Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I mentioned that we were in for an eventful week and it has certainly delivered that way. Busy yes, rewarding even more so!

**Book Week and Grandparents’ Day**

Yesterday we celebrated Book Week and Grandparents’ Day. It was a sensational day with many I believe going so far in describing it as “perfect”.

It was wonderful to see all of our students dressed in costume with some taking this year’s theme “Books Light Up Our World” literally. The costume creating efforts were a credit to everyone (parents and students). Both the Infants and Primary parades were loads of fun. It was great to see so many smiles on the faces of children and audience members too.

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**Stage 2:**
- Jacob Spruce (4E), Ryke Denz (4L), Diantae Fabar (4C), Caleb Thomson (3C), Chloe Hatton (3H), Grace Kim (4E), Tom Bresley (4C), Madox Leadbeatter (3H), Thomas Kennedy (3L), Aiden Wood (3G) and Tobi Eeles (3G).

**Stage 3:**
- Ewan McKenzie (6P), Laura Vico (6B), Emily Magri (6F), Caleb Face (5F), Cameron Wood (5M), Cassandra Jarvis (5G), Michael Melksdam (6P), Matthew Langholz (5G), Keeley Halls (5M), Jasmine Allison (5F), Cohan Rapp (6B) and Elliott Murray (6F).

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A huge thank you to all of the Primary teachers for hosting class Spelling Bee events. A special thank you to Sam Norman, Jackson Hunter and Logan Wonser for chairing the events as well as to Natasha Hanson and Declan Fuller for accurate timekeeping. Once again, we acknowledge Mr Allenby, Deputy Principal at Belmont High School, for his excellent adjudicating for the third year in a row.

This year, Mrs Focic led the organisation and she is to be recognised for the smooth way the event came together. Mrs Focic’s report and photos will appear in the Week 8 Bulletin.

**Tickets for CAPtivate**

A reminder that the first round of ticket offers for each of the stage performances close this Friday 21st August at 3pm. Unfortunately due to the colour coding system of the notes they are unavailable to download on the website however, spare notes are available at the school office.

**Feedback from Zone Public Speaking Finals**

The results are in and unfortunately Floraville students did not gain a place in the recent Zone competition. However, we do congratulate Cooper (Biddabah PS), Eligh (Charlestown PS), Jacob (Dudley PS) and Caitlyn (Valentine PS) on their fine results in winning their stage finals. We wish you well at Regionals.

**School Aerobics**

Well done to Dancalohics and En4cable, who competed at the National championships in Queensland last weekend. We are still awaiting the results from the competition, hopefully they will be available soon.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**

It was a little nerve racking and exciting at the same time to be an audience member at our school’s Premier’s Spelling Bee competition finals on Monday. I respect the confidence shown by all of the class representatives from Year 3 through to Year 6. It is not an easy task to spell words aloud and without the use of a pen and a piece of paper! The task is made even harder when you have to do so in front of your peers, teachers and parents.

Congratulations to the following students who made it through to represent their class at the Spelling Bee school finals:

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- 28/8 – PSSA Hunter Athletics
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**Week 6**

- 20/8 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 21/8 – Primary Assembly 10.20am
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS**

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Thank you to members of our P&C, canteen and parent volunteers in general. Grandparents’ were treated to a special morning tea due to the generous cake/slice donations from our community. One again, our canteen helpers worked tirelessly to assist and cater for the grandparent guests. Many thanks also to those who helped serve at the Book Fair as well as to those families who made purchases.

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable day, especially the grandparents!

**Zone Athletics**

Congratulations to our School Athletics Team who recently competed at the Zone carnival. Everyone came away on the day with having given their best effort as well as having displayed great sportsmanship. A special mention to Ruby Jones, Stevie Botham, Riley Gardner, Reece McManus, Wil Botham and James Downie who all now move forward to represent East Lake Macquarie at the Regional carnival later this month. Good luck!

**Safety Around School**

For the safety of our students please take the time to use the pedestrian traffic lights when crossing busy Floraville Road. It is extremely distressing to watch people cross the road, especially when the crossing is only a short distance away. I have personally witnessed two situations in the past week where parents and students have had near misses in the traffic. Balls bounce, people (especially children) don’t!

**Double Stickers with Earn and Learn this Weekend!**

Thank you,

Jenny White
Relieving Principal
**ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 4E**

This week’s virtue is **FLEXIBILITY**

Flexibility is being open to change. You consider others’ ideas and feelings and don’t insist on your own way. Flexibility gives you creative new ways to get things done. You get rid of bad habits and learn new ones. Flexibility helps you to keep changing for the better.

**SPORT NEWS**

School Aerobics Nationals

Good done on a fabulous effort at the National Aerobic championship on the weekend (Caitlin Gu, Tara Nuss, Alyssa Payne, Isabella Halpin, Lucy Wallace, Jarna and Laura Vico, Lara Moore, Tara Banks, Brianna Anderson). If you think you would like to be part of this wonderful sport, stay tuned for more details about signing up for Aerobics as a Primary School Sport next term.

Zone Athletics

Last Wednesday and Thursday our athletics team went to Marks Point Oval to compete in the East Lake Zone Athletics Carnival. We had many outstanding results during the carnival and at the end of the day Floraville walked away with six students progressing onto the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held at Glendale on Friday 28th August 2015. Congratulations to the following students: Ruby Jones, Stevie Botham, Riley Gardner, Reece McManus, Wil Botham and James Downie

PSSA Cricket

Good luck to the Boys PSSA Cricket team who are taking on The Junction Public School on Monday the 24th August at Hamilton. The boys have been patiently waiting for this game to come around and have trained hard. We wish you all the very best!

Macquarie Cup Soccer

Good luck to our teams playing in the finals this week at the Speers Point grounds. Games begin at 12.30pm. For more details contact Mr Faulkner.

**OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

School Newspaper Competition

On Tuesday August 25th, Floraville Public School’s entry into the Newcastle Newspapers School Newspaper competition will be published. The ‘Floraville Frontline’ will be filled with articles, an editorial piece, a cartoon and an advertisement all written and produced by Year 6 students.

So grab a copy of The Newcastle Herald next Tuesday and catch up on some local news - all brought to you by our very own talented students.

School Spectacular Fundraiser

16 students from Floraville auditioned for, and were successful in gaining a position in the massed choir for this year’s Schools Spectacular! It is a huge variety show that contains talented singers, dancers and dramatists from all over NSW public schools. This event is held at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (former Sydney Entertainment Centre) at the end of November and is telecast on channel 9. Information will go out shortly regarding ticketing for this show if anyone is interested in coming to watch and supporting the kids from Floraville!

To assist in helping to offset the costs of attending such an event, we are holding a bingo and karaoke night fundraiser on Saturday, 12th September at Windale-Gateshead Bowling Club, who have been generous in donating the venue and bingo equipment. The night will begin at 6pm and bingo books are $10 and single sheets $5. If you would like to join us in some fun we will see you on the night. Alternatively, if you cannot attend and would like to still help out, we are asking for donations, no matter how small from families, businesses etc. that we can use as prizes for bingo on the night. Please direct any questions and donations to Mr Faulkner.

Nathan Faulkner (on behalf of the Spectacular choir committee)

Band Information

After six months of learning to play an instrument and learning to play in a group it is finally time for our newest band members to show off what they have been doing. The Mini Minors band will make their performance debut at next Monday’s assembly. Any parents or friends wishing to attend are more than welcome.

Thank you to those students who have returned their availability note for Bandits. If you have not done so, please return to Mrs Blake tomorrow. Stay tuned for confirmation of upcoming performances for both Mini Minors and Majors.

**Lost!**

Clarinet belonging to a school band member is missing

A Year 3 Floraville student and devoted school band member has lost her clarinet. It was last seen in her classroom last week and it has not been returned as yet. If you see a small black instrument case with a clarinet inside, please bring it to our school office so we can check if it is the missing clarinet. Thank you.

**Kindergarten 2016**

The first orientation session for parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2016 will be held on Monday 31st August at 7pm in the school hall. Come along and find out about the programs our school offers. Learn about Program Achieve, L3 and Jolly phonics. Meet the experienced staff and become familiar with some of our school routines. This will enable you to help your child have a successful transition to school. Tea and coffee will be available and staff will be able to answer all of your questions. If you haven’t already enrolled your child please see the office ASAP.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Week and Grandparents’ Day 2016**

Thank you for your amazing support for our Book Week and Grandparent Celebrations yesterday. I always walk away from the day feeling such a huge sense of pride for our school. We are so lucky to have such an amazing group of kids and supportive parents and wonderful grandparents too.

Thank you also for supporting our Book Fair. Once again, it was hugely successful meaning we’ll be able to purchase lots of new books for our library.

Thank you to our fantastic canteen helpers, your donations of cakes, slices and goodies and of course serving these delicious treats is always appreciated.

And finally, a big thank you to Susan Whelan (author and Floraville mum) for giving up her time to spend the day with us. For those of you who bought a copy of her book, ‘Don’t Think About Purple Elephants’, I hope you enjoy it.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Just a reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge needs to be completed by Friday 21st August. If you have a hand written copy (and you haven’t entered the books online), please send them in by Friday.

**P&C NEWS**

**On Tuesday 1st September, we will be holding our annual Fathers’ Day stall. Gifts range from $3 – $10, with beautiful handmade cards $2. If you are able to help out selling gifts on the day, please meet under the COLA stall. Gifts range from $3 – $10, with beautiful handmade cards $2. If you are able to help out selling gifts on the day, please meet under the COLA stall. **

Next P&C meeting will be next Tuesday 25th August, in the library at 6:30pm all are welcome.

**CAINTEEN NEWS**

Thank you to everyone that donated cakes and slices for our Grandparents’ Day/Book Week parade morning tea. Also a special thank you to all the helpers on canteen and the coffee/tea counter.

**Volunteers Needed**

Helpers desperately needed on our canteen roster for Mondays for the remainder of the year. The following dates require urgent help: 7/9, 14/9, 12/10, 2/11, 9/11, 30/11, 2/12. If you can help with any or all of these could you please see Margaret our Canteen Supervisor asap.

**Roster**

**Thursday 20/8** – Alison Maddocks, Suzanne Halpin, Trish Oakley, Nicole Hooper (am)

**Friday 21/8** – Amanda Jackson, Megan Garland, Kate Lonergan, Kristie Davies

**Monday 24/8** – Rachel Searle, Jenny Davies, Michelle Keen

**Tuesday 25/8** – Michelle Ponnom, Tracey Aspinall, Susan Moloney

**Wednesday 26/8** – Kay Gibson, Meegan Nicholson, Christine Mitford

**BANKING NEWS**

**Banking Champions – 2A**

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

**UNIFORM NEWS**

One-off volunteer needed - Do you have one hour spare to count uniform stock? We need 3-4 volunteers to do stocktake this term. Please contact Sue King – 0405 718628.

**REMINDER** - vote on next year’s long sleeve shirt at the school office, one more week only.

Uniform shop is open Wednesdays 2.30-3.15pm

**Thought for the Week**

“The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.” - Albert Einstein

**Library**