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Public Speaking Competition

It was a privilege to be an audience member at our school’s Public Speaking competition finals on Monday. The speeches were informative, engaging and very entertaining. I was in awe of the confidence displayed by all of the class representatives from Kindergarten through to Year 6. It is not an easy task to be chosen as their class representatives.

Congratulations to the following students who made it through to represent their class at the grade finals:

Jett James (KB), Flynn Maddocks (KF), Jade Stringer (KG), Tahlia Gahan (KS), Will Roseby (1O), Charlotte James (1N), Pranali Shukla (1R), Cooper Thompson (1S), William Dugomanov (2OF), Larna McCarthy (2C), Nathan Connor (2A), Kaden Pinfold (2F), Andrea Battye (2O’S), Gus Bunce (3C), Aiden Wood (3G), Vivek Batra (3H), Refilwe Kesitse (3L), Tamsyn Capararo (6B), Makenzi Harvey (6F), Caitlin Gu (6F)

I would like to acknowledge both Jake Robertson (5M) and Emily Magri (6F) who were chosen as their class representatives however, were away for the finals on Monday.

The following students were judged the winners for their grade and now move on to represent our school at Zone Public Speaking stage finals in the coming weeks:

Early Stage One – Jett James (KB). Flynn Maddocks (KF) also moves through to Zone as the runner-up.

Stage One – Pranali Shukla (1R) and William Dugomanov (2OF)

Stage Two – Riley Aitken (3L) and Lucy Wallace (4E)

Stage Three – Alec Piper (5G) and Makenzi Harvey (6F)

A huge thank you to all of the classroom teachers for helping to prepare every student in their class for the Public Speaking task. We are one of very few schools who complete the task at school, therefore each speech is a genuine reflection of student understanding and effort. A special thank you to Isabella Halpin and Porscha Graham for chairing the event as well as to Luke Longworth and Mitchell Holford for accurate timekeeping.

Once again, Mrs Gu led the organisation for this whole school event and she is to be highly commended on the seamless way the event came together. Mrs Gu’s report and photos will appear in next week’s Bulletin.

P&C Support to the School

The very generous support of the P&C has once again resulted in the proposed purchasing of some very valuable resources for our school. Every student across the school will benefit from two large donations; a $15,000 contribution to an iPad technology initiative and a $4,900 contribution to acquire some much needed music equipment to support student learning programs in music.

As a parent, it should be rewarding to know that your donations to P&C fundraising initiatives are directly and positively impacting on your child’s learning experiences here at Floraville.

Please feel free to come along to the next P&C meeting which will be held on Tuesday 25th August at 6pm in the school library. You may like to have an input into how future P&C funds could benefit the school. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you Mrs Bell

After five years of volunteering as the school banking co-ordinator, Mrs Houston is retiring from her position. We sincerely thank Mrs Bell for her efforts over the years and wish her well in the future. We are hoping that new volunteers will come forward to assist with the school banking program. It currently runs on a Thursday morning for approximately an hour and a half. If you would like to offer your services please see the ladies at the school office.

Staffing Updates

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Houston was forced to take her maternity leave earlier than expected. Both she and her unborn babies are well and we wish Mrs Houston all the best as she enters motherhood in the near future.

Miss Pullman who has been teaching 2F part-time this year has moved across to 3H for the remainder of the year. Mrs Fox is extending her teaching role on 2F to now include Thursdays. We welcome Miss Sullivan to our teaching staff as the teacher on 2F on a Friday. I am anticipating a smooth transition for the students of both 3H and 2F as these changes take effect this week.

Heads and Toes

It is timely to remind all students and parents of our uniform dress code with a particular emphasis on hats and shoes.

School hats must be either the navy school cap or broad brimmed hat available for purchase through the P&C Uniform Shop. At times, it is reasonable that school hats do go missing and maybe replaced by a plain navy hat whilst the other is being found or replaced. It is also reasonable that in the really cold weather your child may wish to wear a beanie to school. Once again, we stress that this must be plain navy in colour and does not replace wearing a sun-protective school hat during outdoor play activities.
School shoes must also be predominately black and sport shoes need to be predominately white as per the School Uniform Policy. Please respect that fluorescent shoes or shoelaces are not an acceptable part of our uniform.

Whooping Cough
Further cases of whooping cough have been detected within our school, particularly in Year 6. If your child presents with a persistent cough it is essential that you seek medical advice. It is also vital that to help stop the spread of whooping cough, a child must stay home for a period of five days once antibiotics have commenced.

It is important that everyone is also aware that whooping cough presents very differently in the immunised child/adult. A child will probably only have a cough, and an adult probably won’t even present with a cough. The adult will most likely present with a sore throat and a temperature. It is highly unlikely that any immunised child will present with the typical ‘whoop’. However, they are still infectious and medical intervention is still necessary.

CAPtivAte
Floraville CAPtivAte is the name given to our stage performances later this term. Next week’s Bulletin will have full details on tickets and purchasing processes.

Thank you,
Jenny White
Relieving Principal

Thought for the Week
“Every person has a longing to be significant; to make a contribution; to be a part of something noble and purposeful.” - John C. Maxwell

This week’s virtue is PURPOSEFULNESS
Being purposeful is having a clear focus. Begin with a vision for what you want to accomplish, and concentrate on your goals. Do one thing at a time, without scattering your energies. Some people let things happen. When you are purposeful, you make things happen.

ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 2O

SPORT NEWS
Macquarie Cup Netball
Last week was Miss Houston’s last week supervising our Floraville Junior and Senior B teams at Macquarie Cup netball. This week we officially welcome Miss Brindley and Miss Gee to the wonderful Floraville netball teams. These two talented netballers will be supervising the Floraville netball teams and running training on the school basketball court each week. Senior girls will continue to train on the Wednesday’s at 3.05 – 3.50pm and juniors girls will continue to train on a Thursday at 3.05 – 3.50pm.

Primary Sport Payments
There are still a few students who have not paid their full instalments for Macquarie Cup soccer and Macquarie netball. The final soccer payment is due on Friday the 31st of July 2015 at the front office and the final netball payment is due Wednesday 29th July 2015 at the front office.

Zone Athletics
If you were lucky enough to receive a note about representing Floraville at the Zone athletics carnival in week 5, please make sure you return the note to Mr Cox and payment to the office as soon as possible to help with the organisation for the two days of athletics.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
Canberra Excursion
Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the nation’s capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Floraville deducted this from the initial cost of the excursion.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their educational excursion and gained a wealth of information and memories.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
All Premier’s Reading Challenge entries will need to be completed by Friday 21st August.

Congratulations to Ellouise Blanch who has completed the Challenge bringing our whole school total to 42.

Book Week
We will be holding our annual Book Week celebrations and Grandparents Day on Tuesday 18th August. Have you got your costume organised? You can come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book or try to get inspired by this year’s theme ‘Books Light Up Our World’.

9:05am Infants Book Character Parade (except the Year 2 students from 2/3C)
10:05am Primary Book Character Parade (including the Year 2 students from 2/3C)
11:00am Morning Tea (tea, coffee and cake for visitors)
11:30am - 1:00pm Literature Inspired Art/Craft Activities

Visitors and children are invited to bring along a picnic lunch to share or pre-order lunch from the canteen or just purchase something on the day.

1:45pm - 2:30 Literature Inspired Art/Craft Activities

Visitors are welcome to visit classrooms and help with activities.

1:00pm-1:40pm Lunch

The Book Fair will also be open all day from 8.30am.

Literacy Pro
Congratulations to the following students who received Literacy Pro awards at our recent Infants and Primary assemblies.

Scarlett Halpin 1R, Ben Breasley 2O, Bella Ciarrocchi 2O, Zac Anderson 2A, Cooper Turner 2A, Jasana Denz 2/3C, Ella Hope 2O, Tobi Eles 3G and Elleni Pedonese 3/4L all received Blue Star Awards (25 Literacy Pro points).

Mitchell Chung 2O and Seth Diver 2F received a Red Star Award (50 Literacy Pro points).

Seth Diver 2F, Luke Bau 3G and Samara Ingram 3/4L received Bronze Star Awards (75 Literacy Pro points).

Nathan Connar 2A, Andrea Battye 2O and Grace Kim 4E received Silver star Awards (100 Literacy Pro points).

P&C NEWS
It is great news to announce that the P&C have been able to give $15,000 towards digital technology in our school and $4,900 towards new music equipment. It will be much easier for our teachers to utilise technology in our children’s classrooms with the purchase of new iPads and our music teachers will now have full sets of a range of musical instruments. Thank you again to all our volunteers and school community who continue to support the P&C, which allow us to offer this assistance to our school and its staff.

A reminder that all book club orders are due by Thursday, 6th August.

CANTEEN NEWS
Coming Up
Book Week Parade/Grandparents Day – Tuesday 18th August!

Roster Thursday 30/7 – Narelle Masson, Lee-Anne Lentfer, Sandy Green, Sally Brown. Friday 31/7 – Simone Pasovski, Chris Rapp, Toni Roberts, Kim Toll (am). Monday 3/8 – Kellie Christian, Jo Fletcher, Sally Face.

Tuesday 4/8 – Katrina Hall, Meredith Wright, Neridah Jackson, Lisa Wardle. Wednesday 5/8 – Sharon Robertson, Louise Grozdanowski, Renee McCormick, Peta-Marie McCormick

BANKING NEWS
School Banking is every Thursday **Helpers are required urgently**

UNIFORM NEWS
Long Sleeve Polo 2016
The P&C are currently looking at a dark blue option for the long sleeve polo for next winter.

There are 3 options:
1. Long sleeve cotton shirt with school crest
2. Long sleeve shirt as per current shirt but in reverse colours
3. Long sleeve shirt as per current shirt, in reverse colours, and thicker fabric.

These 3 options will be displayed in the office and uniform shop. Please come in and leave your feedback on the forms provided. They will be on display from now until end August.

Uniform Shop Volunteer required - admin support
A volunteer is needed for at most 30mins per week from home - pay bills online, order stock online, notes for The Brief. Please contact Sue King 0405 718 628 if you can help. Thanks.

Uniform shop is open Wednesdays 2.30-3.15pm