

The Florey Flyer

Week 4

Tuesday 16 May

- * Year 6 Belconnen High School Visit

Wednesday 17 May

- * EAL/D Community Connections
- * Assembly hosted by Indonesian at 1:50pm

Thursday 18 May

- * Year 5/6 Cluster Showcase Rehearsal at Hawker College 12:00pm to 4:30pm
- * Preschool Indigenous Performance

Friday 19 May

- * Rostrum School Final

Week 5

Wednesday 24 May

- * National Simultaneous Story Time
- * ICAS—Digital Technologies

Friday 26 May

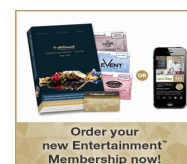
- * Year 5/6 Cluster Showcase Group Rehearsal at Hawker College - 9:00am to 12:30pm

Week 6

Tuesday 30 May

- * Year 5/6 Cluster Showcase Dress Rehearsal at Hawker College - 9:00am to 4:00pm
- * Belconnen Region Cross Country
- * Preschool Dance Kids

Download the Florey Primary School APP from your APP store. You can use the APP to notify the school if your child is away or you would like a meeting with a teacher as well as many other options.



Upcoming Events.....2017 Term 2

Term 2 Week 6

Wednesday 31 May
Whole School Assembly
Hosted by years 5/6
1:50pm

Thursday 1 June
Reconciliation Day
Cluster Inspire Showcase (1 & 2 June)

Friday 2 June
Preschool Dance Kids

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 5 June
Year 5 Combined Band

Tuesday 6 June
Preschool Dance Kids

Wednesday 7 June
EAL/D Community Connections

Friday 9 June
P&C Disco
Preschool Dance Kids

Re: Warning issued by Headspace for popular Netflix TV series *13 Reasons Why*

The Education Directorate is aware of a new TV series on Netflix called *13 Reasons Why*, which has received significant publicity for its depiction of youth suicide. The series has caused concern among some members of the community and the content could cause distress and may have long lasting impact on young people.

The popular series released on 31 March 2017 focuses on high school bullying and mental health. The show tells the story of teenager Hannah Baker's suicide through a series of audio tapes which apportion blame to other students and the school counsellor for her death. Youth mental health foundation, Headspace, have received a growing number of calls and emails from parents and youths worried about the scenes.

Headspace has issued a warning over its content and the show's "very confronting and graphic messaging and imagery, inclusive of suicide method and means." Australian media agree to guidelines developed by mental health experts in terms of how suicide is depicted or reported. Details such as method are suppressed because it is thought it could lead to contagion, that is, the repeating of harmful actions by influenced viewers.

Headspace state "As many young people are currently watching the series, it is important that teachers and parents are aware of the risks associated with the content, and are prepared to discuss these with young people who have been exposed to it in a way that:

- avoids normalising or glamorising suicide;
- supports young people to manage their emotional responses to the show;
- empowers young people to seek appropriate information and support for their difficulties, where necessary."

(<https://www.headspace.org.au/news/how-to-talk-to-young-people-about-13-reasons-why/>)

Risks associated with the content may be:

- Graphic depictions of bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and rape which may be triggering for anyone who has experienced this;
- A common theme throughout the show is the blame and shame placed on Hannah's classmates and the school counsellor for her suicide;
- The school counsellor is depicted as dismissive, distracted and unhelpful. It is important that students know that this is not representative of a school counsellor and there are adults who will listen and will know how to help them;
- It oversimplifies suicide and there are little to no help seeking behaviours shown. The series offers no alternatives to suicide as a means to deal with serious problems;
- The 13 tapes created by Hannah before her death romanticise the ability to speak to people "from the beyond". This is unrealistic and detracts from the finality of death;
- It implies if students were kinder they could have saved Hannah's life. This messaging may increase feelings of guilt. Suicidal ideation requires professional help not just kindness.

Headspace have shared several resources related to the program's content, including talking to young people [Talking about young people about 13 Reasons Why](#) and [how to talk about suicide with a young person](#).

Here is a link to an article that may be useful -

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-03/how-to-talk-to-teens-about-13-reasons-why/8492770?section=health>

Please share the resources listed with your staff and school community. School Counsellors have been briefed about this concern and will be able to deal with questions and issues that this may raise for students and staff in your schools. Please do not hesitate to contact your School Counsellor or Manger of the School Counsellor service, Ms Beth Matters, if you require further clarification beth.matters@act.gov.au

Kind regards,
Jacinta Evans
Director Student Engagement

Florey Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)

Parent Information Session

- Thursday 25 May
- 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Please join the team in the Indonesian room to find out about PBL at Florey.
- All parents and carers welcome.

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