

Parrot Chatter

NEWSLETTER



18 MARCH 2026 | TERM 1 WEEK 8

Welcome to Week 8!

Over the last fortnight we have appointed 2 new ES staff at FPS. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Megan who will be joining us in a full time capacity and Charlotte who will be joining us 3 days a week. The students are already enjoying having them in their classrooms and we look forward to seeing the amazing work they do with our students.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day will be celebrated this Friday at FPS. All students are encouraged to wear something orange to acknowledge cultural diversity.

Harmony Week is all about celebrating the amazing cultures that make up our country. Australia is one of the most multicultural countries in the world – from the oldest continuous culture of First Nations peoples, to the 49% of Australians who were born overseas or have a parent who was.

Our cultural diversity is a great strength and brings with it a whole host of traditions, religions, languages and of course, food! It helps us to do things in different ways, reduces discrimination and encourages us to accept differences.



NAPLAN

Our grade 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN last week. Whilst there was a technical issue on the first day, they were all so patient and happy to participate once rectified. NAPLAN results should come in by October.



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Easter Hat Parade - Last Day of Term 1

On our last day of term 1, we will be holding an Easter Hat parade. The parade will take place at 1pm, prior to the 1:30pm finish. Students are encouraged to create a hat to wear in the parade. There will be Flowershop points awarded for the most creative hats and a chocolate prize. Students will also have the opportunity to have an Easter Egg hunt after the parade.

COMING UP THIS FORTNIGHT:

25
MAR

Prep Rest Day – every Wednesday in Term 1

28
MAR

Flowerdale Primary School Fair
10am – 2pm

31
MAR

District Athletics – selected Grade 4/5/6 students

1
APR

Prep Rest Day – every Wednesday in Term 1

2
APR

Easter Hat Parade – Last Day of Term 1
(1:30pm finish)



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

FPS BOAT RACE

Such a wonderful day for our FPS annual boat race. Well done to all students for participating, creating their boats and racing them. Everyone did an outstanding job and should be proud of the team spirit and school values you all showed. Thank you to parents/carers for helping your students with their boats and for coming to support them in the race. Congratulations to the following students for their results.

YEAR LEVEL WINNERS

Prep - Wyatt
Year 1 - Beatrix
Year 2 - Ryann
Year 3 - Quinn
Year 4 - Malakye
Year 5 - Xavier
Year 6 - Chase

OTHER WINNERS

Staff Race - Ms Mac
Overall FPS Winner - Quinn
Boatiest Boat - Jake
Most Creative Boat - Kruzz

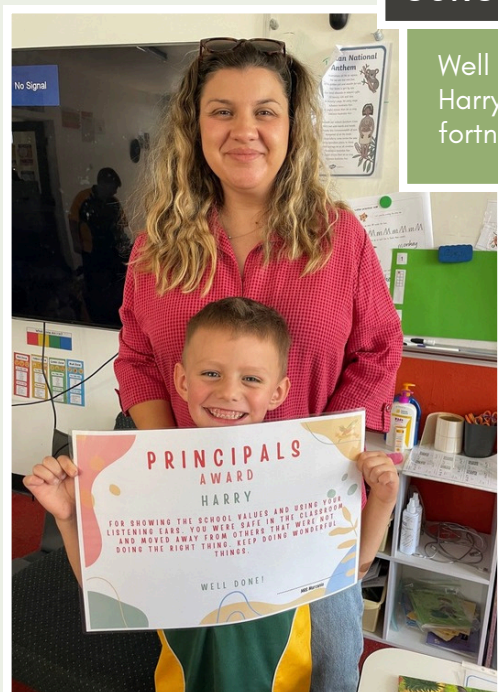


WEEK	F/1 CLASS	2/3/4 CLASS	4/5/6 CLASS
1	97%	93%	93%
2	95%	93%	96%
3	94%	94%	97%
4	88%	76%	91%
5	82%	79%	88%
6	93%	90%	93%
7	87%	92%	98%

STUDENT AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Elliott, Xavier, Beatrix, Rosa and Harry for receiving awards at assembly this fortnight.



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CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION

At FPS, our role is to continuously keep children and young people safe. FPS is a safe school and stands up to child abuse and misconduct. As a school we will send out reminders to families, staff and the community about how we can keep our young children safe and how you can be aware of different types of misconduct that can happen in their lives both online and offline.

You might not be an expert in the topic but no one knows the kids in your life better than you do. You are the right person to have conversations with children and young people you know about child sexual abuse. It's also important to talk to other adults around you. These conversations might feel uncomfortable at first, but they are important. Every conversation helps prevent child sexual abuse.

In order to keep children and young people safe, it is important to understand what grooming is and how to prevent it.

The term 'grooming' refers to intentional behaviours that manipulate and control a child, as well as their family, kin and carers, other support networks, or organisations to perpetrate child sexual abuse.

Grooming can occur online or in person. Online child grooming is the process of establishing and building a relationship with a child or young person while online, to facilitate sexual abuse that occurs either in person or online.¹ This is achieved through use of the internet or other technologies, such as phones, social media, gaming, chat and messaging apps.

The intent of grooming is to:

- gain access to the child or young person to perpetrate child sexual abuse
- obtain sexual material of the child or young person
- obtain the child or young person's trust and/or compliance
- maintain the child or young person's silence, and/or
- avoid discovery of sexual abuse.²

While child sexual abuse often occurs after or alongside grooming, acts of abuse do not need to occur for grooming to have taken place. Similarly, perpetrators can also sexually abuse a child without grooming having taken place.

Here are some links you can refer to for more information:

[Having conversations | National Office for Child Safety](#)
[Grooming | National Office for Child Safety](#)

Stephanie Marcanio

Principal



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PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP (PFG)



FLOWERDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR



Save the Date
SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026

Less than 2 weeks to go until the Fair!

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORMS

Volunteer sign up sheets need to be returned ASAP please. Thanks to those that have already.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

Can you loan us these for the fair?

- 1 x rubbish bin (red lid)
- 1 x FOGO bin (green lid)

Rubbish can be emptied in the school skip bin before you take your bin home.

BAKE SALE DONATIONS

The Student Representative Council (SRC) will have a stall that the senior students will help run. One component is selling cakes, muffins, cookies, and breads donated by families. Items without refrigeration needs are best. The easier it is for the students to serve, the better. Ideas include:

- Whole cakes / breads, wrapped.
- Muffins / cup-cakes / cookies etc. that can be picked up with tongs and put in a paper bag. (Please label personal containers so they can be returned to you easily).

Items can be dropped at school Thursday or Friday in an airtight container, or Saturday morning.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic day! Thanks for everyone's contributions.

FOOD STALLS | MARKET STALLS



RAFFLE PRIZES & MUCH MORE!

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
FLOWERDALE PRIMARY

SCHOOL FAIR

SATURDAY
MARCH 28

10AM - 2PM

CASH ONLY EVENT

ENTRY PASS

\$15 EACH OR 4 FOR \$50

FREE ENTRY:
0-3 YEARS & 65+

ENTRY INCLUDES

4 HOURS OF UNLIMITED ACCESS TO

INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE & GIANT SLIDE
ROLLER SKATING | PETTING ZOO | FACE PAINTING
GIANT BUBBLES | AFRICAN DRUMMING

FUN FOR
THE WHOLE
FAMILY!

With thanks to



Murrindindi
Shire Council

Flowerdale
Primary School

Easter EGG Guessing CONTEST

Entry
form held
at Front
Office

\$0.50C
Guess

WINNER ANNOUNCED AT
FLOWERDALE SCHOOL FAIR
28TH OF MARCH

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 20 March 2026



WALK, RIDE, SCOOT OR SKATE WITH YOUR MATE



**RIDE2
SCHOOL**





2026

FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

U9, U10, U12 & U14



TRAINING : Thurs 4.30pm @ Rec

U9 & U10 - 26 March onwards

U12 & U14 - 5 March onwards



U9 : Coach Paul m. 0409 217 822

U10 : Coach Hannah m. 0460 410 514

U12 : Coach Mitch m 0427 524 427

U14 : Coach Andrew m. 0400 971 922

Coach Matt m. 0438 353 312

BOYS & GIRLS : ALL ABILITIES : REGISTER NOW

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





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TERM 1 2026 Calendar

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
W1 JANUARY	26 Australia Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 Start of Term 1 (Staff only) NO STUDENTS	28 Curriculum Day NO STUDENTS	29 Day 1 WITH STUDENTS PMP/Sport	30 Kitchen Garden
W2 FEBRUARY	2 Auslan	3 Art Van Library	4 PREP REST DAY PE	5 PMP/Sport	6 Kitchen Garden
W3 FEBRUARY	9 Auslan	10 Library	11 PREP REST DAY PE	12 PMP/Sport Library Van	13 Kitchen Garden
W4 FEBRUARY	16 MEET THE TEACHER CONFERENCES Auslan	17 Art Van Library	18 PREP REST DAY PE	19 PMP/Sport	20 Kitchen Garden
W5 FEBRUARY	23 3-6 CAMP Auslan	24 3-6 CAMP Library	25 3-6 CAMP PREP REST DAY PE	26 3-6 CAMP PMP/Sport Library Van	27 Kitchen Garden
W6 MARCH	2 DENTAL VAN Auslan	3 Art Van Library	4 SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL PREP REST DAY	5 PMP/Sport	6 Kitchen Garden
W7 MARCH	9 Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10 Library	11 NAPLAN PREP REST DAY PE	12 NAPLAN PMP/Sport Library Van	13 NAPLAN BOAT RACES & BBQ Kitchen Garden
W8 MARCH	16 NAPLAN Auslan	17 Art Van Library	18 PREP REST DAY PE	19 PMP/Sport	20 Kitchen Garden
W9 MARCH	23 Auslan	24 Library	25 PREP REST DAY PE	26 PMP/Sport Library Van	27 Kitchen Garden
W10 MARCH / APRIL	30 Auslan	31 DISTRICT ATHLETICS GRADE 4-6 Art Van Library	1 PREP REST DAY PE	2 Last day of Term 1 1:30PM FINISH EASTER HAT PARADE	3 Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY