

Upcoming Events.....

2017

Term 1

Week 8

Fri 24 Mar
Preschool
Harmony
Breakfast

Week 9

Wed 29 Mar
Assembly
Hosted by 1/2
1:50pm

Thu 30 Mar
SRC
Fundraiser
Dress up as
your favourite
hero

Friday 31 Mar
School Photo
Day

Week 10

Mon 3 Apr
Preschool
Nutrition
Magician

Wed 5 Apr
ANZAC Day
Assembly
9:20am

Fri 7 Apr
Preschool
Nutrition
Magician

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Cross Country was postponed today because of the wet weather and slippery surface. We plan to hold the event on the morning of Thursday 6 April, week 10. Lets hope the weather has improved by then.

Fifteen students attended the Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival yesterday. Students did their best competing in heats and we are still waiting to hear who will go to the state championships. Thank you Mr Volmari for taking our students to this event. Mr Volmari commented on what a great job all the students did in representing our school and showing both our school values of respect, tolerance and inclusion and excellence as well as our behaviour expectations of being safe and being respectful. Well done!

Last Friday we had 20 students represent Florey Primary School at the Multicultural T20 Cricket competition. Students enjoyed some friendly games of cricket with students who have English as a second language or dialect. Florey provided two teams and they were accompanied by Pak Chad and Ibu Singh. Again, our students were able to demonstrate the Florey values and maintain our behaviour expectations.

Florey celebrated Harmony day last Thursday with great performances from some of our students, an amazing array of national dress, some great activities from across the world and an incredible selection of food. Congratulations and thank you to all who were involved, particularly our performers, Mrs Tan, Mrs Singh and Pak Chad. Thank you also to our families who provided such a feast for all to enjoy.

The P&C Disco last Friday night was another great success and some of the crazy hair do's were something to behold! Thank you to our P&C for organising this fun evening and to the staff who supported on the evening.

Next Friday is Photo Day. Please ensure that students arrive at school in their official school uniform. This includes the royal blue bottoms, the white polo top or the school dress. Students should have returned their photo envelopes to the front office before photo day on Friday 31 March. If you have not received an envelope, please see the front office. Sibling photo envelopes are also available at the front office.

Under no circumstances should a parent or carer approach another student in the school grounds. If you have any concerns please remember to follow the school procedures. These include speaking with your child's teacher in the first instance, the executive teacher if necessary and if you feel the need, myself or our acting Deputy Principal, Mrs Allen.

Once again I ask all families to be cautious in our carpark. Ensuring that speed is kept low, that the parking signs are followed and double parking is avoided. **This will help to keep our children safe.** Please make use of the carpark at the back of the medical centre to reduce congestion around the school.

Felicity

Preschool News...

Preschool is so much fun! The children have been discovering what makes them special and how they are alike and different from their peers; their discovery has led to drawing self-portraits.

We have been getting creative with craft and paint, learning about shapes and colours and improving our gross motor skills.

Our builders have been busy creating with construction materials in both indoors and outdoors. A large group of children worked cooperatively to 'fix' numerous things including a 'burst water pipe' in the dirt pit.

The children working in that area pointed out that they would need a sign or some cones to warn everyone that it wasn't safe. The team of builders have continued to grow over the weeks and we are now seeing many structures in the preschool playground being fixed!

Worrell Cottage News...

Term 1 has gone past so quickly with it already being week 8. This term 5/6 students have been investigating the Magna Carta and how it has affected people's freedom across the world. They have been creating a timeline representing the important events in the history of the Magna Carta, which they'll be finishing later this week.

In science, we have been learning about tectonic plates and earthquakes. Students have started researching a chosen earthquake from around the world for them to create an information report. We have recently finished our IExCel cycle on addition and subtraction in mathematics, where students have been hard at work learning about using the vertical algorithm for solving problems of up to 6 digits involving decimals.

We wish all families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to a successful term 2.

5/6 Teaching Team

Indonesian News...

It's amazing to think how 'cepat-cepat' (quickly) this term has gone by!

Students in kelas taman-kanak (kindergarten) have enjoyed learning about numbers from 'satu to sepuluh' (1-10), singing songs about greetings and how to follow teacher instructions in Indonesian.

Students in kelas satu dan dua (1/2) are becoming more familiar with naming and describing various 'transportasi' (transportation) in Indonesia. We have identified those that are the same as in Australia such as a 'pesawat' (plane), 'sepeda' (bike) and 'mobil' (car) to name a few, as well as other types of transport that are different to Australia such as the 'becak' (pedicab), 'dokar' (horse and cart) and angkot (public mini-van).

Students in kelas tiga dan empat (3/4) have been learning about 'sekolah' (school) including naming a variety of objects within the classroom. Students have begun to learn the phrase 'Kamu bersekolah di mana?' (Which school do you go to?) and to answer it with 'Saya bersekolah di Florey Primary School' (I go to Florey Primary School). We are also learning to identify which class they are in (kelas tiga – year 3 – or kelas empat – year 4).

In Indonesian cultural lessons students have been learning about rice including how it is grown and harvested. They are becoming more aware of the importance of rice for the people of Indonesia.

Students in kelas lima dan enam (5/6) are learning about 'berbelanja' which is shopping. They are becoming more familiar with the various types of shopping experiences in Indonesia including when to expect a fixed price, when to bargain and a combination of the two. Students are beginning to learn about the customs associated with 'tawar menawar' (bargaining) and will work towards a role play where one student is the 'penjual' (seller) and the other is the 'pembeli' (buyer) in a local market setting.

In Indonesian cultural lessons students are working on finalising their itineraries for a trip to Bali researching flights, accommodation and sightseeing activities.

Sampai Jumpa! (Goodbye)

Pak Chad

ICAS News...**CLOSING SOON**

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments. This year Florey Primary would like to offer students in **years 3 to 6** the opportunity to participate in the program. The tests are completed at Florey Primary School and are supervised by a teacher at the school. These tests give students an opportunity to experience working in test conditions. The test cost includes the marking of test papers and the printing of an individualised report that outlines strengths and areas for development.

If you would like your child to enter the competition, you will need to print off the entry form, complete it and return it with full payment to the front office by Thursday 30 March 2017. You can locate the note via this link http://www.floreyps.act.edu.au/our_school/notes

If you have any questions, please contact Pak Chad who is our ICAS coordinator:
Adam.chad@ed.act.edu.au

P & C News...**Florey Primary School P&C Association is raising funds. Here's how you can help...**

We are raising as much as we can to support our school, and we need your help! Order your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

Books and digital memberships are available now and can be purchased online through this link.

<http://www.entbook.com.au/23968d>

Books will be available to purchase from the front office from Thursday 30 March 2017.

Kelly Gooch

Student News...

Recently, Amelia Inveen of 3/4DK won a riding scholarship of \$4000 for the **'Capital Chemist Scholarship for Excellence in (horse) Riding'** at Pegasus Riding School.

This will go a long way to reaching her goal of riding for Australia in the Paralympics.

Amelia has been riding since she was in Preschool. This year she is riding a lovely horse call Sailor. Amelia got too tall for the previous horses.



Free workshop for parents and carers of young people on the autism spectrum!



Manuka Oval, Canberra - 2 May

To register your place contact:

positivepartnerships.com.au

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Wow! What an amazing night at the Mad Hair disco last Friday! Thank you to everyone in the Florey Primary School community who got into the spirit of the night. It was great to see you all dance the night away with exceptional behaviour and smiles on your faces. Thank you also to all the people who volunteered their time on the night and in the lead-up to the event. Thank you to the teachers who gave up their time to help with supervision. The kids' behaviour was a credit to you all. We have an amazing community and we feel honoured to be a part of it. We could not have done it without you all.

Friday Week 10 – Canteen Closed

As always the canteen will be closed on the last day of term (April 7). We will be offering a sausage sizzle so that we can do our end of term clean of the canteen and still provide lunch for the students. Order forms will be coming home early next week so keep an eye out for them. Please take note of the return date as we will be unable to accept late orders due to catering restrictions.

New Chicken Chippies:

We have sourced new chicken chippies which are rated as Amber food and not Red. Amber foods are foods which have some nutritional value and are allowed on ACT school canteen menus. The new chicken chippies are double the size so **we advise you order 6 or less** on your children's lunch order. The price has also increased to **60c** so they are the same price as the Chicken Bites (nuggets).

Online ordering:

Please try our online ordering with Flexischools (www.flexischools.com.au). It is quick and easy to set up and will save you time in the mornings as you can order anytime up to 9am. For more information please see Lisa in the canteen or under the Canteen tab on the school website.

Parent Roster Term 1 WEEK 9

27/03/2017 to 17/03/2017

Monday 27/03/2017

Tuesday 28/03/2017

AM – Jodi

Wednesday 29/03/2017

PM – Sarah C

Thursday 30/03/2017

AM – Rachelle M

PM – Sam J

Friday 31/03/2017

AM – Cath Mc

PM – Volunteer Welcome

Parent Roster Term 1 WEEK 10

3/04/2017 to 7/04/2017

Monday 3/04/2017

Tuesday 4/04/2017

AM – Kim B

Wednesday 5/04/2017

PM – Sue Mc

Thursday 6/04/2017

AM/PM – Deanna M

Friday 7/04/2017

Canteen closed – Sausage Sizzle

Community News...

Cerebral Palsy Alliance ACT

IGNITE WALK CANBERRA 28 April 2017

Contact Sarah Lamech on 6199 0615

Or email cerebralpalsy.org.au

Or visit www.ignitewalk.com.au

LEGO BATMAN MOVIE

SuperheroesACT are having a fundraiser at

Palace Electric Cinemas on Thursday 30

March at 6:30pm. Ph 1300 788 616

www.opc.com.au/superheroesact

WATCH FOR DEATH CAP MUSHROOMS

For further information call Poisons Info

Centre on

13 11 26

(24 hours a day, seven days a week).



Lego Education Learning Programs run during the school holidays, for further information:

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