What an action packed last couple of weeks we have had at Flowerdale Primary School. The children and teachers are very worn out and looking forward to the holidays.

**Graduation 2016**
On Monday night our Year 6 students had their graduation ceremony. The students were so beautifully dressed and looked so much like secondary students rather than primary ones. The quality of their presentations was outstanding and very moving at times. It was a beautiful thing to hear how much the students appreciated the support of their families in enabling them to complete their primary education so successfully.

Miss Wijaya made a wonderful slide show that tracked the student’s primary years. Once again this was a moving and funny tribute to a great group of students.

**Flowerdale and Highlands Fun Day**
Monday was a great fun day for our students and the children from Highlands Primary School. The hot weather was perfect for the slippery water mats and water pistols. I don’t think anyone escaped being sprayed with water. No-one really worried about it either. It was so pleasant to be cool on such a hot day.

**Farewell**
This year we farewell 8 Year 6 students and 1 Year 4 student. We wish them all well in their new schools. We also say goodbye to Miss Wijaya who is moving on to Kilmore Primary School and Fiona Henson from our Afterschool Care program. I would like to thank both ladies for their care and service to our students and families.

**Celebrations**
Merry Christmas to everyone. Have a happy and safe holiday break with your friends and family.

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Barbara Alkemade
Acting Principal

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**December**
Samantha
Abby

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The blessings of peace,
the beauty of hope,
the spirit of love,
the comfort of faith.

*May this be your gifts this Christmas season.*

Blessings to you all this Christmas! Love Ms Davis
FROM THE OFFICE

I’d just like to say a HUGE thank you to all the PFA members, helpers and teachers for their contributions to our many fun (and fundraising) activities this year. Claire, Hayley, Mel, Lou, Mandie, Kim and everyone else who has helped this year-thank you! You are all amazing! The PFA couldn’t function without all your wonderful input!

I’d also like to wish everyone at and involved with the school a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic new year! Enjoy the holidays-and have fun.

Thank you all for making my year as president of the PFA so much fun. Our first meeting will be in the first week back at school as we have a Bunnings BBQ booked for early in February.

Cheers

Lareesa

Ingredients

- 500g butter
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 5 cups Self Raising flour
- 1 can condensed milk
- flavourings of your choice

Instructions

1. Preheat oven at 180C and line baking trays
2. In an electric mixer cream sugar, butter and condensed milk
3. Add flour, slowly mix to combine
4. Divide mixture into portions
5. Add desired flavourings to each portion. ie. 100&1000’s, choc chips, nuts, sultanas, white chocolate & coconut
6. Roll rounded tablespoons of mixture into balls, flatten slightly
7. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until golden

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A great big THANK YOU to Jordy’s Dad, Jason, who gave up his time to come and tame our overgrown garden. You are awesome!

Also thank you to all the families that attended our Art/Writing Show/Billy Kart event and brought food for our BBQ. We appreciate you!
Week 10 (no assembly in Week 9)

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Ross Davis Award 2016- LORELEI PRIMROSE
Studentship Award 2016- AVERYLL ROBERTSON-DIXON
Scholarship Award 2016- RILEY SANDERS
Sportsmanship Award 2016- RYDER PRIMROSE
Arts Award 2016- MARY-LEE STEVENS
Principals Award 2016- CHEYENNE HANSON-ARISTIDES
Buddy of the Year 2016 (Voted by staff & students)- JORDAN YOUNG
Hello travellers!
It’s time for the last Jelly Bean for the year. Last fortnight I was indeed in Switzerland! If you still think you’re smart, then have a go at this weeks!

Here are some clues to help you:

1. The Bin Chau Hotsprings in this country are hot enough to boil eggs.
2. Snake wine, which is made by steeping whole snakes in rice wine for their venom, is commonly drunk for health, vitality and restorative purposes.
3. School children are summoned to school by traditional gongs instead of bells.
4. The Perfume River in this country is so named due to the scent of the tropical flowers that fall onto the water during autumn.
5. An estimated ten million motor bikes travel on the roads of this country every day.
6. This country is the world’s leading exporter of cashew nuts and black pepper.
7. Water puppetry is a popular art form that dates back as far as the 11th century.

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**

*This weeks competition will be drawn out at the assembly in week 11. Entries close Friday 16th December at 9am.*

Name: __________________________

Jelly Bean Answer: __________________

Pumpernickel Answer: ________________

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**Can you find**

PUMPERNICKLE, the Flowerdale Parrot hidden in our school grounds?

When you find her, write on the form to the left and put it in the Jelly Bean Box for a prize at assembly.
January 2017
Holiday Program
Ages 10-15

9am-5pm 9th - 25th January 2017

BOOK AND PAY ONLINE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT. LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE.

WaterMarc
Monday 9th Jan
$15
Indoor water playground, massive water slides with unlimited slide ticket that lasts all day.

Crazy Circus
Tuesday 10th Jan
$15
Learning and performing awesome skills such as acrobatics, tumbling, hula hooping, spinning plates, devil sticks and poi.

Funfields
Wednesday 11th Jan
$30
Our day pass includes entry & unlimited rides ALL DAY on ALL RIDES including motorised rides. Excludes any virtual reality technology rides.

Rollerskating
Monday 16th Jan
$15
Skate around while listening to the latest tunes. Free-wheelin’ fun for hours at the Victorian Skate Centre in Lilydale.

Aquamation
Tuesday 17th Jan
$15
Everyone LOVES Aquamation! All day access to all pools & water slides.

ScienceWorks
Wednesday 18th Jan
$15
Planatarium live show “Capturing the Cosmos” followed by exploring the wonderful world of science at the Museum.

Hedge Maze
Monday 23rd Jan
$17
Get ready for the thrills and spills of outdoor laser tag, frisbee golf, a fossil dig and see if you can get yourself out of the maze before nightfall.

Latitude
Tuesday 24th Jan
$22
Bounce, Climb and Fly. Defy gravity and become an aerial superstar.

Mini Golf
Wednesday 25th Jan
$15
The premier adventure golf experience. Each hole creates, entertains and challenges kids of all ages. Comes with super cool landscaping and building level challenges.

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BE CAREFUL WHEN CHOOSING TO BURN OFF
PLEASE NOTE:
Murrindindi Council Fire Restrictions are now in force so you may need a permit to burn off and if you don’t it may be reported and a fine may apply.

SO

Without a permit and you choose to do this

You may see one of these

and you may have to part with this

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE MURRINGDINDI COUNCIL, CONTACT THE FIRE OFFICE and when you do get your permit register it on the CFA BURNOFF LINE 1800 688 611.

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