

# Newsletter

Term 4, Week 10

Floreat Park Primary School



2018 is officially over at Floreat Park Primary School!

The traditional hat throwing ceremony signals the end of another successful year at our school.

Thank you to all our families for your support throughout the year. To students who graduated yesterday and those leaving us for new schools, all the very best for the future.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work; we look forward to hearing baby news from Mrs Free next year and wish Miss Edwards every success in her exciting move to Queensland.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday with your families; please take note of return dates for next year.

Jane Rowlands

**Merry**  
**Christmas**





## End of Year Concert



Thank you to all our families who supported the end of year concert on the school oval.

We were beautifully entertained by the students who sang alongside their buddies.

It was lovely to see the way they supported each other.

Thank you to Miss Hadley for pulling it all together and to the teachers for ensuring the children practised in class.

## **Term 1 2019 : Start Dates**

Tuesday 29 January:	School Office opens; Mrs Rowlands, Mr Cohen and Mr Walters return
Thursday 31 January:	Teacher return for two days of professional development
Monday 4 February:	Students return

## **Board Report**

The Term 4 Board Report is available to view [here](#)



## **Graduation**

Many congratulations to our Graduating students who entertained us in a very well-produced ceremony. Thank you to Mrs Gibbon, Miss Edwards and Mr Heyting for their work in producing the event.

Many thanks also to the parents who helped before and after for coordinating the wonderful morning tea and on the day.

Former student and Ninja Warrior, Ben Polsen was this year's special guest who spoke on how we need to be open to change and persevering to achieve our goals.

Sean L'Estrange MLA and Member for Churchlands, retiring Board Chair Andrea Lam and P&C President Kim Batina also addressed the audience.



Mrs Rowlands spoke about the new initiatives the Year 6 students enjoyed this year, and about the importance of being grateful, thankful and positive in life.

We extend our best wishes to all our graduating students as they move into high school.





## **Fran's Farewell**

At the Leavers Assembly last Friday we farewelled Fran Cotterill who has worked in our canteen for many years.

We wish her all the best in her new ventures and thank her for making sure we are well fed!



## **Board Election Results**

Thank you again to all our nominees for the second round of voting for positions on the School Board commencing in Term 2, 2019.

Congratulations to Emily Chee and Andrew Angel who have been duly elected.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who voted. We look forward to welcoming Andrew to the Board in Term 2 next year and to Emily taking up a second term of office.

## **Student Council**



Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council for Semester 1 2019.

Students were elected by their peers and presented with badges by the outgoing councillors at last week's Leavers Assembly.

They are looking forward to their roles next year.

Lara  
Harry  
Beau  
Jasmine  
Luke  
Tara

## Congratulations to our ICAS medal winners!



The 2018 ICAS Medal Presentation Ceremony was held at Perth Town Hall on 10 December.

ICAS competitions are run by the University of New South Wales.

Many congratulations to the following students for achieving top scores in Australia.

In Year 4 Tayla was a double medal winner in English and Science.

In Year 3 Sophie won a medal in English.

In Year 2 Gretel and Conrad both won medals in Mathematics.

All students said they really enjoyed the ceremony and the afternoon tea afterwards!!



## Remembrance Day (Poppy Day) Collection on Behalf of the RSL

We have received a thank you note from the Rotary Club of Cambridge for our school's contribution of \$403.70 included in the total amount of \$4,875.55 collected on passed on to the RSL.

The generosity of our children necessitated a second supply of poppies due to the sell-out of the original allocation.

## FPPS Chess Club News, Term 4 2018

This term we finished the FPPS intra-club tournament, sponsored by Aussie Home Loans in Floreat Forum. The intra-club tournament is played over seven rounds (or seven weeks). All members of the chess club participate in the tournament to determine the Floreat Park Primary School Chess Champion for 2018. We are pleased to announce that we have a new chess champion - Shivang (Year 6), with Nibesh, second, and Harrison, third. It was a very close competition this year, with Shivang and Nibesh having to play a playoff game to determine the winner. We would like to thank all members of the chess club for their outstanding play and sportsmanship over the tournament.

FPPS Chess Club also hosted a friendly tournament against Subiaco and Wembley Primary schools chess clubs on 30 November. We divided our club into two teams, who each played one round against the visitors. It was great to see everyone enjoying chess and gaining some experience playing in tournaments.

Chess Club has thrived this year, with over 50 members who come to learn and play chess on Friday afternoons. We have participated in both the CAWA junior schools championships (4th place) and the Interschool Primary chess tournament where our 4 teams played extremely well, with one team winning first place in B Division. If you would like to join chess club next year, please email Su at [sumcwu@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sumcwu@yahoo.com.au), and I can add you to our waiting list.

We would like to thank parents of the chess club students for their support throughout the year and also a big thank you to all the students.

Have a happy and safe holiday, and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Jack South and Su Wu



## **Boab Network**

We were delighted to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Boab Network for supporting the school children of the Mowanjum Aboriginal Community outside Derby in the Kimberley.

This year, through the Sustainability Team and Student Council, the school has provided toys and financial assistance to this community through a gold coin donation at a sausage sizzle. We look forward to continuing this support next year.



## **UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS**

The uniform shop will be open on Friday 1 February 2019 between 9 and 10.30 to allow collection of uniforms ordered over the school holidays.



## Let's Connect!

We are pleased to announce that Connect is now being implemented at Floreat Park Primary School.

Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools.

We will use Connect to keep you updated with important information. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or, if you prefer, via a push notification on your phone. Download Connect Now from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) to receive notifications.

The full version of Connect, accessed by a web browser gives our teachers a tool to deliver content to the students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning about, submit assignments and discuss issues together online anywhere, anytime. The various features of Connect will be introduced over the coming years.

For you, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes.

By now, you should have received a secure login to Connect via the primary email address we have on file for you.

If you're having problems, email [mark.walters@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:mark.walters@education.wa.edu.au)

### How do I find out more?

Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

## Community Noticeboard

Please check out our online ["Community Noticeboard"](#) to see if there are any events which are or interest to you.





## IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SCHOOL COMMUNICATION - ABSENCES

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Recently we have implemented a service called Outreach+. The SMS service is managed by the Department of Education and will automatically text the primary contact mobile number on our system if your child is marked with an unexplained absence on our morning school roll.

To avoid receiving a message, we ask that you notify us of your child's absence before 9:00am. **At 10:00am if your child is marked with an unexplained absence, you will receive the following text message from school:**

Floreat Park Primary School records show [name] is absent. Pls reply SMS stu name/reason/abs date

If no reason is received another message will be sent:

Floreat Park Primary School records show NO REASON GIVEN for the absence of [name] on. Pls reply SMS stu name/reason/abs date

**The preferred method of informing us of student absence is now via text message to the following number 0447 883 414. You may choose to add this number to your phone contacts for future reference.**

This is an SMS only number which has been allocated to our school by the Department and linked to Outreach+. We will eventually phase out Flexibuzz and the school website as a method of reporting absence.

Outreach+ helps improve our safeguarding practices and is also part of our aim to streamline and improve communication with parents.

If you have any questions about the system, or feel you need to update your contact details, please contact the school office.

Regards

Mark Walters

Deputy Principal



## School Development Days – 2019

Please be advised that the School Board has approved the following dates as School Development Days in 2019.

Tuesday 5 March (after the long weekend)

Tuesday 4 June (after the long weekend)

Friday 15 November

School Development Days are pupil free days; students do not attend school. They are days set aside for staff development and school planning.

We hope this information will enable parents to include these dates in planning family and wider community events.

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## Personal Items Lists – 2019

These lists can now be accessed from our school website.

**Home Delivery:** Your order will be delivered to your nominated address.

- Orders placed between 2nd December and 16th December 2018 will be delivered free of charge prior to Term 1
- Orders placed between 17th December 2018 and 6th January 2019 will incur a delivery fee of \$9.95 and be delivered prior to Term 1

Unfortunately, delivery of orders placed after 6th January 2019 cannot be guaranteed before the start of Term 1, 2019

## Australia Post

Orders are delivered via Australia Post's eParcel service.

As soon as your order is dispatched an email will be sent to let you know the Australia Post tracking ID Number.

Your order can be tracked at [auspost.com.au](http://auspost.com.au).

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without their  
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your head.



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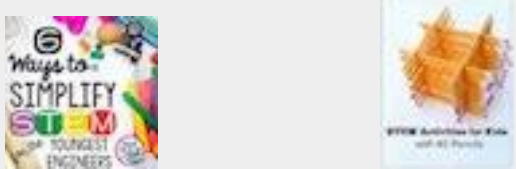



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Floreat Park - OSHClub



Come join us at Floreat Park OSHClub for many fun activities!  
We are running a different club each day, so book now!!

<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Sports &amp; Games</p>	<p>Join us on Mondays to get involved in a variety of team games and fun group Activities including; basketball, table tennis, handball, AFL and more!</p> 
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Arts</p>	<p>Get creative and use your imagination on Tuesdays!! Today we are offering drawing,origami, painting and more!!</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>DIY Projects</p>	<p>Come in and make some things to take home today!! We can make cupcakes, bracelets,Lego and more!</p> 
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Science</p>	<p>Science Day!! We can be very creative and explore!! We can do STEM projects and have a fun day!!!</p> 
<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Music &amp; Movement</p>	<p>What a way to end the week!! Join us today to get involved in lots fun!! Including charades, dancing,karaoke,Zumba etc. !!</p> 

For booking please visit: [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

or Contact us at

Email: [floreatpark@oshclub.com.au](mailto:floreatpark@oshclub.com.au)

Mobile: 0427 627 153

Michelle & Yasmin





## COMMUNICATION

**As a result of feedback from parents and as part of our New Business Plan, we will be streamlining our communication channels over the next year within and across the school.**

Currently we use a number of methods to communicate with parents to help let you know what is happening in the school and with your children:

**Outreach+** - Please see information at the start of this newsletter

**Connect** —Teachers will begin using Connect to communicate with parents and provide information about teaching and learning.

**School News Feed, Calendar and Facebook page**

[Click here](#) to subscribe to our school news feed.

[Click here](#) to subscribe to our school calendar or you can like our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with what is happening at our school.