

Newsletter

Term 1, Week 10

Floreat Park Primary School



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I trust our families enjoyed the Easter break. Only another week to go before the next one!!

Many congratulations to our school swimming team for their excellent effort in coming second to Subiaco!! It went down to the wire with the relays being the deciding factor between Floreat and Wembley for second place!!

After our external review last year and completion of the first business planning cycle as an Independent Public School, the staff and Board have been looking towards planning for the next three years. At the beginning of next term we will be launching our new Business Plan to the community outlining key directions for our school over next three years.

The evidence base for this document includes school data, feedback from parents at various forums and feedback from teachers and students. It also reflects current research on contemporary educational practices and developing the skills that our students will require in the future. This plan is strategic and outlines 'big picture' directions for the next three years. Its formulation has been the task of a Board sub-committee co-ordinated by Parent Board representative Ian Gordon.

It is the role of the School Board to monitor its implementation and together with the school, communicate progress to the community (we look forward to sharing this with you next term).

Importantly, the school also implements a number of other plans that focus on day to day teaching and learning at an operational level. These school-based plans are monitored at a school, year level and classroom level.

On Friday 13 April at 9am we will be holding our school ANZAC assembly in the undercover area. Local MLA Sean L'Estrange is our guest speaker. Parents are very welcome to join us.

The Term 2 School Calendar is being updated and will be sent out via FlexiBuzz next week.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday.

Jane Rowlands
Principal

BREAKING NEWS!

In addition to the Department of Education's funding of \$50,000 for external painting, and \$60,000 for an upgrade to the senior boys and girls toilets, we will also be getting a new Gardeners shed.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

They put the leader board score up and we were drawing with Wembley on 180 points and everyone in our team was getting nervous and tense about who was going to beat the other school. Luckily David, our coach, was quickly calculating the points of who would be in front – It was us – Floreat!

Rm 5/6 G

My biggest highlight of the interschool swimming carnival was being able to participate in the medley and freestyle relay races. It was fantastic being able to represent the school with a kind group of friends.

Kate Y6H



The best part of the interschool swimming carnival was knowing that everyone did their best and if they didn't get a spot they were still good sports.

Jade Y6E

My favourite part of the Interschool swimming carnival was the Year 6 Boy Medley Relay because it was so intense and they nearly broke the record.

Reilly Y6E





Update on the new playground

We continue to work with our project managers on the installation of our new playground. Unfortunately there will be another delay due to some of the equipment having to be specially made.

The current start date is June but we will keep you informed. Thank you to Mr Walters for all of his work on this project.

Autism Awareness



Floreat Park Primary is an inclusive school. We have a number of students with autism diagnoses in our school.

During Autism Awareness Week teachers, where appropriate, have completed activities and viewed clips on autism awareness.



Below is a clip from the National Autistic Society. It was sent to us by a parent of child with autism.

You may wish to view it with your children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>

NEW Opening Hours

Uniform Shop – Change to Opening Hours

Please note; The opening hours of the uniform shop for Term 2 will be **every odd week of the Term being 1,3,5,7 and 9.** Opening times to remain the same, 8.30am – 9.15am.



School Banking

Thank you again to all our Dollarmite savers! Lots of prizes have been handed out this term which is fabulous! Please be patient when you place your prize order; it can take up to two weeks for them to arrive from Sydney but please keep checking in with the banking coordinators every time you make a deposit!



Students earn a silver token for every transaction they make and once they have earned 10 tokens, they earn a prize.

From eight tokens, they can pre-order which prize they would like. Be sure to check which new prizes come out for Term Two!

Please note that the ordering of prizes is done through the bank database which records the amount of transactions made.

If you have eight or more tokens but your name does not appear on the list, please see Amanda who can check the database for you!

Snack Shack Canteen

The Snack Shack Canteen has its own phone number;

0417 384 866.

Calls or messages to this phone number will be answered between 8:30am – 2:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Please use this phone number to contact Fran Cockerill or Karen Wilson for anything related to the **Snack Shack Canteen.**

NEW PHONE NUMBER

New School Crossing

As you may be aware, we are in the final stages of arranging a crossing warden to patrol the new crossing on Chandler Avenue. It has been a long and at times challenging process and couldn't have been achieved without the support of the P&C, Board and School working in partnership.

Please click on the link for some useful information for parents ahead of the crossing being up and running in Term 2.

http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Driver-Aware_Brochure_PDF.pdf



A NEW CHILDREN'S CROSSING AT YOUR SCHOOL

Introduction

Your school is getting a new warranted children's crossing that will be operated by a trained Traffic Warden. A children's crossing is designed to contribute to the safe travel of students to and from school and its proper use is vital to achieving the safety benefits for the children and any accompanying adults. In addition, the correct and proper use of a children's crossing by children will assist them in learning how to cross roads safely.

Here are some suggestions on how to inform your school community about your new children's crossing.

What you can do

1. Inform students of the new children's crossing and how to use it at a school assembly.
2. Inform teachers of the new children's crossing at a staff meeting or by any other relevant internal school communication.
3. Publish an article in your school newsletter, on bulletin boards around the school or on your school's Facebook page:
 - Advising of the new children's crossing
 - Asking that the Traffic Warden's instructions be obeyed.
 - Asking parents to drive safely around the crossing.
 - Advising of any new parking requirements or restrictions around the children's crossing
4. Take students to the new crossing location for orientation – especially younger students. Not only will they learn where to cross the road safely, but they can also be introduced to your Traffic Warden and will know that he/she is someone to listen to, trust and respect.

Other initiatives

Other initiatives your school can undertake for the proper and safe use of the children's crossing are to:

- Develop internal instructions or guidelines regarding the correct use of the children's crossing.
- Monitor the behaviour of students using the children's crossing for the first few weeks to ensure that they (and their parents) are using it effectively and are following the directions of the Traffic Warden.
- Take appropriate remedial action for the incorrect use of the children's crossing by students (or parents).
- Develop feedback mechanisms for teachers, students and parents for the incorrect use of the crossing.

Further information

For further information you can speak to your Traffic Warden or contact the WA Police Traffic Warden on 6274 8729. Or if there are issues with the infrastructure please contact the Children's Crossings Unit on 6274 8767 or email:

childrenscrossingsunitsmail@police.wa.gov.au

CHURCHLANDS NETWORK of schools presents
WORKSHOP 3:
The sensory needs of children
aged 1 to 4 years.



In this workshop Clare Jongeling, senior OT from Gymworks Occupational Therapy talks about the sensory needs of children aged 1 to 4 years

What are they?

What to do to assist sensory development?

How to identify red flags for concern?



Monday 9th April

6:30 – 8:00pm

City Beach Primary School
Library

Please enter the school via the Patonga Road carpark.

To register for this workshop please email

Alison.Jenkins@education.wa.edu.au

Write CNPS – Workshop in the subject line and include your name and phone number in the body of the email.



JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Junior Holiday Program is for all juniors with or without any previous golf experience who are wishing to learn or improve on the basics of golf while having fun.

The program is six hours tuition over three days, costing \$100. All tuition is taught by one of our PGA qualified professionals who will cover:

- Swing development (woods and irons)
- Putting
- Chipping
- Modified golf games

The Junior Holiday Program is a great stepping stone into the Term Two Junior Clinics.

Please complete the enrolment details on the reverse of this page and return it to the Wembley Golf Shop staff.

For further information contact the Wembley Golf Course on 6280 1307 or email events@wembleygc.com.au

JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Below is a list of available program dates/times.

Please list your first and second preference for availability.

Program	Dates	Time	List 1st/2nd Preference:
JHP1A	Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th April	9 - 11am	
JHP1P	Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th April	1 - 3pm	
JHP2A	Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th April	9 - 11am	
JHP2P	Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th April	1 - 3pm	



Great Cocky Count



Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo's © Keith Lightbody

The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey and the biggest single survey for black-cockatoos in Western Australia. On one night in autumn, volunteers monitor known roost sites and count black-cockatoos as they come in to their evening roosts. Records submitted from across the southwest provide a snapshot of black-cockatoo populations, and over time this has helped us quantify the changes in black-cockatoo numbers.

The Great Cocky Count originally started as a survey method for Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos, and focussed just on the roost sites around the Perth Metropolitan area, but over recent years has expanded to include Forest Red-tailed Cockatoos as well as sites across the southwest. 2018 will be the tenth Great Cocky Count. Previous Great Cocky Count reports can be found on the [Publications and Forms](#) page. See the FAQ sheet below for more information.

A key aim of the GCC is to survey as many roost sites as possible. We need your help to make the 2018 GCC the most comprehensive survey yet. The GCC will be on Sunday April 8 2018 at sunset (approximately 5.30-6.30pm in Perth).

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

1. Report a roost site

Help us to identify more roost sites for both white-tailed and red-tailed black-cockatoos! Roosts are places where black-cockatoos rest at night. Important information on the location of critical roosting habitat is collected through the Great Cocky Count, and is increasing each year. If you know about a night-time roost site, please email or call us about it.

2. Register to monitor a roost site for the 2018 Great Cocky Count

Unfortunately the Great Cocky Count registrations have closed. We hope to see you in 2019!

Contact details

Great Cocky Count Coordinator, BirdLife Australia
Peregrine House, 167 Perry Lakes Drive, Floreat, WA 6014
E greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au
T 9287 2251



Town of Cambridge Library – Holiday Activities

Cambridge Library will be the place to visit during the school holidays. Chickens will be **hatching** from 16 April; there will be a wedge tailed eagle, falcon and some owls visiting on Monday afternoon 23 April that you can **touch**; 3 stations of Lego to create with on Tuesday morning 24 April and lots of feather to hunt for leading up to the Scribblers Festival in May.

Bookings are essential for the holiday programmes but can be done by phone, in person or by email. library@cambridge.wa.gov.au

 **HOLIDAY FUN!**



The chickens are coming again!
The eggs will arrive on the **16th April** and when hatched, the chicks will stay with us for 10 more days before they will be rehomed.
Come along and witness this incredible event.



 **HOLIDAY FUN!**

Have you found a feather bookmark?
Is it white, silver or gold?



There are 100 hidden in the junior and young adult fiction books.

If you find one, bring it to the desk and we will tell you what to do next!



 **HOLIDAY**

Are you feeling **strong and brave?**



Come and learn about Birds of Prey and then **touch** a live Wedge-tailed Eagle and Brown Falcon. There will be owls as well and some hands on cast dissecting to do...

Time: 1.30—3.30pm
Date: Monday 23 April 2018
Ages: 5–12+ years

Bookings Essential
(A booking followed by non-attendance will incur a \$5 fee)
Phone - 9383 8999
or
E-mail - library@cambridge.wa.gov.au



 **HOLIDAY**



are bringing the LEGO®

- 3 stations
- 2 hours....

What sustainable environment will you create?

Time: 10.00 - 12.00pm
When: Tuesday 24 April 2018
Ages: 5–12 years

Bookings Essential
(A booking followed by non-attendance will incur a \$5 fee)
Phone - 9383 8999
or
E-mail - library@cambridge.wa.gov.au



Calling children across Western Australia to join the hunt for the **Golden Feather.**

“I’ve got the Golden Feather!”

A statewide search is on for five 'golden feathers' hidden in books which will unlock a world of magic and storytelling for the children who find them.

The Scribblers Festival Golden Feather Hunt kicks off in libraries across the state next week in the lead-up to the inaugural Scribblers Festival, a new children's festival celebrating storytelling from 9-13 May in Claremont.

Throughout March and April, feather-shaped bookmarks will be hidden in children's and young adult books in participating libraries* across Western Australia.



[Media Images](#)

***The Golden Feather
Treasure Hunt:
1 March - 13 May***

***Scribblers Festival:
Wednesday, 9 -
Sunday, 13 May 2018***

Golden Feather

Scribblers Festival is a celebration of the magic and discovery that happens when a child reads a book. We want to encourage young readers to explore the adventures that await them on the shelves of their local libraries.

We have hidden feather-shaped bookmarks (inspired by our Scribblers owl mascot) in children's and young adult books in public libraries across the State. Among the feathers distributed there are a handful of special 'Golden Feather' bookmarks which, when uncovered, will result in a major prize for some lucky readers! Some treasure hunters may also stumble across a silver feather and win a FREE book.



COMMUNICATION

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. We strongly encourage all parents to download and use the Flexibuzz app.

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.


FlexiBuzz

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



Remove button next to the boxes you need to remove

Add button next to the new boxes for your child's class.



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:
25 April – ANZAC Day
4 June – Western Australia Day
24 September – Queen’s Birthday (WA Only)
25 December – Christmas Day
26 December- Boxing Day
School Development Days
Students do not attend on these days:
Friday 1 June
Friday 2 November
Friday 14 December

Important Dates

TERM 1

Monday 9 April	Woodwork Juniors PP – YR2 and Y3E and Y3H
Tuesday 10 April	Woodwork Juniors PP – YR2 and Y3E and Y3H
Friday 13 April	YR 6 ANZAC SERVICE
Friday 13 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.



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.



Triple P Positive Parenting helps you:

- raise happy, confident kids
- manage kids' behaviour so everyone enjoys life more
- set family rules and routines that everyone follows
- get along well with your kids and argue less
- balance work and family without stress

FREE programs offered by the Department of Health

- Seminar Series
- Group Triple P

All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Next program:

Triple P Seminar Series

3 weekly sessions Thursday's - 31st May, 7th & 14th June 2018.

Floreat

9:30am - 11:30am

Bookings essential - healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups

Sorry no crèche is available.

