IMPORTANT DATES

This Week:
- 4/2 – Kindergarten start.
- 5/2 – House Captain elections (3-6).
- 7/2 – Banking starts.

Week 3:
- 11/2 – Leadership Induction ceremony for School Captains, House Captains and Parliamentarians 12:30 School Hall.
- 12/2 – School Council 6:30pm and P&C 7pm.
- 13/2 – Primary Swimming Carnival (8yrs and over) at Swansea Pool.
- 13/2 – Zone Basketball trials.
- 14/2 – Zone Tennis trials.

Week 4:
- 18/2 – Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet BBQ and classroom orientation 5:00 to 7:30pm.
- 21/2 – Zone Netball trials.
- 22/2 – Zone Cricket (girls) trials.

Week 5:
- 25/2 – Zone Swimming carnival Swansea.
- 26/2 – Hunter Diving.
- 27/2 – Zone Swimming carnival Swansea.
- 1/3 – Last day of early finish for Kindergarten.

Week 6:
- 6/3 – School and Captains Photo Day.

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
  Kindergarten – $51
  Year 1 or 2 – $55
  Year 3 or 4 – $46
  Year 5 or 6 – $50
- NB: The price includes a Mathletics licence cost $12 and a Reading Eggs licence cost $8. These packs replace School Fees payments.
- 11/2 – Swimming carnival $6.50 covers bus and pool entry. All Primary plus 8yr old Year 2 students (who are strong swimmers.)
- Overdue – Primary sport payments for Term 1 paid sports.

ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK : 2/3J

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 2

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to another fantastic year at Floraville. It is
great to see everyone back and enthusiastically starting
their new school year.
I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new
kindergarten students and families. It has been
particularly pleasing to see our kinders settling so quickly
into school routine. This is a very special time for the
students and it is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and
excitement as they begin their “big school” journey.
Welcome also 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.
In Week 4 this term (18th Feb) we will be holding a Meet
the Teacher evening with a bbq and classroom
orientation sessions. This will be a good opportunity for
parents to come and meet their child’s teacher as well as
other parents from the class in an informal setting.
Parents will also be able to attend
information/orientation sessions in the classrooms.
These sessions will be staggered across the evening to
allow parents with more than one child at school to
attend multiple sessions. More details will be sent home
closer to the event.

Staff News
It must be the season for weddings. Two of our staff are
celebrating this very special time in their lives.
Congratulations to Miss Hibberd who was married during
the holidays and returns to us as Mrs Erich; and
congratulations to Miss Gavri who will be married this
weekend and will return to us after a short break as Mrs
Martinez. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating
these staff.
Congratulations also to Mrs White who was successful
through merit selection at the end of last year and has
been permanently appointed as our Deputy Principal.
Mrs White has done a wonderful job as relieving deputy
and a relieving principal recently and is a wonderful asset
to our school.
Welcome also to Mr Barnett who has joined us in the RFF
capacity. Mr Barnett brings a wealth of experience to the
school as a teacher and executive and we are pleased to
welcome him to FPS.
Thank you.
D. Robson Principal

Thought for the Week
View change as the one constant in your life.
Welcome it. Expect it. Anticipate it. ~Denis Waitley

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VIRTUES EDUCATION
This year, in conjunction with our existing Program Achieve focus (Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Persistence, Quality and Resilience), the school will be introducing the concept of Virtues Education.

Very simply, Virtues Education is about identifying and understanding specific characters which create positive thinking and positive actions.

Each week a new virtue will be explored in classrooms, as a focus at assemblies as well as highlighted in The Brief for parent reference.

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.”

Should you wish to find out more, Google “the virtues project”.

STAGE OVERVIEWS
Our Assistant Principals are working hard at putting together a brochure type overview for families detailing whole school, as well as specific to stage, information.

These brochures will be sent home soon. An anticipated budget outlining costs for the term/semester will also be attached together with a Term 1 calendar of events. By providing this information at the beginning of term we hope to help families with household planning.

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 in writing. If for some reason you child is absent for a period of 2 days or more please notify the school office by phone.

APPROPRIATE USE OF PARKING
Already there have been a number of concerns raised from parents and staff members about members of our school community parking inappropriately in designated parking zones, especially the disabled parking zone.

Rules are in place for the safety of everyone. Please ensure that you abide by parking signs.

SPORT NEWS
Term 1 2013 Primary Sport
Primary Sport starts this Friday! Please refer to your pink permission note (also on our school website) to make sure you have all the equipment and clothing required. Don’t forget your hat and water bottle!

Unfortunately some students have been moved from paid sports into free sports as they changed their mind from their original nomination form. This is very disappointing as we need to fill these sports to cover venue and bus costs. I will be offering these positions to other students this week.

Swimming Carnival
The two notes and full payment of $6.50 are due Monday and the carnival is Wednesday. Further details were on the information note that went home last Friday. Year 2 students will receive a note today or tomorrow.

House Captains Elections
House Captain elections were yesterday. Congratulations to all nominees. The House Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at the Leadership Induction Ceremony on Monday.

Sporting Trials
Students are reminded to listen to our Daily Notices on Sentral, check the Sports Notice Board and listen to messages at assemblies so you don’t miss out on any sporting trials that may interest you. So far we have called for tennis experts and senior netball trials.

Carly Erich - Sports Co-ordinator

P&C NEWS
Welcome back to Term 1, 2013.
The first P&C meeting for this year will be Tuesday 12th February at 7pm. Meetings are held in the School Library and everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting any new families to the school.

On the agenda for the meeting will be:
- Playground improvements
- Committee updates
- Canteen menus

Thank you to Deb Hector for opening the Uniform Shop on 29/1/13. Thank you to Gabe, Jacky, Renae and Sue for your efforts on the day.

Peter Guest - P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen helpers are always valued please consider adding your name to the roster, especially Thursdays. Please return roster volunteer forms by next week.

Roster
- Thurs 7/2 – Renee Delahunty, Michelle Keen
- Fri 8/2 – Peter Guest, Amanda McNamara
- Mon 11/2 – Renaye Dobb, Belinda Richardson, Jodi Peachman
- Tues 12/2 – Cassandra Jensen, Charlene Thompson, Vicki Corrigan
- Wed 13/2 – Kay Gibson (swimming carnival)