



Education

Upcoming Events.....

2017

Term 1

Week 10

Fri 7 Apr
Canteen Closed
Sausage Sizzle

Fri 7 Apr
Last day
Term 1

Term 2

Week 1

Tue 25 Apr
ANZAC Day
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wed 26 Apr
1st Day of
Term 2

Fri 28 Apr
Kindergarten
Kenny Koala
Visit

Week 2

Wed 3 May
Assembly
Hosted by
Kindergarten
1:50pm

Fri 5 May
P&C
Walkathon



Acting Deputy Principal's Message...

Today has been a very busy morning at Florey Primary school with our cross country carnival. Students ran to the best of their ability and most importantly they had a go. Thank you to our house captains who supported all members of their house and led some great cheering. It was also lovely to see our community join us for this important school event. Thank you to Louise Tominich for her organisation and to all staff who came early to set up and check the safety of the track.

There have been many amazing learning experiences taking place at Florey Primary School over the last fortnight. On Wednesday our school experienced a very moving ANZAC assembly that gave our students an educational learning experience about why ANZAC day is such an important part of our history. The students listened to a beautiful story titled 'ANZAC Ted', read by Mrs Bruce and Ted the bear also visited the students in the assembly and listened to the story. Thank you to Louise Tominich and our guest presenters for organising this very important assembly.

This week our teachers have been engaged in planning days. This is an opportunity for teaching cohorts to come together and plan learning experiences and formulate assessments for the term ahead. It has been very successful and we are looking forward to the engaging learning experiences that they have planned for our students for term two. Thank you to our school team leaders who have led our staff on this journey.

Last week we had a very successful photo day. Thank you to all our parents and carers who had our students in correct uniform. All classes looked amazing with wonderful smiles and they were proud to have their photos taken.

We would like to remind all families that teachers are not on morning duty until 8.40am. Students should not be arriving at school any earlier. We would also encourage our families to take the holiday period to talk about our school rule of 'hands off and feet off'. Talk about what this rule means and other strategies that they could use when they are playing on the playground. Some strategies include, talking to the teacher on duty, breathe and think before you react, walk away or talk to their classroom teacher. Teachers will also be reinforcing these strategies through our Social Emotional Learning program at school. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

It is very hard to believe that it is week ten already. Florey Primary School would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. Please remember that school will resume on Wednesday 26 April.

Bernadette

Preschool News...

What a wonderful start to school our pre-schoolers have had this term. We have all been busy learning about each other, making friends and exploring new learning opportunities. In week 9 we had our first excursion, the 'The Bus Wash!' It was a fun-filled ride to the bus depot where we learnt who and where they fix the buses. We also had our tickets checked by inspector Scooby and went through the bus wash! We played games and sang songs on our journey and returned back to school.

To cap off a great first term, we had a visit from the Nutrition Magician! It was a magic show that had us all in stitches of laughter. We learnt how to keep our bodies healthy by talking about eating well, drinking well, being active and how some types of food are only to be eaten sometimes.

We wish you all a fabulous break and look forward to seeing what learning adventures term 2 has in store for us!



Kidd and Neumann Cottage News...

What a busy term we've had! We have learnt about different types of dancing, to recognise and count numbers, discussed how sound and light help us with communication, met with representatives from ACT Cricket and we've created some amazing artworks.

Here is a photo of all our Year 1/2 classes listening to Dr Marcus Doherty. He showed us some very interesting science demonstrations about light. Do you know what colour light you would get if you shone a blue light, a green light and a red light together onto a piece of white paper?



Next term we will be researching backyard creatures, using graphs to sort information, comparing our daily school routines with children living in different countries and using kicking skills in gross motor.

Please make sure your child has all their jumpers, hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes clearly labelled with their name. We have a growing pile of lost property in our unit.

Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Twelvetrees News...

It has been a busy term in 3/4. We have been working hard and the students have created a lot of great artwork linked to our history unit. This week the students enjoyed the hot seat activity to interview important historical figures about their contributions to Canberra. The teachers dressed up as the characters and presented to each class. I think that Mr Kemp was probably the most popular as Lady Denman.

In science we have continued to focus on day and night, looking at our solar system and how the Earth rotates around the sun. The students have been exploring shadows and investigating why they change. In class we have been exploring the skills for presenting speeches and the elements of effective speeches. A reminder that students need to work on their Ros-trum speech ready for next term. Have a fantastic holiday we are looking forward to tackling new learning challenges next term.

EAL/D News...

It's been a busy term for the EAL/D team as we have been getting to know our students in classes across the whole school. From learning about print conventions in Kindergarten to making notes about knowledge gained from prior learning to help understand a new topic in Year 5/6, the EAL/D team support both classroom teachers and students to build English language skills to successfully engage with the curriculum.

Week 4 next term we will be holding our next Community Connections morning tea. We will send further information at the start of next term and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

We hope you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable break with plenty of time to spend together as a family. Holidays in Canberra are a great opportunity to spend time at ACT Public Libraries and the many national cultural institutions in Canberra, such as the National Museum of Australia, the Australian War Memorial and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House (to name a few). To those families who celebrate Easter, we would also like to wish you a Happy Easter!

Before and After School Care News...

We have had such a fun and busy start to the year. We have been spending time getting to know each other, participating in different games, art and craft activities, as well as getting out and enjoying our environment – particularly the new Basketball Court!



We have even had a feature article on the BCS Facebook page, which recorded one of our nature walks in the local area.

Although we've had a popular start to the year, we still have places available on some days at both Before and After School Care, and we have a short waiting list in place for the other days. For enrolment information and to add your name to the list, call our Children's Services Admin Team on **6264 0200**.

Belconnen Community Service will also be running a School Holiday Program in the upcoming April holidays at Cranleigh School in Holt. Enrolments for this program are open and we still have places available. If you would like more information, please visit the BCS website: www.bcsact.com.au or call our Children's Services Admin Team on **6264 0200**.

Snack Shack News...

Save Time! Order Online! - www.flexischools.com.au

As we head into the holidays we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, parents and staff of Florey Primary for your ongoing encouragement and support. We have had a fantastic term and our success would not be possible without the Florey Primary community helping us in so many ways - through placing lunch orders, attending discos and volunteering their time. We really appreciate everything you do to help us throughout the term. We hope you all have a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Friday Week 10 – Canteen Closed (Tomorrow)

Just a reminder that the canteen is closed tomorrow. We are having a sausage sizzle as the only lunch option. Thank you to everyone who put their order forms in on time. Orders for the sausage sizzle have now closed and we cannot accept any late orders due to catering requirements.

Volunteers – Term 2

Lisa has already started to work on the roster of our wonderful parent volunteers for Term 2. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. We really do appreciate it and it makes all the difference to the smooth operation of the canteen. Lisa will contact everybody with their shifts, especially those who are rostered on for Week 1. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen in Term 2 we would love to hear from you. Please see Lisa in the canteen or contact her via email (canteenfps@gmail.com) or phone (62075768).

Term Two Food Changes

In Terms 2 and 3 we will not be selling slushies. Instead we will have hot chocolate available over the counter at recess and lunch. Soup will be available to be ordered in lunch orders only.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge 2017

Florey Primary has joined the challenge!

Every year, tens of thousands of Preschool to Year 8 students across the ACT participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

My hope for the Challenge is that every young person in the ACT discovers the joy reading can bring. Once you discover this joy a whole world of adventures await you, and the knowledge you can attain is limitless.

To get the most out of the Challenge, try choosing books from different genres, sharing your favourite books and stories with your classmates, or exceeding the 15 books set by the Challenge. By participating you can win book vouchers for your school library.

I know one student met and exceeded the challenge I set last year – to read my height in books. This student read more than 240 novels which measured 4.8 metres tall!

You can choose your own books or ask your parents, teacher, librarian at your school or Library for their suggestions.

Join the Challenge and marvel at all the journeys reading can take you on!

Andrew Barr MLA
ACT Chief Minister



Kippax Kids

Holiday Happenings

for Primary aged children

presented at

Kippax Uniting Community Centre

Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)

10 am - 2 pm

Thursday April 13th & 20th 2017

Different craft, games, stories and activities
each day



Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more
in a family (covers craft, morning tea and drinks).

BYO lunch and hat.

Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church



Give your child the gift of music with **Group Guitar Tuition**. Only \$200 per term or \$34 per fortnight through EZYPAY. During School hours so no running around after school. Instrument hire is also available at just \$5 per week.

To find out more contact:
Jake Lang 0433 0433 81
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Lost Property

All lost property will be located on the basketball courts for collection on
Friday 7 April from 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3:15pm

Any unclaimed items will go to second hand uniforms

