IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2
• 5/2 – Kinder Photos

Week 3
• 8/2 – School Leaders Induction Ceremony 2.10pm
• 8/2 – Major Band practice 3pm
• 9/2 – P&C Meeting 6.30pm
• 10/2 – Mini Minors Band practice 3pm
• 11/2 – Primary Swimming Carnival

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
• Book Packs
• Primary Sport – Due today
• Primary Swimming Carnival - $7 – Due 8/2

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 2 TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first official full week for 2016 has begun in earnest and it was nice to be able to start the week in our new class structures.

A warm welcome back to school to all of our existing families and a special welcome to our new students and families who have joined us in various grades throughout the school. I am sure you will find your time at Floraville rewarding and enjoyable.

It has also been a special time for our new Kindergarten students who started school for the first time yesterday. On my visits to Kindergarten it has been lovely to see everyone so calm and relaxed… even the teachers!

Class Placements and Structures
As you are aware, children were placed into their 2016 classes last Friday. Students have been placed according to the advice of their 2015 teachers, their learning as well as social needs. There is a high demand for places at our school and we have 22 very full classes this year. At this stage we are unable to accept out of zone enrolments, with many students placed on waiting lists.

Classes for 2016 are:
KB – Mrs Barclay (AP)
KF – Mrs Fester
KG – Mrs Gu
KS – Mrs Sattler
1H – Miss O’Friel
1J – Mrs Fox/Mrs Smith
1L – Mrs Haylen/Mrs O’Neill
1S – Mrs Roach/ Mrs Nelson
2C – Miss Clarke (Rel AP)
2J – Mrs Adams/Miss Pullman
2O – Mrs Press/Mr O’Shannessy (Rel DP)
3B – Miss Brindley
3H – Mrs Hadden/Mrs Naszka-Ballardie
3L – Miss Leedham

4B – Mrs Blake/Mr Avis
4C – Mr Cox (Rel AP)
4M – Miss Strong

5F – Mr Faulkner
5G – Mrs Gray

5/6B – Mr Barnett
6F – Mrs Focic
6P – Mrs Phillip (Rel AP)

Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher Evenings
In Week 4 we will be holding our meet the teacher information evenings at school.
Kindergarten will be held Monday 15th February from 6:00pm to 6:45pm in the Kinder classrooms.
Years 1 to 6 will be held on Tuesday 16th February as follows:
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) - 4:40 to 5:20pm
Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – 5:20 to 6:00pm
Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) – 6:00 to 6:40pm
Each Stage (except Kindergarten) will meet in the library for a brief introduction by the Stage Assistant Principal and then move to your child’s classroom with their teacher.

** Please note Mrs Phillip will be on leave at this time and 6P’s class information session will take place on Tuesday 23rd February at 5.30pm.

Procedures for Communicating with Teachers
As parents, we are always concerned about how our children are progressing both academically and socially.
As teachers, the daily interactions we have with students allow us to gauge any areas which maybe a cause for concern. Should a concern arise be assured that your child’s teacher will make contact with you.
Quite often at the beginning or end of the day, teachers have commitments with meetings and the like. It can be often difficult to address your questions during these busy times.
Please be mindful that if there are issues to be discussed with your child’s classroom teacher the most effective form of communication is through the school office. The office staff can make arrangements for the teacher to contact you at a time which is convenient to both parties.

A Reminder about Student Attendance
Daily school attendance is compulsory.
Should your child arrive late or leave early please ensure you accompany them to the school office so that partial attendance procedures are recorded accurately.
Any absences from school must be informed either in writing, via the school app or by telephone. If for some reason your child is absent for a period of 2 days without notification, you are likely to receive a friendly phone call from your child’s classroom teacher – just to ensure all is well.
SCHOOL LEADERS
Next Monday 8th February, we will be holding our leadership induction assembly for our school captains and prefects. This assembly will also see the announcement of our sport house captains and vice-captains and the presentation of badges. It will be held in the school hall commencing at 2.20pm.

MONDAY WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
To accommodate the ever increasing demands of our school curriculum as well as to maximise potential learning time, the staff are collectively very happy to gain a further 50 minutes of teaching time every second Monday. We have decided that our Monday afternoon assemblies will now take place fortnightly on even school weeks. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

THANK YOU,
Jenny White
Relieving Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
“The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance.” – Nathaniel Branden

This week’s virtue is CARING
Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. You do a careful job, giving your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully. Caring makes the world a safer place.

SPORT NEWS
Primary Sport
Primary Sport begins Friday Week 3 and in Term 1 it is 9:40am - 11:00am.
Sport notes for Term 1 went home last year. If your child is participating in a paid sport, permission slips and payments were due today. Unfortunately, students cannot participate without payment as the program is pre-paid and we will offer your child’s spot to another student if the payment is not received by Friday at the latest. If your child did not receive a sport note this means that they are doing school-based rotational sport at no cost.

2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This week all students in Years 3,4,5 and 6 should have received a Swimming Carnival Information Note. The note outlines all key information and all required permission slips. In the yellow swimming note I also was requesting any parents/grandparents that may be able to assist on the day. If you are able to assist please return the slip to the office or contact the front office or Mr Cox.

All students attending should be dressed in their house colours and have enclosed footwear. Students will require the following items: Towel, sunscreen, hat, swimmers, change of underwear, snacks, a refillable water bottle, a packed lunch or a lunch order paper bag. All items are to be clearly labelled.

Parents are invited to collect their students after the event. Please be aware that it is the parent’s responsibility to locate the ‘sign-out desk’ near the canteen to sign their children out.

P&C NEWS
Welcome back to school for 2016, we hope everyone had a great holiday!
We have sent home an interest to volunteer for our school canteen form & would love to see some new parents/grandparents/carers join our wonderful school community, make new friendships and of course have the opportunity to see your children.

If you can volunteer some time to our wonderful canteen please fill out the form & return to our canteen supervisor Margaret if possible by this Friday 5th February.

ROSTER
Thursday 4/2 – Trish Oakey, Suzanne Halpin, Nicole Hooper
Friday 5/2 – Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies
Monday 8/2 – Jenny Davies, Kristie Reid
Tuesday 9/2 – Tracey Aspinall, Michelle Ponman
Wednesday 10/2 – Kay Gibson, Meegan Nicholson, Kylie Face

BANKING NEWS
School Banking is every Thursday.

UNIFORM NEWS
Don’t forget you can order online anytime to save time. Email or drop an order into the office and it will be ready for collection on Wednesdays 2.30-3.15pm or include your credit details and it will be sent home with your child on Thursday afternoon.

Old Light blue shirts can no longer be worn but don’t throw them away, drop them to the school office. We are organising to donate them to schools in Papua New Guinea.

Sue King
0405 718 628
Floraville P&C Uniform Shop
Open Wednesday’s 2.30-3.15pm

DEBRA MAGANN
School Admin Manager

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
Update using Parent Online Payment on a mobile device or tablet.
I am pleased to advise that POP is now user friendly on mobile devices.
Behind the scenes Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. In the past using the ‘$ Make a payment” page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when you click on this page, via a mobile device, you will be able to complete the online form with ease.