

# Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2

Floreat Park Primary School



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to school to all our families and thank you for preparing your children so well for the beginning of school! The term has started very smoothly with all programs in full swing from the first day back.

A special welcome to our new families and staff; Mr Rob Cottam and Mrs Emily Eldridge have joined the Year 4 teaching team, Mrs Suzi Baigent has moved roles from Education Assistant in Pre-primary to teaching Pre-primary Science, and we welcome Ella Hobbs and Rachel Sydney-Smith as Education Assistants in PPD (Mrs Di Lena's class).

The full organisation chart is available on the website;

<http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Staffing-Structure-Org-Chart-2018-web.pdf>

All staff worked extremely hard at the end of last term to ensure that classrooms were set up ready for the beginning of the year. Most classes moved location giving us a better flow of year levels through the school.

Our fantastic gardener, Tony Szlichta, assisted by Rod Cohen, ensured new and old turf remained green and our school was looking good for us to return to. Many parents have commented on the aesthetic improvements around the school.

Two way communication is key to ensuring important information is exchanged between school and home. Flexibuzz is our preferred communication method. Please ensure that you have access to Flexibuzz on your phone. Parents who have the app from last year will need to update the boxes. Please refer to instructions in this newsletter.

Our Year Level Meetings begin on Monday. An invitation is extended to all parents to come to the undercover area on your designated day to meet the teaching team, receive information on the curriculum and how your child will benefit from some of our new initiatives.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy your weekend,

Jane Rowlands  
Principal



## Year Level Parent Meetings

A part of our Reporting to Parents schedule distributed in last year's Term 4 student report package, we will be holding Year Level Parent meetings during weeks 3 and 4. All meetings other than kindergarten which will be held at the kindergarten, will be in the undercover between 8.55am- 9.25am.

The agenda includes key information regarding the curriculum and activities in each year level, new initiatives and programs, and an overview by the Principal and Deputy Principals. Notes will be made available for parents unable to make their meeting.

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Tuesday 13th February	Year 5 Parent Meeting
Wednesday 14th February	Year 4 Parent Meeting
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Monday 19th February	Year 2 Parent Meeting
Tuesday 20th February	Year 1 Parent Meeting
Wednesday 21st February	Pre Primary Parent Meeting
Tuesday 27th February	Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am held at the Kindergarten – RED AND YELLOW
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## Parking at Busy Times

Our new crossing on Chandler Ave will be in operation soon. Main Roads are completing the signage next week and the Town of Cambridge will need to install additional signs after that. Main Roads will also be training our Warden who will be present during busy times before and after school. We will keep you updated as we receive information.

Parking around all schools during drop off and pick up times is always busy and Floreat is no exception. We have had reported parking behaviours that pose serious threat to the safety of your children. So that we can keep our students safe we ask all parents to:

- **Allow plenty of time for drop off and pick up; it is unreasonable to expect this process will be quick**
- **Be patient**
- **Adhere to the parking restrictions detailed on signs**
- **Drive slowly**
- **If you have older children consider other drop off/pick up points away from the school, or agree a later pick up time**

Mrs Rowlands, Mr Cohen and Mr Walters will be present when possible. The Town of Cambridge Ranger is also very supportive and vigilant during these times. Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important matter.



## **Student Health Care and Anaphylaxis Management**

The physical and mental well-being of your child/children is of utmost importance to us. It is vital that we share important information so that we can provide the necessary duty of care for every child.

Student health forms were distributed on the first day of term. Please ensure these are completed and returned as soon as possible. If your child requires medication to be kept at school e.g. puffers, EpiPen® or Anapen®, please supply this to Rod Cohen through the office so we can store it in the appropriate place and develop a Student Health Care Plan.

Floreat Park Primary School promotes an 'Allergy Awareness' message in conjunction with the P&C and parents.

Full details of our Anaphylaxis Management Policy is on our website;  
<http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Floreat-Park-Anaphylaxis-Policy-August-2015-1.pdf>

## **Holiday work completed around the school**

Thanks to our P&C, eight classrooms were painted during the break and the vegetable garden beds were relocated to behind the BER building clearing space for the next phase of improving play space in the outdoor classroom area of the school. Five classrooms also received new interactive boards.

## **Delay in the installation of the new playground**

In spite of our best efforts and that of the P&C, the installation of our new playground has been delayed to ensure that we obtain the correct cover and insurances. The project is now being overseen by the Department's Facility Management company so that we comply with all required standards. We will keep the community updated with progress through the newsletter.

## **Term 1 Statements**

These will be sent out next week. We would appreciate your prompt settlement of accounts. Thank you in advance. Please contact our Manager Corporate Services, Mrs Sue Morgan if you have any queries.

## **Swimming Training**

Well done to all students who are participating in our early morning swimming training sessions. It was a delight to see everyone arrive with a smile, positive attitude and ready to try their best.

Please remember to bring your fin and kickboard. Our time trial day is scheduled for the **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Congratulations everyone, we have taken the first step towards becoming confident, competent swimmers. Any questions please contact Miss Tropiano.



## **Dental Van**

The Dental Van will be on site from the 28 February. It will be located in between the netball courts close to the school.

## **Student Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones and devices are only permitted to be carried by students in special circumstances. These include for medical purposes. There are students who have phones for safety reasons as they attend specialist programs e.g. gymnastics.

In such cases we strongly encourage students to leave their phone in the office for safekeeping and not store it in their bags outside classrooms. The School Board will be revising the Mobile Phone Policy this term.

## **A message of introduction from; Ms Jodie Bell - School Psychologist**

I am thrilled to be joining the team at Floreat Park Primary School this year. I have previously worked from Padbury to Bunbury in various primary schools, a high school, education support centre (with children with disability) and in the area of behaviour and engagement for the School of Special Education Needs.

Prior to re-training in psychology I lived in London for a decade working in the field of online education. I am passionate about working to ensure that children are supported in developing their potential across all domains.

Outside of work I am a mum to my primary school-aged child, a white fluff-ball puppy and two cats.

Referrals for school psychology services are managed through the Student Services team – please speak with Rod Cohen as your first port of call. I wish you a wonderful 2018!





## **Student Services Team**

Our Student Services team is comprised of Rod Cohen (Deputy Principal), Fiona Farley, Jodie Bell (new School Psychologist), Emily Eldridge and Sue Robinson (Chaplain).

Our brief is to facilitate the well-being of your children. This is undertaken in a variety of ways.

Emily is driving the new 'Bounce Back' program which focusses on resilience and emotional well-being.

Rod and Fiona assist staff in planning for special needs children.

Rod oversees the organising of the health needs of our students including medical plans and medications.

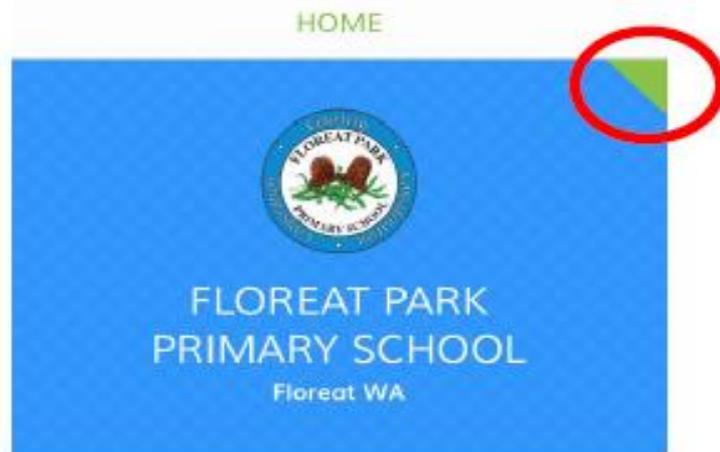
Our school chaplain is available to assist children with their concerns. She promotes relational skills and encourages positive self-development.

Teachers can make referrals to our school psychologist. Parents can approach the class teacher should they consider that their child's school related issues (learning difficulties, emotional problems) may warrant intervention from the school psychologist.



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



## 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



Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login



Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store.



Go to [web.flexibuzz.com](http://web.flexibuzz.com) and click "Sign Up".



Connect to us



Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.



Select your communication groups



Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.



Get started



Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website [www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.com) or email us via [support@flexibuzz.com](mailto:support@flexibuzz.com).





## Class Representatives Needed

Class Reps are the main conduit of information between the P&C and parents, as well as between class teachers and parents. This is a vitally important role in keeping all parties informed of upcoming events, meetings and other school activities. Class Reps also help with fundraising and events and organise nights out for their classes or year groups. Ideally each class has two Class Reps who can work together.

It is a fun and rewarding role and a great way to meet parents in your class. The P&C has a detailed description of the Class Representative role and a Class Representative Coordinator is on hand to help you throughout the year.

If you would like to be a Class Representative, please notify your teacher and the President of the P&C, Kim Batina [kimb@precisebusiness.com.au](mailto:kimb@precisebusiness.com.au) Thank you!

## Talking with My School

During their last meeting, the Floreat Park Primary School Board approved the following guidance which is designed to support parents and caregivers when communicating with the school. As a growing school, it is important to have procedures and systems in place to ensure communication is effective and channelled to the appropriate person(s).

The Talking with My School guidance will help you direct your question or concern appropriately. We hope you find the document useful.

Talking with My School is on the Floreat Park Primary School website click here to download it <http://www.floreatparkps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Talking-with-my-school-FINAL.pdf>

## Thank you – WEMBLEY SUPA IGA



Floreat Park Primary School has received a cheque for \$500.00 from Wembley Supa IGA.

This has kindly been given to our school from the customers of IGA who have donated their Rewards Points.

The funds will go towards improving our flower beds.



## School Banking

We are holding a school banking assembly (PP-Yr 2 only) to explain how it works to the children on Friday 23 February.

There are new prizes and more incentives to save this year!

School Banking Co-ordinators are Amanda Hicklin and Emma Falconer.



## **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](http://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.*

## **Community Noticeboard**

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



## Floreat Park Primary School

### 2018 Term Dates

<b>Term Dates:</b>
<b>TERM 1:</b>
Wednesday 31 January – Friday 13 April
<b>TERM 2:</b>
Monday 30 April – Friday 29 June
<b>TERM 3:</b>
Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September
<b>TERM 4:</b>
Monday 8 October – Thursday 13 December
<b>Public Holidays:</b>
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
<b>School Development Days</b>
<b>Students do not attend on these days:</b>
Tuesday 6 March
Friday 1 June
Friday 2 November
Friday 14 December



## Important Dates

### TERM 1

Monday 12th February	Year 6 Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am in the Undercover Area
Tuesday 13th February	Year 5 Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am in the Undercover Area
Wednesday 14th February	Year 4 Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am in the Undercover Area
Thursday 15th February	Year 3 Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am in the Undercover Area
Monday 19th February	Year 2 Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am in the Undercover Area
Monday 19th February	Swimming lessons commence for year 4, 5, and 6
Tuesday 20th February	Year 1 Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am in the Undercover Area
Wednesday 21st February	Pre Primary Parent Meeting, 8.55am-9.25am in the Undercover Area
Friday 23rd February	Room 7, YR 6E Assembly
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
Friday 2nd March	Swimming lessons finish for year 4, 5, 6
Monday 5th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 6th March	School Development Day <b>students do not attend</b>
Friday 9th March	Room 3, YR 4BC Assembly
Tuesday 20th March	Faction Swimming Carnival
Friday 23rd March	Room 2, YR 4FE Assembly
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 <b>students do not attend</b>
Friday 6th April	Room 1, YR 4C Assembly
Friday 13th April	YR 6 ANZAC SERVICE
<b>Friday 13th April</b>	<b>Last Day of Term One</b>

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



**Floreat Park Chess Club will recommence for Term 1 on Friday 16th Feb.**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME.**

This term beginners have the option to attend a beginners class for 3 weeks during lunchtime on Tuesdays from 13 Feb, before joining the club.

Registrations and payment (optional) at <https://www.trybooking.com/TWOJ>

## CHESS CLUB 2018

### Chess for life



The Club will recommence for term 1 2018 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME.**  
Come along and learn the wonderful game of chess.

Years 2 to 6 will meet in the library after school, 3.10 till 4.10pm. (Children to be picked up by a parent at 4.10pm Sharp) Please let me know if your child is to be picked up by anyone else.

Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/TWOJ>

The cost for Term 1 is \$90, (\$80 each if more than one family member) per student.  
Payment can be made either by:

1. Payable directly to me on the first club day please. Please place form and payment in an envelope clearly marked with the student's name and year.
2. Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/TWOJ>  
(Please note that there is an additional \$2 credit card fee)

Any inquiries please feel free to call Jack South, Chess for Life Co-ordinator on 92711006. Email [jacksouth@iinet.net.au](mailto:jacksouth@iinet.net.au) or Su Wu [suwcwu@yahoo.com.au](mailto:suwcwu@yahoo.com.au) (FPPS Chess co-ordinator)

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**2017 Chess Tuition-Years 2-6. (Yr 2 if parent thinks child would be able)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to re-enrol-enrol my son/daughter in the school chess classes and enclose the term payment of \$90 (\$80 each if more than 1 family member) If paying by cheque please make payable to Jack South). All payments in named envelopes please and handed in on the first club day thank you.

I give permission for Chess for Life to email me regarding the chess club at the following email address \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



## State Schoolboys AFL 12 Years & Under Trials

Trials for this year's State Team will take place during 1st term and the April School holidays. Any Student born in 2006 or 2007 may be interested in trialling for the state schoolboys AFL team. Please note that only players turning 11 and 12 years of age in 2018 are eligible to nominate.



This year's team will be travelling to Canberra in ACT from August 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. The trial dates can be found on the School Sport WA website ( [www.schoolsportwa.com.au](http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au) ).

In order to nominate for the trials please direct your queries to the School Sport WA website where you can locate the 'Interstate' menu button which is located at the top of the page. All relevant details can be found on this website. If you have any queries please don't hesitate in making contact with me or the School Sport WA office.

Please also be aware that School Sport WA sends teams interstate for other sports as well. If you may be interested in trialling for these teams please see below. To nominate students simply follow the same process as above. Below is a list of sports and their travel dates. Nomination details can be found on the same website.

Basketball	10 - 17 Aug	Darwin
Cricket	Jan 2019	TBC
Cross Country	23 - 28 Aug	Sunshine Coast, Qld
Football (Soccer)	15 - 21 Sept	Sydney
Golf	10 - 17 Nov	Bellarine Peninsula, Vic
Hockey	11 - 17 Aug	Newcastle, NSW
Netball	15 - 21 Sept	Darwin
Rugby League	11 - 18 Aug	Adelaide
Swimming	25 - 31 Aug	Hobart
Diving	8 - 14 Sept	Perth
Tennis	20 - 28 Oct	Adelaide
Touch Rugby	21 - 26 Oct	Hobart

By all means make contact with me if you have any queries.

Alex McLennan  
Tour Leader  
State 12 Years & Under Team  
School Sport WA  
9276 5832



## 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](mailto:jp2wood@bigpond.com)

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



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](http://www.cambridge.wa.gov.au)