Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 6 and Kindergarten Share a Morning Tea**

Last Thursday our oldest and youngest students shared in a games morning as well as a healthy morning tea. A sincere thank you to Year 6 and their parents for providing an assortment of delicious healthy foods. It was a sensational morning of fun, friendship and fresh food. It is hard to believe only six weeks of primary school is left for our most senior students.

**Buddy Training and Kindergarten Orientation**

Year 5 students joined in the Buddy Training program yesterday in preparation for the new Kinders starting in 2016. Year 5 will be able to meet and greet their buddy at the next orientation on Monday 9th November. A reminder to parents that we don’t encourage buying gifts for the new Kinders but if your child would like to hand make something they are welcome to.

**Year 5 School Leadership for 2016**

The next part of the process of electing the 2016 Student Leadership body occurred today. Year 5 students cast their votes for their peers. The outcome of these votes will be known at the end of this week. Good luck to everyone who nominated. A reminder that 8 girls and 8 boys will be selected to move forward. Those students moving forward will be able to begin their student profile for election at school next Monday.

**School Spectacular**

Yesterday, 11 of our primary choir students attended the first rehearsal for School Spectacular in Sydney. Taking part in the show later this term will be an awesome experience for these students. In the meantime, have fun practising. There will be another rehearsal in Sydney next Tuesday.

Thank you Mr Faulkner for inspiring our students to sing.

**Count Us In**

Last Thursday, 563 Floraville students participated with more than 500,000 other students across Australia in the Count Us In music initiative. We are very fortunate to have a staff who value music and appreciate that music opens doors and creates opportunities for everyone.

Thank you Mrs Blake for leading this initiative within our school.

**Band Concert for Years 2 and Year 3**

On Monday, our Year 2 and 3 students enjoyed a band concert in the school hall. The purpose of the concert was to expose the students to the band and hopefully “drum up” some new members for 2016. If you think your child may be interested in becoming a band member next year, please contact Mrs Blake or Mrs Thacker through the school office.

**Year 4 Camp**

Is there anything better than a camp experience in the rainy weather? Probably not if you are a Year 4 student. Although, I am sure many laundries across Floraville this evening may disagree.

**Art Gallery**

Tomorrow afternoon is the opening of the Art Gallery. A student from each class will have their artwork on display in the Library. This semester, the quality of the artwork is once again outstanding. Congratulations to all of the class representatives. I am sure we will have some very proud guests attend the opening. Enjoy! Thank you to Ms Phillip for organising the event and the Year 6 Eventarians for hosting.

**Spring Challenge**

Good luck to our aerobic teams who will be participating in the Spring Challenge this Saturday. Have fun and Whoop! Whoop! girls. Thank you to Miss O’Friel who has taken over the organisation of aerobic events.

**P&C Meeting**

A reminder that our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 10th November starting at 6.30pm in the school Library. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Thank you,

Jenny White
Relieving Principal

**Thought for the Week**

“A grateful heart is the beginning of greatness.” – James Faust

**ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 15**

This week’s virtue is **HUMILITY**

Being humble is considering others as important as yourself. You are thoughtful of their needs and willing to be of service. You don’t expect others or yourself to be perfect. You learn from your mistakes. When you do great things, humility reminds you to be thankful instead of boastful.

**SPORT NEWS**

**2015 Infants Athletics Carnival**

Come and share a glorious day watching your children proudly as they have fun participating in the Infants Sports Carnival.

Where: Marks Oval, Floraville
When: Friday, 20th November from 9.30am

The canteen will be running at the oval with hot food, cakes and drinks available.

Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy a picnic lunch supporting your children.

**OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Specialty Group Photograph Orders**

Special Group Photographs are on display at the school office. They can be ordered on-line through Newcastle School Portraits.
The Kindergarten orientation process is almost complete. The last session for the children is Monday 9th November. As a way of welcoming new parents to our wonderful school the P&C has traditionally provided the new Kinder parents with morning tea on this day. If you are able to contribute a small plate of food it would be very much appreciated. Please take it to the canteen when you arrive at school. Thank you very much to the canteen workers, uniform shop ladies and all the people who have helped to make transition to school a success.

Jenny Barclay

Band News
All band students are invited to attend both Monday and Wednesday afternoon rehearsals for rest of Term 4. This is the beginning step to amalgamating the 2015 Mini Minors into the Majors Concert Band for 2016. We understand this may not be possible for all students involved.

Band Fees and Instrument Hire
Please ensure your band fees and instrument hire for 2015 are paid. If you hire an instrument and are planning to continue with band in 2016 you will be allowed to keep your instrument over the Christmas/New Year holiday only if your payments are up-to-date. Any students returning instruments at the conclusion of 2015 should do so on Monday 14th December.

Star Struck soloist auditions
Congratulations to Jackson Hunter, Jaith Bell, Shakayla Wardle, Anisah Jeffery, Keeley Hills, Caleb Face, Chandler Sweet who auditioned for a spot as a soloist for Starstruck 2016 last weekend. We wish them luck as they wait in anticipation for the results. Chloe Gill will also audition for the second round in December as she was a soloist in this years show.

Cancer Council Annual Fundraiser
On Thursday 12th November, staff and students will be asked to bring in a gold coin donation to support the ongoing work of the Cancer Council. In return for their donation students will be allowed to come to school out of uniform. Sensible, sun safe clothing and closing in shoes please.
(No singlets, thongs etc.)
Year 6 Eventarians will visit classrooms to promote the day featuring a coin line mural. Our aim will be to cover the outline of a daffodil mural drawn by students. As a result we will raise much needed cancer research funding. Please jot this date down and remember your gold coin on the day. Thank-you for your support of this worthy cause.
Year 6 Eventarians
Note to be distributed Wed 11th November.

LIBRARY NEWS

Literacy Pro
The Literacy Pro Reading Points Goal has been an amazing success. The number of students actively reading and completely quizzes has improved dramatically as demonstrated by the large number of students who received Star Awards at recent assemblies.
Congratulations to the following students who received Bronze Star Awards (75 literacy pro points); Kaden Pinfold 2F, Ella Hope 2O, Thomas Kennedy 3/4L, Lachlan Maddocks 3/4L, Tom Breailey 4C, Hunter Campbell 4C, Alec Piper 5G, Sam Norman 6F and Tara Nuss 6F
Congratulations to the following students who received Silver Star Awards (100 literacy pro points); Ella Hope 2O, Lachlan Maddocks 3/4L, Zara Eeles 5G, Callum Barnett 6F and Sam Norman 6F.
Congratulations to the following students who received Gold Star Awards (200 literacy Pro points); Nathan Connor 2A, Isabella Halpin 6F and Makenzi Harvey 6F.

Overdue Notices
As we head toward the end of the year, I’ll be sending home overdue notices on a weekly basis. Could you please encourage your child to search for any overdue books and return them ASAP. If there are any issues, please ask your child to come to the library and we can try to sort it out. Thank you for your support.

P&C NEWS
The P&C send out a huge thank you to all the families who helped make the Calendar Art fundraiser a success for another year, all orders have now been posted.
We look forward to seeing the final products when they arrive later in the term.
Also a special thank you to our wonderful office staff. Their support of our fundraising and of the Floraville school community is very much appreciated.
Next P&C meeting will be next Tuesday, 10th November at 6:30pm in the Library. All are welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS

COMING UP
Kindergarten 2016 Parent Morning Tea
New Menu for 2015/16
Thank you BBQ for all classes for Ring Pull donations

Kindergarten 2016 Morning Tea
Monday morning 9th November 2015 Floraville Public School canteen and P&C will be holding a Kindergarten 2016 Morning Tea for parents and visitors.
A separate note went home regarding this with last week’s newsletter. We are looking for volunteers & donations of cakes, slices etc. If you are able to help with either of these please return your note to the canteen.

NEw 2015/16 CANTEEN MENU
Our new menu with updated items & pricing changes will come home with the newsletter next week and will take effect from Monday 16th November. This will also be available to view on our school app & in the notes section of the school website.

Ring Pull Donations
THANK YOU BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE will be held on Wednesday 11th November at second break. We will also be offering the children the chance to buy a soft drink, flavoured milk, quench or bottle of water on the day. If you did not receive an order form for this they are available to print out from the school notes section on our website and return to the canteen with payment by Monday 9th November.

Roster
Thursday 5/11 – Renaye Dobb, Belinda Richardson, Cher Blennnerhassett Friday 6/11 – Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Angela Buddingh Monday 9/11 – Renee Picton, Michelle O’Toole Tuesday 10/11 – Deb Shaw, Kate Coveny, Kay Gibson, Larissa Street (am) Wednesday 11/11 – Andrew Sweet, Sharon Sweet, Vikki Shoesmith, Michelle Keen

BANKING NEWS

Banking Champions – KF
School Banking is every Thursday

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop is open Wednesday’s 2.30-3.15pm
Order now for 2016 - Lay-by Available
The uniform shop will NOT BE open on the pupil free day prior to school starting in 2016. The first shop open will be Wednesday 3 February (first day of school is Thursday 28 January). Please start to consider what you may need for next year and order now. Lay-by is available, order now and collect by Wednesday 16 December to be ready for 2016. Thanks
Sue King
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Floraville P&C Uniform Shop

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