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Upcoming
Events.....
2020

Week 6

Mon 9 Mar
Canberra
Day
Public
Holiday

Wed 11 Mar
Parent/Carer
Morning Tea
9:00am
To
10:00am

Fri 13 Mar
Assembly
Hosted by
Year 3/4
9:15am

Week 7

Mon 16 Mar
Reading
Parent/Carer
Workshop
5:00pm
to
5:45pm

Thurs 19 Mar
Reading
Parent/Carer
Workshop
9:15am
to
10:00am

Fri 20 Mar
HARMONY
DAY



Florey Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week 6! It is incredible that we are more than half way through term 1. My thanks to the parents and carers who attended the Principal Morning Tea, it was great to meet with you and to connect on a range of issues. I truly value our partnership.

Thank you also to our community members who attended the Positive Behaviours for Learning and Zones of Emotional Regulation workshops throughout week 4. For those of our parents and carers who were unable to make these sessions, we will provide an additional opportunity for you to hear more about these school wide directions at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday evening, 24 March. The P&C meeting commences at 7:15pm and is held in the staff room. All community members are welcome.

In relation to the Florey Primary P&C, the Annual General Meeting was recently facilitated. Please see below from our P&C President, Ms Kylie Adams:

The P&C held its annual general meeting on Tuesday 3 March – thanks to all those who attended to help decide the leadership group for 2020, and a big thanks to all those who have agreed to hold executive positions in 2020. Unfortunately, one position, that of P&C Secretary, was not filled at the AGM. This is a key position for the P&C as it maintains the record of P&C deliberations. If you are interested in taking on this position, please email the P&C at floreyprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com. Also, a number of executive positions have advised that this will be their last year in the position (including president, vice president, book club coordinator and ACT P&C representative), so if you are interested in learning more about the P&C and all of these positions, please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 24 March at 7:15 pm in the staffroom.

You may have noticed that our Community Coordinator, Maureen Howe has relocated to the room next to our EALD (English as an Additional Dialect or Language) Room. The EALD Teacher and contact for Florey Primary is Ms Sue Amundsen. Sue moved into the EALD teaching space late in 2019. This is a multipurpose space for Sue to work with students and also with the EALD members of our community. Please feel free to call by and say hello to Sue.

I would like to take this opportunity to give an overview of the Community Coordinator role. Florey Primary has a Community Coordinator on staff. Maureen Howe is a member of the leadership team; and her role is to strengthen connections between our school community and the wider community beyond the school gates. The philosophy underpinning the Community Coordinator's role is based on the research which tells us that the stronger the links between children, their families and the broader community, the better the health and wellbeing outcomes for all. Maureen has been involved in the introduction of a number of capacity building programs at Florey, such as Cyclabilities, UrFAB (a resilience and emotional regulation program), the Nutrition program, the Smith Family's Learning for Life Program, and the inaugural Community Fair (in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch) just to name a few.

Maureen also connects children and parents with local services and family support organisations. She is involved in parent support groups, parenting programs and can assist families to navigate the NDIS and other relevant programs.

Maureen is now located in the old STEM room, and by Term 2 the room will have transformed into a cosy, inclusive space where families can meet with Maureen and each other – to build connections; and expand our knowledge and confidence in managing the most important job in the world – raising confident, happy, capable and resilient children. Maureen works Monday 9:00am – 6:00pm, Tuesday 10:00am – 6:00pm, Thursday and Friday 9:00am – 2:00pm; and she welcomes contact and ideas from members of the community. Her direct number is 6142 2735, but if she is not at her desk, please leave a message with the front office. Alternatively you can email her – maureen.howe@ed.act.edu.au

This Friday years 3/4 will be hosting our Assembly. We look forward to seeing you then and hearing more about the learning happening in year 3/4.

Kind regards

Meegan Stuart
Principal

School Board News....

Congratulations to Latoya Marks and Erin Anderson who have been elected as our new Board Members for the period of 1/4/2020-31/3/2022.

We would like to also thank Ben Halliday for his nomination.

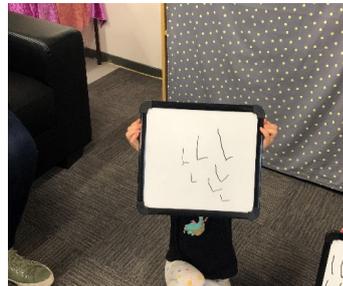
Preschool News...

Interactive writing at preschool

Literacy skills are all the skills needed for reading and writing. They include such things as an awareness of the sounds of language, awareness of print, and the relationship between letters and sounds. In preschool, the children are exposed to literacy during interactive reading and writing sessions and through authentic writing and reading opportunities in dramatic play. After reading the story *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell, we played a letter and sound game. Each animal in the story was in a box and using the letter name and sound the preschoolers had to guess which animal it was. For example, 'the letter is M and M says mmmm.' The teachers model the correct letter formation often using the phrase 'down like the rain.' The children took turns guessing based on the sound, Mmmm Monkey etc. They then practised writing each beginning letter of each of the animals. The children enjoyed this so much we played again with different animals the next day!

At preschool we will continue to develop the preschoolers literacy skill through exposure to oral and written language experiences.

The Preschool Team



Year 1/2 News...

The 1/2 students have been establishing routines for everyday reading and writing during our literacy time. This includes individual reading time, small group work and interactive writing sessions. Students are working on personal recounts and expressive words to assist descriptive sentences. We are continuing to build their knowledge of living things and non-living things in science with our dinosaur unit. Students have discussed in Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) about the different way places may be classified as natural, managed and/or constructed. We are continuing to explore sustainability and how we can assist with waste-free options at Florey Primary School. Students are sharing ways of reusing materials, reducing consumption of single use items and working collaboratively to share resources. We have been impressed at how students are managing transitions during learning time and their respectful language when communicating with others. With the autumn season and some cooler weather, please ensure that your child has outer clothing such as a school jumper or jacket to stay warm. We encourage each student to wear appropriate footwear and SunSmart hat for physical education sessions.

Anastasia, Jude, Emma, Emillie, Ruth, Amelia and Sarah



Community Coordinator News...

There are lots of opportunities for children in the local area – to join clubs, expand their interests, or receive support for additional needs.

If you would like your child/ren to join a winter sport, but find the fees too prohibitive, you may be eligible for a grant to help cover costs. I'm very happy to apply on your behalf, so just give me a ring (6142 2735), or leave a message with the front office, or email maureen.howe@ed.act.edu.au. The sports which the grants relate to are: AFL, netball, rugby, hockey, basketball and soccer.

BCS are accepting enrolments for their after-school clubs - including art, music, gym and dance groups.

Or, if your child is interested in lego, there are spaces available in the Bricks4kidz club. They have classes on Mondays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Call 0422 083 883 for more information.

Belconnen Community Service (BCS) are taking referrals for their Term 2 Bungee Youth Resilience Program. Bungee provides individual support through counselling and tailored activities in a welcoming, supportive and child friendly environment. The counselling sessions include discussion, creative activities and professional advice for parents. A qualified practitioner works intensively with children and young people to build their coping skills, resilience and self-esteem. Enquiries/Referrals to Marcella: 0418166792 (Counsellor) or Lisa 0438566731 (Coordinator)

Scholastic Bookclub News...

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 2, 2020

Issue 2 Scholastic Book Club catalogues will go home this week. Please complete orders by **Friday 20 March**.

A reminder that Florey ordering is now **ONLINE ONLY**, so please place your orders using the Scholastic Loop website.

Please don't send cash orders to school or they will be returned to you.

Thanks very much, Holly Bidwell



Harmony Day

This is a very important day for our community.

Thank you to all the families who are supporting our Harmony Day program with performances, items for the display, class activities, food, national costumes and assistance.

Canteen:

During Harmony Week the canteen will have food from other countries each day. Some of those yummy treats will include spring rolls and dim sums. They will be on sale at recess and lunch.

Special Harmony Day Assembly:

Special assembly at 9:15am in the hall on Friday 20 March. All families are welcome to attend the special assembly.

Visitors and Volunteers Morning Tea:

A special Harmony Day morning tea will be held from 11:00am – 11:30am in the school Library.

Harmony Day Feast:

The Feast will be held in each of the cottages from 12:30pm – 1:00pm. If you have some free time, we still need volunteers to assist with the Harmony Day Feast.

We look forward to seeing you on Harmony Day.

Sue Amundsen

Sue.amundsen@ed.act.edu.au

Amy Czoban (EAL/D Executive Teacher)



Snack Shack News...**Snack Shack News...**

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

Hello everyone,

To help celebrate Harmony day next week, the canteen will be offering some additional items to buy at recess time for the whole of next week! These items will include spring rolls, party pies, mini quiches and a few other surprises. They will only be available at recess and they will be priced between 50c to \$1. Be sure to get up to the canteen quickly before they sell out!

The canteen is always in need of volunteers to help out! Please contact Lisa Moore our friendly canteen manager on 0434054743 if you are able to lend a hand. We would love to have you on board.

Our menu is available on the school website www.floreypts.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 1
WEEK 7

16/03/2020 to 20/03/2020

Monday 16/03/2020

AM – TANIA

Tuesday 17/03/2020

AM – SAMANTHA

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 18/03/2020

AM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM – REBECCA

Thursday 19/03/2020

AM – STEVIE/REX

PM – SUE

Friday 20/03/2020

AM – CHRIS

PM - KATRINA

Parent Roster Term 1
WEEK 8

23/03/2020 to 27/03/2019

Monday 23/03/2020

AM – TANIA

Tuesday 24/03/2020

AM – SAMANTHA

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 25/03/2020

AM – REBECCA

PM – HOLLY

Thursday 26/03/2020

AM – KEIRA/REX

PM – STEVIE

Friday 27/03/2020

AM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - SARAH

K-6 School photographs are scheduled for Monday 23 March.

Please make sure your child is dressed in the following:

Girls. Summer dress, royal blue skirt, skort or shorts. White polo shirt with school logo

Boys. Royal blue shorts with white polo shirt with school logo

Year 6 students. Red Year 6 shirt and royal blue bottoms.