Dear Parents and Carers,

Significant Traffic Concerns
I acknowledge and appreciate that the majority of our community members consistently “do the right thing” when it comes to the safety of our students as well as others when coming to and going from school. I am however, constantly disappointed and bewildered by the actions of a few of our community members who show little respect for the parking rules out the front of our school. The school receives regular complaints about cars which park in the designated No Parking zone from as early as 2.30pm. Sometimes these cars are even left unattended until well after 3pm, which is affecting the intended flow of this pick up area. Unfortunately, dangerous situations also occur when drivers angle half-way into a spot or similarly double park, leaving busy Floraville Road traffic held up by this. Please, there is really no excuse for any of these circumstances to happen or for the verbal and physical abuse which has taken place in the designated No Parking zone.

Please refer to the coloured leaflet “School Zone Parking Offences” which is provided with today’s brief. As from 1st July 2015 the penalties have increased for school zone offences.

Hours of operations apply to our signs, from 8am to 9.30am during morning drop off and from 2.30pm to 4pm during afternoon pickup. This means restrictions apply for those times on school days only.

Staffing Updates
Mrs Erich will begin her maternity leave at the end of this week. I would like to thank Mrs Erich for the wonderful job she has done in the role of Deputy Principal over the past seven weeks and I, along with the rest of the staff wish her well as she awaits the birth of her baby.

As of next Monday, Mr O’Shannessy will relieve as Deputy Principal until the end of 2015 and 2O will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Rebecca Smith. Mrs Smith has had previous experience at working at Floraville before taking a twelve month teaching position at Wallsend Public school in 2014.

Tickets for CAPTivAte
The first round of ticket offers will be distributed as soon as possible. Please ensure that if you missed having your tickets and money into the office by the first deadline of Friday 21st August, the next round of tickets will be on sale on Monday 31st August.

Debating
Congratulations to our Division B debating team who last Thursday convincingly argued against Valentine Public School. They were the negative team with the topic “That school canteens would be better run by students”. The team consisting of Annabelle Morrow, Josh Taylor, Ava Thompson and Shakayla Wardle, together with Alana Bradshaw will now move forward to debate against Windale Public School next Thursday 3rd September. Is modern communication flawed? Good luck team!

Good News Story from Soccer
It was lovely to hear that last Friday one of our soccer teams playing in the Macquarie Cup exhibited excellent sportsmanship. Despite being down on the scoreboard and having the other team “rub it in” our boys held their heads high and continued to play the game, trying their very best until the final whistle. Well done boys! You have made a number of people very proud.

A Generous Donation
Thank you to Mr Hardy (Storm KS) who generously donated a number of Domino toys. Some lucky students in the Infants will be the recipients of these in the coming days. Kindergarten will also benefit from some full sets which will be put to good use in their classrooms.

Hearing Awareness Week
Hearing Awareness Week (August 23 - 29) aims to highlight the issues faced by people with hearing loss. Hearing Awareness Week will see a range of promotional activities happen across the country, including ‘silent’ sports events, public exhibitions on hearing technologies, and hearing safety training by employers to alert people to the issues.

Visit www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au for more information.

Thank you,
Jenny White
Relieving Principal

Thought for the Week
“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used to create them.” – Albert Einstein
ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 1/2O

This week’s virtue is CREATIVITY

Creativity is the power of imagination. It is discovering your own special talents. Dare to see things in new ways and find different ways to solve problems. With your creativity, you can bring something new into the world.

SPORT NEWS

Regional Athletics

Good luck to our six students (Ruby Jones, Stevie Botham, Riley Gardner, Reece McManus, Wil Botham and James Downie) competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held at Glendale on Friday 28th August 2015. A reminder that students attending need to be at the centre 40min before their event. They must also check in with the East Lake Macquarie team manager to collect their race singlet as outlined in your notes.

PSSA Boys’ Cricket

Unfortunately the PSSA Boys’ Cricket was postponed this week due to rain but the game has been rescheduled for next Monday 31st August. They are still playing The Junction Public School at Hamilton. We wish you all the very best!

PSSA Boys’ Touch Football

This Thursday Miss O’Friel will be taking the Boys’ PSSA Touch Football team to Waratah Park to play Waratah Public School in their next round of the knockout competition. May you ALL score a try!!!

Macquarie Cup Soccer

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

Macquarie Cup Netball

Good luck to the Senior B netball team in the finals this week. All other Floraville netball teams will still be playing this week and also supporting the Senior B team in their final.

Special Photo Day

Our “Special Photo Day” is Wednesday 2nd September. If your child is in any school group/team, please bring the required items on the day. The uniform requirements note is on our website.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Schools Spectacular Fundraiser

16 students from Floraville auditioned 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)

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

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Entries have now closed for the Premier’s Reading Challenge for students. However, as PRC co-ordinator I have until Friday to enter any late entries.

Congratulations to Callum Bird KG, Sophie Green KS, Angus Nagle 1N, Bella Ciarrocchi 2O, Penny Hollis 1/2O, Matthew Kerr 2A, Taj Waters 2O, Gus Bunce 2/3C, Ben Seu 2/3C, Zali Waters 3H, Hannah Kerr 4C, Brock Ayliffe 5G and Hayley Woogser 5F who have all finished the 2015 Premier’s Reading. This brings the total number of Floraville students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge to 63.

Book Fair Orders

Being a very busy time of year for Book Fairs, we are still awaiting the arrival of orders. As soon as they arrive, I will get them to all students.

P&C NEWS

Next Tuesday 1st September we will be holding our Father’s Day Stall. There will be a range of gifts from $3 – $10, with beautiful handmade cards costing $2.

There will be no layby system so children must remember their money on the day. The stall is run by volunteers, so if you can spare some time on Tuesday morning please come to the COLA at 9.00am, your help will be very much appreciated

CANTEEN NEWS

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 a.s.a.p.

Roster

Thursday 27/8 – Narelle Masson, Lee-Anne Lentfer, Sandy Green, Sally Brown

Friday 28/8 – Simone Pasovski, Chris Rapp, Toni Roberts, Kim Toll (am)

Monday 31/8 – Kellie Christian, Jo Fletcher, Sally Face

Tuesday 1/9 – Katrina Halls, Meredith Wright, Neridah Jackson, Lisa Wardle

Wednesday 2/9 – Sharon Robertson, Louise Grozdanovski, Renee McCormick, Peta –Maree McCormick

BANKING NEWS

Banking Champions – KB

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

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform shop is open Wednesdays 2.30-3.15pm