

**Upcoming
Events.....**

2019

Term 1

Week 3

**Mon 18 Feb
to Fri 1 Mar**

Kindy PIPS
testing

Tues 19 Feb

Board
Meeting
5:30pm

P & C
Meeting
7:15pm

Wed 20 Feb

Whole School
Assembly
Hosted by 5/6

**Information
Evening**

Kindy
5:30pm
to
6:00pm

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

Thur 21 Feb

**Information
Evening**

Preschool
5:00pm
To
5:30pm

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

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

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the 2019 school year! We have had a great start to the year with classes settling quickly and serious learning starting from week 1. As I walked around the school this morning I observed: - year 5/6 were undertaking a spelling inventory quiz; year 3/4 were discussing the joys and challenges of writing; year 1/2 were out keeping active and fit with physical education games; kindergarten were calmly listening to letter sounds while eating their fruit break and our new preschool students were remarkably settled and playing with a range of activities.

This year we welcome the following new teachers and returning teachers to our teams:

Kindergarten:- Miss Melanie Edwards and Miss Stephanie Tanner

Year 1/2 :- Ms Julie Wright; Miss Judith Forsyth and we welcome back Mr Jack Lewis from his travels

Year 5/6 :- Miss Katie Slater; Mrs Chelsea Watson and Mr Jeremy Saleh

PACT Team: We welcome back Mrs Deb Bultitude who will be in the library, and Ibu Rita Kaur who will be teaching Indonesian. Miss Catherine Dempster will be teaching in our new Flexible Learning Environment

Leadership :- Miss Mariam Hijazi SLC in charge of preschool and kindergarten.

We are continuing our Positive Behaviours for Learning journey and increasing staff and student understanding of what this means in the classroom. The signs around our school display what our expectations are in each of the playground areas. Please feel free to talk with your children about what these expectations are. When acknowledging students using these expectations, staff thank them for being 'safe' or 'respectful' or a 'learner' and explain what the student has done to meet that expectation. I have seen lots of tokens being handed out to students across the school this week for meeting these expectations.

It is important that as the primary carers for our children, we all demonstrate safe and respectful learning behaviours.

School drop off and pick up is one area we can start. Please: -

- 'be safe' by using the crossing when walking across Ratcliffe Cres
- 'be respectful' by avoiding double parking and stopping other families from leaving
- help our children to 'be learners' by ensuring that they wait until your car has reached a complete stop before they leave the footpath to enter the car.

For primary school students the school gates open at 8:40am and supervision is provided from this time until 9:00am in the main courtyard. Children should not be at the school until this time unless they are attending before school care. School ends at 3:00pm and supervision is provided until 3:15pm at the front of the school. All children should be collected between 3:00pm and 3:15pm. Preschool children should be taken into the preschool at 9:00am and collected at 3:00pm.

It is great to see so many children in school uniform. Having students in school uniform assists staff in quick identification of students versus strangers in the school surrounds. For information about the school uniform and other policies and guidelines, including the

All families will receive a paper copy of the newsletter this week ONLY.
Our school is transitioning to a new student admin system. This will mean that all future newsletters will go via email. Our new system will only allow one email address per family. It is suggested that if a family has more than one email address they develop a mailbox that can be accessed by all family members. If you do not receive the newsletter via email next week please contact the front office to organise this.

Preschool News...

Welcome to all our new preschool children and their families. Our aim is to ensure all our new preschool community feels **safe, supported and happy** in their new environment.

Educators will be observing, engaging and interacting with children to find out what they are interested in and how they like playing and learning. This will guide our planning of investigations, activities and experiences in our preschool program.

Educators will be guiding children on how we play and learn together, as part of a group of learners. Shared conversation around friendship and how we make friends will begin. Throughout the year we will be guided by the Florey Primary School Positive Behaviours for Learning principles of, **be respectful, be safe and be a learner**. Through conversations, talk time circles, role play and art we will explore these principles, using preschool friendly language, such as; "we are kind to our friends".

Some friendly reminders: We are a nut free school, pack a change of clothes in your child's bag and label everything. If your child is absent from preschool, please call the front office on 6142 2730 or email admin@floreyps.act.edu.au to notify them of their absence. You can also download the school APP from your App store and notify the school through that.

Once again, welcome to Florey Preschool. You are now part of a community who will laugh, learn, respect,

Bibby Cottage News...

Welcome to Kindergarten 2019!

We have had such a wonderful start to the year and look forward to learning, laughing and working together! In kindergarten this year, we have some new faces to our team. We would like to welcome Mariam Hijazi as our team leader. Our kindergarten teachers are: Penny Acheson & Jeannette Ryan (KAR), Emma Abundo (KEA), Mel Edwards (KME) and Steph Tanner (KST).

Friendly reminders: One change you'll notice is that Kindergarten has different eating times to Preschool. We have healthy eating time at 10:00am, so this can include fruit or cut up veggies; we have recess at 10:50am and lunch time at 12:50pm, so please pack enough food for your child to last the day. We are also a nut free school, so no nut products are to be bought to school. We have an initiative in kindergarten called Waste Free Wednesday's where we see how many lunchboxes have 0 wrappers in them. There are informative posters displayed around our unit. Please check in with your child's teacher if you have any questions about this.

As we are still in the warmer months, it is essential that your child has a hat at school. It needs to be a bucket hat, not a cap, and it must be labelled with their name.

We are looking forward to a fun year!

EAL/D News...

Welcome to returning families as well as those who have joined our school this year!

My role as the EAL/D (**E**nglish as an **A**dditional **L**anguage or **D**ialect) teacher is to cater for students whose home language is a language other than English and require specific support to develop English language proficiency. I also support families by providing you with information regarding your child's English progress throughout the term and during reporting if required or requested.

As the EAL/D teacher I will, with the executive teacher, also coordinate school activities throughout the year to include the cultural and linguistic diversity of our community.

As the school year gets underway there will be opportunities for your involvement at information evenings, the first P & C event, Community Connection events, Harmony Day plus other school events.

Watch out for more information!

Sue Amundsen

Bernadette Allen (EAL/D Executive Teacher)



Indonesian News...

Bahasa Indonesia news

Selamat datang! (Welcome) My name is Ibu Kaur (Mrs Kaur) and I will be teaching the Indonesian Program at Florey Primary for year 3/4 and 5/6.

At Florey Primary School we teach Indonesian as it provides opportunities for students to become more accepting of diversity, to be respectful of others and more aware of their place in the community. Learning languages have shown to improve literacy skills for background and second language learners as well as linguistic and cognitive development. Indonesia is our closest northern neighbour and it is important that we develop our knowledge, understanding and appreciation of their language and culture.

Our lessons will be taught through children's songs, folk literature, traditional children's games, educational shows and technology. Children will work on topics which will include reviewing basic vocabulary and conversation skills, numbers, colours, family, food, school, clothes, etc. Children may also have the opportunity to engage with cooking and food tasting, view Indonesian performances or a visit by an Indonesian representative.

Terima kasih banyak! (Many thanks)

Snack Shack News...

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

NEW Canteen Phone number 6142 2746

Hello everyone

Welcome back!! We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays.

Some of the daily specials have changed this year. Meatball subs are only available on Tuesday and chicken burgers are now only available on Wednesday. All other daily specials will remain the same.

Starting this year, discos will be held in week 4 of each term. A note for the first 2019 disco will be coming home soon.

Please consider giving a little of your time to help out in the canteen. We are one of only a small number of canteens that operate 5 days a week, with a very varied menu. We love what we do and we love meeting new people! Please contact Lisa on 0434 054 743 if you would like to help.

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 recess and lunch. We use www.flexischools.com.au for our online ordering component and we also accept cash payments at the counter.

Parent Roster Term 1

WEEK 2

11/02/2019 to 15/02/2019

Monday 11/02/2019

AM – TANIA

Tuesday 18/12/2018

AM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 19/12/2018

AM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Thursday 20/12/2018

AM – CHRIS

PM – REBECCA

Friday 21/12/2018

AM – DEANNA

PM - SARAH

Parent Roster Term 1

WEEK 3

18/02/2019 to 22/02/2019

Monday 18/02/2019

AM – TANIA

Tuesday 19/02/2019

AM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 20/02/2019

AM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Thursday 21/02/2019

AM – CHRIS

PM – VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Friday 22/02/2019

AM – DEANNA

PM - KATRINA

Florey Primary School Board for 2019

Would you like to be a part of the Florey Primary School Board?

If the answer is YES please fill in the nomination form and place it in the green box located at the front office.

Nominations are open from 11:00am 4 February and close at 11:00am on 18 February.

The forms have be emailed to you or you may collect a copy at the office.

5 Tips for back-to-school online safety – information from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

Tuesday 5 February is Safer Internet Day which is an annual, worldwide event to help encourage a better internet. The beginning of the school year is a good time to review online safety and get ahead of any issues that may arise. A recent blog post published by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner provides parents and carers with [5 tips for back-to-school online safety](#): [Shared parent](#) responsibility, being mindful of sharing e.g. your child's first day of school and other milestones; [know the signs for cyberbullying](#); [set screen time limits](#); use tools such as [parental controls](#) and [privacy and reporting tools](#); and [stay engaged](#). The [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) website is a great place to visit to keep pace with the latest in online safety for children and young people all year.

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 1

Book Club Issue 1 catalogues will be coming home this week.

Please complete your orders by Thursday 21 February.



You can place orders online (or send in the order form with cash) and your child's order will be delivered to their classroom, usually one or two weeks after ordering closes.

When ordering from Book Club 20% of your spend goes back to your school in Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy resources for the library.

If you have any questions about book club at Florey Primary, please contact Holly Bidwell (hollybidwell@gmail.com)

School Banking day is Thursday.

Banking will start in week 2, Thursday 14 February.

Please place your bank books in the yellow boxes in your unit.

If you are in the portable classrooms I will come and collect them first thing in the morning.

If you are unsure give them to your teacher.

Kerry
Banking Coordinator