15pm