

Deputy Principal's News

13 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through Term 3 already! I always find this term to be of one of the busiest terms of the school year. I refer to it as the term of weeks- Book Week, Science Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week. Although we may not be able to celebrate these with the community as much as we would like to, we will work hard to share the amazing things the students are participating in. One way we will be doing this is providing more snapshots of our student's learning on our Facebook page. Each Tuesday there will be snapshots of K-2 Learning, Preschool on Wednesday and Years 3-6 on Thursday- keep an eye out!

It is also nice to look forward to some more school events coming up this term, including a Year 3/4 Touch Football gala day, combined band practices for our Year 5 and 6 Band students and Jump Rope for Heart. Being new to Florey this year, I am particularly looking forward to **Howard Florey Day**. I am looking forward to learning more about the man our school is named after and how we celebrate this special day at Florey!

Speaking of celebrating, last week our kindergarten students celebrated their 100 days of Kindergarten- and what an unusual 100 they were! I spoke to some of our kindy students about what they enjoyed most of their first 100 days and what they are looking forward to for the rest of their kindergarten year:

"I like playing on the playground with my friends. I enjoy doing writing. I am looking forward to doing a running race around the whole school." *Antek (KPA)*

"I liked the disco party. I like making things." *Evie (KPA)*

"I enjoyed watching a movie about bees and bringing my teddy bear to school. I am looking forward to playing on the new junior play equipment." *Noah (KST)*

"I enjoyed the Disco. I like counting. I am looking forward to still playing outside with my friends." *Jye (KAH)*

Hope everyone has a safe and happy weekend!

Amy Czoban
Deputy Principal

Florey Preschool

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Tuesday 8 September 2020 and Thursday 10 September 2020

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Year 3/4 News...

WRITING:

Students in 3/4 have been learning about the importance of punctuation during writing lessons. We have analysed the structure of a range of sentences, including a simple sentence, a compound sentence and a complex sentence.

SIMPLE sentences are also called independent clauses and **MUST** have 4 main components, which include a capital letter at the beginning, a subject (the who or the what), a verb (a doing word), a full stop at the end. For example, George (subject) walked (verb) to the shop.

We have also discovered that **COMPOUND sentences** have a sneaky, specific structure, that can be seen as an equation (like we have in maths). This structure is 'Simple Sentence + Conjunction + Simple Sentence'. For example: Joe went to the shop because he needed bread.

COMPLEX sentences are not as complex as you think they are. It have 5 main parts; a capital letter, dependent clause, a comma and an independent clause (simple sentence) and a full stop at the end. For example, On Saturday, Lisa went for a run around the lake.

We look forward to practising these types of sentences in our future writing lessons.

READING:

3/4 students have been continuing the Reader's Workshop Process. We have been focusing on 4 main reading strategies this term, which include 'Activating Background Knowledge', 'Questioning', 'Visualising' and 'Predicting'. Students have been given the opportunity to attend the library to choose their own 'good fit' books for them to read during our reading lessons.

DRAMA:

This term, students are working in teams to conduct a drama performance based around a Reader's Theatre script. Students are encouraged to use drama techniques, such as facial expression, a change of pitch and tone of voice, eye contact, hand gestures and a character voice.

MATHS:

Students have been looking closely into the place value system, particularly the decimal point, tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We linked this place value system to the notion of money. Students used a range of strategies to calculate the change when money is given to buy an item.

Florey Primary School

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Wednesday 16 September 2020

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Year 5/6 News...

This term 5/6 has been enjoying delving into our integrated unit on Geography. We've been looking at maps and mapping. When making maps we have discussed legends, scales, north points and grids to find locations. We have looked at mapping the continents of the world and some of the countries of Europe, North America and Asia.

Next, we are planning an investigation of how countries are connected and how these connections affect people. Each student is developing a question to research relating to a country of their choice. We will be using all the amazing information they find to produce a website.

We're also going to look at mapping in maths. We will be reading maps to help ourselves navigate, noticing landmarks and giving directions using grid references and we will begin to explore cartesian planes.

Connecting to this, we are investigating words that came to English from other languages as a part of our spelling program (for example, did you know that the word 'kindergarten' comes from German and literally translates to "children garden"?). I bet you can also think of some amazing food words English has adopted from other languages!

We are looking forward to seeing all the different inquiry questions and websites about this amazing multicultural world.

2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from 10 to 31 August.

The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

An email about the staff survey, including a unique link to access the survey, will be sent to all school staff via the email address they have nominated for their payslips; staff who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- A letter about the student survey asking whether their child may participate during class time; and
- An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey; parents who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese; email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

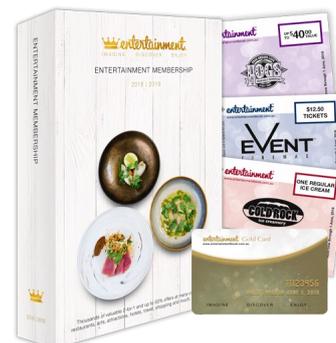
For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-andclimate-survey>

Entertainment Book News...

Entertainment books, they have now gone fully digital!

To get your copy click on the link below. 20% of the purchase will also go to Florey Primary.

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/23968d>



Music News...

Music learning at Florey is in full swing! Mrs Brown is new to Florey this year, teaching early childhood classes. 3-6 specialist classes continue with Mrs Finlayson from the Instrumental Music Program. In Semester One students explored percussion and tuned instruments, including chime bars, xylophones and boom-whackers. This semester students are excited to learn to play the ukulele, starting with the 'C' chord.

We are also excited to have our Year 1/2 Choir underway. The choir meets every Tuesday at the start of lunch in the music room. Any Year 1/2 student who would like to join is welcome! There is no audition process. Mrs Brown, Miss Shaughnessy and Ms Howe are part of the choir team. In-school performances will take place in Term Four.

Our talented senior school bands continue to rehearse with Ms Forsyth and teachers from the Instrumental Music Program on Mondays and Thursdays. We look forward to hearing new pieces later this year!

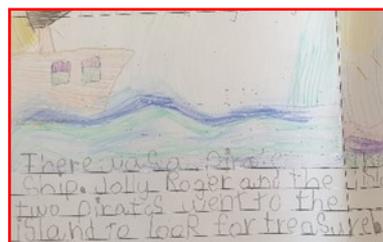
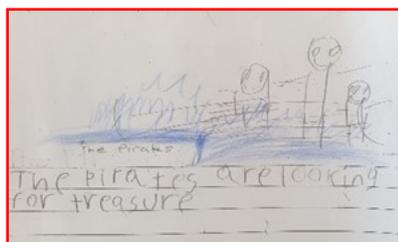
Lastly, the music team would like to thank our Florey families in supporting children's music learning throughout lockdown. Our students continue to connect with each another through shared music making experiences.

EALD News...

It is almost half-way through Term 3. This year is moving so quickly.

Learning in the EAL/D Classroom

Sentence writing from Year 1



Online Learning

It is great to see lots of the students still doing online activities to help them learn specific skills. If your child does not have access to the See Saw activities and you would like them to, please send me an email or make a time to talk about it. Sue.amundsen@ed.act.edu.au

Hats

It is now time for all students to wear a wide brimmed hat. We have a **No Hat No Play** rule at Florey P.S. Please ensure your child always has a hat in their bag for school time play and P.E lessons.

If you need support with purchasing hats or acquiring a hat please let me know by sending a quick email. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings before school.

Language Programs for Children in the ACT:

<https://actbilingual.weebly.com/language-programs-for-children.html>

Taste of Languages Competition:

This competition is open for children from Preschool – Year 12. The competition involves choosing a favourite meal or dish that involves another language and talk about how it is prepared and eaten.

The competition includes either making a short video or writing about it.

<https://actbilingual.weebly.com/news.html> The competition closes on the 1 September 2020.

COVID 19:

We are all still concerned about COVID 19 and the impact it is having on people all over the world. If your child is **unwell or showing flu like symptoms such as sneezing, coughing and a runny nose** please keep them at home until they are well.

Sue Amundsen

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Katy Jolly (EAL/D Teacher)

Amy Czoban (EAL/D Executive Teacher)

Canteen News...

Snack Shack News...

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Hello everyone,

Lisa would really love to thank the wonderful Florey community for their ongoing support with lunch orders. Every order counts! Don't forget you can now also order recess for your child, it really avoids the disappointment of missing out on the hot food available in this cold weather.

Our menu is available on the school website www.floreyyps.act.edu.au. Look for the canteen under the "Our Community" tab. The canteen is open 5 days a week for fruit break, recess and lunch. We use www.flexischools.com.au for our online ordering component and we also accept cash payments at the counter.

Canteen volunteer roster

Parent Roster Term 3

WEEK 5

17/08/2020 to 21/08/2020

Monday 17/08/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Tuesday 18/08/2020

AM - SAMANTHA

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 19/08/2020

AM - HOLLY

PM - REBECCA

Thursday 20/08/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - STEVIE

Parent Roster Term 3

WEEK 6

24/08/2020 to 28/08/2020

Monday 24/08/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Tuesday 25/08/2020

AM - SAMANTHA

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 26/08/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - REBECCA

Thursday 27/08/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - STEVIE

Fathers Day Stall

Thursday 3 September (week 7)

The school P&C will be holding a

*Father's Day Stall
on Thursday 3 September 2020*

Take the stress out of shopping and send some money in with your child to choose from the amazing array of gifts available. There will be gifts available to purchase ranging in price from \$2.00 - \$5.00

The students get great joy out of choosing something special for their loved ones themselves. At an appointed time during the day each class will visit the stall and they will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for Dad/Grandpa/Carer. There will also be an opportunity at lunchtime for children to purchase additional gifts if they wish to do so.

*Happy
Father's
Day!*



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