

**Upcoming
Events.....**

2018

Term 1

Week 4

Kindy PIPS
TESTING
FINAL WEEK

Week 5

Tues 6 Mar

P&C AGM
7:00pm

Wed 7 Mar

Whole school
assembly
Hosted by
years 3/4
@ 1:50pm

EAL/D
Community
Connections
5:30pm-6:30pm

Week 6

Mon 12 Mar

CANBERRA
DAY
(Public Holiday)

Thurs 15 Mar

Florey
Swimming
Carnival

Years P-2
Water Fun Day
at School

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish to inform everyone that I will be acting as Director School Improvement (South/Weston) for the next 4 weeks. This is a great opportunity for myself and other members of our staff to experience a higher duties opportunity and for me to see what is happening in other schools. It is also a complement to our school and our school community as such positions are only offered when the directorate believes that as school has sufficient strength in leadership and quality processes in place to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of the school.

While I am acting DSI, Mrs Booker will be acting Principal Monday to Thursday. Mrs Allen will be acting Deputy Principal Monday to Thursday and acting Principal on Friday. Mr Kemp will be acting SLC taking Mrs Allen's role. A relief teacher has been organised to back fill for Mr Kemp and a letter will go home to families this week.

I am sure you will join with me in congratulating these staff members.

Mrs Bultitude had her last day with us yesterday before taking the remainder of the year as leave. We wish her well as she prepares to welcome a new member into her family.

Kindergarten have been very busy with their PIPS testing. This test provides us with considerable information about each individual student's current understanding of literacy and numeracy. This information is used to help plan learning experiences that meet student's point of need.

As we enter autumn and the cool weather starts to set in, please ensure that students have clearly named school jumpers. We work hard to return lost clothing to children but we are only able to do this when there is a name on the clothing. School uniform is vital in helping staff and the wider community keep our children safe. We do receive the occasional phone call when members of the community see students in our uniform who have fallen, look upset or lost or have been doing the wrong thing. Having students in uniform really does help to keep them safe. If you need assistance to purchase a school uniform, please contact Bri at the front office or Kelly Booker.

On Wednesday 7 March (Week 5) we have the first Community Connections meeting. This meeting is designed to provide an opportunity for families who have English as a second language or dialect to ask questions about our school. This meeting's topic is a general welcome, question and answer session. This will be from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Indonesian room.

The schools Parents and Community (P&C) are meeting for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this Tuesday 6 March at 7:15 pm in the schools staff room. All parents and carers are automatically a member of the P&C and are both welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Felicity

Preschool News...

The preschool groups are called the Dolphins, Seahorses, Penguins and Seals. The classes have been investigating these creatures and other animals and objects found under the sea and at the beach. Through songs, books, stimulus pictures, shared conversations and games the children have been gaining a deeper understanding of the wonders of the ocean and beach.

Investigations such as a water trolley with sinking and floating objects, dramatic play items linked to a trip to the beach, water painting, mixed media collages and kinetic sand with shells has sparked curiosity, experimentation and interest from the preschool children.



Kidd and Neumann Cottage News...

It was fantastic to meet families at our open night last week and we thank you for coming.

The 1/2 students have continued getting to know each other and focus on processes for being safe, respectful learners around our school using the Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL).

In mathematics we have used explicit sessions to focus on place value concepts and how these relate to identifying strategies for problem solving. Students have been discussing ways of establishing Grow and Glow goals in learning during Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop. This has been important as we continue to build our stamina for working independently.

In week five, students will begin selecting books as part of our home reading program to support this further.

We have continued to develop our running technique as part of Fundamental Movement Skills and cross country fitness.

Please make sure your child has suitable footwear and packed their sun smart hat and drink bottle each day.

Stacey, Mark, Kate, Aaron, Emilie, Helen and Sarah



Canteen News...

We have a new menu for 2018!

It still contains many favourites and is available on the school website www.floreyps.act.edu.au.

While we have had to raise prices due to higher costs, we have tried to minimise the increases as much as possible. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving healthy, yummy food to the children and teachers.

Volunteer roster – Week 5

We can always use extra help so if you have some spare time, please see our lovely Canteen Manager, Lisa Moore, or send Lisa an email at canteenfps@gmail.com.

Day	Morning shift (9:30am – 11:30am)	Afternoon shift (11:30am – 1:30pm)
Monday, 5 March	Tania	
Tuesday, 6 March		
Wednesday, 7 March	Kellie M	Rebecca S
Thursday, 8 March	Deanna	Deanna
Friday, 9 March		Rachelle M

P&C News...

The Florey Primary School Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association aims to help our students achieve the best they can by working with the school and with the community and we're looking for more members to contribute new ideas.

Participating in the P&C is a great opportunity to meet other parents and members of the community, learn more about what's going on within the school to support our students and contribute ideas and provide feedback.

The P&C run a number of projects that support our school and students. We are currently working to raise funds for air conditioning in the hall. Past fundraising projects have contributed to refurbishing the basketball court with an improved surface, new home readers, sports equipment, furniture, air conditioning and computing equipment.

To learn more, sign on to the mailing list by contacting floreyprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com.

Key Dates

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 6 March 2018 (week 5), 7:15pm

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday 5 April 2018 (week 9), 7:15pm



Florey Primary School has registered with the 2018 Coles Sports for Schools programme.

How does it work?

1. For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers receive one Sports for Schools voucher
2. The vouchers can then be brought to the school and left in the collection bin
3. Every voucher received by Florey Primary School will go towards a final tally to order sports equipment!

We have two collection drop-off points for Sports for Schools vouchers:

One at the Front Office,

One by the checkouts at Belconnen Coles.



Florey Community Notices...

Road safety survey

A School Crossing Supervisor Program has been introduced in the ACT at 20 crossing sites. School crossing supervisors (lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

To help determine if the Program is successful, Transport Canberra and City Services have engaged First Person Consulting to evaluate the School Crossing Supervisor Program. One of the ways that they will be doing this is through this survey to help capture attitudes to children travelling actively (i.e. walking or riding) to primary school.

To complete the survey please click [here](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4172882/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey), or copy and paste the following link into your browser:
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4172882/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey>

The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact the [TCCS Schools Program](#).



Another Chance Op Shop

(Ross Smith Crescent, Scullin Shops)

Will be hosting a **March madness sale** from Thursday 1 – Saturday 31 March with HALF PRICE on all clothing.

New stock on display daily.

Help us move out our summer stock.

Open daily 10:00am-4:30pm and Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm.

Great selection of books, toys, kitchenware and more in store.

Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church.



2018 JWLAND ACT BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAT 3RD – SUN 4TH MARCH

MELBA BMX TRACK

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