**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Week 5**
- 21/5 – PSSA Girls’ Cricket
- 21/5 – Knights Knock out 8.30am
- 21/5 – Clued Up Kids
- 22/5 – Hunter PSSA Touch trials
- 22/5 – Starstruck Choir Rehearsal 9am
- 22/5 – Macquarie Cup Netball & Soccer 12pm
- 22/5 – Windale Rugby League Cup 1pm

**Week 6**
- 25/5 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 25/5 – PSSA Boys’ Soccer Gala Day
- 26/5 – Athletics Carnival 9.00am
- 28/5 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 29/5 – Primary Assembly 10.20pm
- 29/5 – Macquarie Cup Netball & Soccer 12pm
- 29/5 – Windale Rugby League Cup 1pm

**Week 7**
- 1/6 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 3/6 – ICAS Science Test
- 3/6 – PSSA Basketball trials 1.30pm
- 3/6/5/6 – Hunter Life Education Visits
- 5/6 – Hunter PSSA Girls’ Softball trials
- 5/6 – Starstruck Choir Rehearsal 9am
- 5/6 – Macquarie Cup Netball & Soccer 12pm
- 5/6 – Windale Rugby League Cup 1pm

**REMINDER OF MONEY DUE**
- PSSA Hockey Knockout $5
- Athletics Carnival $8.50 due 21/5
- Canberra 2nd payment $70 due 28/5
- Life Education $10
- Aboriginal Art Term 2
- Starstruck fees
- Band fees
- Term 2 Aerobics fees $75

This week’s virtue is TRUST

Trust is having faith in someone or something. It is a positive attitude about life. You are confident that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Even when difficult things happen, trust helps us to find the gift or lesson in it.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 5 TERM 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Banking - Urgent Request for Helpers
Our school banking helpers are a small group of dedicated parents who do a fantastic job each week ensuring that the Commonwealth Bank’s School Banking Program operates successfully for the students at Floraville PS. Recently they have found themselves extremely short-handed and unless they are able to find some additional helpers they may not be able to keep the program running.
If you have some spare time on a Thursday morning and would be available to assist with school banking please let us know, or simply turn up on Thursday morning and volunteer your services. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Life Education Van (Healthy Harold)
Last week you received information and permission notes regarding the Life Education Van which is visiting school from 3rd June. The programs run through the van support healthy lifestyle, safety, drug education and child protection education as part of the PDHPE curriculum in a very engaging and informative manner. All students are encouraged to attend.
As with previous visits Life Education merchandise is available for purchase during the visit. This is purely an option for parents and students. We will send the price list for the merchandise home with next week’s newsletter.

Grip Leadership
On Monday this week Mrs White and I accompanied our 8 student leaders to the Grip Leadership Conference in Newcastle. This day allows students time to focus on the leadership skills they have and on the positive contributions they can make as school leaders as well as helping them develop some additional skills necessary to undertake their leadership roles.
I am sure the students enjoyed the day and found it worthwhile. As always our students represented Floraville PS extremely well and Mrs White and I were very proud to be associated with them.

Traffic Congestion
As a result of the tree damage causing the closure of some of our school gates we are seeing an increase in traffic volume and congestion on Floraville Rd during drop-off and particularly pick-up times. Please do your best to keep the traffic flowing freely, use the pick-up area correctly to enable students to leave school efficiently and safely and please be patient with other drivers as everyone is in the same boat until the tree work is complete and the other school access points are reopened. Thank you.

Illness
Over the last week or so as we enter the cold and flu season we have seen an increase in sickness among the students at school. Please ensure that if your child becomes sick that they stay at home to reduce the risk of spreading their illness to others. Once they return to school it is important to notify the teacher or office of the reason for their absence with a note, via the app or with a phone call so we can meet our obligations as far as attendance records are concerned.

If your child is diagnosed with a serious illness such as whooping cough or chicken pox please let the school know immediately so we can advise other families. Thank you.

Product Recall
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, one of the P&C Mother’s Day stall gifts (the Melt Wax Burner Set) has been the subject of a product recall.
If your child purchased one of the burner sets at the Mother’s Day stall (they were a $10 gift) please return the set to school for a full refund of the purchase price. If you do not want a refund simply discard the burner set.

Thank you.
D. Robson - Principal

Thought for the Week
Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.
~Jim Rohn
SPORT NEWS

Rugby League team has a big week!

Last Thursday our PSSA Rugby League team travelled into Hamilton to play the Junction Primary School in round 2 of the PSSA Knockout competition. Our boys did not have the best start to the game with a few handling errors but went on to half time only 6 points down. In the second half both teams played some physical football and at the end of the game they were equal. This meant Golden Point. Unfortunately Junction Primary School scored first after 4 minutes extra time and took the win this year.

Many thanks to all of our parents for transporting and supporting us and special thanks to Mr Botham for running the sideline for us.

This week we play in the Newcastle Knights Knockout at Wondai on Thursday and the boys need to be there at 8.50am. We also play again at Wondai on Friday at 1.00pm. A big week of footy!

Aleisha’s softball skills shine!

Corey Bowne (Year 5) and Aleisha Brewster (Year 5) attended PSSA Zone Softball trials last Friday. Both students demonstrated great skills and sportsmanship. We are delighted to report that Aleisha was selected to attend the Hunter PSSA Girls’ Softball trials! These trials will be held on 5th June in Mayfield. Congratulations Aleisha!

PSSA Girls’ Soccer Knockout Day

Congratulations to the Girls’ PSSA Soccer Team who played incredibly well on Monday at the Speers Point Soccer Complex. The girls were victorious in their first game of the day taking away a win of 5-1. The second game proved to be more difficult but the girls were determined to take a second win of 3-2. The team were ecstatic to be playing in the final grand final knock out game. Unfortunately we lost our last game but the girls were impressive in their gameplay and sportsmanship. We are so proud of you girls, well done!

PSSA Tennis Knockout

After many attempts, our school tennis team played their PSSA game against Redhead this week. Unfortunately we didn’t come away as winners but all players demonstrated their persistence and sportsmanship. Well done team!

PSSA Softball, PSSA Netball and PSSA Cricket

We have another big week of PSSA sports this week! We would like to wish our PSSA Girls’ Softball team and PSSA Netball team all the best for their games today. Our softball team was scheduled to play Belmont Public School this morning at Belmont Sporties Field and our netball team is playing Marks Point Public School this afternoon on the basketball/netball Court at our school. Our Girls’ PSSA Cricket team are playing Charlestown East Public School on Thursday at Riawena Park in Whitebridge.

PSSA Hunter Touch Trials

Will Botham will trial for the Hunter PSSA Touch Football team this Friday. Congratulations on making it this far and good luck Will!

Athletics Heats Day Results

Our Athletics Heats Day was held last Wednesday at Marks Oval. We held this event each year to alleviate the pressure of getting through all of the heats and finals at our athletics carnival at Glendale. The results from these heats are on display on the Sports Noticeboard.

Athletics Carnival

Our primary Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday! Don’t forget your permission note and $8.50 is due TOMORROW (Thursday 21st June).

PROGRAM OF EVENTS: The events include long jump, the 100m age race, the 800m race and finals for the 200m race, shot put and discus. You can get copies of the program for the carnival on our school website or there are copies available from the front office counter.

Parent/Carer/Grandparent helpers will be needed on the day to assist with jobs such as taking the long jump pit between jumps and assisting on the finish line.

QUALIFYING FOR ZONE ATHLETICS: The PSSA Zone qualifying times/ distances/ heights are on display on our sports noticeboard near the canteen.

YEAR 2 COMPETITORS: Any Year 2 students who have turned or will turn 8 years old this year must see me for a permission note to attend the Athletics Carnival if they are interested in competing.

HIGH JUMP: Children wishing to be selected for High Jump will need to supply a copy of a recent ‘Athletics Club’ certificate showing their Personal Best record to Mrs Erich by the 10th June. This event is not run at our school carnival due to risk assessment requirements and procedures. The students with the best results will automatically qualify for the Zone Carnival if they meet the required height. Further details about the carnival were provided in the permission note and attached information note.

Hunter PSSA Golf

Are you a keen golfer? The Hunter Region 2015 Primary School Golf Trials/Tournament will be held on Monday 15th June 2015 (Week 9) at Stonebridge Golf Club (Cessnock).

This Tournament is open to any DEC Public School student within the Hunter Region. Any keen golfers that don’t have a handicap are able to play in the 9 hole tournament and newly established 5 hole tournament.

COST: 5 hole event - $5 per player; 9 hole event - $6.50 per player; 18 hole event - $10 per player.

REGISTRATION: Registrations will only be accepted online at https://sites.google.com/a/education.nsw.gov.au/hunter-pssa-golf/. All nominations must be completed online by FRIDAY 5th June. Entries and tee times will be emailed to schools and to students involved after the close of registration. All Hunter PSSA rules & conditions are available on this website and any questions can be directed to Charlestown East PS on 49435173.

Term 2 Sporting Events

You can keep up-to-date with upcoming sporting events through our Floraville school app by checking the calendar.

Carly Erich - Sports Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Literacy Pro

To complete Literacy Pro quizzes, please use this link and type it directly into the address bar.

bit.ly/fsplitpro

If there are any problems, please contact Mrs Southward by email Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au or in person.

Reading is a key feature of homework for all students and the Literacy Pro quizzes are a great way to check if students are comprehending what they’re reading.

Lit Pro Reading Award

The Literacy Pro Reading Award was awarded to Ben Sherring of 6B for his great attitude to reading and his participation in the Literacy Pro reading program.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Three more students have completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge this week bringing the total number of students who have completed the Challenge to 20.

Congratulations to Joshua Halls 2F, Keeley Hall 5M and Ashby Allen 6F.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all students in Kindergarten to Year 6.

If you would like to lodge reading records electronically, either ‘Google’ NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge or use the following link.

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Students logon using their DET usernames and passwords (this is the same as the username and passwords students use to log on to school computers).

You’ll also find more information about the Challenge on this site. Entries need to be completed by the end of August.

P&C NEWS

We are still waiting for our Entertainment Bdooks to arrive, we have our fingers crossed that they will arrive by the end of next week. Remember you can order your digital copy of this year’s Entertainment Book online.

It was great to see the new sports banners donated by the P&C, at Monday’s assembly. It is fantastic that we are able to support our school in this way. I can’t wait to see them at future sports carnivals and other sporting events.

CANTERBURY NEWS

Roster

Thursday 21/5 – Renaye Dobb, Belinda Richardson, Cher Blennerhasset

Friday 22/5 – Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Angela Buddingh

Tuesday 26/5 – Renae Picton, Michelle O’Toole, David Richards

Wednesday 27/5 – Deb Shaw, Kate Coveney, Kay Gibbon, Larissa Street (am)

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P&C NEWS

Banking News

Banking Champions – KB

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- Sport pants $30 (sizes 4, 14A, 16 & 18 – half price $15)
- Navy scarf with pencil logo $16,
- Fleece jacket $28, jumpers $18,
- Boys cargo pants $22, Girls bootleg pants $20, and
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