Parrot Chatter NEWSLETTER



30 OCTOBER 2026 | TERM 4 WEEK 4

FLOWERDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A small school, doing BIG things

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we move further into Term 4, Flowerdale Primary School continues to be a busy and vibrant place, with students enjoying a range of learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm, growing confidence and willingness to embrace new challenges.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day – Shine a Light on Teachers

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2026 WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

On Friday 30 October, we celebrate World Teachers' Day, a special opportunity to recognise the dedication, passion and care our teachers bring to our school every day. This year's theme, Shine a Light on Teachers, reminds us of the important role teachers play in inspiring curiosity, building confidence and helping every child recognise their potential.

At Flowerdale Primary School, we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of educators who go above and beyond for our students. I would like to personally acknowledge Mr Sparrow, Mrs Hibbert, Alex, Ms Mac and Amanda for their commitment, enthusiasm and the many ways they contribute to our school community.

Teaching in a small school is unique. Our staff often wear many hats, support students across different year levels and take on responsibilities beyond their classrooms. Their flexibility, teamwork and genuine care for every child are qualities that make our school such a special place.

To our wonderful teachers, thank you for the encouragement you provide, the relationships you build, the challenges you help students overcome and the many achievements you celebrate, both big and small.

Your work makes a difference every single day, and we are grateful for everything you do.

COMING UP THIS FORTNIGHT:

- 2 NOV – Student Free Day
- 3 NOV – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- 6 NOV – Community Playgroup - 10:00am
- 10 NOV – Transition Session 1 | 9:00-10:00am
- 11 NOV – Remembrance Day - Ceremony at 11:00am
- 13 NOV – FPS Athletics Carnival 9:00am - 12pm

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Learning Beyond the Classroom

Our students have recently participated in some fantastic learning experiences, including our Swimming Education Program and Healthy Eating Workshop.

Throughout our swimming program, students developed important water safety skills, built confidence and demonstrated persistence as they practised new techniques. It was wonderful to see their progress and the encouragement they showed one another.

Our Healthy Eating Workshop provided students with opportunities to explore nutritious food choices and design their own healthy lunchboxes. These practical experiences help students connect their learning to everyday life and develop skills that support their health and wellbeing.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support these valuable learning opportunities.

Helping Our Students Start and Finish the Day Positively

At Flowerdale Primary School, we want every child to feel settled, connected and ready to make the most of their learning each day.

Our classrooms are open to students from 8:50 am, with learning beginning at 9:00 am. This provides students with a valuable opportunity to organise their belongings, connect with their teacher and settle comfortably into their classroom before the school day begins.

We understand that mornings can be busy for families, and sometimes things don't go according to plan. Where possible, we encourage students to arrive around 8:50 am, allowing them to begin their day feeling calm, organised and ready to learn.

Finishing the Day Together

Our school day finishes at 3:00 pm, and the final part of the afternoon is an important time for students to complete their learning, reflect on their achievements and prepare for the following day.

We understand how exciting it can be for students to see their families arriving at school. We are encouraging all students to remain with their teacher and follow their usual classroom routines until they are officially dismissed.

We kindly ask families to support this by allowing students to complete their end-of-day routines before greeting or collecting them. This helps us maintain appropriate supervision, minimise interruptions and ensure that all students can finish their school day calmly and safely.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us create positive learning experiences from the beginning to the end of each school day.



Living Our School Values Every Day

At Flowerdale Primary School, our values of Respect, Kindness, Empathy and Integrity are at the heart of the school community we are building together.
These values are much more than words displayed around our school. They guide the way we interact with one another, how we respond to challenges and how we make others feel.

An important message we continue to reinforce with our students is that the words we choose and the way we treat others matter. We know that disagreements and misunderstandings are a normal part of growing and learning. What matters is how we respond. We want our students to understand that even when we disagree, feel frustrated or experience challenges, we can still speak kindly, listen respectfully and treat one another with dignity and care.

We would really appreciate families taking some time to talk with their children about this at home. Conversations about using kind words, showing respect, considering other people's feelings and working through disagreements calmly help reinforce the messages we are teaching at school.

It is important that our students hear the same consistent message from both home and school: we may not always agree with one another, but we are always expected to treat others with kindness and respect.

By working together and reinforcing these shared expectations, we can help our students develop positive relationships and continue building a school community where everyone feels safe, included, respected and valued.

As we continue through this busy final term, I encourage everyone to take a moment to recognise the progress our students are making and celebrate the wonderful things we are achieving together.

A Small School, Doing Great Things!

Warm regards,

Megan James



EVENTS RECAP





SWIMMING EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHAT A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE!

What a wonderful experience our students had during our recent Swimming Education Program at Seymour Aquatic Centre!
Over five swimming sessions, our students had the opportunity to develop essential swimming and water safety skills, build confidence in the water and challenge themselves in a fun and supportive environment.

It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and excitement as students headed off each day, ready for another swimming lesson. Throughout the program, students worked with qualified swimming instructors, practising important skills and building on their abilities.

One of the highlights was watching our students grow in confidence. Whether they were developing their swimming techniques, trying something new or overcoming their initial nerves, every student had achievements worth celebrating. It was wonderful to see their persistence, determination and willingness to give things a go!

The fun didn't stop at the swimming pool! Students also enjoyed spending time at the nearby park both before and after their swimming lessons. This gave them an opportunity to enjoy their snacks and lunch, have a play and spend time with their friends. These moments were a wonderful addition to the program, allowing students to enjoy the outdoors, strengthen friendships and make some special memories together.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their efforts, enthusiasm and progress throughout the program.

A special thank you to the qualified swimming instructors at Seymour Aquatic Centre, our dedicated staff and the parents who supported the program. Your contributions helped make these five sessions such a positive and valuable experience for our students.

What a fantastic program and a wonderful opportunity for our small school!









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HEALTHY LUNCHBOX WORKSHOP

LEARNING TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES!

Our students recently enjoyed a fantastic Healthy Lunchbox Workshop, where they explored the importance of healthy eating and making nutritious food choices.

Throughout the workshop, students learnt about the different food groups, the importance of a balanced diet and how the foods we eat help fuel our bodies for learning, playing and growing.

One of the highlights was the opportunity for students to design their very own healthy lunchbox! They considered the different types of foods they could include to create a nutritious, balanced and enjoyable lunch.

It was wonderful to see students enthusiastically sharing their ideas, discussing their favourite healthy foods and thinking about how they could make positive choices when preparing their lunchboxes.

Back in the classroom, students had the opportunity to reflect on their experience and share what they had learnt.

The workshop was a great example of bringing learning to life through practical, hands-on experiences that students can apply at home and at school.

A big thank you to everyone involved in delivering this valuable learning experience for our students!

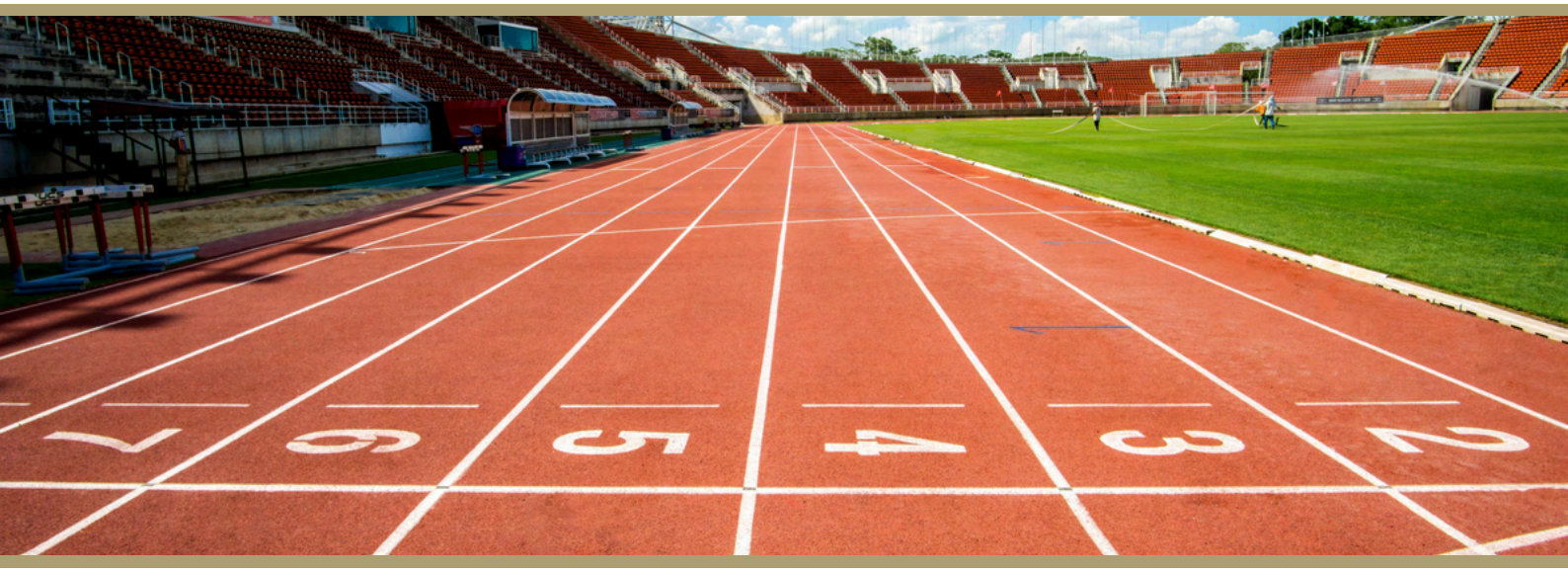








UPCOMING EVENTS



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on **Friday, 13 November, from 9:15 am to 12:30 pm** on the school oval.

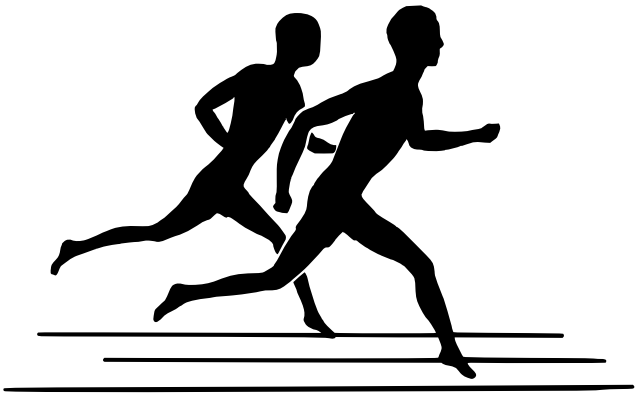
Students will compete in age and gender groups, receiving house points for participation and event placements.

Senior students will have the opportunity to be selected to represent our school at the Cluster Athletics Event, early in Term 1, 2027.

Show your house spirit! Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours and cheer on their teammates.

Parents and families are warmly invited to attend! Come along, support your children and help make the day a memorable celebration of teamwork, sportsmanship and school pride.

We look forward to seeing our school community come together for a fun filled morning of athletics!




SPREAD YOUR WINGS
BIKES AND SCOOTERS CLUB
Every Friday, students are welcome to bring their bikes or scooters to school and enjoy a fun ride around our designated circuit during break times.
Junior School: First Break – 11:00am-11:30am
Senior School: Second Break – 1:40pm-2:10pm
Please ensure all bikes and scooters are in safe riding condition before coming to school.
Helmets must be worn at all times while riding.
We look forward to seeing our students glide, ride and roll into the weekend!

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	13 OFF-SITE EVACUATION DRILL 12PM	14	15 CURRICULUM DAY	16 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W3	19 SWIMMING PROGRAM	20 SWIMMING PROGRAM	21 SWIMMING PROGRAM	22 SWIMMING PROGRAM PFG MEETING 2:00PM	23 SWIMMING PROGRAM PLAYGROUP 10AM (PARENT DIRECTED)
W4	26 HEALTHY LUNCHBOX WORKSHOP	27	28	29	30 DAY FOR DANIEL 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 CEREMONY 11AM	12	13 ATHLETICS DAY PLAYGROUP 10AM (PARENT DIRECTED)
W7	16	17 3-6 RUGBY GALA DAY TRANSITION S2 9-10AM	18 LACROSEE CLINIC	19 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 1PM	20 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W8	23	24 TRANSITION S3 9-10AM	25 LACROSSE CLINIC	26	27 PLAYGROUP 10AM ASSEMBLY 2:30PM
W9 DECEMBER	30	1 TRANSITION S4 9-11:30AM PREP 2027 INFORMATION SESSION	2 LACROSSE CLINIC GRADE 6 GRADUATION	3	4 PLAYGROUP 10AM
W10	7	8 TRANSITION S5 9AM - 3PM STEP UP DAY F - 5 YEAR 7 ORIENTATION	9 LACROSSE CLINIC	10 SCHOOL COUNCIL 1PM	11 CHRISTMAS CAROLS FAMILY PICNIC
W11	14	15	16	17 PFG MEETING 1:30PM	18 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 1:30PM FINISH ASSEMBLY 1:00PM