Greetings Parents and Carers of Flowerdale Primary School,

My name is Sandra Horwood and it is with great pleasure, and a wonderful sense of anticipation, that I take on my new role as Principal at FPS. I am very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with an engaging, supportive and high-quality primary school experience. As the parent of three adult sons and one grandson, I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection. Parents are every child’s first teacher and I believe that by working together, we can make sure your child’s social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

Before joining FPS, I served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over many years. I have taught in suburbs across Melbourne as part of the Department of Education, spent five years as Head of Languages at Wesley College and two years at Dixons Creek Primary School, just thirty minutes away.

I believe that great schools are the results of great teachers, supportive families and community partnerships. We have a team of outstanding teachers and support staff who would be the envy of many schools. As a small school staff, we rely upon each other to provide for the educational learning needs of your children. Each staff member has a strong sense of attachment to, and awareness of the needs of your children and I am proud to be leading this team.

I look forward to working with the School Council, PFA and other parents and carers. I have already met many of you and appreciate the warm welcome I have received. I would like to thank those parents who assisted with gardening and maintenance prior to the commencement of the school year.

I have enjoyed my first few days and have found the students to be polite, curious, respectful and keen to learn. I look forward to getting to know each student, and learning about his or her interests, concerns and passions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your families in this role! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share.

-Sandra Horwood

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

February

8th  NO FOUNDATION
9th  Swimming Lessons start
10th  Assembly 2.50pm
15th  NO FOUNDATION
16th  Swimming Lessons & Rotary Dinner
17th  Assembly 2.50pm
19th  BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER
22nd  NO FOUNDATION
23rd  Swimming Lessons
24th  Assembly 2.50pm

January

Jack
Mark
Emma

February

Ruby C

OUR SCHOOL VALUE FOCUS THIS FORTNIGHT IS

COMPASSION

‘Demonstrating concern for others and a desire to help’
Head lice are only found on the human head or hair. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice.

There are two main treatment options to remove head lice: Mechanical removal, nit comb and hair conditioner or Chemical Removal using special shampoo treatments from the chemist. For further information check out this site [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx)

REMINDER: Headlice are a problem in all schools and we have had a reported case at Flowerdale PS. Please check your child’s hair regularly for lice eggs or nits. It is Education Department Policy that if a teacher or other staff member notices lice in your child’s hair we will need to call you to pick your child up from school. Your child can return to school after appropriate treatment has been undertaken.

Thank-you for your cooperation,
Sandra Horwood

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Swimming dates are:
Thursday Feb 9th, 16th & 23rd,
March 2nd, 9th & 16th.

Please pack a towel, bathers, goggles and bag to put wet bathers in to take home.

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Flowerdale P.S. Staff for 2017

- Sandra Horwood—Principal
- Barbara Alkemade—F-2 teacher (Thurs-Fri)
- Brooke MacDonald—F-2 teacher (Mon-Wed)
- Breanna Zala—3-6 teacher
- Annie Robertson—Integration Aide
- Yvonne Kringle—Integration Aide
- Shelley Davis—Chaplain & Performing Arts teacher (Mon, Wed & Fri)
- Natasha Skehan—Business Manager (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
- Patrick O’Gorman—Phys Ed teacher (Term 2-4)
- Darcy Smith—MARC teacher
- Paul Allen—MACC teacher
- Bu Glenda—Indonesian teacher
- Dennis Hodge—Bus Driver

Please make sure you welcome (and welcome back!), our new principal and teachers—Sandra, Brooke and Bree!
Congratulations to our Grade 6 student RUBY COOK on being awarded FLOWERDALE JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2017.

Ruby was nominated for this annual award for her outstanding contributions to the Flowerdale Community. Ruby always tries her hardest with her school work, and is prepared to “have a go” even when the tasks are difficult.

Ruby displays a willingness to volunteer to help others. At school she is very keen to offer help with different jobs, and will give up her own play time to provide assistance to staff. She has attended Working Bees, School Fund Raisers, Land Care events, Rotary Club catering evenings, and she learned to knit so that she could help fundraise. Ruby actively upholds the school’s values and puts them into practice. Understanding the need to volunteer and participate in her community is a remarkable quality for one so young.

We also congratulate David Thompson who was awarded the Flowerdale Citizen of the Year for 2017. We love Dave because he is a part of the Men’s Shed and started Kidz Shed with the children – remember the Great Flowerdale Billy Kart races last year? We say thank you to Dave and congratulate him of this much deserved award.
# Flowerdale Primary School

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**MONDAY 2017**

**17th, 18th & 19th February, 2017**

**8.30am – 8.30pm:** Friday & Saturday | **8.30am – 4pm:** Sunday

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**Therapeutic Laughter Class**

with Comedian Tracy Bartram

**Bunnings BBQ**

**SEYMOUR ALTERNATIVE FARMING EXPO 2017**

**COMING SOON!**