

Principal's News Term 4 Week 2

22 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of 2020. I hope that everyone had a happy school holiday break. Happy Book Week everyone! Please see the *Ten read aloud commandments* from author Mem Fox. A great reminder for us all. <https://memfox.com/for-parents/for-parents-ten-read-aloud-commandments/>

Safety Protocols Term 4

The Education Directorate continues to provide advice on safety protocols. Physical distancing requirements will remain in place between adults in schools at drop-off and pick-up times, in classrooms and in all other school areas. Adults are required to maintain 1.5 metres between themselves and no more than one adult per four square metres in indoor environments. Signs remain up around the school where adults gather with maximum adult numbers for each space. Physical distancing in outdoor areas has changed to one person per 2 square metres when attending scheduled school events (not exceeding 200 people).

Where possible, parents and carers are still encouraged to drop children off without entering the school grounds, although our junior school students and students with Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) may require assistance, which will be supported. We ask the junior school parents continue to farewell their children at the school gate, or if entering the school to walk your child to class, that you do so as close to 9:00am as possible and exit the school as quickly as you can. In the afternoon, Kindergarten students can be picked in the Forecourt area at 2:55pm with parents/carers continuing to enter via the ramp behind the administration area and exiting along the basketball court. Please remember that this is not a time to socialise in groups on school grounds.

Good hygiene practices are important to preventing the spread of COVID-19. All students and staff will be reminded to wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand-sanitiser on arrival and regularly throughout the day, cough into their elbows or a tissue, place used tissues straight into the bin, avoid touching eyes, noses or mouths, not share food or drink, not use water fountains or bubblers directly, and ensure strict hygiene in the preparation of food. Students can refill their bottles at the designated water stations. The Education Directorate will continue to supply us with hand sanitiser and soap. This includes hand sanitiser for every classroom and at accessible points throughout the school such as entrances.

This term we will not be holding assemblies at school and classes will continue to showcase their work through online platforms, the school newsletter, and Facebook page. Cohort gatherings and excursions will be limited, and we will continue to assess risks of our existing school practices. If a face-to-face meeting is required, parents will be asked to book a time so that physical distancing can be planned.

A reminder to all in our school community, if your child begins to feel unwell, they should stay home from school. If they have COVID19 symptoms, please undertake testing and self isolate until test results have been received. My sincere thank you to all in our community for your continued support. I appreciate all that you are doing to keep our school a safe place to learn and work for of our students and staff.

Celebrations

World Teachers' Day will be celebrated on Friday 30 October. This special day provides a time to stop and say thank you to our incredible teachers at Florey PS for their hard work and dedication. 2020 has been a challenging year for us all. We are so proud of the resilience and flexibility our amazing teachers and staff have shown to help our students continue to learn. I encourage you to say thanks to your child's teacher and if your child would like to, colour in the postcard included in this newsletter.

Wishing you a wonderful term ahead. I hope you enjoy the events that we have scheduled for term 4. Please check the Term Calendar and newsletters for updates.

Kind regards,
Meegan

Preschool News...



On Tuesday the Dolphins and Seahorses celebrated book week. The children and teachers dressed up as their favourite story book characters. There were animals, planets, pirates, superheroes, fire fighters, builders and princesses just to name a few. The morning began with a parade followed by reading one of the early childhood short listed books for 2020 'When Billy was a dog' by Kirsty Murray.

The preschoolers stayed in character throughout the day, it was a lot of fun. We read the stories the children had brought in from home and drew pictures of our storybook characters. The highlight of the day was when a special visitor came to preschool to read a story to the children.

Princess Anna from Arendelle! The children were all amazed that a real-life princess had come to read us a story! We hope she visits us again soon.

Year 1/2 News...

Year 1/2 students have enjoyed coming back to classes and sharing their holiday stories and experiences. We are celebrating literature across the school with different activities connected to our modified bookweek celebration. Students are very excited to have an author visit and a dress up day too. We are continuing their word noticing with new texts and teachers are impressed with their observation skills during Reader's Workshop.

In Mathematics we are exploring the concept of money. Students are using manipulatives to make different amounts and working in small groups to discuss ways of explaining their thinking. Over the next few weeks, we will tune into our new science unit. This investigates different forces.

In PE we are reviewing jumping, hopping, and running skills through cooperative games. With the weather warming up, please ensure students have a SunSmart hat, drink bottle, food for energy and appropriate footwear for active play throughout the day.

Jude, David, Emma, Emillie, Amelia and Sarah

Community Coordinator News...

We will be running the parent group - *Tuning into Kids* - this term, on Friday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30, starting Week 4 and finishing Week 9. The aim of the group is to build parents' confidence in raising resilient, emotionally intelligent children. Why is it important? Because research shows children with emotional intelligence have greater success making and keeping friends; calming themselves when upset or angry; and coping with change. Numbers are limited so contact Maureen as soon as possible on maureen.howe@ed.act.edu.au

Due to the sad departure of Paint and Play at Florey PS, we are looking at alternative options for parents of children under school age. A music/movement playgroup will be trialled this term, called "*Move and Groove*". We plan to hold it Monday mornings on a fortnightly basis, so please let Maureen know if you'd like to come along. It should be a hoot, with lots of learning through fun and play for the wee ones needless to say it's also great for parents to connect over a cuppa (with byo covid safe cups of course!)

Indonesian News...

Years 5 & 6 are learning more about Indonesia's food culture and comparing it to our own dining habits. It's fun to learn about how and why Indonesia's different foods are so diverse and interesting!

One way to immerse ourselves in Indonesian learning is to enjoy some Indonesian food. Why not try making these *perkedel jagung* (corn fritters) at home? *Be sure to have adult assistance!*

Perkedel Jagung – Indonesian Corn Fritters

Untuk dua porsi (Enough for 2 portions)

Bahan (Ingredients):

- 2 ears sweet corn, kernels carefully removed with a knife
- 1 spring onion or eschalot, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 egg, beaten
- 6 tablespoons plain flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 50 millilitres water
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Pepper or chopped chillies to taste

Cara Memasak (Method):

- Prepare a deep fryer or a pot with at least one inch of cooking oil over medium-high heat.
- Put the corn kernels in a large bowl. Roughly mash them until they are only a little mushy.
- Mix the spring onion, garlic and egg in with the corn kernels. Add the flour, sugar, salt and pepper, adding the water while stirring.
- To check the heat of the oil, tip a corn kernel into it; if it bubbles and spins quickly, the oil is ready.
- Just before frying, add the baking soda to the mixture and combine well.
- Take 1 to 2 tablespoons of the mixture and gently spoon into the oil. Cook for at least one minute per side, flipping halfway through. Remove the fritters after they turn golden brown and crispy on the outside.
- Serve hot and fresh as a snack or a side dish.



Scholastic Book Club – Issue 7, 2020

Issue 7 Scholastic Book Club catalogues have gone home. Please complete orders by **Friday 23 October**.

A reminder that Florey ordering is now **ONLINE ONLY**, so please place your orders using the Scholastic Loop website.

Please don't send cash orders to school or they will be returned to you.

Thanks very much, Holly Bidwell

Wanted – Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

The Florey School Community is in need of a volunteer to coordinate the school's Scholastic Book Club as I will be unable to continue in the role in 2021. The role is fairly straightforward, and the program enables the school to purchase books for the library. If we're unable to find a volunteer, the program won't be able to continue next year. If you have any questions about the role or would like to volunteer, please email hollybidwell@gmail.com Thank you!



Florey Primary School would like to send a big thank you to Mary Cruickshank and her team from The Belconnen Rotary Club for their kind donation of \$750 to the school. The donation was used to cover doors and windows around our school with a reflective coating which not only improves the look but helps keep our school secure.



Snack Shack News...

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

Hello everyone,

Wow! Term 4 already!! Hopefully everyone is rested after the holiday break and ready for the warmer weather! The canteen always has delicious cool fruit, yummy frozen yogurt and of course frozen juice cups ready for the warm days of summer. Just a quick reminder (particularly for our junior customers) that all frozen products need to be collected from the canteen if ordered for lunch. Thanks!!

The canteen introduced recess ordering this year and it's been going really well! Thank you to all the families who have jumped in and ordered, we really appreciate the support.

Good news everyone, the canteen will be hosting a disco this term! We have really missed seeing the children dancing up a storm!! More information will be given during the term. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!**

Our menu is available on the school website www.floreyps.act.edu.au. Look for the canteen under the "Our Community" tab. The canteen is open 5 days a week for fruit break, recess and lunch. We use www.flexischools.com.au for our online ordering component and we also accept cash payments at the counter.

Canteen volunteer roster

Parent Roster Term 4 WEEK 3

26/10/2020 to 31/09/2020

Monday 26/10/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Tuesday 27/10/2020

AM - SAMANTHA
PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 28/10/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME
PM - REBECCA

Thursday 29/10/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME
PM - STEVIE

Friday 30/10/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME
PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Parent Roster Term 4 WEEK 4

02/11/2020 to 06/11/2020

Monday 02/11/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Tuesday 03/11/2020

AM - SAMANTHA
PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 04/11/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME
PM - REBECCA

Thursday 05/11/2020

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME
PM - STEVIE

Friday 06/11/2020

AM - CHRIS
PM - SARAH

It's that time of the year again and we are excited to say that we will be celebrating Bandanna Day on Friday 30 October. Bandannas will be sold by our SRC members between 8:30-9:00am and then again from 3:00-3:30pm at the front gate and forecourt (near the library).

There will be many different designs to choose from. The designs will be posted on our Facebook page this coming Monday 26 October.

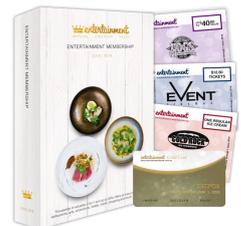
\$5 for cotton Bandana
\$15 for silk Bandana



Entertainment books, they have now gone fully digital!

To get your copy click on the link below. 20% of the purchase will also go to Florey Primary.

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/23968d>



World Teachers' Day 2020
Friday 30 October

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