Dear Parents and Carers,

**Crazy Hair**
It is great to see so many students and staff getting behind crazy hair day. There are certainly some creative styles around school today. All of the eggs donated go to the P&C’s Easter Raffle, for which tickets are still on sale and need to be returned to school by Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} April. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April.

**Whooping Cough**
We have been advised that one of our students has a confirmed case of whooping cough. Whooping cough is an infectious disease which is particularly serious in babies.

If you suspect your child may have whooping cough please consult your doctor. If whooping cough is confirmed, your child must be kept at home until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.

**Traffic**
It seems to be a perennial issue around school but we have had a “near miss” reported to us this week at the roundabout near Marks Oval where a family narrowly missed being hit by a vehicle as they crossed the road. Pedestrian safety is of concern to us all and we all need to do our best to ensure the safety of our children. Please reinforce with you child the need to cross the road at marked pedestrian crossings or better still at the lights and stress the need not to play or take risks around the road.

**Important Dates**

**Week 9**
- 26/3 – NSW PSSA Diving
- 26/3 – NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival
- 26/3 – PSSA Girls Cricket 9.30am
- 27/3 – Cross Country Presentation 12.40pm

**Week 10**
- 30/3 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 1/4 – Easter Raffle tickets due
- 1/4 – Hunter PSSA Winter Sport Trials
- 2/4 – Easter Raffle drawn
- 2/4 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 2/4 – LAST DAY OF TERM

**Reminder of Money Due**
- 2015 School Band Fees now due
- Aerobics fees
- Aboriginal Art fees
- Year 6 Shirts - $25.00
- Starstruck Choir Shirts - $18.00
- Macquarie Cup Soccer & Netball

**Principal’s Message Week 9 Term 1**

**Election Day BBQ**
The P&C are still in need of extra volunteers to help at the Election Day BBQ this Saturday morning. We expect the BBQ to run from 8am to about 10:30 or 11:00am. If you have some time (even ½ hour) on Saturday morning to help set up, cook, serve or pack up please let the office know and we will pass your name on.

Thank you.
D. Robson
Principal

**Thought for the Week**
Look closely at the present you are constructing. It should look like the future you are dreaming.
~Alice Walker

This week’s virtue is COURAGE

Courage is bravery in the face of fear. You do the right thing even when it is hard or scary. When you are courageous, you don’t give up. You try new things. You admit mistakes. Courage is the strength in your heart.

**Sport News**

**Hunter PSSA Team Trials**
As mentioned in previous newsletters, some of our talented sportspeople have continued to attend trials for Zone PSSA teams in various sports. We are delighted to report that some Floraville students were successful in making the Zone team and they will progress to Hunter PSSA trials in the coming weeks.

- Reegan Glover and Nathan Roberts attended Hunter PSSA Rugby League trials last Friday. Both boys showed great skills with Reegan progressing through to the next round of trials that were held yesterday however, he did not make it into the team. Well done Reegan!
- Keeley Halls (Year 5), Katelyn Haugh (Year 5) and Laura Vico (Year 6) attended Zone Netball trials last Thursday, all girls played well against some very strong Year 6 competition however they did not make the team.
- Alex Dugomanov will attend trials for the Hunter PSSA Soccer team next Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} April.
- Makenzi Harvey, Sienna Harvey, Dakota Naszka-Moody and Callum Sharman will attend trials for the Hunter PSSA Hockey team next Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} April.

**Cross Country Results**
Our school Cross Country Carnival was held last Tuesday afternoon. The first 4 place-getters in each age division will compete at Zone PSSA Cross Country on Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} April (Week 1 of Term 2). These results are on display on the Sports Noticeboard. The Cross Country Presentation assembly will be held this Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} March from 12:40pm to 1:00pm in the school hall as there is no Primary Assembly in Week 10 due to the Good Friday public holiday. We were unable to hold the Cross Country presentation last Friday as it was not sufficient time to engrave medals for the Age Champions and not enough notice for their parents to attend. Congratulations to our first place-getters:

8-9yr boys: Denzel Steadman  
8-9yr girls: Shanaya Buddingh  
10yr boys: Xavier Steadman  
10yr girls: Tara Banks  
11yr boys: Alexander Dugomanov  
11yr girls: Ebony McCloughan  
12yr boys: Ben Hitchcock  
12yr girls: Eve Owenham

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The Brief
State PSSA Swimming Carnival
Ashby Allen is off to Sydney Olympic Park to compete at the State PSSA Swimming Carnival this Wednesday and Thursday. He will compete in 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and the 200 Individual Medley. Wow! Good luck Ashby!

State PSSA Diving Championships
Best wishes to Jodin and Jaith Bell who are both attending State PSSA Diving titles this Thursday. The boys are currently Hunter Diving Champions and are all set to represent the Hunter region at Sydney Olympic Park to compete for a spot in the NSW Diving Team! Good luck Jodin and Jaith!

PSSA Girls’ Cricket
Our Floraville girls’ cricket team play their round one knock out match against Eleebana Public School this Thursday morning. We hope it’s an enjoyable match for all of you. Good luck girls!

Carly Erich - Sports Co-ordinator

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
SPECIAL INFANTS EASTER ASSEMBLY
On Thursday 2nd April, the Infants students will be enjoying a special day of Easter activities. All parents are welcome to join us in the afternoon to watch them sing and parade around the COLA with their creations. Please assemble along the canteen and OOSH veranda at 2.10pm.

LIBRARY NEWS
Literacy Pro
Along with the change in our reading program from Lexile to Literacy Pro, we’ve also made a change to the system for earning awards. Points will now be reset at the beginning of each year. However, cumulative points from previous years will be taken into account when considering our Literacy Pro Award winners at Monday’s Assembly. The following Literacy Pro points are required to earn the following awards. Blue Star 25 points, Red Star 50 points, Bronze Star 75 points, Silver Star 100 points and Gold Star 200 points.

Congratulations to the following students who received Blue Star Awards at last weeks’ Infants and Primary Assemblies. Nathan Connor 2A, Mitchell Chung 2O, Jye Gibbs 3G, Aidan Wood 3G, Samara Ingram 3L, Brooke Masson 4C, Grace Kim 4E, Jacob Spruce 4E, Zara Eeles 5G, Annabelle Morrow 5G, Makaylah Paterson 5M, Isabella Halpin 6F, Makenzi Harvey 6F, Esther Kim 6F and Shakayla Wardle 6P. Congratulations also to the following students who received Red Star Awards; Zara Eeles, Annabelle Morrow and Esther Kim.

It’s great to see so many students working so hard on their reading and completing Literacy Pro quizzes.

Book Fair
Thank you for supporting our book fair. Once again, it has been very successful meaning lots of new books will soon be available for borrowing in the library.

P&C NEWS
Easter raffle tickets are due by 1st April.

Thank you to all Floraville families, for the support of crazy hair day and Easter egg donations today. There sure were some crazy hairstyles. Tomorrow, Thursday, 26th March we will be wrapping all the prizes, if you can spare an hour, we would really appreciate your help. We will be meeting at the staffroom at 9:30. Remember to keep those raffle tickets coming in for your chance to win one of the many fantastic prizes. All raffle tickets need to be in by Wednesday, 1st April.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our Election Day BBQ, 7:30 - 10:30, if you can spare some time please contact the office. Remember to vote at Floraville P.S on Saturday and enjoy a yummy bacon and egg roll for breakfast.