

Parrot Chatter NEWSLETTER



2 AUGUST 2026 | TERM 3 WEEK 8

Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

There has been a wonderful sense of joy and excitement around Flowerdale Primary School over the past few weeks. The school really is humming at the moment!

Book Week was certainly a highlight. Seeing our students arrive dressed as their favourite characters, with huge smiles on their faces, was fantastic. There was plenty of laughter, excitement and pure joy as we celebrated books, stories and reading together. Thank you to our families for the effort that went into costumes and for joining us for our parade. These are the experiences that create such special memories for our students.

The fun continued with our ELF Reading Day in Yea, where students had another opportunity to dress up and take their love of reading out into the community. It was such an amazing day, and I think the best review came directly from our students. When they returned to school, they couldn't stop talking about how much fun they had – with a very special mention going to the dog they met along the way! Sometimes it is those unexpected little moments that our students remember the most.

It has been lovely to see our students enjoying school, connecting with one another and embracing all the opportunities that come their way. The smiles, laughter and positive energy around our little school are something very special.

We still have plenty of learning, celebrations and fun ahead of us before the end of Term 3. I'm particularly looking forward to our next dress-up day, when we'll all get the chance to talk like pirates!



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On the last day of term, we'll be finishing with a fun morning of games, food and plenty of pirate spirit.

I can't wait to see 21 little pirates taking over our school – and hopefully our teachers, staff and even some of our families will join in, dress up and practise their best pirate voices too!

Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our Flowerdale school community. Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other.

Arrrgh, me hearties! Get ready for a swashbuckling good time!

Warm regards,

Meg James, Acting Principal

COMING UP THIS FORTNIGHT:

2
SEP

Father's Day BBQ | 9:00-10:00am

4
SEP

Community Playgroup – 10:00am
@ FPS Multi-Purpose Room

11
SEP

3-6 Down ball Tournament

11
SEP

Community Playgroup – 10:00am
@ FPS Multi-Purpose Room



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Policy Updates

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining safe, clear and up-to-date practices at Flowerdale Primary School, we have recently reviewed and updated the following policies:

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Cash Handling Policy

The updated policies are now available on our school website for families and community members to access.

We encourage families to familiarise themselves with our school policies, which outline the processes and procedures that support the safe and effective operation of our school.

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ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2027

Come and be part of the Flowerdale family! ♥

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP
Weekly playgroup to connect, play and learn together.

WORKING CLOSELY WITH KINDERGARTEN
Building strong connections to support a smooth transition to school.

DEDICATED LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Supporting our School Leaders (SRC) to grow confidence and lead with pride.

A PLACE TO BELONG, A FUTURE TO GROW
We nurture confidence, curiosity and resilience in a supportive environment.

SMALL CLASS SIZES
Personalised learning and individual support.

COMMUNITY FEELING
Strong connections between students, families and our wonderful community.

CARING & SUPPORTIVE STAFF
Dedicated, passionate staff who know and care about every student.

MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS (MHIPs) LEADER
Supporting the wellbeing and mental health of our students, families and staff.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT LEADER
Creating opportunities for all students to connect, belong and thrive.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS
A variety of fun clubs for all students to enjoy, learn and make friends.

SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

AUSLAN **PMP** **LIBRARY**

KITCHEN GARDEN **DEDICATED HOUR** for school leaders (SRC) to improve their leadership skills

P.E. **ART**

SPORT (2-6)

Learning is active, hands-on and meaningful! ♥

Book a School Tour
& find out why FPS needs to be the School of Choice for your little learners. ♥

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS
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Working together, Growing together ♥

Kindness *Empathy* *Respect* *Integrity*

EVENTS RECAP

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES

22-28 August



BOOK WEEK

What a wonderful Book Week we had at Flowerdale Primary School! There were plenty of smiles, laughter and excitement as we celebrated our love of books and reading through a range of special activities.

Our Book Week Parade was a highlight, with students proudly showing off their fantastic costumes and bringing some of their favourite book characters to life.

The celebrations continued with ELF Reading Day in Yea, where students enjoyed stories and activities throughout the Yea township – and, of course, another opportunity to dress up!

Our Foundation-Year 1 students also joined Flowerdale Kinder for a special shared reading and craft activity. It was lovely to see our Kinder and school children learning, creating and building connections together.

A big thank you to our families, staff, Flowerdale Kinder and the wider community for helping make Book Week such a memorable celebration for our students.

Books, costumes, creativity and lots of happy faces – what a fantastic week!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK FAIR!

A big thank you to everyone who purchased books from our recent Book Fair.

Your support not only encouraged a love of reading in our students but also earned our school \$180 in Scholastic credit to spend on new books for our school.

Thank you for helping us continue to grow our collection and put more books into the hands of our students!



UPCOMING EVENTS

*Wear your favourite footy colours
and let's celebrate what makes
us different!*

FOOTY COLOURS DAY!

17TH SEPTEMBER

-  **CELEBRATE**
our teams
and our
community. 
-  **BE KIND**
and inclusive
to everyone. 
-  **SUPPORT**
a great cause
and important
initiatives. 
-  **TOGETHER**
we make a
difference! 

Let's come together, have fun and support a great cause!



FOOTY COLOURS DAY!

On **Thursday 17 September**, students are encouraged to come dressed in the colours of their favourite football team – any football code is welcome!

Throughout the day, students will participate in a range of fun football themed activities and competitions.

Families are invited to help us kick off the day with our **Footy Parade at 9:15am** in the **Multipurpose Room**.

We look forward to seeing everyone showing their team spirit and getting into the footy fun!



SPREAD YOUR WINGS

FLOWERDALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ahoy, Flowerdale!

Pirate Adventure Day

SAVE THE DATE

★ Friday 18 ★
September 2026

Come and have fun with
your children and community!



Students are invited to come
dressed in pirate costume.



Last Day of Term 3 • School finishes at 1:30 pm



More information coming soon.

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 3 2026 Calendar

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
W1 JULY	13 START OF TERM 3	14	15	16 CUPPA WITH THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2PM	17 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W2	20	21	22	23	24 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY
W3	27 ON-SITE EVACUATION DRILL	28	29	30	31 PLAYGROUP 10AM ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W4 AUGUST	3 PRINCIPAL'S DAY	4	5	6	7 PLAYGROUP 10AM HOOP TIME
W5	10 CURRICULUM DAY	11	12	13	14 PLAYGROUP 10AM TBC
W6	17	18	19	20	21 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W7	24 SSG MEETINGS	25 BOOK FAIR	26 BOOK FAIR COSTUME PARADE 9:30AM	27 ELF DAY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 1PM BOOK FAIR	28 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W8 SEPTEMBER	31	1	2 FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 9-10AM	3	4 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W9	7 INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY YOUNG LEADERS DAY	8	9	10 R U OK DAY	11 PLAYGROUP 10AM 3-6 DOWN BALL TOURNAMENT ASSEMBLY 2:20PM
W10	14 DIVISION ATHLETICS	15	16	17 FOOTY COLOURS DAY	18 TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY LAST DAY OF TERM 2 1:30PM FINISH