

## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term 2!

We have had a busy start to the term. Year 6 IMP students have participated in a combined band practice. It is great to hear how well the year 6 band is progressing.

The Kindergarten Health checks are currently underway and progressing smoothly.

Yesterday kindergarten presented a great assembly and shared some songs and actions with the whole school and many of our families. Thank you kindergarten for the reminder that it is still 'hats on' in the school. It won't be safe to take hats off until the last day of May.

Congratulations Eleanor from year 6 for your great efforts progressing beyond the Belconnen Zone Swimming Carnival to the ACT Swimming Carnival and swimming a personal best!

Our Positive Behaviours for Learning is continuing to grow, with short lessons about how students are expected to behave in all parts of the school being delivered. Students voted for Safety Swan, Respectful Rosella and Learner Lorikeet from a variety of options last term. This term they have been voting for their preferred prototype picture to go on the official signage around the school. At the moment staff votes and student votes don't agree, therefore we need your help in deciding which prototype to use. A board with the pictures has been placed in the front office and the ladies at the front office have some sticky dots. Please take a moment or two to place a dot next to your preferred picture so that the decision can be a whole school decision.

Tomorrow is the annual P&C Walkathon fundraiser. Again we welcome you to join us for this annual event. Students (K-6) will walk down to Lake Ginninderra and back, leaving the school at 9.15am. The P&C will be at the school at the top of the basketball court from 8.30am next week to collect sponsorship money and any further donations. Please remember that all forms must be returned with or without sponsorship.

Next Tuesday is the schools Athletics Carnival. We have moved the carnival to the AIS to ensure that the carnival will be able to be run no matter the weather. Please ensure that students attending have their hat, sunscreen, drink bottle, enough food for the day and warm, labelled clothing. You are welcome to join us and cheer our students on.

NAPLAN for year 3 and 5 will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of week 3. This testing provides important information for the school to review how our programs are working to support student learning and to highlight any areas we need to review to ensure students are progressing as expected or better. If your child is nervous, please reassure them that it is OK and that these tests are for me so that I am able to make sure we are providing the best learning possible for them.

Thursday next week is also the annual Mother's Day stall. This is a combined fund raiser and learning opportunity for students. Students are able to select a small gift of up to \$5.00 for someone special in their life. It enables students to learn the joy of giving and for the younger students, how to purchase an item and check their change.

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## Twelvetrees News...

Year 3/4 have had a busy and productive start to term 2. We have been using Google slides on the Chromebooks to create an information pamphlet on a significant Canberran figure of our choice. We have been learning about people such as: Walter Burley Griffin, Neville Bonner and Lady Denman.

Year 3/4 are also busily preparing their Rostrum speeches. We have talked about the attributes of a good public speaker and have a choice of 5 topics:

- A quiet achiever
- Australia Day
- The Year of the Rooster
- I love it when...
- Heat Waves
- Transport 50 years from now

The 3/4 students have also been learning about landmarks significant to Canberra. We created some beautiful watercolour paintings of some of our favourite landmarks in Canberra.

We have just started a new topic in science, 'Plants in Action'. This week we have just started looking at the parts of a plant and their functions. We are very excited to be growing our own plants a little later in the term.

## EAL/D News...

Welcome back for term 2! Part of our role is to welcome students who are newly arrived in Australia, gauge their English language ability and determine the most appropriate pathway for their education.

Sometimes attendance at the Belconnen Primary Introductory English Centre, hosted at Charnwood Dunlop School, is the best support pathway and other times direct transition into a mainstream class is suitable. We then consider teaching strategies that will support students to achieve optimal learning outcomes.

We will be holding our next EAL/D Community Connections event on Wednesday 17 May, from 8:40am in the Indonesian room. We have considered that dropping in to chat when children are arriving at school may be more suitable for some parents, prior to a busy day of work and/or other duties.

Please join us as we talk about 'Student assessment at Florey Primary School'. Look out for an invitation coming soon which you may receive electronically via email or a paper copy.

Adam, April and Bronwyn.

## Snack Shack News...

Save Time! Order Online! - [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Welcome back! We hope all of our lovely Florey families have had a great time during the school holidays and are well-rested to face the busy term ahead.

### New Winter Menu

We are now operating off our Winter menu. There have been a few changes so please make sure you are using the correct menu when ordering. Slushies and Salads are no longer available but will be replaced with hot chocolate and soup respectively.

### Canteen Committee

The canteen committee is a group of parents who meet once or twice a term to discuss all things related to the operation of the canteen. We are always open to new ideas and ways of running the canteen so if you would like to join the committee please see Lisa in the canteen or email her on [canteenfps@gmail.com](mailto:canteenfps@gmail.com).

**Parent Roster Term 2**  
**WEEK 3**  
**8/05/2015 to 12/05/2017**

**Monday 8/05/2015**

AM –

**Tuesday 9/05/2015**

AM – Volunteer Welcome

**Wednesday 10/05/2015**

AM – Kylie A  
PM – Sarah C

**Thursday 11/05/2015**

PM – Sam J

**Friday 12/05/2015**

AM – Cath Mc  
PM – Deanna M

**Parent Roster Term 2**  
**WEEK 4**  
**15/05/2015 to 19/05/2017**

**Monday 15/05/2017**

AM –

**Tuesday 16/05/2017**

AM – Kim B

**Wednesday 17/05/2017**

AM – Sue Mc  
PM – Rebecca S

**Thursday 18/05/2017**

AM/PM – Deanna M  
AM – Danni L

**Friday 19/05/2017**

AM – Cath McC  
PM – Katrina E

## P&C News...

### **Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11 May 2017**

Take the stress out of shopping and send some money in with your child to choose from the amazing array of gifts available.

There will be gifts available to purchase ranging in price from \$1.50 - \$5.00

The students get great joy out of choosing something special for their loved ones themselves.

At an appointed time during the day each class will visit the stall and they will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for mum/grandma/carer.

There will also be an opportunity at lunchtime for children to purchase additional gifts if they wish to do so.

**Volunteers - We are looking for volunteers to help at the stall on the day, so if you can spare any time we would love for you to join us, it's a great way to get involved and get to know other parents/carers.**

Times would be from 9:10am - 11:10am and  
11:20am - 1:20pm

Even an hour to volunteer would be greatly appreciated.



Please email Tania at  
floreyprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com to let me know your  
availability.

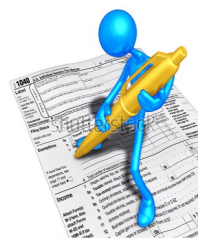
## Book Club News...

Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been distributed. Orders are due by Tuesday 16 May. 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!

We are also in need of a volunteer to distribute books when orders arrive. If you would like to help, please contact Holly. hollybidwell@gmail.com

## **REMINDERS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE**

- \* The athletics carnival notes were due by Monday 1 May 2017. No late notes/payments will be accepted due to staffing and bus number confirmation arrangements.
- \* The Walkathon note was due by Wednesday 3 May 2017. The board and Florey Primary Executive staff have agreed to accept late completed permission notes as no payment or outside bookings are required with the walk. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED A BLUE GENERAL MEDICAL FORM FOR YOUR CHILD THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE WALKATHON OR ANY OTHER EXCURSION THIS YEAR.
- \* When completing all forms for your child it is extremely important to complete the form correctly. Please make sure that you enter the full name of your child (including surname) and the child's class. If you are unsure of the class name please check with your child's teacher. Please enter all the required details and sign the form and return to the school by the due date. This will ensure your child's participation in the excursion/event.





**Enrolments for Term 2 Open Now!**

Enrolments are now open for Term 2 Zumba Kids @ Florey Primary School. The sessions are run in the school hall every Friday during lunchtime. The first session for Term 2 starts Friday 28 April. If you would like to enrol your child please contact Shirley from "Funkshirlnal Fitness" on 0417282173 or [funkshirlnal@gmail.com](mailto:funkshirlnal@gmail.com).

If your child would like to come along to a trial class this Friday please fill in the form below. Trial classes are only open to children who have not attended in the past. **Please note your child will not be able to attend unless they have permission from their parent/caregiver.**

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CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS/CARGIVERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_



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Would \$500 assist you with education costs?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

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or enquire online at [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)

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