

# Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4

Floreat Park Primary School



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The term is in full swing with our students enjoying a range of learning opportunities on top of classroom programs. Later in this newsletter our senior students share some of the opportunities they are accessing.

All students are benefiting from additional sports training before and/or during school in preparation for the upcoming faction carnival. This is an important event on the school calendar evidenced by all teachers being involved in the preparation and additional training in some way. Miss Tropiano is doing a wonderful job in bringing it all together in spite of dodging showers! Our Faction Carnival is a celebration of the sporting abilities of all our students and is a firm favourite amongst parents too!

We had a low number of parents attend the Business Plan launch on Tuesday morning and are hoping for more next Tuesday 14 August 7pm – 8pm. We will outline the school's key directions for the next three years and what this means for your child's education. If you are planning to be involved in the school in the medium and longer terms, it is a great opportunity to gain insight into what you can expect. Please let Mrs Georgiades or Ms de-Vries (School Officers) know if you are planning to come along. I look forward to seeing you there!

Lastly, after many happy years at Floreat, Mrs Sally Cousins has announced that after clearing her long service leave this term, she will retire from the Department of Education. As one of our longest servicing staff members, we will most certainly send her off in style. Please keep 2.30pm – 3.10pm, Thursday 18 October free for a celebratory assembly and invite any past students and parents who would like to come and wish her well. Mrs Cousins has promised she will join the ranks of Mrs Graham and provide relief teaching across the school.

There are a number of new initiatives being rolled out by the Department over the next fortnight that involve additional training I need to attend. In my absence, Mr Walters or Mr Cohen will assume the role of principal.

A reminder, Friday 24 August is Free Coffee Friday! Chaplain Sue is co-ordinating this and will provide further details closer to the date.

Good luck to all our students sitting ICAS Maths next Tuesday 14 August.

Jane Rowlands  
Principal



## Elements of Drama Program



The Year 5 and 6 students are participating in an amazing drama program called 'The Elements of Drama'. It is run by the company, 'Filmbites' and our wonderful instructor is Deanna. (Sebastian, Matthew and Isaac).

So far, we have participated in activities which have explored space, situation and character. (Will and Jamie).

We thoroughly enjoy the program because it has taught us to be confident and energetic. (Tom and Daniel).

It is fun, enjoyable and educational. (Izabellah and Jessica).

This exciting program helps us to express emotions and learn how to become a real actor. (Sofie and Sarah).

We learnt that you don't always need props to make a good performance. The program teaches you valuable life lessons. (Ella and Josephine).

We have learnt about vocal qualities, movement and roles. We've also learnt to compromise. (Alicia and Emma).

We enjoy the drama program and are sure that you would too. (Angelina and Karl).

We are enjoying learning drama and it is giving us confidence and talent that will last a lifetime. (Lilla, Charlotte, Lara and Lucy).

We have enjoyed acting out character roles. (Oliver, Harry, Cameron and Hague).

We think it is a wonderful experience for students to learn drama and would recommend it to others because it develops your imagination and builds confidence. (Safiya and Zeina).

### 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?

Thank you all in anticipation.

## Floreat Girls STEAM Ahead

Last week Floreat entered a Year 6 team in the STEAMing Ahead Competition held at St Mary's Girls' School. The competition provides girls with the opportunity to solve complex STEM problems and encourages them to continue their interest in STEM subjects in high school and university. Their report is below.

A favourite challenge was the Archimedes Screw Challenge. We had to wrap a pipe in plastic tubing and then turn it round in the water. The challenge was to collect the most water from the lower bucket and turn it into the higher bucket. Lily and Ruby won the challenge for the most water collected and received movie vouchers.



We learnt a lot about team work. We split jobs and the team selected the person who was best for the job even if that person was a bit reluctant; not everyone wants to do the writing.

A big thank you to Mrs Jenkinson for giving up her time to teach us the skills we needed and for her enthusiasm and support.



**Ruby, Sienna, Ella, Amelie, Aleka, Lily, Jenna and Bella**



## Public Speaking

A number of Year 6 students have been involved in a Public Speaking extension course with Mrs Parks, a public speaking and debating coach, who also adjudicates speaking competitions.

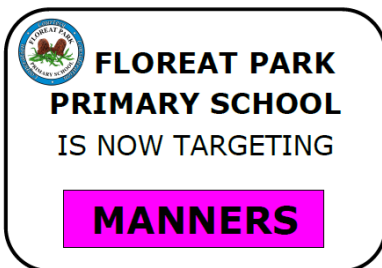
We used mind maps to brainstorm ideas which we discussed with each other. Mrs Parks taught us how to grasp the audience's attention and deliver a speech that would be entertaining.

We learnt that it's a good idea to avoid nervous people before you speak as they may put you off. Standing with two feet slightly apart will prevent swaying and it is unwise to use a rhetorical question as the audience will be thinking about the question instead of the speech.



Year 6 students Emma and Jessica will represent the school at the Rotary Speaking Competition while Kate, Anveet and Giselle will enter the Speak up Competition.

## Floreat Park Primary School is now Targeting...



We are currently targeting good manners across the school and community. 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. It makes our school a happier place to be.



## DATES

Monday 13 August 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Wednesday 15 August 2018	Excursion Year 2's - Scitech
Wednesday 15 August 2018	Maths Olympiad
Friday 17 August 2018	Choir – One Big Voice
Monday 20 August 2018	Artist in Residence – Year 5/6
Tuesday 21 August 2018	Excursion, Year 3's – Zoo
Wednesday 22 August 2018	Year 6's – 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
Friday 31 August 2018	Package Free Friday
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
Thursday 13 September 2018	Kindergarten Learning Journey 8.50am – 9.20am
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
Saturday 24 November 2018	Orientation day for children commencing Kindergarten in 2019

## Community Noticeboard

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





## VacSwim 2018

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers and young people doing their Bronze Medallion. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim at pools and open water venues across the State. Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

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## VACSWIM OCTOBER 2018

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

**Choose from two programs:**

9 Days	5 Days
Tuesday 25 September to Friday 5 October 40 minute lessons	Monday 1 October to Friday 5 October 35 minute lessons
Prices from \$13 per child or \$35 for a family of three or more (plus pool entry). Enrolments close Sunday 19 August.	Prices from \$7 per child or \$18 for a family of three or more (plus pool entry). Enrolments close Sunday 26 August.

**Enrol now.** Visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming) or call 9402 6412.



## 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:

**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

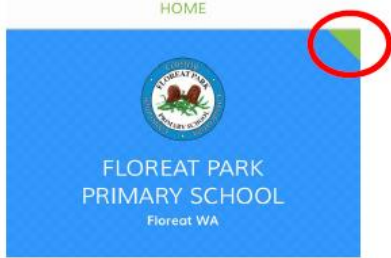
Click the "Home" icon to view our recent posts.

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



## 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.*

## Rotary Club of Cambridge



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**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

Rotary District 9455



CHURCHLANDS NETWORK of schools presents WORKSHOP 4

## Circle of Security



In this workshop Toni Tomlin, Psychologist, talks about the Circle of Security program and how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened so that parents can:

- Understand their child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs
- Support their child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of their child's self esteem
- Honour the innate wisdom and desire for their child to be secure

Tuesday 11 September, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Floreat Park Primary School Early Learning Centre (Kindergarten)  
124 Birkdale Street Floreat.

To register for this workshop please email [Ann.Johnston@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Ann.Johnston@education.wa.edu.au)

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

