OCTOBER 29
WEEK 4 – TERM 4 2025

Flowerdale Primary School

Parrot Chatter NEWSLETTER

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to Zaine and Ryann who received Principal's awards at assembly during Week 3 of Term 4.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

This term we will have whole school transition sessions. These sessions will involve students spending time in their 2026 class, where they will have the opportunity to begin preparation for their 2026 learning year.

As a school, our aim is to use this time so that teachers can work with students on classroom expectations, work habits and consistency from this year into next. These 2-hour sessions will lead up to the full day that they will spend in their new classes with their 2026 teacher on the Statewide Transition Day.

TRANSITION DATES & TIMES	
• Thursday, November 6 • Thursday, November 13 • Thursday, November 20 • Thursday, November 27 • Thursday, December 4	9:00am - 11:00am
• Tuesday, December 9	9:00am - 3:00pm

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2025		
WED OCT	29	Rugby Clinics First of 5 sessions
NOVEMBER 2025		
MON NOV	3	Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL
TUE NOV	4	Melbourne Cup Day NO SCHOOL
THU NOV	6	Transition 9-11am, Whole school
TUE NOV	11	3 Way Conferences 3-4pm Tue & Wed
THU NOV	13	Transition 9-11am, Whole school
MON NOV	17	Rugby Gala Day Grade 3-6 Excursion

Upcoming BIRTHDAYS

Jaxon Cooper
Zavier

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Stephanie Marconio

WEEK 4

Welcome to Week 4!

The work around the FPS values has been positive. At this stage we have 4 values and have 1 more week of consultation before announcing our new values. With this, our current mascot per value is the cartoon parrot – these will not be the mascots anymore – but we will do work around this and introduce the values with these very soon.

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS

I wanted to say thank you to Niro who is one of our OHSC staff, for putting his hand up to cook for the student's Hot lunch this week. We often see Sarah working behind the scenes to make it all happen – so a huge thank you to Sarah too, for her coordination in making it happen.

We also wanted to congratulate Niro and his family on the safe arrival of their little girl Anisha. We wish you and your beautiful family all the best during these precious newborn weeks.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE BOOKINGS

Just a reminder regarding our OHSC service at FPS. Please ensure your child is booked in to the service prior to them attending. We staff based on numbers booked.

Even if there is a staff member on, students still must be booked in prior to the service beginning - this is a safety measure as we must have students listed on the service in the case of a fire drill or evacuation.

You will also start to see what is happening and planned for the month in advance, so if your children are interested in the activities running, please contact Erin to book them in if they are new to the service or book in via the OWNA app.

If you have any questions, please let me know or speak with Erin.

OWNA
childcare apps

SAVE THE DATE - END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

This year our End of Year Celebration will take place on Friday, December 5th, starting at 3pm and finishing at 5:30pm. This will be a celebration of student learning where students will perform 2 dances, 2 Auslan songs and a Christmas performance. We will also be raising money for our school as students will be selling things at their stalls which they will spend preparing for in their Inquiry Unit this term – with the focus of business.

In addition, we will be having our Awards Ceremony, where our genuine endeavour and academic excellence awards will be given, along with our special recognition awards. All students are required to attend the event, and we look forward to seeing you and your extended family at FPS on the afternoon. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic to enjoy while celebrating your students. Further information will come out closer to the day.

HANDS OFF, SPREAD KINDNESS

As the school community is aware now, we have a zero tolerance to physical behaviour. Students are aware of this and mostly able to stick by this policy. We are now beginning to see an increase in poor verbal language from students. I spoke with them at Assembly and discussed the importance of spreading kindness and sticking by the saying 'If you have nothing nice to say, don't say it'.

It has been explained to students, that just as the consequence for any physical behaviour is for students to be benched for the week, this will now also be the case for poor verbal language to one another. Students are also aware that if they are put on the bench 3 times, they will not be allowed to attend Funfields at the end of the year. As we know, name calling can cause the same damage if not more damage to a persons social and emotional health than physical harassment. This on an ongoing basis is bullying and will not be tolerated at FPS. If you could please also reiterate this with your students, that would b e great. Thank you for your support.

Be Kind.

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EVERYDAY COUNTS

Congratulations to our overall winners of Term 3. Well done to the F/1 class and 4/5/6 class who will receive a special lunch this term.

TERM 4 - ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE			
EVERY DAY COUNTS	F/1	2/3	4/5/6
WEEK 1	96%	95%	94%
WEEK 2	93%	95%	98%

SCHOOL TIMES & EARLY DROP OFF

A reminder that students should not be dropped off at school any earlier than 8:30am unless you have previously booked them into Before School Care at OHSC. Although we may have staff onsite, this is their personal time where they are planning and setting up for their day – this is not a time for them to look after students who have been dropped off early. If you would like to arrange for your children to attend before or after school care, please speak with Erin in the office who will either book them in for you or set up an account for you.

WILDLIFE

We have had a few encounters with wildlife around the school and have noticed some snakes on the road driving to and from work. Please remind your kids to be vigilant around the school and at home. The weather is becoming warmer, and we will begin seeing more retiles around.

ICY POLES

Icy poles will be sold again during Term 4. If you can help with the sales of Icy poles, please let me know what day and which week you would be happy to help. I am happy to work around Parent Helpers availability, rather than only selling them on a specific day. Once we have volunteers, I will send out the roster. Please remember that to volunteer at FPS – you must have a current WWCC and provide this to the General Office.

FOOD POLICY

A reminder that students are not to share any food or give their food to others at the school. We have seen a rise in students asking for other students' food or giving their food to others because they do not want to eat or do not like the food that has been packed in their lunch boxes. Please ensure your students like the food that is packed for them as they are not allowed to swap or take others food. This has been explained to students and the consequences of anaphylaxis and allergies have also been explained. It is very important to remember that students may be allergic to food in another student's lunch boxes. Please also remember that fuelling the brain with healthy food is important for students learning and packet foods full of sugar are not doing our students any favours in their learning.

SIGNING IN & OUT OF THE OFFICE

Please be reminded, that at all times excluding before school and after school, you MUST sign in and out of the office. You cannot go to the class to pick up or drop off your child out of these times without signing into the office first. We cannot have adults walking around the school without our knowledge. Students will need to attend the office to collect a welcome pass to take to class, so that the classroom teacher is aware that the student was signed in to school late. When collecting your child early from school, you must come to the office first and wait for your child to come up to the office. The office will call the classroom for your child to leave.

INCURSIONS & EXCURSIONS

We have several incursions and excursions coming up that have been posted as events on Compass. Payment and Consent can be made online via compass or to the General Office. The School Saving Bonus and CSEF can be used to pay for these. Please ensure payment and consent has been made ASAP.

Best Wishes Cassie

As you are all aware, Cass our amazing Wellbeing Superstar, took some leave due to transport needs of her family and her family's needs. Things have still not changed in this space, and she is still required to be available daily for her family. This has unfortunately meant that she had to make the decision to resign from her position here at FPS.

In her time at our school, she has been such a huge part of our school community. Her positive impact on students, staff and families will forever be cherished and missed. Her ability to put a smile on anyone's face and make you laugh at the same time as showing empathy and understanding and being such a supportive pillar is something truly remarkable.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish her all the very best and will forever be grateful for her. I always remind staff that family comes first, and although I am sad that the circumstances didn't meet our needs, I am so happy she has put her family needs first. From all of us at FPS – thank you. We can only hope that our paths cross again.

Stephanie Marcanio

Message from Cass

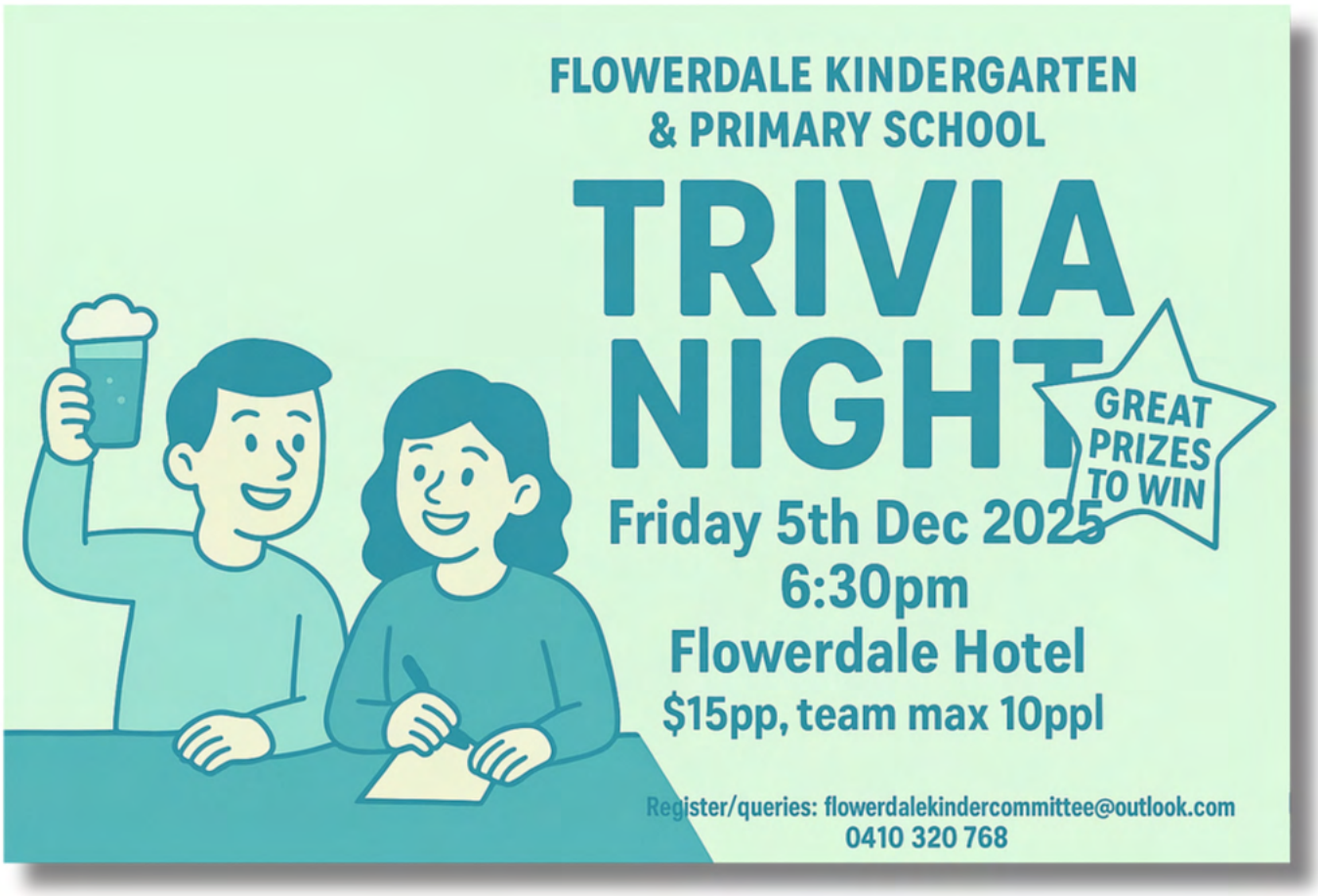
To our wonderful Flowerdale Community, I just wanted to take the time to thank you all for welcoming me into your beautiful little school and community. While my time at FPS may have been short, there is something very special about Flowerdale which has not just been a professional highlight but has captured a special place in my heart.

I truly wish every family all the best in your future desires and to our beautiful students at FPS – remember you are incredible exactly how you are. Be kind to yourself, be kind to others, and always remember to believe in yourself as I believe in each one of you.

Excursion

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Yea Water Tigers Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

SPREAD THE WORD!

The Yea Water Tigers 2025-26 season will open at the Yea Pool on Monday, 24 November 2025 (6.00 pm).

Coaching four skill levels from Tadpoles to Advanced Squad on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children *and* adults are welcome to join.

Registration is now open; registration closes 15 November.

New members, please contact Judy Brookes for registration details.

YWT registrar Judy Brookes: juncball@icloud.com
or 0448 972 563

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KINGLAKE RANGES

LIFT THE LID WALK

PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH

SUN 17TH NOV

9:30AM START

5.8 KM

Rotary Districts of Australia

Australian Rotary Health

TO WALK & TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Rotary Kinglake Ranges

STARTING POINT

MEET AT KINGLAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1 EXTON RD KINGLAKE CENTRAL

ENTRY FEE $30

FOR ADULTS, KIDS WALK FOR FREE.

T-SHIRT & CAPS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

GUEST SPEAKER - AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH - MENTAL HEALTH

FREE BBQ LUNCH TO ALL WALKERS, FREE FACEPAINTING, BUBBLE PLAY, SENSORY TOYS, GAMES, MUSIC, ICE CREAM, COFFEE VAN, MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES, WANDERING WILDLIFE DISPLAY & A SCAVENGER HUNT ALONG THE WALK. 10 SITES TO TAKE A PHOTO, COLLECT THEM ALL TO EARN A GOODIE BAG

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Crafternoon

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of crafting and creativity. Bring your own project or try something new — materials provided, no experience needed!

* October 6, 13, 20, 27
* November 3, 10, 17, 24
* December 1, 8, 15

Monday during Term 4

3.30 - 4.30 pm

Yea Library

BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please join us to celebrate

150 YEARS
1875 - 2025

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2025

12:00PM - 4:00PM

Memorabilia, historical photo display, games & activities for families, sausage sizzle, cake stall, Buxton CFA, UGFM Outside Broadcast and more!

Proudly supported by the Buxton Progress Association

Flowerdale Primary School

TERM 4 2025 Calendar

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
W3 OCTOBER	20 SWIMMING LESSONS	21 SWIMMING LESSONS	22 SWIMMING LESSONS	23 SWIMMING LESSONS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2:00PM	24 YOUNG LEADERS DAY EXCURSION ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W4 OCTOBER	27 ANTI BULLYING WORKSHOP	28 LIBRARY	29 RUGBY CLINICS PE STEM	30 AUSLAN	31 PERFORMING ARTS ART VAN ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W5 NOVEMBER	3 CURRICULUM DAY NO SCHOOL	4 MELBOURNE CUP DAY NO SCHOOL	5 RUGBY CLINICS PE STEM	6 TRANSITION WHOLE SCHOOL 9-11AM AUSLAN LIBRARY VAN	7 PERFORMING ARTS ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W6 NOVEMBER	10 RUGBY CLINICS	11 3 WAY CONFERENCES LIBRARY	12 RUGBY CLINICS 3 WAY CONFERENCES PE STEM	13 TRANSITION WHOLE SCHOOL 9-11AM AUSLAN	14 PERFORMING ARTS ART VAN ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W7 NOVEMBER	17 RUGBY GALA DAY EXCURSION	18 LIBRARY	19 STEM PERFORMING ARTS	20 TRANSITION WHOLE SCHOOL 9-11AM AUSLAN LIBRARY VAN	21 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W8 NOVEMBER	24 RUGBY CLINICS	25 LIBRARY	26 PERFORMING ARTS STEM	27 TRANSITION WHOLE SCHOOL 9-11AM AUSLAN	28 CURRICULUM DAY NO SCHOOL
W9 DECEMBER	1 GRADE 1 2026 INFO SESSION 1:30PM	2 LIBRARY	3 2025 GRADUATION CEREMONY 5:00PM PERFORMING ARTS STEM	4 TRANSITION WHOLE SCHOOL 9-11AM QUANTUM EXCURSION GRADE 3/4 PREP 2026 INFO SESSION 11:00AM AUSLAN LIBRARY VAN	5 BARN DANCE 3:00PM PE ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W10 DECEMBER	8	9 TRANSITION DAY STATE WIDE 9AM-3PM LIBRARY	10 FUNFIELDS EXCURSION	11 AUSLAN	12 PE ART VAN ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W11 DECEMBER	15 ACTIVITY WEEK	16 LIBRARY	17	18	19 END OF TERM 4 1:00PM FINISH ASSEMBLY 12:30PM