



ACT
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Education

**Upcoming
Events.....**

2017

Term 2

Week 10

26 - 30 June
Parent/Teacher
Interviews

Fri 30 June
Canteen
Closed
(Sausage
sizzle only)

Preschool
Dance Kids

**Last day Term
2**

Term 3

Week 1

**Mon 17 July
First day
Term 3**

Wed 19 July
Whole School
Assembly at
1:50pm



Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Keerthana from 5/6 BG. Having won the Florey Primary School Rostrum finals, Keerthana went on to compete in the Rostrum quarter final last week which she won. She now moves on to compete in the semi-finals early next week. This is a great testament to Keerthana and also to the high quality public speaking that our years 3-6 provide each year as part of the Rostrum competition.

Preschool have had an exciting week performing their Dance Kids Routine for families. Lots of practice has been done over the past term and dress rehearsals held. Students performed beautifully and most importantly, had a lot of fun!

The SRC fundraiser last week was lots of fun for staff and students alike. Smaller versions of many of our teachers and front office staff could be found seated in classrooms, and some over grown students teaching in not the best fitting uniforms. The SRC raised \$268.35 for the RSPCA.

Reports went home last Friday and teachers and families have been busy this week with parent/teacher interviews. I enjoyed reading all the reports and noted an improvement in grades across the school. I was a little concerned with the number of students with a high number of absences, both explained and unexplained. Every day missed is a day of learning lost. Please talk with your child's teacher if they are going to be away for any length of time so that we are able to provide some guidance about how to keep their learning moving forward.

On Friday morning, we will be celebrating our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) achievements for the past semester. Over 7,000 Fast and Frequent tokens have been handed out to students over the semester. When handed to a student, the teacher explains what behaviour the student had been displaying and which expectation this had met. Please take the time to talk with your child about how they have been safe, respectful, and a learner this term at school. Tokens have been placed by students into their house boxes and the house totals counted each fortnight. Students have worked with the SRC to select celebration activities. Well done to all our students!

Teachers have undertaken their planning day ready for term 3, and I know they are excited about the learning that is ahead.

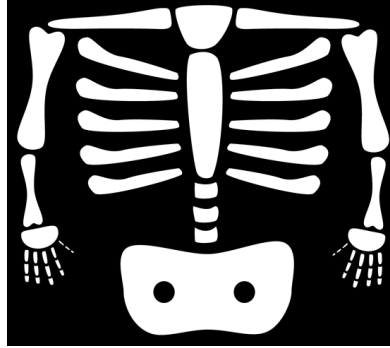
Wishing everyone a safe, happy and restful holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back again ready for another busy term of learning on Monday 17 July.

Felicity

Preschool News...

This term has gone by so quickly! We have been busy learning about so many things. We have investigated the weather through information books; we have examined x-rays and cared for patients in our dramatic play medical clinic and animal hospital, and of course observed the life-cycle of the honeybee.

Our final performance of Dance Kids for the Seahorses and Dolphins took place on Tuesday. The children have worked so hard and I know they were thrilled to share this special performance with their families.



EAL/D News...

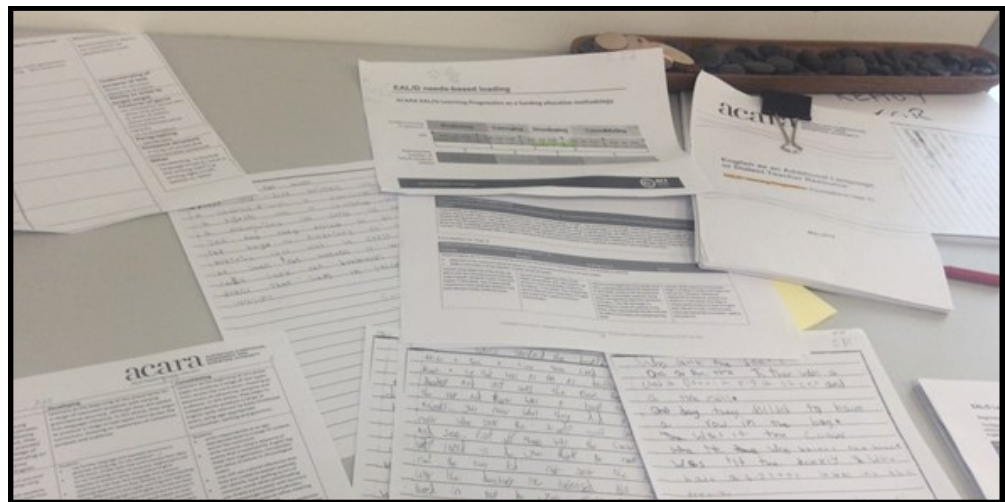
Congratulations to all our EAL/D students for their academic achievements in Semester 1, as reflected in their Mid-Year Reports. We hope that conversations with class teachers in interviews have been helpful in discussing strategies for continued progress.

Part of our EAL/D role is to provide accurate information to the ACT Education Directorate about students' English language abilities for the annual EAL/D moderation process. This information is the basis of needs-based funding allocation for 2018. To this end, we have had detailed discussions where we read student writing samples and determine whether the sample shows evidence of beginning, emerging, developing or consolidating phase of English language progression.

Some families in the Florey community have completed the fasting month of Ramadan with Eid Al Fitr, a three day festival this past weekend. They give to charity and enjoy special meals with family and friends. Children receive gifts and females decorate their hands with henna. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eid_al-Fitr for more information.

Have a happy and safe holiday!

Adam, April and Bronwyn



Student News...

Congratulations Hayley (5/6 TR), who was selected into the U12 Belconnen Region netball team.

They played in the ACT one day carnival on the 8 June and won division 2.



Congratulations to Sophie (3/4SW) for being a member of the Girls Belconnen Zone Hockey team at the ACT PSSA Carnival held at the Lyneham Hockey Centre last Friday 16 June.

The Belconnen team finished runners up, losing the final in a close contest 1-0.

It was fun day and the girls played excellent hockey to make the final!

