**Remembrance Day**
What a wonderful group of children we have at Flowerdale Primary School. I was so very proud of our students on Friday last week when they attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Flowerdale Community Hall. It is by no means an easy task for young children to sit attentively, on a warm day, listen respectfully and, above all, stand silently for a minute.

The standard of our senior student writing, presented on the day, was exceptional. The feeling and emotion the students’ expressed through their writing was outstanding. It was so pleasing to see students reading the work of their fellow class members or sharing their own pieces.

Our choir was also amazing. Soft voices working in harmony with no backing music was delightful.

Then there was Miss Davis. How fortunate we are to have such a talented, giving and passionate person. Miss Davis did an amazing job conducting the Remembrance Day Ceremony and selecting such interesting pieces to share about the ‘miracles’ that have occurred during wartime.

**Forward Planning**
As we will be doing classes and book orders for 2017, it would be greatly appreciated if the school could be notified of any students leaving. Thank you to those who have already done so.

**Staffing 2017**
At this point we cannot confirm staffing for 2017 as we need to fill our principal position first. This, along with student numbers, will determine our staffing.

*Barb Alkemade, Acting Principal*
It’s that time again, when we start to collect for our Christmas Raffle!

We would love to receive donations of food stuffs, Christmas items, toys, kitchenware, craft items, chocolates, vouchers, tea/coffee, handmade items, candles, personal care items, stationery, jams/honey, sporting equipment etc.

Place donations in the blue tub at the office—thank you!

This term is gearing up to be super busy, with many school activities and functions happening soon.

**Breakfast club will be finishing at the end of November—Wednesday the 30th** will be our last one for this year—and, as is Flowerdale Breakfast Club Tradition, there will be pancakes! Yummy!

Thanks for the donations we’ve received so far for the Christmas Raffle. We’d love to have a few more items...so, next time you’re out shopping, grab a gift and pop it in the tub in the office!

Have a fab fortnight everyone!
Lareesa

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FROM THE OFFICE

- Don’t forget your Book Club orders!
- Just letting all our families know that 2017 Parent Payment plans will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Please notify Tash of any changes for next year.

FORMS TO RETURN

Graduation forms—Grade 6
Funfields form—Grade 6

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Flowerdale Primary School Shopping Trip! Such a fantastic day was had and to top it all off we raised around $600 for our school—wow!

A special thank you to Lou Reed for all her hard work!
### School Awards

**Week 5 & 6**

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Personal Best in Reading & Maths  
Helpful Helper award |
| Violet & Olivia |  |

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The Flowerdale Hall is holding its annual Carols night on Saturday 10th December from 6-9ish. There will be some great performers and $5 will get you a beautiful 2 course meal!

Santa will be coming on the fire truck and we look forward to a fantastic, fun night!
Hello travellers!
Three cheers to those clued in sleuths who figured out that Greenland was the place I had visited! But where am I this week?

Here are some clues to help you:

1. Olive oil wrestling is a 654 year old sporting tradition (think two men covered in oil, wrestling!)
2. Technically this country is a part of two continents.
3. The ancient city of Troy was located in this country.
4. Historical figures such as Homer, Aesop and St. Paul the Apostle were all born in the area which is now this modern day country.
5. Stealing olives before they are ripe can earn you up to a two-year jail sentence.
6. Until June 21, 1934, surnames did not really exist. So this country introduced a surname law that required every family to choose their own surname.
7. For elders, it is customary to kiss their right hand and then place your forehead to their hand when greeting them.

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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Can you find

PUMPERNICKLE, the Flowerdale Parrot on our school website? [http://www.flowerdaleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.flowerdaleps.vic.edu.au)

When you find her, write on the form to the left and put it in the Jelly Bean Box for a prize at assembly. Parents/guardians are also welcome to enter!
We have said goodbye,
To the soldiers that fought for us,
Even though some ages were a lie,
It never was a fuss.

With our red cross,
It ended on the 11th minute, 11th hour,
11th month and the 11th day,
Were they allowed mentos,
Well they arrived at the bay?

As Germans surrendered,
They all stopped,
And it ended,
Well, some of them ended.

With a red poppy,
We will remember,
Because they were never sloppy,
We are all glad it ended in November.

Written by Abby, Grade 4

World War 1
Long
Woeful, depressing
Bombing, raging and shooting.
Guns, grenades, bombs and bullets.
Sadness.

Written by Jack, Grade 4

Sacrifice
Blood as red as the setting sun,
spirits as bright as day.
Never stopping until we won,
and now among the poppies they lay.

Day and day after they wait,
for the whispers of death to enclose them.
Their long-lived destiny, an unfulfilled fate,
tears of their loved ones sparkling like a gem.

Fighting to protect the country we love,
even sacrificing themselves for us.
And they still watch over them from above,
their faith in us warming our hearts.

Written by Holly, Grade 6

Finally
Bullets whizzing past heads,
Men lying on their death beds.
Screams from the men,
Who always ask the question…

When?

When will the fighting stop?
When will we go home?
When will the doctors cease to chop?
When will we hitch to roam?
Then... Finally, quiet reins.
Finally, no more pains.
Finally, no blood.
Finally, happiness flood.

Written by Bethany, Grade 6

“lest we forget”
“We shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them”
STRIDING WITH PRIDE
Soldiers
Striding triumphantly,
Surviving horrible terrors,
Digging deep, challenging trenches,
Pride.

SYMBOL OF HOPE
Poppies
They shine blood red,
Their petals soft like silk,
The flowers bloom in Flanders Fields,
Symbol.

RED CROSS
Nurses,
Fearless, Brave,
Saving, Healing, Fighting,
Sacrificing themselves to save lives,
Saviours.

Written by Lorelei, Grade 6

Soldiers
Remember,
Amazing, soldiers,
Fighting, shooting, bombing,
We will remember them,
Gallipoli

Poppies
Laying in the field,
Stepped on by hurt people,
They are red and black.

Written by Ruby C, Grade 5

Remember Them
There was a field and that is home to the war.
The trenches are like a shield to win the core.

This is the end,
To see poppies red,
It makes people soppy.
The ground is their bed.

Written by Ashlee, Grade 4
Flowerdale Landcare Birthday Festival

**When:** Sunday 13th of November

**Where:** Flowerdale Community House
Silver Creek Road
5 Workshops
10:00 till 12:00
Blackberry Busting
Beekeeping
Creek life

12:00 to 12:30

**Community Lunch**

12:30 to 2:00
European Wasps
Fire Safety Plan

FIRST EVER SCREENING IN FLOWERDALE OF THE FLOWERDALE MEN’S SHED DVD

Finishing with the Great Flowerdale Duck Race
Enquiries to: Pam Watson 0421 805 954, pamw130@gmail.com
Or: Steve Joblin 0412 334 521
$2 donation would be appreciated
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**Stick on your fridge!**

**Flowerdale Primary School**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016**

**WILDLIFE! CARERS**

We would love donations of:
- Bird seed
- Grey sunflower seed
- Wild bird seed
- Parrot mix
- Clean blankets
- Wildlife fleecy pouches
- Clean pillow cases
- Possum boxes
- Bird wire
- Tin

We have a box in the school foyer that donations can be placed in. Thank you!