IMPORTANT DATES

Week 7
- 10/03-12/03 – Parent teacher interviews

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-Easter egg donations
- 17/03 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 18/03 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

Week 9
- 21/03 – Harmony Day-“Bula”- Gold coin donation
- 21/03 – Canteen Harmony Day orders
- 21/03-24/03 – Canteen Easter bag orders
- 23/03 – Easter raffle tickets due
- 24/03 – Easter raffle is drawn
- 25/03 – Good Friday Holiday

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

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 7 TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Helping Our Fijian Neighbours – BULA / HARMONY Day

This week I received an email from one of our Floraville families, The Johnsons (Alison, Scott, Samantha and Angela), who are currently living overseas in Fiji. The very heartfelt email went as follows:

“As you may or may not be aware on Saturday 20-2-2016, Fiji was hit by the biggest Cyclone ever recorded in the southern hemisphere and the second biggest cyclone ever recorded. As you can imagine the village shanty huts did not fair too well with the 325km/hr winds. We live near Nadi Airport which recorded 305km/hr winds and it was a very anxious, sleepless night.

An area where I have been working, Rakiraki (approx. 140km north of Nadi) was ground zero. We were not allowed in until last week and I have to admit what I saw has affected me a great deal. All of my students and just about every villager around the Sugar Mill have lost everything, if not from the cyclone from the associated flood that came afterwards and got to chest deep. While the government is giving food there is no assistance on offer to rebuild people’s lives."

The Johnson’s are seeking the assistance of our Floraville families to help support the Fijian communities which have been devastated by the cyclone. What can we do?

On Monday 21st March the school is celebrating Harmony Day. Traditionally this is an out of uniform multicultural experience and activities day. In keeping with the spirit of “lending a helping hand to those in need” we would hope that this year every child could donate a gold coin on the day. The gold coin donation would then be used to help transport boxes of necessary items over to Fiji.

In saying this, we would also then hope to collect items that could be put into the boxes. What then do they need?

The Johnson’s suggest men’s clothes including old work clothes, ladies’ clothes, girl’s clothes, boy’s clothes, towels and other linen, girl’s toys, boy’s toys, books etc.

If you have any items that you think would be suitable and in good condition to donate, please bag them up separately and label them accordingly. For example, “girl’s toys” or “linen”. Over the next two weeks, you can start bringing the bagged items to the school office. By Thursday 24th March we are then hoping to co-ordinate with The Johnson family to ship the items over to Fiji.

Vinaka, thank you for your support of this very worthwhile cause. I am sure that your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Basketball Brilliance

Congratulations to Charlie Lentfer and Joey Summers for gaining a place in the Hunter Region PSSA Basketball team. This is a huge achievement with only ten places available in the team. Well done boys, we are very proud of your efforts!

P&C AGM

Last night the P&C held its AGM. All positions were declared vacant and after nominations were read the following positions were affirmed for 2016:

President – Sharon Robertson
1st Vice President / Fundraising Co-ordinator – Kelly Woodger
2nd Vice President / Canteen Co-ordinator – Rachael Searle
Treasurer – Kylie Feeney
Assistant Treasurer – Sandra Green
Joint Secretary – Fiona Mackenzie and Yasmin McNamee
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator – Sue King
Canteen Committee – Deb Shaw (Secretary), Kristie Davies (Treasurer), Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman
Fundraising Committee – Kelly Woodger, Donna Anderson, Jo McDonald

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meeting last night. The school very much values and appreciates the input and support provided by our parent and community members.

A special thank you to Jenny Chung and Bryan Garland for their service to our community and ongoing involvement in P&C over past years. After 5 years of dedication to the Treasurer’s position Jenny had decided to relinquish her role which she performed efficiently and effectively over that time. Bryan has also worked tirelessly in the Secretary position, working hard also to assist with improvements to the school.

Student Background Information Forms

A few weeks ago, Student Background Information Forms were sent home for families to complete and return to their classroom teacher. It is important that these forms are
Having Trouble with your School App?
A number of people have contacted the school office in recent weeks commenting that they are either not receiving or only receiving part of the message sent out via the School App.

If you are experiencing this problem (particularly iPhone users), I suggest that you go to ‘Settings’ then ‘Notifications’. Then scroll down to find the Floraville App. Tap on the Floraville logo to access. Turn notifications off and then on again.

If this doesn’t work, don’t give up. Mr O’Shannessy is making contact with the providers to determine if anything can be rectified at their end.

Crazy Hair Day
Next Wednesday, 16th March is Crazy Hair Day. A reminder for the students to come along to school with crazy hair and at the same time donate a chocolate egg (or similar) to help support our P&C Easter Egg raffle.

Gifted and Talented Students Information
The Hunter primary GATS Committee will be holding a Parent Information Session on Wednesday 16th March, 2016. This will be held at The Junction Public School Hall starting at 6pm. The two guest speakers on the night will be Mrs Christine Rippon, Principal of Merewether High School and Mrs Lee Saurins, Principal of Wiripaang Public School. The agenda includes: What is a Gifted and Talented student?; Myths around ‘Gifted Students’; Respect, Rights and Responsibilities; and Geniuses in the Making.

Thank you,
Jenny White
Relieving Principal

Thought for the Week
“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.” - John Holmes

This week’s virtue is CO-OPERATION

Co-operation is working together and sharing the load. When we co-operate, we join with others to do things that cannot be done alone. We are willing to follow the rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Together we can accomplish great things.

SPORT NEWS
Primary Sport
There has been a change of venue for students who participate in lawn bowls for sport.
Due to unforeseen circumstances lawn bowls has had a change of venue from Belmont Bowling Club to Belmont Sporties. In weeks 7, 8 and 10 students will travel by bus to Belmont Sporties. A note went home yesterday to inform parents, could these notes please be signed and returned by Friday.

PSSA Zone Netball Trials
Keeley Halls, Katelyn Haugh and Jarna Vico will be trialling for the PSSA Zone netball team on Thursday at Gateshead Indoor Sports Centre. Good luck girls! Miss Brindley

LIBRARY NEWS
Literacy Pro Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Blue Star Literacy Pro award (25 points); Seth Diver 3L, Tobi Eeles 4B, Thomas Kennedy 4M, Grace Kim 5F, Raphael Rickards 5F and Zara Eeles 5/6B.
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Red Star Literacy Pro award (50 points); Tobi Eeles 4B, Raphael Rickards 5F and Zara Eeles 5/6B.
Congratulations to Zara Eeles 5/6B who also received a Bronze Star Literacy Pro award (75 points) and a Silver Star Literacy Pro Award (100 points).

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading challenge has officially begun, meaning reading records are now able to be added electronically via the website www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au
You’ll also find all the details of the challenge on this site. Students use their DET usernames and passwords to logon to the site; the same they use to logon to school computers.

Book Fair
We’ll be holding the first book fair of 2016 on Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March, just before the Easter long weekend. It’s a great way for us to add books to our amazing library collection as we receive commission for all sales.

P&C NEWS
It was so great to see so many people attend last nights P&C AGM and monthly meeting. Last night saw Bryan Garland and Jenny Chung step down from their respective positions of secretary and treasurer. We thank both of them for the many hours they have given, their high commitment to the Floraville P&C has been invaluable. We also thank the new parents who have stepped into these positions, as it ensures the future of the P&C. A big thank you to Laurie Carpenter, who has given up his own time, to again check and complete an audit on all P&C books. We appreciate your help and support.

Crazy Hair Day Easter egg donation & Raffle
Next Wednesday is Crazy Hair Day, remember to also bring your Easter egg donation, these donations are to be given to the class teacher.
We will wrap all Easter raffle prizes on Thursday 17th March. If you are able to help please come to the staff room at 9:10am.
Remember to get your raffle tickets in by Thursday, 24th March by 9:00am.

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

Roster
Thursday 10/3 – Narelle Masson, Lee-Anne Lentfer, Sandy Green, Sally Brown
Friday 11/3 – Megan Garland, Amanda Jackson, Angela Buddingh, Donna Anderson
Monday 14/3 - Kristy Reid, Kelly Sorenson, Mel De Marco
Tuesday 15/3 – Katrina Halls, Meredith Wright, Jennifer Thompson
Wednesday 16/3 – Sharon Robertson, Louise Grozdanovski, Simone Pasovski

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

UNIFORM NEWS
Open Wednesdays 2.30-3.15pm