Welcome back everyone to the final term of the year. This term is going to ‘fly’ as there are so many events to take place such as Grade 6 Graduation, our School Concert, Art Show and Student Writing Display and the Bluegrass Festival, to name just a few. It would be great to see as many people as possible at the Bluegrass Festival to support Flowerdale students as they sing our new school song.

During the holidays the Shire completed extensive road marking and road signage works in front of our school. Changes have been made to the car and school bus parking. All changes are very clearly marked.

Congratulations must go to Mrs Penhall on having gained a promotion to Kingsbury Primary School. Her new Principal position is in a much larger school of over 200 students. Mrs Penhall will be back to say farewell to Flowerdale Primary School community in the near future.

Over the next few weeks arrangements will be put into place to find a new principal for our school. A Principal selection is a lengthy process, with our aim being to find the very best candidate for our school. It is hoped that the selected candidate will commence Term 1 2017.

As you are aware I am the Acting Principal. I will use Monday and Friday for administrative duties. Ms. Reed is working with the F-2 students on these days. This then enables me to spend three full days with the F-2 class. If you have concerns at any time you are most welcome to meet with me after school any day or throughout the day on Monday or Friday.

Barb Alkemade

P.S. It has been reported that a new strain of gastro (a new norovirus) might make it’s way to Victoria. Please take every precaution by disinfecting highly used surfaces & reminding your children to wash their hands thoroughly. Thank you.
Welcome to term 4 everyone. We all hope you had a great break—and didn’t get too wet!

Breakfast club is in again this week (and every Wednesday) in the before and after school/PFA room. Come along and have some breakfast before school.

There is a PFA meeting scheduled for next Tuesday (11th of October) at 1.30 pm in the PFA room. Everyone’s welcome.

Have a great fortnight everyone.
Lareesa

A Big Thank You to everyone who volunteered to help run our Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings during the school holidays! Their hard work raised $1,500 for the school—woohoo!

A special thanks to Claire’s oldest daughter Anna for helping out the whole day with her mum—now that’s commitment! (Apparently she’s a pro raffle ticket seller!)

Here are some photos of our ‘rugged up’ volunteers!

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**Elf Day**— **F-2 Students**
**Bluegrass Community Concert**— **Selected students**

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**Thursday 1st of December**

**Flowerdale A Christmas Carol**
School Concert

**Thursday 8th of December**

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**Monday 12th of December**

**Grade 6**

**GRADUATION!**

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**DO YOU VOLUNTEER AT OUR SCHOOL?**
**DO YOU HAVE YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD YET?**

If you do then, you are a star!
If you don’t, then please take a couple of minutes to fill in the online application form. You will also have to have some passport photos ready.

Hello travellers!
I could hear you puzzling over my last challenge. But congratulations to those who deciphered my clues about **Zimbabwe**. Can you keep up the good work this week?

Here are some clues to help you:

1. **9 million people are in prisons around the world. A quarter of them are in this country.**
2. **About 20 million people in this country live in mobile homes.**
3. **In this country there is an official rock, paper, scissors league.**
4. **There's a town in this country called 'Big Ugly'.**
5. **The National Flower is the rose.**
6. **You might find a prairie dog in this country.**
7. **Sunglasses and mousetraps were invented in this country.**

**Research in books and the internet** and when you think you know the answer write it down with your name and place it in the Jelly Bean box.
A name will be pulled out to win a prize at assembly!
Best of luck!
Signing off!

**Journey Jelly Bean**

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**JELLY BEAN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

*The Jelly Bean competition will be drawn out at the Week 1 assembly. **Entries close Friday 7th October at 9am.**

| Name: ______________________ | Answer: _____________________ |

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**Week 10TERM 3**

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**SPECIAL MATHLETICS AWARDS**

| Lachie, Ruby C & Violet |
Clinical Provisional Psychologist Jamie Byrne has studied the impacts of lifestyle choices, including technology, on our sleep patterns as part of her thesis with Swinburne Uni. Come listen to her talk about the varying sleep needs in your family and how they can be met.

Who: Parents, teachers and anyone interested in sleep
When: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Where: Yea Shire Hall
Date: 11.10.16
RSVP essential: miller.diane.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

There is no cost for this event as it has been fully funded. A light supper and tea/coffee will be provided.

OR DONATE $9 TO THE SHOEBOX POSTAGE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Gift Ideas

Something to WEAR

Something to PLAY WITH

Something for SCHOOL

Something SPECIAL

Something to LOVE

Something for PERSONAL HYGIENE

Maternal and Child Health are running two St John’s Kids First Aid courses aimed specifically at first aid for children. These courses are subsidised by the Murrindindi Shire Council. The dates are as follows:

**Alexandra 12 October 2016**  
**Kinglake 9 November 2016**

Please contact your Maternal and Child Health nurse for more information on times and venues, or call Jodie on 0249 023 342. These courses need minimum numbers in order to proceed, so please put your name down to attend.

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**Help Prevent the Spread of Norovirus (“Stomach Bug”)**

IF NOROVIRUS IS AFFECTING YOUR COMMUNITY, HERE ARE SOME ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PREVENT FURTHER ILLNESS

1. **Clean up surfaces**
   - Clean frequently touched surfaces with soapy water
   - Rinse thoroughly with plain water
   - Wipe dry with paper towels
   - Dispose of paper towels

   **DON’T STOP HERE:** Germs can remain on surfaces even after cleaning.

2. **Disinfect surfaces**
   - Prepare and apply a chlorine bleach solution
   - Make a 1/3 cup bleach and 1 gallon water solution
   - Apply the solution to surfaces
   - Rinse and dry surfaces

   **DON’T STOP HERE:** Germs can remain on surfaces even after disinfection.

3. **Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water**
   - Soap and water may not be effective if surfaces are not dried.

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**TERM 4:**  
**10 WEEK BASKETBALL PROGRAM:**

- **8 & UNDER**
- **11 & UNDER**

KRCBA are pleased to announce our upcoming season here in Term 4, 2016.

WE ARE NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS! Please go to the Kinglake Ranges Community Basketball Association Inc Facebook page for more information or call Brian Ralph (0403 290 871).

We have a fresh and new exciting basketball experience designed for children from 6 – 11 years of age.

Everyone will have a chance to shine, ALL are welcome and we guarantee a fun and safe, learning environment for children.

Music, camaraderie, professional and trained coaches and mentors, new uniforms, cheerleading… all designed to positively assist in your child’s development while having some fun!

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**KRCBA**

**Registration Day:**
- **Term 4 season** (includes insurance, new uniform, great coaching and GUARANTEED FUN!
- **Games played on Sundays (3pm – 7pm) and Mondays (5-7pm)**

**More Age Groups COMING IN TERM 1, 2017!**

**BRIAN ROLPH**  
0403 290 871  
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**October 2016**

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**Stick on your fridge!**

Flowerdale Primary School

Before and After School Care available

**Monday to Friday**

Come and join educator Fiona Henson for crafts, games, food and fun!

As always, children should be booked in for the day you require.

Contact Murrindindi Day Care on 57720362 to enrol.

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**Before and After School Program**

Apply for 2017-19 Kindergarten places online including Flowerdale.


**Kindergarten Placements**

**Online including Flowerdale.**