

Newsletter

Term 1, Week 4

Floreat Park Primary School



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Many thanks to the P&C for last night's Sundowner. It is always good to welcome new parents and the new school year.

We are very grateful to the P&C and parents for their support of the school in terms of ensuring we can provide high level resources and a welcoming environment for your children.

The AGM is on Tuesday evening and there are a few positions still vacant. If you do have some time to give please consider nominating and lending a hand at events.

The School Board held its first meeting of the year last Tuesday. Meeting minutes will be available on the website soon.

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council who did a wonderful job welcoming many Rotary members to the school to talk with Year 6 last week. I am really looking forward to working with the Council to increase the student voice in school decisions.

I am currently out of school working in Central Office until next Tuesday. Thank you to Mr Walters and Mr Cohen for leading the school over this period.

Enjoy your weekend and don't forget the long weekend next Friday and a pupil free School Development Day on Tuesday!

Jane Rowlands
Principal



Year Level Parent Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended these meetings;

Year 6	42 parents 52%
Year 5	24 parents 36%
Year 4	40 parents 49%
Year 3	37 parents 41%
Year 2	40 parents 49%
Year 1	34 parents 44%
Pre Primary	49 parents 62%

The feedback was very positive about the information shared and if you couldn't attend, you should have received the notes via email. If not, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kindy Parent Meetings dates;

Tuesday 27th February	Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am held at the Kindergarten – RED AND YELLOW
Thursday 1st March	Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am held at the Kindergarten – BLUE AND GREEN

Update on new Playground Equipment

The new play equipment, funded generously by our P&C is nearly ready to be installed on our school oval. The project has been handed over to the Department of Education who will project manage it to ensure all the relevant and strict regulations and guidelines are adhered to. We are looking forward to seeing the equipment installed over the next 12 weeks.

Kiss and Drive Etiquette

We understand that drop off and pick up time can be a challenge for busy parents. However, to ensure it runs as smoothly as possible, please adhere to the following guidelines which come from Town of Cambridge Rangers who will be increasing their presence.

On the Kiss and Drive:

- Please **do not leave your car**
- **Enter at the back of the kiss and drive**, if there is no space, you will have to park at the car park opposite school (not the bowling club side)
- Whilst you are waiting on the kiss and drive, **if a space in front of you becomes available please move forwards** to let other parents on at the back
- The Kiss and Drive should operate like a 'conveyor belt' with cars moving forwards as space becomes available, allowing others to join at the back. Please do not cut into the line.



Assembly Times

Assemblies will take place on Friday mornings all year during 2018. Assemblies take place in the undercover area and begin at 9:00am, finishing at 9:30am.

If your child is receiving a merit certificate, you will be informed in advance by the class teacher. If your child's class is performing, you will be informed by their teacher.

Assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to showcase the work your children do at school and are also part of the cycle of reporting to you about their achievement and progress.

Our first class assembly is class Y6E on March 2. Space is limited so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Curriculum Overviews for Parents

As part of our commitment to improve communication and empower parents as co-educators, we are pleased to present the attached Curriculum Overviews.

They are designed to give you a broad overview of what your child is learning about each term so that you can support them at home, or simply to facilitate discussion about their learning.

We very much hope you find them to be a useful resource. For further details please click on this link; <http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/curriculum/curriculum-overview-parents/>

ACKNOWLEDGING HARMONY WEEK

Harmony Week runs from 15–21 March every year and is a time to experience, explore and appreciate WA's wealth of cultural, faith, linguistic and ethnic diversity.

We encourage you to take time this Harmony Week to celebrate diversity with your class.

As a school we ask that all students wear something orange on Wednesday 21st March. On this day Year 5 students will also visit your classroom to complete a survey on the different languages spoken by Floreat families.

In the community Harmony Week banners will brighten up Kings Park Road from 11 to 25 March, featuring artwork by local artist Alina Tang, and Perth City will light up in orange, from the Bell Tower to Parliament House, to Yagan Square and other buildings.



What is the Role of a Chaplain?

School Chaplains are responsible for supporting the social, and emotional wellbeing of their students regardless of faith or beliefs. They can become involved in a wide variety of issues including health, social and values education and emotional support.

CHAPLAIN'S ROLE:

To support students, staff and School community.

The day-to-day role of the School Chaplain is to provide pastoral care to students, staff and the wider School community. Chaplaincy is about serving others, a concept that often runs contrary to the mind-set of modern society.

Pastoral care can best be described as being present for others during their life experiences, especially difficult times. The military call this "loitering with intent". Pastoral care includes a wide variety of areas including physical and mental health, social and values education, behaviour management and emotional support. The School Chaplain is a person who has time to sit and listen to people.

This could just be a general chat or by appointment for a range of specific reasons including, but not limited to:

- Experiencing difficulties at home.
- Social and relational issues at school or in general.
- Developing resilience and other social and emotional skills.
- Exploring self-identity and self-development issues.
- Talking about general worries and concerns.
- Responding to critical incidents as part of the School's support team.

Chaplains deliver their services with RESPECT - COMPASSION - SERVICE:

- Chaplains respect the diversity of views within the communities they serve.
- Chaplains reach out to those in need to inspire hope.
- Chaplains serve, create partnerships and recognise the contribution of others.

Assisting students to address difficult social issues by:

- Building relationships with students, families and staff.
- Offering pastoral care.
- Being a mentor.
- Providing additional practical help to teaching and administrative staff.
- Offering input into spiritual and "meaning of life" questions.
- Being a positive role model.
- Providing specific input as requested by the school

If you would like Chaplain Sue to speak with your child, please email Mr Rod Cohen rod.cohen@education.wa.edu.au to arrange this.



Student Councillors: Semester One

Hello, I am **Jasper** and I am driven by the desire to support our younger student as they strive to do their best and make good choices.

Hi, I'm **Bella**. What motivates me is ensuring that every student is represented and has a voice when it comes to improving our school.

My name is **Angus**, my dream is to make sure all students have fun and learn at school so that they achieve their full potential.



Hi my name is **Nibesh** and I believe that everyone should be respected equally and feel that their opinions are valued.

I'm **Charlotte** and my ambition is to improve the school play areas so that all students have a fun and safe place to spend their recess and lunch.

Hi, I'm **Jessica** and I want to create a climate where every student feels that they can share their thoughts and opinions and be respected equally.

Our Year 6 students reading submissions for Student Council and Voting.





Year 6 Rotary Talk

Last Friday, the Year 6 students were introduced to a group of Rotarians. They talked about how we could boost our leadership skills and ways that we could help our local community. During the talk, we learnt about Rotary and how they inspire our community to do good things.

We also learnt that Mr Williams, one of the Rotarians, was a submariner, a captain, which is really cool!

We loved the story of Steven Bradbury who won a gold medal for speed skating. This story showed us the importance of resilience and perseverance.

Student Councillors

We congratulate the Year 6 students in the Active Citizenship Teams.



Inspiring Students Inspiring Learning Active Citizenship Teams: Term 1

Active Citizenship Responsibility	Sport	Communication	Technology	Sustainability
Captains	Jack Jenna	Kate Tom	Max Sienna	Ben Eleanor
Team	Indio Jim Georgie Evie Amelie Josh	Saskia Ashton Megan Matilda Brandon Dylan	Sam Pranay Anton Elspeth Henry	Jonathon Lara Asha Callum Zach Nick



P&C Fundraising & Events

Welcome Sundowner

Thank you to all those parents and teachers who attended the Welcome Sundowner last night. It was well attended and provided a relaxing atmosphere to meet and greet new families to Floreat Park PS, get to know our teachers and put a face to names of the P&C Executive team.

Easter Colouring In Competition

Watch this space. Next newsletter and via all forms of communication at FPPS there will be a colouring in competition with an Easter theme. Free entry. Prizes up for grabs. So start practicing those colouring and creativity skills!

Kindy Mum's Welcome

Keep your eyes peeled and check your emails for information on the Kindy Mum's Welcome. It is a night full of fun and frivolity at JJ Kings, with local businesses Et Seq and The Suite staying open to support our mum's spending habits!

Thursday 15th March from 6:15pm, fashion parade kicks off at 6:45pm.

For more information please contact Pea Hickman at pandrhickman@hotmail.com

Class Rep Coffee Catch up

Thank you to all those people who have volunteered their precious time and support as class rep for 2018.

The P&C will be putting on a coffee catch up at The Health Freak Café at the Floreat Forum on Thursday 1 March at 8:50am, for approximately 40minutes.

It allows some members of the P&C Exec team to meet you, answer questions you may have regarding the role and introduces you to the other class reps for your year group.

Bounce Back

Award-winning Bounce Back! is the world's first Positive Psychology Education program. It consists of practical resources and strategies designed to teach social and emotional learning skills within a school environment, and to support and promote student wellbeing and resilience.

This year we are introducing the whole school resilience program "Bounce Back". Today staff members will have a training session to

- gain an understanding of the psychological principles and research that underpin the program



- develop a sound understanding of the program's core structure and curriculum units, as well as teaching strategies for fostering student wellbeing and resilience, develop a greater awareness of strategies for using children's literature to teach key wellbeing and resilience concepts and
- gain the knowledge to implement the Bounce Back! program within the classroom and across the school.

Our presenter, Rachelle Allen, has been working in the health and education sector for over 14 years. As a teacher, Rachelle specialised in the areas of health and wellbeing, behaviour management and engaging disengaged students through the use of digital technology. Since leaving the school environment, Rachelle has worked extensively as a trainer/facilitator in the field of mental health. Most recently Rachelle has been bringing her expertise of health and wellbeing to the area of cyber safety and digital citizenship



Bounce

How to harness your resilience in a changing world

with Lauren Licario & Paula Tully



School Sport WA - Diving

School Sport WA, in conjunction with Diving WA, are again running the School Sport WA Diving Championships at HBF Stadium on Tuesday 13th March.

This competition is a great opportunity for your schools athletically talented and acrobatically inclined students. Diving will challenge all participants physically as well as mentally, whilst providing them with new skills and learnings.

For more information and to enter simply go to the School Sport WA website via the this link: <http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018-DWA-SSWA-Champion-Schools-Diving-Competition.pdf>

Primary Diving and **Secondary Diving** - Entries close Wednesday 28th February 2018.





Flexibuzz

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:

FlexiBuzz (previously TiqBiz) – This is our main form of communication as it is easily accessible by parents.

Emails—important notes are emailed to parents by the office staff on a regular basis. Class teachers also send emails to their class parents about information relevant to their students. For information specific to your child, please call in and speak to the teacher to make an appointment or email the teacher directly.

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.

Stay in touch with FlexiBuzz

STEP 01 Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login
 Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store. Go to web.flexibuzz.com and click "Sign Up".

STEP 02 Connect to us
 Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.

STEP 03 Select your communication groups
 Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.

STEP 04 Get started
 Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website www.flexibuzz.com or email us via support@flexibuzz.com.

How to Update FlexiBuzz Boxes

- Open FlexiBuzz app
- Click on green triangle in the top right hand corner

- Click on the three lines in the top right hand corner

- Click on the **Remove** button next to the boxes you need to remove
- Click on the **Add** button next to the new boxes for your child's class.

We are aware that there was a problem with sending absent forms through Flexibuzz, this should now have been fixed. Please let us know if you continue to experience any problems.



Floreat Park Primary School

2018 Term Dates

Term Dates:
TERM 1:
Wednesday 31 January – Friday 13 April
TERM 2:
Monday 30 April – Friday 29 June
TERM 3:
Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September
TERM 4:
Monday 8 October – Thursday 13 December
Public Holidays:
5 March – Labour Day
30 March – Good Friday
2 April – Easter Monday
25 April – ANZAC Day
4 June – Western Australia Day
24 September – Queen’s Birthday (WA Only)
25 December – Christmas Day
26 December- Boxing Day
Metropolitan Government Schools will be closed on Tuesday 3 April
School Development Days
Students do not attend on these days:
Tuesday 6 March
Friday 1 June
Friday 2 November
Friday 14 December



Important Dates

TERM 1

Tuesday 27th February	Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am held at the Kindergarten – RED AND YELLOW
Thursday 1st March	Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am held at the Kindergarten – BLUE AND GREEN
Thursday 1st March	School Dental Van On-site
Thursday 1st March	Class Rep Coffee Catchup, 8.55am at Health Freak Café, Floreat Forum
Friday 2nd March	Swimming lessons finish for year 4, 5, 6
Monday 5th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 6th March	School Development Day students do not attend
Friday 9th March	Room 3, YR 4BC Assembly
Thursday 15th March	Kindy Mums Welcome at JJ Kings – time to be confirmed
Tuesday 20th March	Faction Swimming Carnival
Friday 23rd March	Room 2, YR 4FE Assembly
Monday 26th March	Woodwork Juniors PP – YR2 and Y3E and Y3H
Tuesday 27th March	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Friday 30th March	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 2nd April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 3rd April	School Only Holiday students do not attend
Friday 6th April	Room 1, YR 4C Assembly
Friday 6th April	Woodwork Juniors PP – YR2 and Y3E and Y3H
Monday 9th April	Woodwork Juniors PP – YR2 and Y3E and Y3H
Tuesday 10th April	Woodwork Juniors PP – YR2 and Y3E and Y3H
Friday 13th April	YR 6 ANZAC SERVICE
Friday 13th April	Last Day of Term One

Please Note: Assemblies will be held on Fridays commencing at 9.00am

Community Noticeboard

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



Cricket Schools

The WACA is proud to be associated with our specialist cricket schools to provide opportunities for students to develop their skills, knowledge and interest in the game. These schools provide education in other areas including coaching and officiating and is a fantastic way for students to foster their love for the game and developing skills that exist beyond the playing field while undertaking secondary education.

The three Department of Education approved specialist cricket schools (Kent St SHS, Belridge SC and John Forrest SC) will be holding their trials day on **Friday 6th April at the WACA**. We would like to encourage any year 6 students who may have the interest and ability to consider this option.

Should you have any questions regarding the specialist cricket schools and trials please contact them directly (details on flyer) or alternatively contact Claire Steel (WACA School Programs Manager) on 0421 645 855. For further information including testing program and application form, please click on this link; <http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Cricket-Program-Y7-2019-application-trials-.pdf>

CRICKET - YEAR 7 ENROLMENT FOR 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

CHOOSE CRICKET AS A FULL TIME SUBJECT

CRICKET SKILLS TESTING DAY – FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018

(Applications close Wednesday 4 April 2018)

Send in an application to one of these specialised Cricket Senior High Schools



Belridge
Secondary College



John Forrest
Secondary College



Kent Street
Senior High School

Background

Students from metropolitan and country areas enrol full time in a comprehensive cricket program from Years 7-12. There are four Department of Education and WACA approved schools in the metropolitan area enrolling Year 7 cricketers next year.

Country Students Accommodation

Kent Street Senior High School students can apply for accommodation on site at The Rotary Residential College Tel: 9470 4177.

Course Description

Lower School

At all schools the four hour per week course covers:

- Development of batting, bowling, fielding and mental skills
- History of cricket
- Fitness training
- Match strategies
- Training camps
- Umpiring
- Captaincy
- Scoring
- Modified games/indoor cricket
- Interscholar matches
- Interstate and international tours

Upper School

All schools offer Upper School University and TAFE bound courses to meet student needs. This includes the Physical Education Studies Course of Study and Certificate III in Sport.

Parents should contact their school of choice and submit their application forms and materials (please send in copies of any documents/certificates not originals).

Parents and students will be notified whether or not they have been selected into the program shortly following the trial date.





Coles Sports for Schools

Please support the Coles Sports for Schools Campaign.

A collection box for vouchers will be located outside the Coles Floreat Forum to place your vouchers in, or alternatively, there will be a collection box in the school office as of next week.

We thank you for your continued support.

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We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.



KEEP THE DATE

**Rotary Club of Cambridge Programme for Parents, Teachers
& Carers : Wednesday 7 March 2018 @ 9.00 a.m.**

**RESILIENCE & CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
HELPING KIDS TO BECOME SOCIAL HEROES**

Rotary Cambridge Guest Speaker : Helen Davidson

Helen Davidson will be talking about encouraging children to eradicate negative mindsets and to embrace positive thinking – to become resilient social super heroes.

Make sure you attend this worthwhile meeting. The details are:

Presentation Date & Time: Wednesday 7 March at 8.50 a.m. for 9.00 a.m.

Venue: Cambridge Bowling Club, Chandler Avenue, Floreat

Enquiries: Jeanette Wood : 0413 190 412 or jp2wood@bigpond.com

Cost: \$5, except for school staff, to cover Rotary costs, including coffee



Rotary
Club of Cambridge



**Rotary Club of Cambridge Programme for Parents, Teachers
& Carers : Wednesday 7 March 2017 @ 9.00 a.m.**

HELPING CHILDREN TO BE MORE RESILIENT & SELF CONFIDENT

Rotary Cambridge Guest Speaker : Helen Davidson, Children's Clinician

The Rotary Club of Cambridge is pleased that children's Clinician Helen Davidson will be the guest speaker at the Club's first Schools' Programme talk for the 2018 academic year. Helen will be talking about helping children to be more resilient, self confident and socially comfortable.



Helen has been working in children's mental health since 1990, having taken up a position at Princess Margaret Hospital. From the moment that she stepped through the hospital's doors, she knew she had found her passion. As an Occupational Therapist who had been working with blind and visually impaired children, Helen had long had an interest in what helped some children to survive and thrive despite sometimes difficult and even dire circumstances, while others with seemingly greater advantage did not

A Masters Degree in Counselling, a Diploma in Family Therapy and further postgraduate study followed whilst Helen worked in all areas of children's mental health from the crisis end of suicide assessment and treatment to eating disorders, anxiety and depression, in both Australia and the UK. Helen and her co-author Claire Orange have published a number of books through their BEST Programs 4 Kids initiative.

Helen's topic is huge - many children struggle to cope with being shy, with lacking self confidence, with being at a disadvantage in social situations often lonely and isolated – and sadly also with being bullied.

Details of this informative Rotary Club of Cambridge Schools' Programme talk are:

Presentation Date & Time: Wednesday 7 March at 8.50 a.m. for 9.00 a.m.

The meeting will close at approximately 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Cambridge Bowling Club, Chandler Avenue, Floreat

Please do not park in the Bowling Club's parking bays

Enquiries: Jeanette Wood : 0413 190 412 or jp2wood@bigpond.com

Cost: \$5, except for teachers – includes coffee

PO Box 80, Wembley WA 6913
Phone 0400 505 255 – Club President Jeremy Wood

Rotary District 9455



The Town has been chosen to be a host community for the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay, with the Baton making its way to City Beach and Floreat Beach on Sunday, 25 February 2018.

The Baton will run along Challenger Parade heading towards City Beach and we encourage you to come out to cheer for our local Batonbearers or come down to the Celebration that will be held at City Beach Amphitheatre.

Baton Relay details:

Date: Sunday, 25 February 2018

Baton Route: Along Challenger Parade heading north at 1.00pm arriving City Beach Amphitheatre at 1.30pm.

Continues to Floreat Beach along Challenger, and then leaves via West Coast Highway heading north at 2pm.

Celebration: City Beach Amphitheatre 12 noon till 2pm.

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Regards

Claire Turnbull

Community Safety Officer (Part-time)

Town of Cambridge

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🌐 www.cambridge.wa.gov.au

[Click here for more information](#)



Before School / After School Care Program

OSHC program phone: 0427 627 153

OSHC Head Office: 08 9261 3200

*All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!!
Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations
can also be managed via your online account*

For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.