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Upcoming Events.....

2018

Term 1

Week 3

PIPS Testing

Tue 20 Feb
P&C Meeting

Wed 21 Feb
Whole school
Assembly
hosted by
year 5/6

Parent
Information
Evening

Kindy
5:30pm
to
6:00pm

Year 1/2
6:15pm
to
6:45pm

Thur 22 Feb

Parent
Information
Evening

Preschool

5:00pm
to
5:30pm

Year 3/4
5:45pm
to
6:15pm

Year 5/6
6:30pm
to
7:00pm



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TERM 1 WEEK 2

15 FEBRUARY 2018

Deputy Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello again Florey community! I am thrilled to be back to see all the happy, smiling faces. It has been lovely to see the wonderful progress made by our students over the past year and I look forward to watching them learn even more throughout 2018.

Come along to our information sessions next week to find out more about what your children are learning this term and in general throughout the year. It is a good opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. If you wish to have a longer chat with the teacher about your child's learning or any other aspect that may be relevant, please don't hesitate to contact the teacher to make an appointment.

A reminder that board nominations need to be in by 11:00am Monday 19 February. We welcome nominations from our community members and look forward to our meetings throughout the year.

There are many children arriving prior to 8:40am. A reminder to all our families that there is a teacher on duty at 8:40am and your children will be supervised in the courtyard. We appreciate your cooperation to help keep your children safe.

Kelly

ACT Directorate News...



Whilst your child is at school in our duty of care, please rest assured that their safety and wellbeing is our priority and we will make the necessary adjustments to their day to ensure they are comfortable whilst learning.

Schools are subject to the same rules as normal workplaces - which means that there is no maximum temperature. We simply have varying guidelines on how to deal with the heat.

Your child's school will ensure precautionary measures are taken to avoid heat related stress, such as:

- optimising ventilation, air movement and shade,
- additional use of fans or coolers,
- rotate classes around cooler areas on site,
- adjust educational programs to minimise potential for heat stress,
- limiting playground access to shaded areas, and more

Teachers are also aware of the vulnerability of children to heat-related stress and will make necessary adjustments to lesson plan's and break times to help avoiding any stress.

We want you to know, that schools will **not** close due to hot weather unless under extreme conditions. i.e. when there is an immediate or imminent threat to the physical health or safety of students, staff or community members.

If there is evidence that keeping the school open poses a risk to the safety of staff and students, the Director-General may authorise the principal to temporarily close the school.

In this case, parents of each child will be notified. Your child will never be sent home without contact.

Should you have any specific concerns about whether your child should attend school on any specific day, please contact your school's front office.

**Responding to Student Accidents/Injuries:
Support, reporting and insurance arrangements**

Parents/carers please be advised of the arrangements via the policy link;

[http://www.det.act.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0010/592363/Responding-to-Students-Accidents-Incidents-Policy.pdf](http://www.det.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/592363/Responding-to-Students-Accidents-Incidents-Policy.pdf)

Twelvetrees and Summerville News...

Year 3/4 students have started to look at persuasive text structure in Writers Workshop sessions. They are building their reading stamina and predicting skills during Readers Workshop.

Students are about to start an iExCel phase on spelling and have begun to look at place value in mathematics.

A reminder that we expect all students to have **sun smart hats** and to have a **water bottle** especially when we are in the summer and autumn months.

A reminder that the Year 3/4 Parent Teacher Information session is on Thursday 22 February from 5:45pm to 6:15pm in the Twelvetrees building.

EAL/D News...

The school year is now well underway and there are many school events this term. Mrs Deborah Bultitude is working with some students while Mrs Amundsen is on leave for a few weeks.

Harmony Day is a key event that highlights the cultural and linguistic diversity of our school.

We are planning a day of cultural harmony for **Wednesday 21 March** and more information will be sent home soon.

We also look forward to gathering with our parent community for our first EAL/D Community Connections Information Evening on Wednesday 7 March at 5:30pm. Look out for the orange invitation sent home next week.

International Mother Language Day is observed worldwide on **21 February** to promote multilingualism and awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.

In Canberra there will be a Language Walk over Commonwealth Avenue on **Sunday 25 February at 10:00am**. Tuggeranong Library will host a Ngunnawal Story Time on Wednesday **21 February at 2:00pm**.

Community Coordinator News...

If you have toddlers/children under 5, you're invited to join Maureen on Thursday mornings in the library for **music and story time**. We'll have the kettle on as well for parents who want to stay on for a coffee and catch up. So drop by starting Week 3, from **9:00am – 9:40am**.

If you want to start the year with extra parenting tips in your 'kit bag', you might be interested in a parenting program called **Bringing Up Great Kids** - developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2—13 years. The course is offered 3 hours per week for a 3 week period. Starting next Monday, then 26/02/18 & 5/03/18, from 6:00pm—9:00pm. For more information or to book a place please contact 1800 068 698. The venue is at Red Hill.

Did you know?

At 4–5 years of age, Australian children average more than two hours screen time per week-day. By 12–13 years old, this increases to more than 3 hours average per week-day and almost 4 hours per weekend day. This means that up to 30% of a child's waking time is spent in front of a screen. The report can be found here -

<https://aifs.gov.au/publications/childrens-screen-time>

This screen time has a profound impact on their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development, but it's hard to manage the digital world in which our children live and learn. You might find the following website a useful tool to keep up with research findings, movie/screen reviews and strategies for the whole family to use -

<https://www.common sense media.org/parent-concerns>

Canteen News...

We have a new menu for 2018!

It still contains many favourites and is available on the school website - www.floreyps.act.edu.au.

While we have had to raise prices due to higher costs, we have tried to minimise the increases as much as possible.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving healthy, yummy food to the children and teachers.

Volunteer roster – Week 3

We can always use extra help so if you have some spare time, please see our lovely Canteen Manager, Lisa Moore, or send Lisa an email at canteenfps@gmail.com.

Day	Morning shift (9.30 – 11.30 am)	Afternoon shift (11.30 am – 1.30 pm)
Monday, 19 February	Tania	
Tuesday, 20 February	Shirley	
Wednesday, 21 February	Kellie	Rebecca
Thursday, 22 February	Sue	
Friday, 23 February		Sam

P&C News...

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 1 2018

Issue 1 Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been sent home. Please finalise your orders by Tuesday 20 February.

This year catalogues will only go to the eldest students in the family. This will save on paper as well as time for volunteers.

I have also used the Scholastic website to enable families to select a 'gift' option when ordering online.

If your order contains gifts you do not wish your child to see, please select this option and your order will be left at the Front Office for collection.

Payment for Book Club orders can be made in cash, by credit or online using the LOOP system.

Online ordering is preferred as it reduces work for volunteers.



In 2018 we will have 2 positions available to P & C members on our School Board.
(Both positions are for 2 years)

Nominations for the two positions will open Monday 5 February (first day of Term 1)
and close Monday 19 February at 11:00am sharp.
A box is available at the front office to place nominations.

Florey Primary School has registered with the 2018 Coles Sports for Schools programme.

How does it work?

1. For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers receive one Sports for Schools voucher
2. The vouchers can then be brought to the school and left in the collection bin
3. Every voucher received by Florey Primary School will go towards a final tally to order sports equipment!

Our collection bin is to be delivered to the school shortly.

In the meantime, please bring your vouchers to the Front Office where we have a temporary box for collection.



Florey Community Notices...

A School Crossing Supervisor program has commenced at 20 crossings in the ACT to increase safety for children. Our school is one of the lucky school's to receive a supervisor as part of this pilot program.

Teaching children the new arrangements is important to ensure they remain safe. Remember to be a good role model for your children by:

- Crossing at the designated crossing
- Following the instructions of the supervisor
- Waiting for the whistle (two blows means it is safe to cross)
- Explaining the new arrangements to your children
- Driving appropriately around the school
- Being courteous and patient while the supervisors, pedestrians and motorists adapt to the new arrangements.

The basic crossing procedures are:

- The supervisor will ask pedestrians to wait in a safe location by the side of the road
- When it is safe, the supervisor will stop traffic
- The supervisor will blow their whistle twice to indicate it is safe to cross.

Remember to follow the supervisor's instructions at all times to ensure your children stay safe.

A full list of supervised crossings is available at: www.transport.act.gov.au



Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Be kind – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

Due to road closures to allow for the National Multicultural Festival, stops 3356 (London Circuit Legislative Assembly), 3003 (London Circuit Commonwealth Bank) and stop 3004 (London Circuit after Akuna Street) will be temporarily closed from 10:00 am on Friday 16 February until the first service on Monday 19 February.

Transport Canberra will be implementing diversions during this time, which may affect some afternoon bus routes on Friday 16 February. We encourage you to view this information now available on the [Transport Canberra Website](http://www.transportcanberra.gov.au).