Dear Parents and Carers,

**Joshua Caruso Foundation**
A huge THANK YOU to the Joshua Caruso Foundation who donated an AED (defibrillator) package to our school recently.

“The Foundation was set up in 2014 after the sudden death of Josh in 2013 from an undiagnosed congenital heart condition (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy or HCM). HCM which leads to a thickening of the heart muscle is the most common form of genetic heart disease, affecting 1 in every 500 Australians and is often undiagnosed until a death in the family. It can affect seemingly healthy athletes, a teenager with no prior health conditions, and any person in their usual daily routine.”

“The goal of the Joshua Caruso Foundation is to promote Awareness and Prevention of congenital heart conditions. The first sign that something is wrong may be sudden collapse, loss of consciousness, no breathing, loss of pulse and no sign of life....an emergency situation within seconds. High quality CPR coupled with DEFIBRILLATION is the only definitive treatment of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.”

“Ordinary people often say they are reluctant to perform CPR because they are afraid they will harm the patient further, but how family members and onlookers respond in those first few vital minutes can be the difference between life and death. To survive a cardiac arrest, a patient must receive CPR or defibrillation within the first 10 minutes. The fastest ambulance service in the world will not get there in time. If it is delivered quickly, up to 75 per cent of patients can survive. Yet only 2 per cent of people who suffer sudden cardiac arrest in public are treated with a defibrillator by a bystander.”

If you would like to know more or would like to support the Joshua Caruso Foundation please visit:  
www.JoshuaCarusoFoundation.com  

**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**
This term our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education’s initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and
measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21st March and 7th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students last week. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 18th March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**School App Update**

Mr O'Shanessy has investigated the recent issues experienced by some phone users with receiving app messages. Active School Apps are in the process of rebuilding our message centre and it will be resubmitted to Apple. Once submitted it should take two weeks for Apple then to release it. Other functions of the app will not be affected during this time. Thank you for your patience.

**HARMONY / BULA Day**

Next Monday 21st March is Harmony Day. A reminder that on this day the students are encouraged to come out of uniform. They may choose to wear clothing representing their cultural heritage or colours representing the same. Throughout the day the students will be involved in a variety of activities. An enormous thank you to Mrs Gemma Hadden for her lead in the organisation of the day.

This year, we hope that every child could donate a gold coin on the day. The gold coin donation will be used to help transport boxes of necessary items over to Fiji. Thank you to a number of families who have already generously donated items to the Fiji cause.

Due to time constraints, **Harmony Day lunches will be served at 2nd break**. Please ensure that you send sufficient food for 1st break to sustain your child through to the afternoon break.

Thank you,

Jenny White
Relieving Principal

**Thought for the Week**

“Truth never damages a cause that is just.” - Mahatma Ghandi

This week’s virtue is **HONESTY**

Honesty is being truthful and sincere. It is important because it builds trust. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat or steal. Being honest means that you accept yourself as you are. When you are open and trustworthy, others can believe in you.

**Assembly Class of the Week – 4M**
**Term Calendar**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Week 8**
- 17/03-24/03 – Canteen Easter bag orders
- 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
- 22/03-23/03 – Book Fair
- 23/03 – Debating Workshop
- 23/03 – Easter raffle tickets due
- 24/03 – Easter raffle is drawn
- 24/03 – Infants Easter Assembly Parade 2.10pm
- 25/03 – GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

**Week 10**
- 28/03 – EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
- 31/03 – Stage 2 Awabakal excursion 9.30am
- 31/03 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 01/04 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

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

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**News from the Office**

Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm

Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions. Please note we now have parent online payments through the school’s website as well as eftpos at the office.

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**Sport**

**Swimming**

Congratulations to the Floraville Age Swimming Champions 2016!

- **Junior Girl** = Charlie Griffiths
- **Junior Boy** = Reece McManus
- **11yrs Girl** = Lucy Wallace
- **11yrs Boy** = Lachlan McCarthy
- **Senior Boy** = Blake Gribble
- **Senior Girl** = Riley Gardner
Congratulations to the Floraville Zone PSSA Swimming Representatives 2016

**Rugby League**
Congratulations to Jacob Mostyn for the PSSA East Lake Rugby League team.
Jacob will travel to Raymond Terrace on Friday to take part in the Regional trials.
Good Luck!

**Cricket**
Congratulations to Brock Ayliffe who made it into the East Lake PSSA cricket team.
In term four, Brock will continue his cricket journey by travelling to Thornton to play in the East Lake PSSA team.

**Primary Winter Sports Trials**
Many thanks to those students that were organised and gave their best at the trials on Monday at Marks Oval. Students that didn’t trial for Soccer, League or Netball were fantastic also taking part in sporting activities. All teams will be announced soon. Keep an eye on the sports notice board and on the daily notices. Soon after teams are announced, notes for those teams will be handed out with pricing and details of where and when games will be run in term 2 and 3. Students that do not make into a League, Soccer or Netball team will stay on school grounds and participate in free rotational sports in terms 2 and 3.
PSSA Regional Basketball
Congratulations to two of our Year 6 students! Joey Summers (6P) and Charlie Lentfer (5/6B) have made the PSSA Regional Basketball team for the Hunter! Joey and Charlie will be travelling to Terrigal on the 3rd, 4th and 5th May to represent the Hunter in the Statem2wide competition. They are 2 of the 10 students selected in the team which includes 7 members of the ‘Lakers’ outfit coached by ‘Supercoach’ Jamie Summers (Joey’s Dad). The Lakers are a representative side that plays at a very competitive level every week and the boys are certainly experienced at playing at that level. There were around 1000 students who trialled for the Hunter team, so it is an outstanding effort on behalf of the boys and their supportive families.

Zone Football (soccer) trials
Last Wednesday, 5 students from Floraville trialled for the Zone football(soccer) teams at Valentine Oval. Kyle Pasovski, Alex Dugomanov and Kye Rowbottom trialled for the boys team and Lara Moore and Riley Gardner trialled for the girls team. All students did our school proud, with Kyle and Riley successfully making it into the teams. Congratulations
**Library News**

**Book Fair**
We were lucky enough to have Clifford, The Big Red Dog visit us at our assembly to promote next week’s book fair. The book fair will be held on Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March. Opening hours are 8:30am – 9:00am, 1:30pm – 2:00pm & 3:00pm-3:30pm. We receive commission for all sales in the form of books and look forward to adding new books to our already amazing library collection.

![Mrs Barclay & Clifford](image1)

**Literacy Pro Reading Award**
This week’s Literacy Pro Reading Award went to Grace Kim of 5F for a lightning start to the year, having already accumulated over 75 Literacy Pro points.

**Literacy Pro**
All students in primary as well as independent readers in Year 1 and Year 2 are invited and encouraged to use Literacy Pro to support their home reading. Students will regularly sit a ‘Literacy Pro test’ to give an indication of their Lexile level. Students are then expected to read books at this level and then complete ‘Literacy Pro’ quizzes to test their comprehension of these books.

By completing ‘Literacy Pro Quizzes’, students earn Literacy Pro points which go toward earning Blue (25 points), Red (50 points) Bronze (75 points), Silver (100 points) and Gold Star (200 points) awards.

A couple of weeks ago, students were also asked to set themselves a Literacy Pro points goal to be achieved by the last week of this term. Many students are working hard to achieve this goal through consistent home reading and completing Literacy Pro quizzes.

Some students choose to read books that aren’t officially Literacy Pro. This is perfectly fine, however they are encouraged to complete a written Book Review and hand it in to the library to ensure they receive Literacy Pro points.

If you have any questions or need any assistance regarding Literacy Pro, please contact Mrs Southward.

Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Congratulations to Liam Krysko of KF and Grace Kim 5F who have already completed the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Great work Liam and Grace.

If you’d like your child to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, visit the official website for all the details [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au) and use your child’s DET login details (this is the one all students use to access school computers). If you require any assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Southward in the library.

Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

**Special Infants Easter assembly**
On Thursday 24th March, the Infants students will once again enjoy a special day of Easter activities. There is no need to buy or bring Easter hats as the children will be making their own throughout the day. All parents and visitors are welcome to join us in the afternoon to watch them sing and parade around the COLA with their creations. Please assemble along the canteen and OOSH verandahs at 2.10pm.

**Schools Spectacular 2016**
Floraville P.S are again auditioning for the Schools Spectacular massed choir, which will be held in November at the new venue, AllPhones Arena at Olympic Park. Our video audition has been filmed and auditioned and the 24 students who are taking part will be waiting anxiously until May to find out the results!
Clean Up Day
On Friday 4th March, our school participated in the Schools Clean Up Day (25th Anniversary). With over 2000 Clean up sites registered nationally, our school and students were counted among the thousands of volunteers who took part in the annual event on the day and across the weekend. Equipped with gloves and plastic bags, classes buddied up to clean a designated area of our school. With the guidance of their teachers, they then discussed their clean up including how much rubbish, any interesting things they found and any maintenance needed for the particular area. Well done to all the students for their team work on the day and thank you for your support! Miss Strong, Miss Pullman and the Landcare team.

P&C News
Crazy Hair Day, Easter Donations & Raffle tickets
Thank you for all the Easter egg donations that came into school today. It was great to see this support and also all the crazy hair. If you are able to help with wrapping the Easter raffle prizes, please come to the staffroom on Thursday 17th March (tomorrow) at 9.15am.
Raffle tickets are due back to the school by Wednesday 23rd March.

Entertainment books
Entertainment book order forms have gone home.
Please place order forms with correct money or credit card details to the school office.
Early bird offers available for early orders and payment.

Banking
Banking champions - KG
School Banking is every Thursday

Uniform Shop
TUNIC SALE – Size 10+ are on sale until the end of this Term for $20, more than half price!

DID YOU KNOW – The uniform shop is fully run by volunteers! All profits go directly to the P&C which donates these profits back to the school for resources such as air conditioning and smart boards, home readers, banners, sports uniforms, play equipment etc.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS – We welcome donations of second hand items. All profits from the sale of these items benefits the school through P&C donations. Please drop uniforms to the office or uniform shop. Thank you.

THANKS – A big THANK YOU to our uniform shop volunteers – especially the stocktake volunteers who gave up an hour of their time this week to count stock and then sort out the light blue shirts we are donating to our Fiji friends. With volunteers running our uniform shop, it keeps prices low for all parents.
If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Sue King 0405 718 628.

Canteen News
Flexischools Registration Instructions
Free, easy, online registration.
Step 1: Click the REGISTER button below.
Step 2: Enter your email.
Step 3: You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link.
Step 4: Choose a username and password and complete the form.
Step 5: Add each student and their class.
Step 6: Top-up the account - VISA, Mastercard or Direct Deposit

Harmony Day – Monday 21st March – Please be advised that our Harmony day lunch orders will not be going to classes until 2nd break, so please make sure you have sent your child with something to eat for 1st break!
Any volunteers to help on this day would be greatly appreciated 😊

Coming Up
Easter Lunch Bags started – Monday 14th March – Thursday 24th March inclusive.
Harmony Day – Monday 21st March – 2nd break
Red Day – Wednesday 6th April 2016 – Frog in a Pond!
This term for Red day we will be doing Frog in a Pond! This will consist of Jelly in a cup with a Chocolate Frog for just $1! These must be pre-ordered prior to the day for catering purposes, order forms will be sent home next week & returned to the canteen by Friday 1st April with your $1.

HELP NEEDED – We are looking for another volunteer to help fill our roster on Friday’s monthly starting Friday 8th April. If you are able to help could you please see Margaret our Canteen Supervisor asap, thank you.

Roster
Thursday 17th – Rachael Searle, Sandy Thompson, Melissa Eastham, Kylie Feeney
Friday 18th – Kelly Woodger, Amanda Steadman, Kristie Davies
Monday 21st – HARMONY DAY – Mel De Marco, Megan McCarthy, Andrew Sweet
Tuesday 22nd – Kristie Davies, Amanda Steadman
Wednesday 23rd – Pat Whyte, Maree McCulloch, Marion Van Zeeland, Sue Mannix