IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2
- 23/7 – BandLink 9am
- 23/7 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 24/7 – Primary Assembly 10.20am
- 24/7 – Macquarie Cup Netball & Soccer 12pm
- 24/7 – Windale Cup League 1pm

Week 3
- 27/7 – Public Speaking Stage Finals
- 28/7 – ICAS English test
- 29/7 – A Matter of Seconds Water Safety – Kinder, Year 3 & Year 6
- 29/7 – Jarrod Mullen Cup
- 29/7 – Belmont High Band & Vocal Workshop 9.30am
- 30/7 – PSSA Basketball Gala Day
- 31/7 – Macquarie Cup Netball & Soccer 12pm
- 31/7 – Windale Cup League 1pm

Week 4
- 5/8 – NAIDOC Day
- 7/8 – Macquarie Cup Netball & Soccer 12pm
- 7/8 – Windale Cup League 1pm

REMEMBER OF MONEY DUE
- Macquarie Cup Netball - $34 due 31/7
- Macquarie Cup Soccer - $60 due 31/7
- PSSA Basketball Gala Day - $10
- Year 3 Camp – 1st payment due 28/7 - $55

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 2 TERM 3
Dear Parents and Carers,

Well Done Year 6: Canberra Excursion
It is always rewarding to hear positive feedback about our students, particularly when they are off-site and representing our school. Last Wednesday, eighty-two Year 6 students travelled to Canberra for three busy days in the nation’s capital. The feedback from both students and teachers about their experience was very positive and full of enthusiasm. Our teachers, as well as the guides and hosts at various places, were quick to compliment our students on their outstanding behaviour and engagement in the planned activities. Well done Year 6.

As always, these fantastic experiences would not be possible for the students without the dedication of the staff. I would like to acknowledge and thank the teachers (Mrs Phillip, Mrs Focic and Mr Barnett) together with our university intern teacher (Mr Bright) and school learning support officer (Mrs Hodgson) who gave up their time away from their own families to ensure our students had such enjoyable and worthwhile experiences.

BandLink
Today and tomorrow approximately 50 of our promising band members are involved in BandLink 2015 which is being held this year at Newcastle Racecourse, Broadmeadow. They will be involved in workshops with students from other schools in our region, working on new performance pieces. The two days will then culminate in a performance on Thursday at 1.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Have fun!

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
We will shortly be convening our enrolment committee to begin processing our applications for Kindergarten 2016. Local students are guaranteed entry to our school, however we can only accept non-local enrolments that fit within our enrolment buffer. Therefore, it is very important that we have a clear picture of our anticipated enrolments so we can accurately predict how many non-local places we are able to offer.

Please ensure that if you have a child ready for Kindergarten next year we have your child’s details at the school office so we can include them in our planning. Similarly, if you know of a neighbour (in zone) who has a child ready to start school in 2016 please pass on the information to them.

University Interns
A special welcome to our three visiting university interns who have joined our staff for Term 3. They are completing their final teaching placement here with us before graduating as fully qualified teachers. Miss McDonald will work with 2A, Miss Gee with 4C and Mr Bright with 6P. I am sure they will find their time with us enjoyable and professionally rewarding.

Biennial Performances
A reminder to pencil in the following dates for our biennial performances later this term.
- Kindergarten Tuesday 15th September
- Stage One Wednesday 9th September
- Stage Two Thursday 10th September
- Stage Three Wednesday 16th September

Earn and Learn
A reminder to collect the Earn and Learn stickers if you shop at Woolworths. Any completed sheets can be placed in the collection box, located in the school office. These equate to valuable resources for our school.

Thank you,

Jenny White
Relieving Principal
**Thought for the Week**
“A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success.”
-unknown

This week’s virtue is **LOYALTY**
Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals, when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. With loyalty, you build relationships that last forever.

**ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 2/3C**

**SPORT NEWS**

**PSSA Touch Football Gala Day**
We wish the boys all the very best in the PSSA Gala Day being held at Valentine Football Ovals today. This is a great initiative from our Eastlakes PSSA to lower the number of days students are out of class playing rounds of the PSSA Knockout. At the Gala Day our boys have the chance to win three rounds of the competition. Good luck boys!

**PSSA Basketball Gala Day**
Our PSSA Basketball team will be playing in the annual PSSA Gala Day being held at the Newcastle Basketball Stadium on Thursday 30th July all day. Please make sure you have paid your money for the Gala Day to the front office and you have returned your permission note to Mrs Hadden ASAP.

**Jarrod Mullen Cup**
Next Wednesday 29th July, Mr Cox will be taking our PSSA Boys Rugby League Team to compete in the annual Newcastle Knights Jarrod Mullen Cup being held at Croudace Bay Ovals. We are hoping to play even better this year and make it through to the next round.

**Primary Sport**
Just a reminder, keep an eye on the Floraville app for any cancellations or changes in sporting events. As soon as we have details about changes to times, venues or cancellations due to rain, we will endeavour to place the relevant information on the Floraville app as soon as possible.

**Ryan Cox – Sports Co-ordinator**

**OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

**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, this will enable a smooth start to Kindergarten for you and your child. Mrs. Barclay is happy to answer any questions you may have.

**2015 Public Speaking Competition**
At Floraville School the ability to speak to an audience is highly valued and all students are encouraged to participate in our Public Speaking Program. This program aims to give students an opportunity to experiment more with preparing and presenting a speech to entertain an audience. Following explicit lessons and lots of in-class practice, all Floraville students are currently refining their speeches for our 2015 competition. One student per class (two from composite classes) will then be selected to move through to our Stage Finals. Once these class finalists are selected, an invitation will be sent home to their parents in the hope that they can attend our Stage Competition which will be held on Monday, 27th July. Good Luck everyone!

*In anticipation of hearing Floraville students ‘speak out’.*

**Band Practice Resumes**
There will be NO Mini Minors rehearsal in Week 2 due to the BandLink excursion on the 22nd July.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Week Celebrations**
Our book week celebrations this year will be held on Tuesday 18th August (Week 6).
Start thinking about some costume ideas. You can dress as a character from a book or try to get inspired by this year’s theme ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Don’t forget to let your Grandparents know as they’re our special guests on the day. I’ll send an official invitation for them in a couple of weeks.
We’ll also be holding another book fair so start saving your pocket money.

**Literacy Pro Reading Award**
Congratulations to Alia Elliott 2A who received the Literacy Pro Reading Award this week. Your organisation and enthusiasm is outstanding.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Five more students have completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge this week bringing the total number of students who have completed the Challenge to 41.
Congratulations to Kalarna Swinkels KF, Jessie Bradburn 3H, Eddie Gardner 3H, Riley Gardner 5G and Matthew Whelan 5M

**P&C NEWS**
The P&C would like to thank Mr O’Shannessy and Mrs Blake for joining us at our P&C meeting last night. They both came and presented detailed proposals about their need for funding support from the P&C. Through the efforts of the P&C and the Floraville school community we are able to offer extensive support to our school staff. In next week’s brief a detailed outline will be given showing exactly where our funds will be utilised.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Please note the new prices on the following items:
These will be:  Lean Beef Pies $2.50
Lean Beef Party Pie $2.00
Sausage Rolls $2.00.
Please check under “Our School” – “Canteen” section on our website & our app for our new updated Menu for Terms 3 & 4.

**Roster**
- **Thursday 23/7** – Alison Maddocks, Suzanne Halpin, Trish Oakey, Nicole Hooper (am)
- **Friday 24/7** – Amanda Jackson, Megan Garland, Kate Lonergan, Kristie Davies, Sarah-Jane Crofts
- **Monday 27/7** – Rachael Searle, Jenny Davies, Amanda Jackson
- **Tuesday 28/7** – Michelle Ponnman, Tracey Aspinall, Susan Moloney
- **Wednesday 29/7** – Kay Gibson, Meegan Nicholson, Christine Mitford, Kylie Face

**BANKING NEWS**

**Banking Champion – KB**
School Banking is every Thursday
**Helpers are required urgently**

**UNIFORM NEWS**
Uniform shop is open Wednesday’s 2.30-3.15pm