

Newsletter

Term 4, Week 8

Floreat Park Primary School



As the year draws to a close and we enter end of year activities, part of our focus is on preparing for next year.

Our aim is to provide parents with as much information as is practicable before the end of the term. This includes information on class structures and key teaching and learning initiatives at each year level that are communicated through year level parent meetings. We also provide class lists and the staff organisational chart for 2019 before the end of term posted on Connect, together with Semester 2 student reports. The date for this is Friday 7 December.

The end of year family concert is this evening and I look forward to seeing families enjoy the event.

We have received the 2019 Banksia which will be distributed before the end of the year. This publication is funded by the P&C. One copy will be given to each graduating Year 6 student. One copy will be sent home to each family that has paid their P&C voluntary contributions. This will go home with the eldest child in the family. Any copies left over may be available for sale.

Our last newsletter will be sent home on Thursday 13 December after the traditional hat throwing ceremony that will take place in the courtyard outside the STEM room at 3pm. If you have not yet witnessed this Floreat tradition please come along!

Enjoy the rest of term,

Jane Rowlands

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.



YEAR LEVEL PARENT MEETINGS

Thank you to parents who attended these meetings. I hope you found them useful. Thank you also for the feedback you provided as it forms an important part of our planning. Answers to questions asked will be sent out to each year group, together with some of the key messages.

STAFF NEWS

Today we say goodbye to Melissa de-Vries in the office who has accepted a permanent position at one of the new schools in the southern suburbs. We thank her for her work at our school and wish her all the very best in her new role. Bridget Parker will replace Melissa next year.

Congratulations to Gemma Hadley who is taking leave for the rest of the term to coach the Australian Schools Water Polo team, competing in the UK and New Zealand. Cara Chia will teach music in her absence.

Paul Georgiades is also absent for the rest of term as he undergoes ankle surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Sue Graham will teach his class.

SCHOOL BOARD

The initial election for a new Board member, to commence in Term 1 is now closed. We will announce the results via Flexibuzz and Connect tomorrow. Voting will commence for two more Board members to commence at the beginning of Term 2 2019. We encourage parents to vote using the same online system. You will receive an email about how to vote in due course.

CLASS PARTIES

Class teachers will inform parents of any class parties that are organised with a reminder to please adhere to our guidelines for providing food. We are an Allergy Aware school. Details are available on our website <http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/about-us/policies/>

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.



SPORTS CHALLENGE AUSTRALIA - FLOREAT THIRD IN THE COUNTRY!

We have been advised by Sports Challenge Australia who conducted our fitness testing program last year, that our students have the third highest average score on their data. Penhros College had the highest with 126.14 followed by Asham Junior School in NSW on 125.6, Floreat Park 121.6, Guildford Grammar 118.45 and Melville Primary on 100.2.

Testing was completed last year and results distributed to parents.

We are very proud of the physical education program we offer that complements our community's value of involving their children in healthy lifestyle choices out of school.

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 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>



The  Town of Cambridge presents the

2018 Christmas

AT LAKE MONGER
FESTIVAL



Thursday, 13 December 2018 4pm-8pm
Lake Monger Reserve

Cnr Gregory Street and Lake Monger Drive, Wembley

Bring a picnic or treat yourself to dinner from one of the many food trucks.

Fun for the whole family including

Santa, Live Music by Twenty Feet Beat and Carols By Candlelight led by Cambridge Choristers and Lake Monger Primary School.

Carnival rides • Climbing wall • Bungee • Toddler zone • Face painting and much more.



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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.

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 and let us know when your child is leaving, and which school they are going to?



Personal Items Lists – 2019

These lists can now be accessed from our school website. **Orders placed by 2nd 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.

Enjoy the holidays
without their
requirements list
hanging over
your head.





KEY DATES

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.




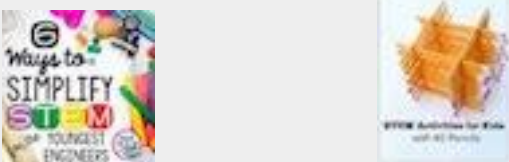



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Floreat Park - OSHClub



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

<p>Monday</p> <p>Sports & 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>Tuesday</p> <p>Arts</p>	<p>Get creative and use your imagination on Tuesdays!! Today we are offering drawing,origami, painting and more!!</p> 
<p>Wednesday</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>Thursday</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>Friday</p> <p>Music & 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

or Contact us at

Email: 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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