

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 2

Floreat Park Primary School



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back after what I trust was a restful break.

Great excitement abounded on the first day back as we waited for our new playground to be certified as meeting required standards. Students looked at it lovingly all day as it wasn't until 3pm that we received the required paperwork. Needless to say there was a huge rush to test it out after school. Feedback has been really positive from the students who played a major role in its design and the selection of equipment. Thank you to the P&C for funding this initiative. We are now exploring funding opportunities for shade sails over the new equipment and the replacement of the damaged sails over the existing equipment.

It was all 'go' on the holidays as our oval was also reticulated. No more moving heavy pipes for Tony!! This will really add value to our school grounds and again, we thank the P&C for contributing the lion's share of funding to this project. We will need to minimise the use of the oval until the grass starts growing. You will notice we have also relocated the long jump pits.

Rooms 6 and 8 are the proud owners of new windows; the old ones were damaged by termites. The older section of the school has been refreshed by external painting of the facias and windows and both the senior boys and girls toilets have been upgraded.

Mrs Morgan and I, visited Ms Awena Jervis in hospital during the holidays. We are delighted to report that her progress has been quite remarkable. Although there is still a long way to go, we were thrilled with the progress she is making.

Term 3 is the athletics term, culminating with our Faction Carnival on Wednesday 5 September. The focus of this carnival is on participation and sportsmanship and all children will be training for it this term. Thanks to a grant we received from Sporting Schools Australia, Pre-primary to Year 4 students will enjoy some additional coaching in running from accredited athletics coaches.

Miss Tropiano has begun to select our interschool athletics team for the carnivals later in September. There is an agreed policy for selection between all participating schools that we have put on the school website under 'Policies'.

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive term.

Jane Rowlands
Principal



Department of Education News

Ms Sharyn O'Neill has been the Director General of the Department of Education for over ten years and announced this week she has been appointed as Public Sector Commissioner.

During her term of office, Ms O'Neill initiated many significant changes including allowing schools greater autonomy through the award winning Independent Public School Program. Ms Jen McGrath will be Acting Director General until the position is filled substantially.

Technology Room News

We are thrilled to have the new Technology (STEM) Room up and running! Many thanks must go to our hard working P&C Association, which has made it possible through the funding of the fitout.

Ms Jenkinson's skills were put to work on preparing a custom design that allows flexible models for teaching and learning. The room is bright, inviting and functional and in the words of one of the students last week, "It makes me feel happy!"

Our students love coming to the room and even better, we are making good use of it both during and after school hours. The CIY Coding Club is operating from the room on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, the room is also open at lunch times twice a week for children who are interested in further developing their STEM skills. It is also available for special projects as and when required.

The Technologies (STEM) program and the creation of a teaching space in which to deliver it is addressed in our Business Plan. The creation of a motivating environment that allows flexible learning is one of the three pillars that underpins the plan.

Using ICT and Digital Technologies to transform learning will assist our students to be successful in our rapidly changing world. Thank you to the leadership team whose vision for the program and our facilities has guided us to this successful result.



Uniform Shop – Change to Opening Hours

Please note; The opening hours of the uniform shop for Term 3 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.

Shaun Tan Awards for Young Artists 2018

WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

It is with great pleasure that we announce Jasper (from Year 1) was awarded First Place in the Lower Primary Category of the Shaun Tan Awards for Young Artists 2018.

The winners from each of the five categories were announced at a special ceremony held on Monday night at the City of Subiaco Library.

Jasper, who attended the ceremony with his family, was thrilled not only with his win, but also by the special video message Shaun Tan sent, during which he talked about Jasper's 'Best Rabbit Ever' entry.

There were over 1500 entries from all over the state this year, so to come first place is a significant achievement.

Congratulations Jasper!





Entertainment Books are now Overdue!

The Entertainment Books were given to us on consignment to raise money for the school. Families were asked to make payment or return the book by the end of May. We still have several books outstanding and **payment is now overdue**. Please take action as below URGENTLY so we can finalise this fundraiser.

- **Make payment online at www.entbook.com.au/84r265**
- **If you do not wish to purchase the Entertainment Book, please return it intact to the Front Office in the personalised envelope so we can update our records.**

If you purchased the Entertainment Digital Membership, the Book does not form part of this Membership so please return it to the Front Office.

We can't finalise this fundraiser until all payments and books are returned so we would really appreciate your assistance. **We are liable for any Books not returned, which will affect our fundraising.** If you have any questions, please contact Karen Wilson on 0404 456 948 or karenjwilson08@gmail.com.

Student Health and Welfare

Student sickness

We have had a number of students coming to school quite unwell over the past 2 weeks. Whilst we encourage good attendance, it is important to ensure we recover fully from illness before returning to school so that children are not spreading sickness to other students and staff. We have had a big drive at targeting good handwashing habits and are now seeking your support in ensuring we maintain a healthy school.

Gastroenteritis

Gastroenteritis, or 'gastro' is a common condition in children of all ages. It occurs when the bowel is infected by a virus or bacteria. Symptoms include diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach cramps and sometimes, fever. Gastroenteritis, or 'gastro' is a common condition in children of all ages. It occurs when the bowel is infected by a virus or bacteria. Symptoms include diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach cramps and sometimes, fever.

Most cases in children are not serious, but it is very important to make sure that a child with gastro **receives enough fluid**. If your child has gastro, keep them away from school for 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped. If symptoms persist see your family doctor.

The easiest way to prevent gastro is to make sure everyone in the family **washes their hands regularly**, especially before eating and after going to the toilet.

For more information go to <http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/597/2/gastroenteritis.pm>



Chickenpox

Chickenpox is caused by the Varicella Zoster Virus. In some children the illness will start with a fever or feeling unwell, but in others the rash will appear first. The spots usually start on the chest as red, itchy lumps. These will become fluid-filled blisters, which will burst and form a crust.

Chickenpox is very contagious and is spread when the person sneezes or coughs or when someone comes in contact with the fluid from one the blisters. Your child should have had the chickenpox vaccination at 18 months of age.

Vaccination is the best way to avoid chickenpox, so make sure that your child is up-to-date with his or her vaccinations. If your child does contract chickenpox, keep him or her home from school for at least five days after the first spots appear, and until after all blisters are dry. Give your child plenty of fluids and paracetamol or ibuprofen, if needed.

If blisters are in the mouth, try a soothing mouth wash and don't give foods high in acid or salt. Soothing lotions or oils for the bath can help the itch. Diagnosis should be confirmed by a doctor as chickenpox is a notifiable disease (it must be reported). Please make sure the school is informed if the doctor diagnosis chickenpox.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse for more information or see the fact sheet at www.public.health.wa.gov.au/

Scoliosis

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back. The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

An information leaflet about Scoliosis will be distributed to all year 6 students. Please read through the information provided and check your child for scoliosis as described in the leaflet. If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse.

Parenting support

As parents, you are the most important person in your child's life. Many parents find life with a child a joyful but challenging experience. Children's needs change as they grow and each stage brings new challenges.

You may find the following resources helpful from time to time as you navigate some of these challenges as a parent:

- Raising Children Network www.raisingchildren.com.au
- Healthy WA <http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Healthy-living/Parenting>
- Triple P - Positive Parenting Program www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Triple_P
- Ngala www.ngala.com.au/
- Child and Parent Centres <http://childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au/>



Floreat Park Primary School is now Targeting...

We are currently targeting good manners across school. This includes, but is not limited to, the following;



- greetings, good morning/afternoon etc;
- eye contact;
- asking how people are;
- using people's names and titles, Mr, Mrs, Miss; and
- letting others go before us, holding doors open.

We are pleased to see so many of our students already demonstrating these attributes and behaviours.

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**.

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?

Thank you all in anticipation.



DATES

Friday 27 July 2018	Year 4 C&C Incursion
Monday 30 July 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Tuesday 31 July 2018	Board Meeting (1pm)
Wednesday 1 August 2018	Year 6 Team to St Marys
Friday 3 August 2018	Year 5&6 C&C Incursion
Monday 6 August 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Monday 6 August 2018	Year 3 Incursion – Constitution Centre
Monday 13 August 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Wednesday 15 August 2018	Maths Olympiad
Friday 17 August 2018	Choir – One Big Voice
Monday 20 August 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Wednesday 22 August 2018	Year 6s – Cambridge Library
Sunday 26 August 2018	Chevron City to Surf
Monday 27 August 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Thursday 30 August 2018	Year 5 Excursion to Herdsman Lake
Monday 3 September 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Tuesday 4 September 2018	Board Meeting (5pm)
Wednesday 5 September 2018	Faction Athletics Carnival
Monday 10 September 2018	Interschool Athletics (jumps, throws & distance events)
Wednesday 12 September 2018	Learning Journey
Wednesday 19 September 2018	Interschool Athletics (sprints & team games)
Friday 21 September 2018	Safety House Show
Friday 21 September 2018	Last Day of term 3

Community Noticeboard

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

Student Contact Details

It is very important that the contact details we hold for your child/ren are **kept up to date** at all times. If any of your details have changed and you have not advised the school, please advise the applicable changes to the office as soon as possible.

This includes address details, home and mobile phone numbers, email addresses and other contacts **in case of emergencies**. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.





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



- 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.



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.

Rotary Club of Cambridge



**Rotary Club of Cambridge Programme for Parents, Teachers
& Carers : Wednesday 15 August 2018 @ 9.00 for 9.15 a.m.**

**ANGER? TEMPER TANTRUMS? MELTDOWNS? OUT OF CONTROL?
HEAR BRAD WILLIAMS TALK ABOUT COPING WITH & MANAGING
CHILDREN'S LACK OF SELF-DISCIPLINE & SELF-REGULATION**

The Rotary Club of Cambridge is delighted that on Wednesday 15 August Brad Williams, Director of Behaviour Tonics, will be the guest speaker at the Club's third Schools' Programme talk of the 2018 academic year.

As a licensed Master Practitioner Trainer in the 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching behaviour management program for parents and teachers, Brad facilitates a wide range of professional development and parent education courses, mostly in the area of behaviour management. He is a consultant to many public, private and independent schools.

Prior to co-founding Behaviour Tonics with his wife Lisa in 2004, Brad worked with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for 10 years, working specifically with children experiencing significant emotional, social and behavioural difficulties. Brad is passionate about working with parents, teachers, and carers, helping them to be better informed and more confident in managing difficult behaviour while teaching self-discipline.

Attend Brad's talk to get advice about putting an end to those foot stamping, door slamming, shouting match moments. Details of this Rotary Club of Cambridge Schools' Programme talk are:

Date & Time: Wednesday 15 August - 9.00 for 9.15 a.m.
The meeting will close at approximately 10.00/10.15 a.m.
Venue: Cambridge Bowling Club, Chandler Avenue, Floreat
Please do not park in the Bowling Club's parking bays
To Reserve a Place Contact : Jeanette Wood : 0413 190 412 or
jp2wood@bigpond.com
Cost: \$5 cash payment at the door (except for teachers) – includes coffee

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

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