



ACT
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**Upcoming
Events.....**

2017

Term 1

Week 7

Mon 13 Mar
**CANBERRA
DAY
PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

Wed 15 Mar
Assembly
Hosted by 3/4
1:50pm

Thurs 16 Mar
**Florey Primary
HARMONY
DAY**

Fri 17 Mar
P & C Disco

EAL/D
Multicultural
Cricket Cup

Week 8

Tue 21 Mar
Preschool
Harmony
Breakfast

P&C Meeting
7.00pm

Thu 23 Mar
School Cross
Country

Fri 24 Mar
Preschool
Harmony
Breakfast



Deputy Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the senior swimming carnival and the junior water fun day. Both events were well organised and I would like to thank the 5/6 team, led by Bernadette Allen and the junior team led by Rebecca Freeman and Helen Crane. The students were well behaved and had a wonderful time. Thank you also to CISAC for hosting the event and providing life guards at each rotation., and lastly a big thank you to our parent helpers who helped at both the junior water fun day and swimming carnival.

Florey Primary School is celebrating Harmony Day next Thursday 16 March. Students are invited to wear their traditional dress on the day and bring a plate of traditional food to share for lunch. The Harmony Day assembly will be held at 9.15am in the hall and all are invited to attend. Students who don't have traditional costumes are encouraged to wear orange, the colour of Harmony Day.

Florey Primary School had a surprise fire evacuation at 9am on Tuesday this week. I would like to thank all of the staff, students and families for acting so quickly and making their way down to the oval. I would like to remind our community that parking along the curb in front of the front office is not allowed. This area is a set down/pick up only which means you need to stay in your car. We needed to find families to ask them to move their cars so that the fire truck could park along that part of our car park to respond to the alarms. Please also remember that if you are on school grounds, you need to make your way down to the oval as quickly as you can. Everybody needs to be off the school premises.

Our Florey P&C are holding a disco at school on Friday 17 March. The theme is 'Mad Hair' and the event kicks off at 5.30pm-6.45pm for pre-school to year 2 and 7pm-8.30pm for years 3-6. We would love to see you all there supporting our wonderful P&C.

Don't forget that Monday 13 March is Canberra Day. There are plenty of community celebrations happening around Canberra. See this website for more information should you and your family wish to join in the celebrations: <http://www.events.act.gov.au/canberraday>

Kelly

Preschool News...

This past fortnight has been very productive and enjoyable. 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 week and we are now seeing many structures in the preschool playground being fixed!

The preschoolers have also been learning about themselves in both the physical and emotional sense. They are beginning to make observations about themselves and their peers, and so we have used this opportunity to celebrate differences and similarities by drawing self-portraits. As part of exploring our identity we have also been talking about how we belong to Florey Preschool and defining our identity within the groups. The children have been creating group artworks such as collages. These sea creature artworks define the different groups within the preschool environment.

Bibby Cottage News...

It is hard to believe we are already over half-way through the term. In kindergarten we have been settling into the 'big school' and are having lots of adventures. Each week we have a fun experience linked to our phonics sound for the week. Last week we had a wonderful /w/ sound experience with the **W**ater Fun Day. This week is our /h/ sound experience and we have our new pet hermit crabs called Sandy and Crabby. They are linked to our Science unit for the term on Living Things.

Reminders;

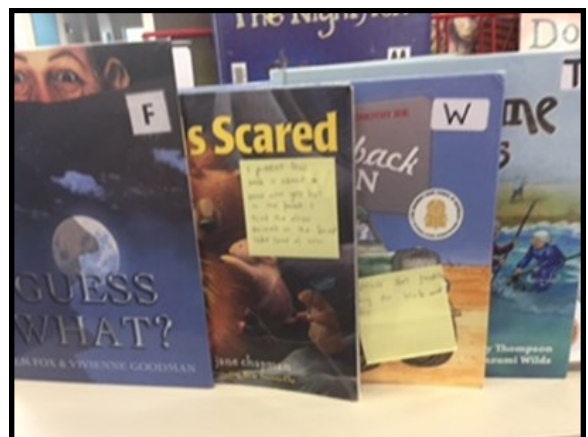
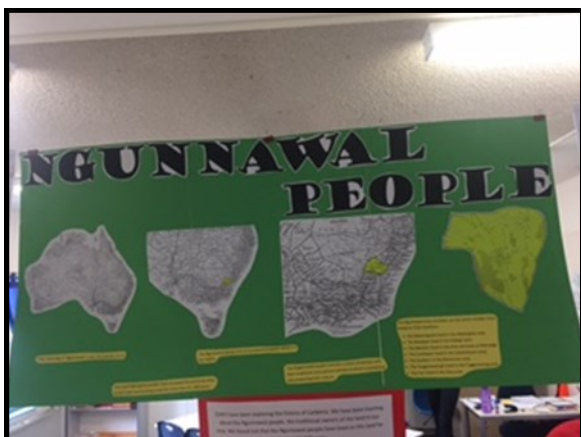
- We have begun our home reading program and readers are going home each day. Please read with your child each night and remember to bring readers back the next morning.
- We have library on Monday's so please provide your child with a library bag and return each week.
- Please label all your child's items so that we can return them.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have been volunteering in our classrooms. It is wonderful to have such support this year.

The Kindergarten Team

Twelvetrees and Summerville News...

In 3/4 we have just completed our first cycle of iExCel in Place Value and have started on writing. Our groups are busy bumping up their writing by strengthening their sentence and text structure, persuasive devices and paragraphs. All classes are showing great stamina in reading now and have been exploring the questioning, predicting and activating prior knowledge strategies. We are well underway with our history unit and have been looking at the history of the Canberra region before European settlers.



SRC News...

Welcome to SRC for 2017.

The SRC has decided on the fundraiser and event which we will be holding for term 1.

This will be happening on Thursday 30 March week 9. We are fundraising for Newborn Intensive Care foundation (Canberra Hospital) and to do this we would like everyone to bring in a gold coin donation and to come dressed dress up as your favourite hero. This could be a superhero or someone you look up to or admire eg. Doctor, Nurse, mum, nan, teacher etc. It is great seeing the whole school community getting involved in our SRC fundraisers. In the coming weeks you will see posters around the school with more information.

At next week's assembly (Week 7) the SRC members for Semester 1 will be receiving their badges. We hope to see lots of families there.

If you have any questions please come and speak with Miss Baillie.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with the SRC.

Cross Country News...

Our annual Cross Country event is set to take place on Thursday 23 March. Races will commence at 9:30am and continue until approximately 11:00am.

Approximate times of races:

(Please remember the student's race in the age group they are turning this year.)

9:30	Turning 9 Years 1500m
9:40	Turning 10 Years 2000m
9:50	Turning 12 Years 3000m
10:00	Turning 11 Years 3000m
10:15	Turning 8 Years 1000m
10:30	Turning 7 Years 500m
10.40	Turning 6 Years 500m
10.50	Turning 5 Years 500m and pre-school

The whole school will stay on the oval for the duration of the carnival, except for kindy and preschool who will come down to the oval in time for their races (approx. 10.30am).

Students are to wear appropriate clothing to run in (house colours if suitable), as well as clothing to keep warm while supporting the other age groups. Water bottles, sun safe hats and sun cream are also required, normal eating times apply.

We are strongly seeking any parent helpers to support us with checkpoints and small jobs to assist in the smooth running of this event. If you put your name down at the beginning of the year to assist in school events or are interested in helping in any way please contact the front office.

Bookclub News...

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 2

Issue 2 Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been distributed. Orders are due by Wednesday 15 March.

Orders can be paid for in cash, cheque or using the online LOOP system. Online orders are preferred as this reduces this amount of work required for our volunteers. Thank you!



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK CLUBS

Snack Shack News...

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

**School Disco (Friday 17 March)**

We are looking forward to dancing the night away with the Florey Primary School community at our disco next week. The theme is 'Mad Hair' so come along with crazy, weird or wacky hair. Dressing to suit the theme is always optional. The pre-paid order forms went out last week. Please see Lisa in the canteen, on the school website under the Canteen tab or the Front Office if you have missed receiving an order form. Please pay attention to the cut-off date as we cannot accept late orders due to catering restrictions. The times of the disco are as follows:

Preschool – Year 2: 5:30pm – 6:45pm

Year 3 – Year 6: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

If you are able to volunteer at the disco please see Lisa at the canteen or email her on canteenfps@gmail.com. We really appreciate any help we get on the night to make the disco run smoothly and fun for all students.

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 as the Chicken Bites (nuggets).

Parent Volunteers:

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in the canteen and welcome to our new volunteers. We look forward to seeing you in the next few weeks. We are still looking for some more people to help in the canteen so if you have been thinking about volunteering or are new to the school we would love to hear from you. You don't have to volunteer every week – filling a shift fortnightly or even monthly makes a huge difference and would be greatly appreciated. There are two shifts daily – 9:30-11:30 and 11:30-1:30. Please see Lisa at the canteen or email her on canteenfps@gmail.com if you are able to help us out.

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 7****13/03/2017 to 17/03/2017****Monday 13/02/2017**

CLOSED – CANBERRA DAY

Tuesday 14/02/2017

AM – Sharon B

Wednesday 15/03/2017

PM – Sarah C

Thursday 16/03/2017

PM – Deanna M

Friday 17/03/2017

AM – Cath M

PM – Anna L

Parent Roster Term 1**WEEK 8****20/03/2017 to 24/03/2017****Monday 20/03/2017****Tuesday 21/03/2017**

AM – Kim B

Wednesday 22/03/2017

PM – Tania

Thursday 23/03/2017

PM – Rachelle M

Friday 24/03/2017

AM – Cath M

PM – Volunteer Welcome