

# Parrot Chatter NEWSLETTER



2 JUNE 2026 | TERM 2 WEEK 7

Dear Families and Community Members,

As I begin my role as Acting Principal at Flowerdale Primary School, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and thank the community for the warm welcome I have already received during my first week at the school.

I already feel incredibly privileged to be part of such a welcoming and close-knit community. Over the past week, it has been wonderful to begin getting to know the students, staff and families who make Flowerdale Primary School such a special place.

My background is in educational leadership, student wellbeing, inclusion and school improvement, with a strong passion for creating learning environments where every child feels safe, valued, supported and able to succeed. Throughout my career, I have worked closely with students, staff and families to strengthen wellbeing, inclusion, engagement and learning outcomes through positive relationships and strong whole-school practices.

When I am not at work, I love spending time with my family. I am a proud parent to my three children – Rebecca, Matthew and Luke – and have recently become a grandmother to a beautiful little girl, which has been a very special and exciting new chapter in my life. I also have a wonderful partner, Brad. Family is at the heart of who I am, and it is one of the reasons I value the strong sense of connection and community that schools like Flowerdale Primary School provide for students and families.

One of the things that has already stood out to me most about Flowerdale Primary School is the genuine care and connection that exists across the school community.



## FLOWERDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*A small school, doing BIG things*

Small school communities provide a unique opportunity to truly know every child and family, and I look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with students, staff and the wider community throughout my time at the school.

I strongly believe that wellbeing and learning go hand in hand, and that every child should feel known, valued and supported. Creating a strong sense of belonging for all students and families is something I value deeply, as I believe children thrive when they feel connected to their school and community. I am passionate about developing the whole child – supporting not only academic growth, but also confidence, resilience, creativity, social connection and the skills needed to thrive in the world beyond school.

### COMING UP THIS FORTNIGHT:

4  
JUNE

Crazy Sock Day!

5  
JUNE

Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL

8  
JUNE

King's Birthday Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL



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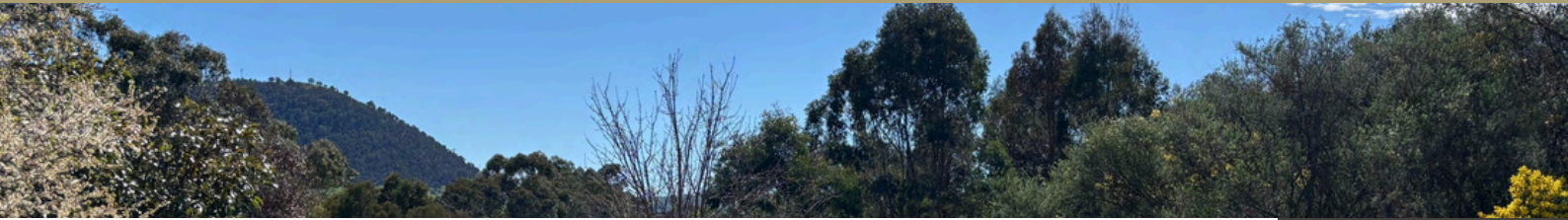


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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



I also deeply value partnerships with families and the wider community and believe schools are strongest when we work together with shared trust, communication and care for children. I look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships across the Flowerdale community and getting to know each of you along the way.

Thank you again for the kindness and support shown to me during my first week. I am genuinely excited to be part of the Flowerdale Primary School community and look forward to the journey ahead together.

Warm regards,

Meg James  
**Acting Principal**



## ATTENDANCE



| WEEK | F/1 CLASS | 2/3/4 CLASS | 4/5/6 CLASS |
|------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1    | 97%       | 93%         | 93%         |
| 2    | 81%       | 88%         | 84%         |
| 3    | 90%       | 94%         | 100%        |
| 4    | 88%       | 93%         | 96%         |
| 5    | 58%       | 95%         | 93%         |
| 6    | 92%       | 99%         | 100%        |



## WORLD BEE DAY

Last week in Kitchen Garden, we celebrated World Bee Day by baking some delicious honey and oat cookies. Students enjoyed learning all about bees as they explored how honey is made and discovered why bees are such an important part of our environment and food production.



### HONEY & OAT COOKIES

*Ingredients (Makes: 24)*

- 125 grams Butter
- 3 tbsp Honey
- 1/2 cup Brown sugar
- 1 cup Plain flour
- 1 cup Desiccated coconut
- 1 cup Rolled oats
- 1 tsp Bicarb

#### *Method*

Pre heat oven to 180°C. In a pot add butter, sugar and honey and place on a low heat just to melt the butter and stir to combine ingredients.

Add the flour, coconut, oats and bicarbonate to the honey and butter mix and stir well to combine all the ingredients.

Place tablespoon dollops of the mix on a lined baking tray and push down slightly.

Bake at 180°C for 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool on a wire rack.



# NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



# CROSS COUNTRY



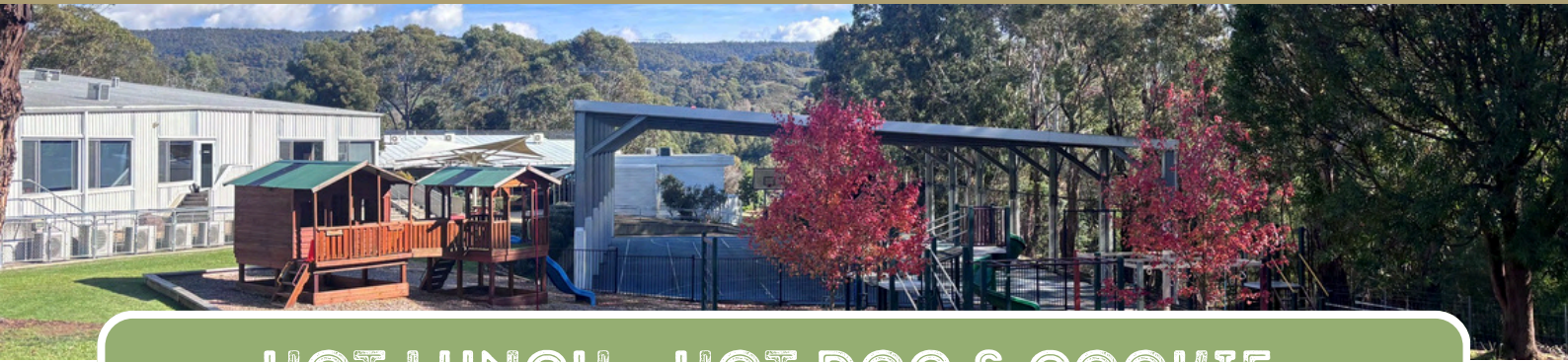
## CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

Our senior students did an outstanding job representing Flowerdale Primary School at the Cluster Cross Country event in Eildon last fortnight. They demonstrated great camaraderie throughout the day, looking out for one another, encouraging and cheering each other on during every race.

Congratulations to Elliott and Jake, who qualified to compete at the Division Championships in Yea last week. They did an amazing job representing Flowerdale Primary School.



# PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP (PFG)



## HOT LUNCH - HOT DOG & COOKIE MONDAY MAY 25

We hope everyone who ordered hot dogs and cookies last week enjoyed their hot lunch. A massive thanks to Georgia (Archer's mum) and Rhiannon (Harry's mum) for running such a smooth session!

If you can cook a pot soup, donate ingredients, or have ideas for future hot lunches, please let the school know.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Flowerdale**  
Primary School

You're  
**Invited!**

JOIN ME FOR

**Coffee, Tea & a Chat**

WITH THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Families are warmly invited to join me for an informal morning tea to say hello, have a chat and get to know one another.

As I begin my time at Flowerdale Primary School, I look forward to meeting families, hearing about our wonderful community and building strong partnerships to support our students.



**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY  
WEEK 7



**TIME:** 9:00AM - 10:00AM



**WHERE:** STAFFROOM



Please feel free to pop in for a tea or coffee for as little or as long as you are able.

Everyone  
welcome!

I look forward to meeting you! ❤️

**MEG JAMES**  
Acting Principal

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Kids Club – Primary Aged Children  
(younger siblings welcome).**

**Monthly starting Monday 1st of  
June  
4.30 pm– 5.30pm**

**Parent or guardian must stay with  
children.**

**Bookings Essential Call  
0490941247 for  
bookings and more  
information.**

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# TERM 2 2026 *Calendar*

|                          | MON   | TUE                         | WED                                 | THU                                       | FRI   |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>W1</b><br>APRIL       | <b>20</b><br>START OF TERM 2                  | <b>21</b><br>Art Van        | <b>22</b><br>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY       | <b>23</b><br>Library Van                  | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>W2</b><br>APRIL / MAY | <b>27</b><br>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2PM       | <b>28</b><br>ACCA EXCURSION | <b>29</b>                           | <b>30</b>                                 | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>W3</b><br>MAY         | <b>4</b>                                      | <b>5</b><br>Art Van         | <b>6</b>                            | <b>7</b><br>Library Van                   | <b>8</b><br>MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST<br>FPS CROSS COUNTRY |
| <b>W4</b><br>MAY         | <b>11</b>                                     | <b>12</b>                   | <b>13</b>                           | <b>14</b>                                 | <b>15</b>   |
| <b>W5</b><br>MAY         | <b>18</b>                                     | <b>19</b><br>Art Van        | <b>20</b><br>DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY | <b>21</b><br>Library Van                  | <b>22</b><br>WALK TO SCHOOL DAY                         |
| <b>W6</b><br>MAY         | <b>25</b>                                     | <b>26</b>                   | <b>27</b>                           | <b>28</b>                                 | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>W7</b><br>JUNE        | <b>1</b><br>YOUNG LEADERS DAY                 | <b>2</b><br>Art Van         | <b>3</b>                            | <b>4</b><br>CRAZY SOCK DAY<br>Library Van | <b>5</b><br>Report Writing Day<br>CURRICULUM DAY        |
| <b>W8</b><br>JUNE        | <b>8</b><br>King's Birthday<br>PUBLIC HOLIDAY | <b>9</b>                    | <b>10</b>                           | <b>11</b>                                 | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>W9</b><br>JUNE        | <b>15</b><br>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2PM       | <b>16</b><br>Art Van        | <b>17</b>                           | <b>18</b><br>Library Van                  | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>W10</b><br>JUNE       | <b>22</b>                                     | <b>23</b>                   | <b>24</b>                           | <b>25</b>                                 | <b>26</b><br>Last Day of Term 2<br>1:30PM FINISH        |