IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3
• 11/02 – Primary Swimming Carnival

Week 4
• 15/02 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
• 15/02 – Parent Information Session-Kinder-6pm
• 16/02 – Parent Information Session-Year 1 & 2 - 4.40pm
• 16/02 – Parent Information Session Year 3 & 4 - 5.20pm
• 16/02 – Parent Information Session Year 5 & 6(except 6P) – 6pm
• 17/02 – Lessons of a LAC Author visit
• 18/02 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
• 19/02 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

Week 5
• 22/02 – Zone Swimming Carnival 11.30am
• 23/02 – Parent Information Session 6P – 5.30pm
• 24/02 – Zone Swimming Carnival 9.00am

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
• Book Packs
• Primary Sport – overdue
• Lessons of a LAC – $6.00
• Term 1 Band Fees

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 3 TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

P&C 2016
Last night was the first P&C meeting for 2016. It was fantastic to see many new faces at the meeting, including Kindergarten parents as well as other parents representing various grades across the school.

Attending P&C meetings is a great way to find out firsthand what is happening within our school. It also provides you with an opportunity to discuss current issues and try to help with solutions.

One major concern discussed last night was the imminent closure of the school canteen on certain days of the week. Volunteers are needed urgently to keep our school canteen open five days a week. If you think you can help (even if it is only once in a while) please make contact with the school.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March. This meeting will be the AGM. Next week I will be calling for nominations from our parent community for active positions on the P&C. Otherwise, please always feel welcome to come along to P&C, meet new people and learn more about what is happening within our school.

Updating our Money Handling Policy
In the coming months, the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program will be introduced into our school as well as all schools in our area. It is a significant project for the Department of Education, with the new services replacing many of the Department’s existing systems, including finance.

With the introduction of the new finance system it will be timely for our school to update our existing money handling policy. To make things easier for our families we are looking to introduce Thursdays as the known day for monies to be due by. Parents will always continue to be given at least two weeks notice of any event costing money. Notes pertaining to a paid event will continue to be identified on pink paper. Hopefully, it will then be helpful to parents to think “It’s Thursday….now do I have anything due?” Of course, you can pay anytime up to and including the Thursday (date will be stipulated) however, close of business Thursday afternoon will be the cut-off for payment for the nominated activity.

As always the school will continue to provide financial assistance to our families in need. Anyone seeking financial assistance can do so confidentially through the school office. Please ensure that contact is made prior to the due date of payment.

Significant Traffic Concerns
Last year, the school tried to address the significant traffic concerns which occur daily at all entry points to our school. Already this year we have had a number of legitimate complaints made to our school office about drivers not using designated zones correctly or with due care.

Cars are often parked in the designated No Parking / Kiss and Ride zone from as early as 2.30pm. Sometimes these cars are even left unattended until well after 3pm therefore affecting the intended flow of this pick up area.

The school bus drivers are also constantly witnessing and reporting dangerous situations, particularly when vehicles angle half-way into a spot or similarly double park, leaving busy Floraville Road traffic held up.

Please refer to the coloured leaflet “School Zone Parking Offences” which is provided with today’s Brief.

I draw your particular attention to the substantial $531 fine which applies to vehicles pulling up in the “Accessible Parking” or otherwise known as Disability Parking zone. At least twenty vehicles without permits pull into this space regularly of an afternoon.
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.

I do 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.

Please, there is really no excuse for any of these circumstances to happen or for the verbal and physical abuse which takes place in the designated No Parking zone.

Monitoring of the use of the school’s designated parking zones will be occurring regularly. I urge you to take the time to read and familiarise yourself with the correct use of the zones outlined on the leaflet.

**Designated Staff Car Park Use**
A reminder that both the “top” and “bottom” car parks are for Floraville staff use only.

If you use the OOSH facilities please use Floraville Road to park for drop-offs and pick-ups, especially in the morning. We have a large staff and staff parking is limited. Many staff arrive at school early and have to negotiate cars, parents and children moving in and about the top car park. Safety to everyone is paramount.

Staff are also very concerned about students (along with parents) walking through car parks to access or leave the school grounds. Again, for safety reasons, I ask that you always use the designated pedestrian access gates.

**School and Sport Leaders Induction Ceremony**
Congratulations to the following students on their induction into a leadership role for 2016:

**STUDENT LEADERS** – Annabelle Morrow (C), Emma Mantle (VC), Zara Eeles (P), Joshua Taylor (C), Alexander Dugomanov (VC), Jake Robertson (P), Matthew Whelan (P).

**COOK HOUSE** - Ava Thomson (C), Ebony McCloughan (VC), Kyle Pasovski (C), Alec Piper (VC)

**MACQUARIE HOUSE** - Riley Gardner (C), Lara Moore (VC), Blake Gribble (C), Ashton Kay (VC)

**PHILLIP HOUSE** - Jessica Croese (C), Charlise Buddingh (VC), Charlie Lentfer (C), Darby Jones (VC)

**TASMAN HOUSE** - Jarna Vico (C), Samantha Barry (VC), Jayden Grozdanovski (C), Blake Priest (VC)

**Primary Swimming Carnival**
Good luck to everyone who is participating at the swimming carnival tomorrow. I wish you all a great day of fun and good sportsmanship. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the carnival due to a mandatory Principal training commitment.

**Parent Information Sessions**
A reminder that next week 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.**

**Flexischools is Up and Running in the Canteen**
A reminder that online ordering is available in the canteen. It is simple and easy to use. I personally use this system successfully.

- Nominate Floraville Public School, add a child and their class details.
- Create or “top-up” your account via credit card (29c fee), Paypal (35c fee) or direct deposit (nil fee). A $20 minimum is required to operate an account.
- Once logged in, you can then access the school’s canteen menu and place an order.
- You can make an order anytime including months, weeks, days or the night before. You have up until 8.30am on the day to order.
- The system is safe and secure and can be accessed on your mobile phone as well as a computer.

Happy ordering!

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

This week’s virtue is **RESPONSIBILITY**

Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake, you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.
SPORT NEWS
Primary Swimming Carnival
Students are to be at school by 8:30-8:45am this Thursday the 11th for the Primary Swimming Carnival. Students should move to the basketball court or outside the hall as normal so they can start to have their house and age written on their hands.
All parents and friends are encouraged to come and watch this fantastic day at Swansea Swimming pool. There is an entry fee of $2.00 for parents/spectators.
A reminder that no jewellery or hair spray should be worn. Students will wear their normal sports uniform to and from school however may wear their swimmers under their uniform to school.
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. Parents may only collect a child’s friend if that child has a written permission note from their parent or guardian.
Mr Cox - Carnival convenor.

Primary Sport
In Term 1, Primary Sport is on Fridays at 9:40am. Sport will commence this Friday and go through to Week 11.
Please ensure:
• The school office has up to date medical information about your child
• Students are responsible for bringing their own asthma puffers if required
• Students bring their own water bottle that they can refill (with their name on it)
• Students bring a school hat (with their name on it) as they are compulsory for sport and PE days

If your child is participating in Water Polo or Water Fun and Safety, students stay at school for weeks 3, 4 and 5 and will participate in sport and water safety lessons in the weeks prior to the pool being available. Students will go to Swansea Pool from Week 6 through to Week 11.
Looking forward to a great term of sports!

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
School Band
Band is back in full swing from this week. Majors rehearsals are on Monday afternoon 3-4pm in the hall. Mini Minors (new band members in 2016) rehearsal is on Wednesday afternoon 3-4pm in the hall. We are currently awaiting the arrival of our new instrument purchases which will enable us to complete our instrument distribution. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Mrs Blake or Ms Thacker who are at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The easiest way to contact us is via a phone call to the front office. Alternatively you could email donna.blake5@det.nsw.edu.au

P&C NEWS
Thank you to all the people who were able to attend last nights P&C meeting. It was fantastic to see so many new faces as well all our hard working people from last year. The P&C’s first fundraising event for this year will be our annual Crazy Hair Day and Easter egg donation which will be held on Wednesday, 17th March. More information about this will be handed out closer to the date.

Bookclub is due by 18th February. Remember if you pay online by credit card, you still need to put an order form into the office and make sure payment is made before the due date to ensure it comes through in time.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to everyone who has handed in their volunteer forms for the canteen roster for 2016. We are currently trying to finalise the years roster so this can be sent home to volunteers but please ask until this is done that you check the newsletter each week to make sure you are aware of what days you are rostered on.

Canteen Closure
Unfortunately due to a lack of volunteers for some Mondays & Tuesdays, we will sadly be closing the canteen on Monday 22/2 & Tuesday 23/2. This will continue monthly for these days for the year unless we get more volunteers. If you can possibly spare some time to volunteer, even if it’s only for half a day please come and see Margaret our canteen supervisor any morning before 11am.

Ring Pulls
We are also once again running our Ring Pull Top competition for this year. Please see note going home today for details.

Roster
Thursday 11/2 – Narelle Masson, Lee-Anne Lentfer, Sandy Green, Sally Brown
Friday 12/2 – Megan Garland, Amanda Jackson, Angela Buddingh, Donna Anderson
Monday 15/2 – Kristy Reid, Kelly Sorenson, Alka Gertsch
Tuesday 16/2 – Katrina Halls, Meredith Wright, Jennifer Thomspn
Wednesday 17/2 – Sharon Robertson, Louise Grozdanovski, Simone Pasovski

BANKING NEWS
Banking Champions 1H
There will be no banking tomorrow (Thursday 11/2) due to primary swimming carnival.

School Banking is every Thursday.

UNIFORM NEWS
"Do you need a new uniform for photo day (2nd March). Email your order to fpsuniform@outlook.com to ensure you receive it in time. Please remember that the light blue polo is no longer part of our uniform. On photo days, girls can wear the shirt and pleated skort combo or tunic. We are over stocked on tunics so are holding a TUNIC SALE – size 10-18 only $20 – LESS THAN HALF PRICE!"

Open Wednesday’s 2.30-3.15pm