

# Newsletter

Term 4, Week 6

Floreat Park Primary School



We had a very productive School Development Day on 2 November. The morning session was spent reviewing the Business Plan and workshopping sections of our engagement and ICT policies, followed by reporting and discussing class placements.

Important changes in the way we will be communicating to parents in the future are imminent! Please keep abreast of this information as this year we will be distributing all student reports and class lists for 2019 through Connect, the online platform we have chosen to replace current methods such as Flexibuzz and Seesaw. This process will negate the printing of student reports.

The highly successful Bike Education program has now concluded. We extend our thanks to Richard King and Jim Green for providing our students with such a practical and worthwhile experience. We will continue to offer Bike education in Year 3 and 5 next year utilising a Sporting Schools grant topped up with parent contributions.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who have completed their Gold Leadership program. The first group were presented with their certificates last Friday by our own Ninja Warrior, ex-student Ben Polson. Next week they will participate in Activity Week; three days of activities incorporating community service, culture and fun.

Thank you to those parents who responded to our parent survey. We had 90 responses across all year levels. The information will be analysed a school and Board level before we determine possible actions.

Another opportunity for parents to provide feedback as well as gain some insights into what we are planning for next year, is through a series of year level parent meetings. We conducted meetings last year and feedback was that they were useful to parents. Their purpose is to provide parents with class structures for the following year, discuss learning opportunities and any special programs we will be running and elicit feedback on their experiences this year. Dates are published later in this newsletter.

Please also read the item on the end of year concert which is in a fortnight's time.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

Jane Rowlands  
Principal



## Parent Year Level Meetings

Parent year level meetings are an opportunity for parents to learn about class structures for next year and provide feedback on their experience this year. No need to register; all meetings will be in the library. Years stated are the current 2018 year group. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Pre-primary – 9 – 9.30am Monday 26 November
- Year 1 – 2.30 – 3pm Monday 27 November
- Year 2 - 9 – 9.30am Tuesday 27 November
- Year 3 – 2.30 – 3pm Tuesday 27 November
- Year 4 – 9 – 9.30am Wednesday 28 November
- Year 5 – 9 -9.30am Thursday 29 November

## FREE STUDENT DESKS!

We are offering free student desks to our families. These desks are no longer required and as they vary in condition are not suitable to pass on to other schools. Desks on offer will be left in the marked parking bays next to the basketball court from Monday morning 19 November for parents to collect on a first come first served basis.

We will put them out each day until they disappear! Any desks left-over will be dismantled. Possible uses include study desks, art and crafts, potting plants.

## Shade Sails

New shade sails will be installed over the playground during the holidays. These will be funded by the P&C and school.

## End of Year Concert

Thursday evening 5 – 7.30pm on the school oval.

This is an opportunity for the community to come together before the holidays. We encourage families to bring a picnic to have on the school oval.

The timeline is as follows:

- 5pm:** Families arrive and find a place to picnic on the oval. Please do not bring items that will block the view of other's.
- 5.20pm:** Students report to their teachers.
- 5.30 – 6.30pm:** Concert
- 6.30pm:** Students return to their parents
- 7.30pm:** School premises close

## School Board nominations

Many thanks to parents who have already nominated for three vacant position next year. A reminder that any further nominations must be submitted to [Jane.Rowlands@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Jane.Rowlands@education.wa.edu.au) by 3pm Friday 16 November.

Nomination details and forms were included in a Flexibuzz on 8 November 2018.



## 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](#).

Connect also 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.

You will soon receive secure login information to Connect via the primary email address we have on file for you. If you have recently changed your email address, please let us know by phoning 9205 5600 or emailing [floreatpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:floreatpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au) so we can update our details.

### How do I find out more?

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



## Walk or Ride to School Day with Crazy Hair



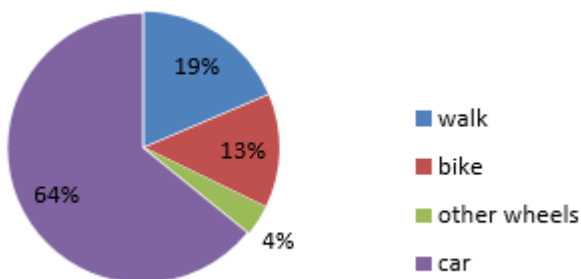
Well done, well done, well done! Thank you to Floreat Park Primary School Community for supporting the walk or ride to school day.

The Sustainability Committee did a champion job of organising the event then working with Chaplain Sue to bring it all together for what you experienced Friday 9th November. Charity of choice by the committee was the Boab Network who work with the Mowanjum Aboriginal Community out of Derby in the Kimberley and \$437 was raised in total.

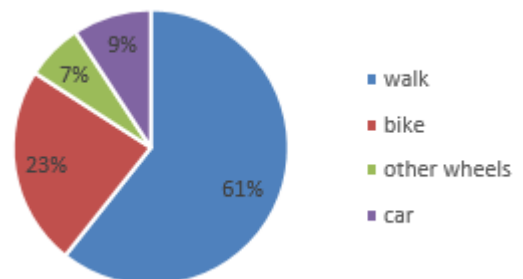
Thank you to the amazing Creative Meats for supplying the yummy sausages and to Brad Park of Novus Homes for sponsoring the sausage sizzle. Thank you to Claire, Richard and Marie from the Boab Network and the All Saints Uniting Church for helping cook the sausages. Thanks to Mr Cohen, Samuel and Babiker for setting up for us. Last, but not least, thank you to the Town of Cambridge for sponsoring the event by way of Quelchies for the end of day. These will be distributed to all students as you finish for the day Friday 16 November. Watch out for the Year 6's who will be waiting at your classroom door as you leave for the weekend.

The Sustainability Committee thanks you all once again for helping make the event a success. Much information has been gathered since the event and strong organisational points noted for the incoming committee for next year.

I love my job! Chaplain Sue



1 November 2018



9 November 2018

These graphs compare our baseline data from 1 November 2018 to our Walk or Ride to School Day on 9 November 2018



## Balcatta SHS FREE Art Taster

Balcatta SHS is running a FREE art taster for Year 5 students. This is an opportunity for students who are interested in The Arts to experience a diverse day program of art making at the Balcatta SHS Art Gallery.

Students will be working with our specialist art tutors who are all practising artists.

Our Gifted and Talented Visual Art students will be present and their artwork from the annual art exhibition will be on show.

Date: Saturday 1 December 2018  
Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm  
Location: Balcatta SHS Ron Murphy Art Gallery

Please bring a healthy morning tea, lunch and a water bottle. All art supplies will be provided free.

RSVP by email to our Gifted and Talented Visual Art Co-ordinator by Wednesday 28 November if you wish to attend our free art taster.

[Sherree.Tomlinson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Sherree.Tomlinson@education.wa.edu.au)

Once we have received your request, we will send you a permission form and medical form to be completed.



## Ninja Warrior Returns to Floreat



*Tom, Ben and Josh*

On Friday 9 November Ben Polson, a former Floreat student and all time great Ninja Warrior, visited our school, spoke to us at assembly and designed a ninja course for students from Pre-primary to Year 6 to complete.

The obstacles tested the skills of balance, coordination, core strength, teamwork and and all importantly, dancing. All of the kids who participated had a try which was great to see.

It was a fantastic experience for both of us. As Ben's chaperones for the day we were responsible for making sure he knew where he was going, had all he needed and for helping him set out the courses. We also learnt how to get along with the little kids and how to become a Ninja Warrior.

We look forward to seeing Ben compete in next year's Ninja Warrior series; good luck Ben!!!!

*Tom and Josh (Year 6)*

## Debating at Floreat Park



*Year 6 Debaters*

A team of keen debaters have been coached from the second week of term by Mrs Park in preparation for the Town Of Cambridge School Debate on 14 November.

Eventually the team was selected. Avneet (first speaker), Asha (second speaker) and Sienna (third speaker) were the negative team on the topic "We should fear the development of artificial intelligence" against West Leederville Primary School. It was a tough debate but our team won in the end.

We enjoyed the experience of debating as it teaches you to speak confidently, think quickly on your feet and work as a team. Our job wasn't over until the end of the debate!

Congratulations to Asha who won Best Speaker award.



*The Debating team; Avneet, Asha and Sienna*

Thank you to Mrs Park for coaching us.

*By Asha and Sienna*



## IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SCHOOL COMMUNICATION - ABSENCES

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Starting this Monday, we 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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### Is Your Child Leaving?

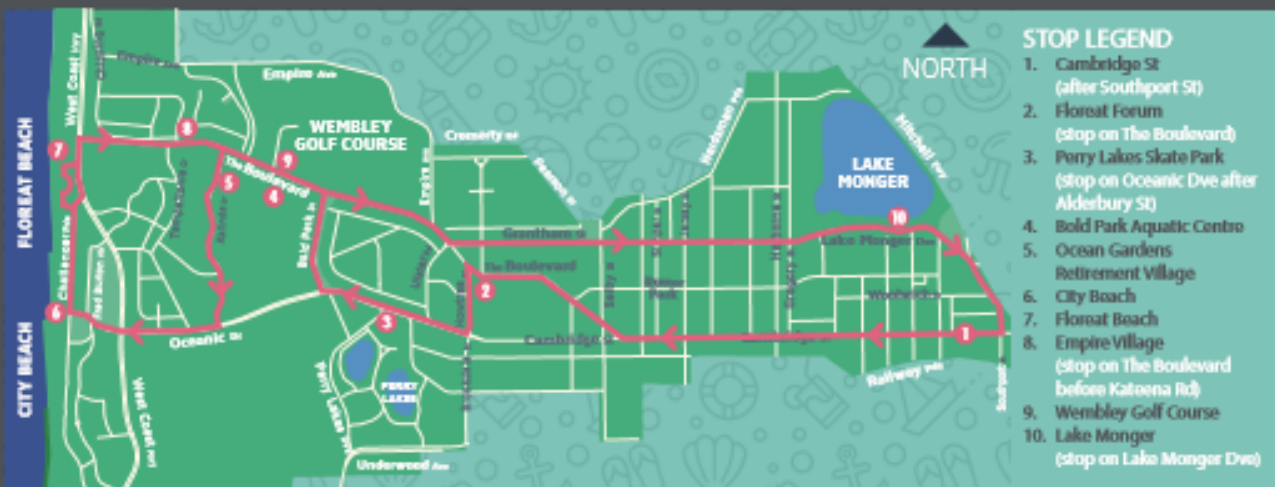
As we look towards 2019, it is important for school administration to know which children will be leaving during 2018.

We realise that some of you may have already told classroom teachers that your child is leaving, however it is important for this information to be provided to the office.

If your child is leaving this year, including year 6 students that are graduating, could you please email the school office at [floreatpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:floreatpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au) and let us know when your child is leaving, and which school they are going to?



# TAKE THE SUMMER BUS TO A WORLD OF FUN



Grab the summer bus at any of these locations or you can simply hail and ride anywhere along the bus route.

This great service is back for another summer.

**14 Dec 2018 - 26 January 2019.**

Dropping you at the best locations Town of Cambridge has to offer.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9.00	9.14	9.17	9.22	9.25	9.33	9.37	9.44	9.46	9.56
10.00	10.14	10.17	10.22	10.25	10.33	10.37	10.44	10.46	10.56
11.00	11.14	11.17	11.22	11.25	11.33	11.37	11.44	11.46	11.46
12.00	12.14	12.17	12.22	12.25	12.33	12.37	1.09	1.11	1.21
1.25	1.39	1.42	1.47	1.50	1.58	2.02	2.09	2.11	2.21
2.25	2.39	2.42	2.47	2.50	2.58	3.02	3.09	3.11	3.21
3.25	3.39	3.42	3.47	3.50	3.58	4.02	4.09	4.11	4.21

**Please note**

1. Times are approximate only as the bus operates as a hail and ride service
2. There is 5 minutes stopping time at Floreat Beach each loop of the service to ensure it starts at the beginning on the hour. The 12pm service will stop at Floreat Beach for 30 minutes and commence again at 1.07pm.





## Personal Items Lists – 2019

These lists can now be accessed from our school website. **Orders placed by 2<sup>nd</sup> December attract no delivery charge.**

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

- Orders placed on or before 2nd December 2018 will be delivered free of charge before the end of December 2018
- 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  
requirements list  
hanging over  
your head.**



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## KEY DATES

Friday 16 November 2018	End of Swimming lessons for Year 2 & 3
Friday 16 November 2018	Year 5&6 Term 4 Sport
Monday 19 November 2018	Swimming Lessons PP and Year 1 – Run Daily for 2 weeks
Monday 20 November 2018	Activity Week Year 6, 20-23 November 2018
Friday 23 November 2018	Year 5&6 Term 4 Sport
Saturday 24 November 2018	Orientation day for children commencing Kindergarten in 2019
Tuesday 27 November 2018	Board Meeting
Thursday 29 November 2018	Whole School Concert 5pm
Friday 30 November 2018	Year 5&6 Term 4 Sport
Wednesday 5 December 2018	Kindy Red and Yellow Christmas Concert
Wednesday 5 December 2018	Pre Primary Orientation 3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday 6 December 2018	Pre Primary Orientation 3.30pm-4.15pm
Friday 7 December 2018	Kindy Blue and Green Christmas Concert
Friday 7 December 2018	Year 5&6 Term 4 Sport
Friday 7 December 2018	Volunteers Morning Tea
Friday 7 December 2018	Leavers Assembly (for students other than Year 6's that are leaving this year)
Wednesday 12 December 2018	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 13 December 2018	Last Day of School

## Community Noticeboard

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




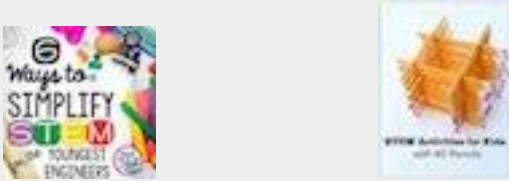





## Floreat Park - OSHClub



**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

**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**

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