

## Upcoming Events.....

**2018**

**Term 2**

**Week 4**

**Fri 25 May**  
Belconnen High  
School  
Transition Visit  
**Year 6 Students  
only**

**Week 5**

**Mon 28 May**  
Reconciliation  
Day  
**PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY**

**Wed 30 May**  
EAL/D  
Community  
Connections  
**5:30pm to  
6:30pm**

ICAS Science

**Thurs 31 May**  
Belconnen Cross  
Country

**Fri 1 June**  
P&C Walkathon

Preschool  
Bus Wash

**Week 6**

**Wed 6 June**  
Parent Reading  
Workshop  
9:15am -  
10:15am  
Library

Assembly at  
1:50pm hosted  
by year 3/4

Year 5 Combined  
Band



## Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

NAPLAN on line was a new experience for all of us this week. Our students were engaged and there seemed to be an overall preference for the online format. Thank you to all our year 3 and 5 students and teachers for meeting this new challenge.

During our whole school assembly today, we trialled a new seating arrangement for our year 5 and 6 students. Year 6 students were seated around the room modelling correct behaviour for the school and our year 5 students sat with kindergarten. I would like to congratulate all our students and particularly the year 5 students for making such a positive impact on the learning of our kindergarten students. At was heart-warming to see the kind and nurturing way in which our year 5 students helped kindergarten enter and leave the hall and helped them to learn respectful audience behaviour.

Over the course of this term and next term, staff members have been attending a course held by Chris Topfer, a highly respected teacher and author. The course looks at the 10 essential teaching practices for literacy. These include:

1. making a deliberate effort to foster motivation and engagement
2. using read 'alouds' of age appropriate books
3. using flexible groups targeted at student need in specific aspects of literacy development
4. activities that build reading fluency and stamina with increasing complexity of texts
5. explicit instruction of letter sound relationships
6. research informed and standards aligned writing instruction (k-6)
7. intentional and ambitious efforts to build vocabulary and content knowledge
8. abundant reading materials and reading opportunities
9. ongoing observations and assessment of children's language and literacy development that inform instruction
10. collaboration with families in promoting literacy.

While the school does incorporate these essential practices to varying degrees across the school, this course is ensuring that all staff P-6 have the same understandings and language around literacy, improving consistency and increasing the number of teaching strategies that staff have. In light of number 10, perhaps you could take a moment to ask your child/children what they have been reading in class and talk about your favourite childhood book.

The school Rostrum final was exceptional this year. The judges were very quick to inform me about how difficult it was to select the winning presentation and how high the standard was this year. Congratulations to all our years 3-6 students who prepared and presented to their class as well as to the finalists and Mikyla from 5/6DK who will represent Florey Primary School at the Rostrum quarter finals on Tuesday 26 June 2018. Please join me in wishing Mikyla all the best for the quarter finals.

Two Belconnen High school staff and two past students from 2017 visited our year 6 students on Monday to talk about life at high school. The year 6 students will be visiting Belconnen High on Friday to experience a 'taste' of the types of subjects that are available in year 7.

Monday is the Reconciliation Day public holiday. The ACT is the first state or territory to recognise this important day through a public holiday. The school will be closed on Monday and reopen on Tuesday. More information can be found at:

<http://www.events.act.gov.au/reconciliationday>

Please remember the Walkathon on Friday 1 June 2018 (week 1). Permission notes are due in by Thursday 31 May. This is a fun whole school event and we hope that many parents and carers will be able to join us on our walk.

Felicity

## Preschool News...



The Dolphins and Seahorses went on our first excursion to visit the Action Bus Wash.

On our return to preschool we looked at the photos of our excursion on the interactive whiteboard to remind us of what we did and in what order.

We wrote the following words on the whiteboard to remind us.

1. tickets
2. spotto
3. mechanics
4. spraying water
5. diesel
6. bus wash
7. wake up
8. lights
9. Scooby Doo

The children then orally told the story of the bus wash.

The recount below is in the words of the children from the Dolphins group.

*We got a ticket to go on the bus.  
 We played 'spotto' finding things from the sheet.  
 The buses get fixed by the mechanics.  
 A naughty man sprayed water on the bus windows.  
 You put diesel in the bus to make it GO!  
 We went in the bus wash.  
 We put our hands on the windows.  
 The water was cold!  
 We yelled "wake up buses!"  
 The bus lights came on when they heard us.  
 Scooby Doo came onto the bus to check our tickets.  
 We all had fun!*



## Kidd and Neumann Cottage News...

1/2 students have had a great return to their learning. We have just completed another IExCel cycle in mathematics focusing on addition and subtraction. This has involved using place value knowledge to discuss, identify and use the most effective strategies to problem solve accurately.

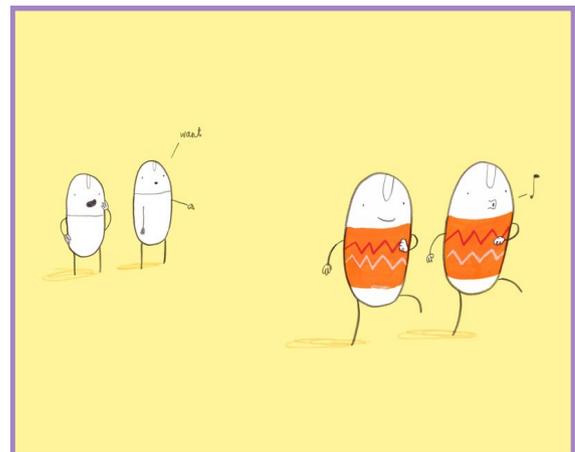
Our Writer's Workshop has included viewing and learning experiences that have explicitly demonstrated procedural language. Students continue to have regular conferencing and opportunities to discuss their work, develop ideas and reflect on strategies in Reader's Workshop.

Our students participated enthusiastically in the Athletics Carnival showing their Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) by supporting and encouraging peers throughout.

We have commenced our new Science inquiry "Mix it up". Students have used their predicting, classifying and inferential skills to work collaboratively.

We are building our fitness for the upcoming Walkathon and thank our families for supporting this whole school event.

We were delighted to have Kriszti Thurzo (Csilla's Mum) visit us today to read one of our favourite books in her home language. Thank you Kriszti for translating 'The Hueys' into Hungarian!



## Worrell Cottage News...

This term the year 5/6 cohort have been busy working with the year six students around what they would like for their year six graduation. Our students have shared many wonderful ideas. This has resulted in the team commencing our fundraising efforts to support the many ideas. Thank you to our students for running the sausage sizzle and to our school community for supporting our fundraising efforts.

This week we have had the opportunity to listen to all the amazing homework presentations. A huge thank you to our students for completing the homework and for the quality of the work presented.

On Tuesday our year 6 combined band represented our school at combined band practise. The students represented Florey Primary School proudly.

Students are currently creating a scratch animation or game that links to their integrated project and finishing off their artwork presentations.

**Reminder that hats must be worn until the start of June.**



## Snack Shack News...

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

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

Have you thought about giving a little of your time to help out once in a while in the canteen? It is a very rewarding experience and your children really love seeing you in there! Lisa really enjoys meeting the parents of the students she interacts with (some of them on a daily basis just for a chat!). If this is something you have been thinking about doing, why not give it a go? Please feel free to contact our canteen manager Lisa Moore on 0434 054 743 or the above mentioned email, to get you started.



**WATCH THIS SPACE**

Disco - Week 7

Theme - PJ Party!



### Canteen Volunteer Roster

<u>Parent Roster Term 2</u> <u>WEEK 5</u> <u>28/05/2018 to 1/6/2018</u>
<b><u>Monday 28/05/2018</u></b> Closed - Public Holiday
<b><u>Tuesday 29/05/2018</u></b> AM - Shirley
<b><u>Wednesday 30/05/2018</u></b> AM - Kellie PM - Kellie
<b><u>Thursday 31/05/2018</u></b> AM - Chris PM - Michelle
<b><u>Friday 1/06/2018</u></b> AM - PM - Sam

<u>Parent Roster Term 2</u> <u>WEEK 6</u> <u>4/06/2018 to 8/06/2018</u>
<b><u>Monday 4/06/2018</u></b> AM - Tania PM - Tania
<b><u>Tuesday 5/06/2018</u></b> AM -
<b><u>Wednesday 6/06/2018</u></b> AM - Holly PM - Rebecca
<b><u>Thursday 7/06/2018</u></b> PM - Crystal
<b><u>Friday 8/06/2018</u></b> AM - Sarah PM - Michelle

### Important Reminders ...

**Please return the following notes to the front office**

- 3/4 Excursion to the National Zoo and Aquarium
- Medical Information and Consent Form (Blue)
- Student Information Check Sheet

### School Banking ...

**Please Remember  
No School Banking  
Thursday 31 May 2018**

### Community News...

**THINK BEFORE YOU PARK...AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE - MAKE PARKING SAFETY A PRIORITY!**

Please:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park.

**Remember** - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

**Consider** - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

**Think** – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

**Be kind** – to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area – they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

**Note** - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. **Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600.** Details at [www.act.gov.au/accessCBR](http://www.act.gov.au/accessCBR)



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### SCHOOL SPORTS TRIAL DATES 2018

Sport	Trial Date
12&U Belconnen Rugby League	5 April
<b>Term 2</b>	
12&U ACT Tennis	3 May
12&U ACT Swimming	7 May
12&U ACT Rugby League	10 May
12&U ACT Golf	14 May
12&U Belconnen Cross Country	31 May
12&U ACT Touch	5 June
12&U AFL	7 June
Combined Cross Country	13 June
12&U Netball	14 June
12&U Hockey	22 June
12&U Football	27 June