

Parrot Chatter NEWSLETTER



17 SEPTEMBER 2026 | TERM 3 WEEK 10

Dear Flowerdale families,

What a wonderful way to finish Term 3! Our final weeks have been full of activity, fun and opportunities for our students to learn, connect and celebrate together.

We are finishing the term with plenty of fun, including our Footy Day celebrations, with students participating in a morning parade and a range of footy-themed activities throughout the day. We will then wrap up the term with our much-anticipated Talk Like a Pirate Day, bringing students, staff and families together for another fun whole-school celebration.

Term 3 has certainly been a busy one at Flowerdale. From our Community Tree Planting Day, 100 Days of School, Hoop Time, Book Week and Writer's Guild, through to all the learning happening each day in our classrooms, there has been so much to celebrate. I am particularly proud of the way our students continue to demonstrate kindness, respect, empathy and integrity - The Flowerdale Way.

A big thank you also goes to our staff for the care, flexibility and commitment they continue to show our students. It has been a particularly busy term, and I appreciate everything they do to provide our students with such a wide range of learning experiences and opportunities.

To our families and wider Flowerdale community, thank you for continuing to support our school. Whether you have attended an event, contributed food, helped with an activity, completed a survey, volunteered your time or supported your child to participate, it all contributes to making Flowerdale Primary School the special little school that it is.



FLOWERDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A small school, doing BIG things

There is already plenty to look forward to in Term 4, as we head into the final part of the 2026 school year. We have another busy and exciting term ahead, with lots of wonderful opportunities for our students and families to come together. Make sure you check out our Term 4 calendar for all the important dates, events and activities coming up - we would love to see you there!

For now, I hope all our students and families enjoy a safe, relaxing and well-earned break. Take some time to recharge, enjoy being together and make the most of the spring holidays.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4 on Monday 5 October.

Warm regards,

Meg James, Acting Principal

COMING UP:

18
SEP

Talk Like a Pirate Day
Last Day of Term 3 - 1:30 finish

5
OCT

First Day of Term 4

8
OCT

School Council Meeting @ 1:00pm



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3377 Whittlesea-Yea Rd, Flowerdale

CONGRATULATIONS

DIVISION ATHLETICS

We are incredibly proud of our senior students who represented FPS at the Division Athletics Carnival at the Shepparton Athletics Track on Monday!

A huge congratulations to Khace, who achieved an outstanding second place in Shot Put. What a fantastic result and a wonderful achievement!

We would also like to recognise Xavier for his terrific efforts in Triple Jump.

Well done, Khace and Xavier! We are so proud of you both for representing FPS with such enthusiasm and dedication.



EVENTS RECAP



BIKE ED

It was wonderful to see our students working together and supporting one another throughout our Bike Ed program. They thoroughly enjoyed practising their cycling skills while developing their understanding of bike and road safety.

Our students demonstrated a sound understanding of potential hazards when cycling and confidently completed an ABCD bike safety check at the beginning of each session.

Following the success of our Bike Ed program, we are excited to introduce Glide into the Weekend, a new Friday lunchtime club starting next term.

GLIDE INTO THE WEEKEND!

Every Friday, students will have the opportunity to bring their bikes or scooters to school and enjoy a fun ride around our designated circuit during break time.

- **Junior School:** First Break — 11:00am-11:30am
- **Senior School:** Second Break — 1:40pm-2:10pm

Safety First!

Please ensure all bikes and scooters are in safe riding condition before coming to school.

Helmets must be worn at all times while riding.

A reminder with further details will be sent to families early next term.

Thank you to our students for their enthusiasm and commitment to developing their cycling skills, and to our families for their ongoing support.

We look forward to seeing our students glide, ride and roll into the weekend!





3-6
DOWN BALL
TOURNAMENT
&
YOUNG
LEADERS DAY







FLOWERDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Friday 18 September
Last Day of Term 3!

AHOY FAMILIES!

We're looking forward to celebrating with our students and families, and you're invited to join in the fun!

Time	What's Happening	
9:00 – 10:00 am		Parents & Kids Classroom Activities Families are invited into the classrooms to join in some pirate-themed fun.
10:00 – 10:30 am		Morning Break Outdoor play and students have their usual morning snack.
10:30 – 11:30 am		Pirate Games Fun pirate-themed games and challenges.
11:30 am – 12:20 pm		Communal Lunch & Play Families are invited to share lunch, enjoy the food everyone has brought along and spend some time together.
12:20 – 1:00 pm		Treasure Hunt Our pirates will set off in search of hidden treasure!
1:00 – 1:30 pm		Whole School Assembly Join us in the MPR for our final assembly of Term 3.




Parents and families are welcome to stay for the whole day, or come and go throughout the day as they please!

Don't forget to come dressed in your best pirate gear!

We're looking forward to a relaxed and fun day with our students, families and community as we celebrate the end of another term together.

ARRR! SEE YOU THERE!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW TO FLOWERDALE PRIMARY

WE ARE HOSTING

PLAYGROUP



EVERY
FRIDAY
MORNING

10:00am - 11:00am



EVERYONE
WELCOME



TEA/COFFEE
CHAT



FRUIT



FUN



TEAMWORK



FUNDAMENTAL
MOVEMENT
SKILLS



PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY



PERCEPTUAL
MOTOR
PROGRAM

Children will take part in a variety of rotational activities, aimed at developing gross/fine motor skills, spatial awareness, balance and coordination.



PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL TO REGISTER

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PLAY, LEARN, GROW TOGETHER



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TERM 4 2026 Calendar

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
W1 OCTOBER	5 START OF TERM 4	6	7	8 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 1PM	9 PLAYGROUP 10AM ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W2	12 OFF-SITE EVACUATION DRILL 12PM	13	14	15 CURRICULUM DAY	16 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W3	19 SWIMMING PROGRAM	20 SWIMMING PROGRAM	21 SWIMMING PROGRAM	22 SWIMMING PROGRAM	23 SWIMMING PROGRAM PLAYGROUP 10AM (PARENT DIRECTED)
W4	26 HEALTHY LUNCHBOX WORKSHOP	27	28 GNARLY NEIGHBOURS SKATEBOARDING LESSONS	29	30 PLAYGROUP 10AM ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W5 NOVEMBER	2 STUDENT FREE DAY	3 CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	4	5	6 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W6	9 RUGBY TRAINING	10 TRANSITION S1 9-10AM	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12	13 ATHLETICS DAY PLAYGROUP 10AM (PARENT DIRECTED)
W7	16	17 3-6 RUGBY GALA DAY TRANSITION S2 9-10AM	18	19 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 1PM	20 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W8	23	24 TRANSITION S3 9-10AM	25	26	27 PLAYGROUP 10AM ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W9 DECEMBER	30	1 TRANSITION S4 9-11:30AM PREP 2027 INFORMATION SESSION	2	3	4 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W10	7	8 TRANSITION S5 9AM - 3PM STEP UP DAY F - 5 YEAR 7 ORIENTATION	9	10 SCHOOL COUNCIL 1PM	11 CHRISTMAS CAROLS FAMILY PICNIC
W11	14	15	16	17	18 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 1:30PM FINISH ASSEMBLY 1:00PM