IMPORTANT DATES

Week 6
- 03/03 – School Class Photos
- 03/03 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 04/03 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

Week 7
- 07/03-12/03 – Parent teacher interviews
- 08/03 – P&C Meeting and AGM 6.30pm

Week 8
- 14/03-18/03 – Parent teacher interviews
- 14/03 –24/03 – Canteen Easter bag orders
- 14/03 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 16/03 – Crazy Hair Day
- 17/03 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 18/03 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
- Book Packs
- Term 1 Band Fees
- Stage 2 Awabakal Excursion - $14.00 due 24/3
- Term 1 Aerobics
- ICAS Exams

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 6 TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

P&C Meetings
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the P&C will be held next Tuesday 8th March in the school library at 6.30pm. Following the AGM will be the normal general meeting.

P&C Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and play a very important role in partnership with the school. I value highly the time given by parents who attend these meetings and assist the school with input on important decision making processes for the school.

It would be great to see some more new faces at these meetings which are friendly, informative and an essential link to our school community. Meetings are finished by 8.30pm. All parents are welcome to come along and say ‘hello’.

A reminder that all positions on the P&C will be declared vacant at the AGM. Should you wish to nominate for a position on this year’s P&C a nomination form can be found in the Week 4 Bulletin or otherwise call into the school office to express your interest.

Regional Swimmers
Best wishes to Riley Gardner and Charlie Griffiths who will represent the Zone at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool this Thursday 3rd March. The meet will consist of a very strong field of swimmers and both Riley and Charlie should be proud of their individual achievements after many hours of dedicated training. Good luck girls!

Parent/Teacher Interviews
A reminder that parent / teacher interviews are open for booking online. To book an interview either visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au or access via our school app. You will need to enter the event code d8uhz. Interviews will be held for each class between 7th and 18th March.

Important information –New financial system
As you would be aware, this year the Department of Education is rolling out a new Finance and Administration system to be used by Principals and school office staff. The new system will be very different from the previous system and as such, our office staff and I will require a number of days out of the school to attend training. The training is quite extensive and there are a number of tasks that need to be completed in school before the system goes ‘live’. Whilst it will be a good thing to have this new system up and running, the training will have an impact on how quickly our office staff are able to respond to requests from both staff and parents. You will also see some less familiar faces in the office (relieving) on days when they are at the training.

Absence from School
If your child is absent from school, you are legally required to explain the reason for their absence within 7 days of the absence. This can be done, by sending a note in to your child’s class teacher on the day they return or by using the School App. If your doctor provides you with a medical certificate for your child, a copy can be provided to school to support their absence if you choose. From time to time, families plan holidays during the school term. Family holidays are no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. If your family is planning a holiday during a school term, please speak to the office staff about the process involved, in some cases you may meet the Department’s guidelines for ‘Extended Leave – Travel’. It is always best to do this in advance and to also inform your child’s class teacher.
Primary Sport Refunds
Due to the change in date with the School Development Day at the end of this term (Friday 8th April), Primary Sport will not run. Therefore, the school will be refunding a week’s worth of sport payments to families. Students can come and collect their refund in cash from the school office. Students will be required to sign to indicate that they have received the refund.

Thank you,
Jenny White
Relieving Principal

Thought for the Week
"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” - Dr Seuss

This week’s virtue is ENTHUSIASM
Enthusiasm is being cheerful, happy and full of spirit. It is doing something wholeheartedly and eagerly. When you are enthusiastic, you have a positive attitude. Enthusiasm is being inspired.

Assembly Class of the week – 2J

SPORT NEWS
Zone Swimming Carnival
Last Monday and Wednesday, 31 students from Floraville qualified to compete at the 2016 East Lake PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. We were blessed with fantastic weather and we had plenty of parent vocal support. All students swam very well with a number of our students swimming PB times. Special mention goes to Riley Gardner and Charlie Griffiths who both qualified to represent East Lake PSSA at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Maitland this Thursday. The whole school is wishing you the best girls!!

Swimming Carnival Presentation
This Friday 4th March, we will be holding our Primary Assembly at 12.20pm in the school hall. At this assembly students will be presented with their swimming carnival ribbons, Swimming Champion medals, the winning house will be announced and Zone Swimming certificates will also be presented to those who represented Floraville at the Zone Swimming Carnival 2016.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
Clean Up Australia Day
This Friday 4th March is CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY. Each class will be allocated an area in the school to clean up. Caring for our environment is everyone’s responsibility so all children will be asked to help out. Please send your child along with a pair of gloves and a recycled plastic bag.

StarStruck 2016
Congratulations to Caleb Face, 5/6B who has successfully auditioned for StarStruck this year. He will be performing as a featured artist as a junior singer. I’m sure he will do the school proud!

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
All Floraville Public School students are invited to participate in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The aim of the challenge is to ‘encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature.’ For details, please refer to the Premier’s Reading Challenge website www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

As of Monday 7th March, students will also be able to keep an electronic reading record. Logon details are the same as the logon details students use to access school computers. Alternatively, a written record can also be kept.

Literacy Pro Reading Award
Congratulations to Zara Eeles who was the recipient of the first Literacy Pro Reading Award of the year having already earned over 85 points

Book Fair
Our first book fair of the year will be held in Week 9, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March; just before the Easter break. This is a great opportunity for students to purchase a book whilst supporting our school library as we receive commission for all sales.

P&C NEWS
A reminder that next Tuesday 8th March is the P&C AGM, it will be held in the library at 6:30pm. At the conclusion of the AGM, we will have our monthly P&C meeting. If you would like to nominate yourself for any P&C positions remember to hand your form into the office. All are welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS
Coming Up
Easter Lunch Bags start – Monday 14th March
Harmony Day – Monday 21st March

Roster
Thursday 3/3 – Trish Oakey, Suzanne Halpin, Nicole Hooper, Samantha Saul
Friday 4/3 – Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies
Monday 7/3 – Jenny Davies, Alka Gertsch, Kristie Reid
Tuesday 8/3 – Tracey Aspinall, Michelle Ponman, Diane Stringer

Wednesday 9/3 – Kay Gibson, Meegan Nicholson, Kylie Face, Denise Copus

BANKING NEWS
Banking Champions - KG
School Banking is every Thursday.

UNIFORM NEWS
Open Wednesdays 2.30-3.15pm