



ACT
Government

Education

**Upcoming
Events.....**

2017

Term 4

Week 9

Wed 6 Dec
Preschool
Farewell
Concert

Thu 7 Dec
End of Year
Concert

Week 10

Tue 12 Dec
Year 3/4
Fun Day

Wed 13 Dec
Year 6
Graduation

Year 1/2
Fun Day

Thur 14 Dec
Kindergarten
Fun Day

Year 5/6
Fun Day

Fri 15 Dec
Final School
Assembly

**Last Day
Term 4**

Happy
Holidays!



Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow, wasn't our PBL launch an amazing celebration yesterday! A fantastic day to celebrate a fantastic effort from staff and students, with special thanks to Miss Low and the PBL team! Florey Primary School is now a Positive Behaviours for Learning school. Florey is the fourth school in the ACT to reach the point of launching as a PBL school, with more than 30 other schools following suit. I look forward to PBL moving into the classrooms next year.

On Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of meeting many of new preschool families for 2018. Families came together for a welcome picnic and to get to know the preschool environment before the commencement of the school year for 2018. I would like to thank our preschool staff and the current preschool P&C for organising this event.

Our choir sang at Parliament House at the lighting of the giving tree on Monday. By all reports the performance was excellent and students had the opportunity to talk with various members of parliament. I would like to thank Miss Foley and Mrs Acheson for their great work with the choir and to our choir students for representing the school so well.

The remainder of our year 1/2 students attended the Lanyon Homestead excursion and enjoyed a look at life in the past. This was a great addition to the learning program for year 1/2 that helped to make history alive for them. Congratulations to our students again for displaying our school values and expectations and to our staff for organising and running the excursion.

As we move towards the end of the year, there are a number of events still coming up. These include: -

- the preschool farewell concert
- Fun days for each year group
- year 6 graduation and dinner
- the End of the year picnic and concert.

Please check for any permission notes for students and contact the school if you need assistance with costs.

Felicity Bruce
Principal

Education Directorate News...



Changes to enrolment procedures for NSW students



The ACT Government has an agreement with the NSW Government to provide services to NSW residents from the surrounding ACT region. Each year, around 1,800 NSW students cross the border to attend one of Canberra's Public Schools.

Due to expected growth in the surrounding ACT region, the ACT Government, in conjunction with the NSW Government, has modified the procedure for NSW enrolments.

From now on, NSW resident families who are seeking enrolment at a Canberra Public School will be offered a place in one of the selected pathway schools. NSW resident students will only be accepted at one of these northside or southside pathway schools.

This does not immediately affect the enrolment of any NSW resident student who is currently attending a Canberra Public School, however the new procedure will apply when that student transitions to the next phase of schooling.

In the case where a NSW resident student is enrolled at a non-pathway school and the family wishes to enrol a sibling, the application will only be considered where the school has capacity, after accepting ACT resident enrolments and where both students will be attending the school at the same time.

This new procedure will provide greater certainty for NSW families, by providing specific pathways for NSW students seeking to attend Canberra Public Schools. Please visit www.education.act.gov.au for further information.

Preschool News...

What a wonderful year of preschool it has been! Our year has been filled with learning, laughter, happiness and adventure!

The preschool children started the year so small and unaware of what school is and now they are all grown up and ready to join the rest of the students up in the Primary School. They are excited to be moving up to kindergarten and have been exploring the primary school through visiting the different areas such as the hall, library, play equipment and canteen.

The children have had a lovely time winding down to the end of the year. They are busy practicing for their end of year concert songs and are doing a wonderful job learning all the dance moves! The Preschool Team would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Florey families a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

We look forward to seeing you in 2018!

Kidd and Neumann Cottage News...

Thank you for a fantastic year in 1/2. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who have helped out this year in class reading, going on excursions and sending in lots of glass jars.

Over the last two weeks we have all been to Lanyon Homestead. The students were beautiful on the long bus ride and exploring around the Homestead. We all continued to learn about James Cunningham's life in the 1850s and discovered some similarities and differences to his life and our own lives today.

Just a friendly reminder to send back your fun day notes before Monday 4th December.

We look forward to having a wonderful time at the National Arboretum together to celebrate a great year in 1/2.

Ellen, Jack, Helen, Suzi, Louise and Aaron

Worrell Cottage News...

As the year is beginning its downward phase there is no time to stop in the 5/6 unit. The children have been very busy in preparation for the year 6 graduation and impending celebrations.

The year 6 students are working studiously on their gift for the school. The year 5 students are busily preparing the decorations for the graduation dinner and are looking forward to the increased responsibility of being the leaders for 2018.

In the classrooms teachers are busily finalising reports for the students. We are all working on narratives for their writing task and we are taking every opportunity to 'Bump Up' their work where possible. In mathematics, the continued focus has been on multiplication timetables and their ability to use this knowledge in number. The content for the next fortnight for the children is reading and interpreting timetables. For our IExCel cycle the cohort are continuing their number operations of multiplication and division.

The 5/6 team are all looking forward to the final weeks of the school year and the corresponding celebrations to come!

Snack Shack News...

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We are open 5 days a week

We would like to thank the Florey Primary community for another great year. We have really appreciated all the support and encouragement we have received this year. A big thank you to all the families who have put in a lunch order when they could, came to the discos and ordered sausages at the end-of-term sausage sizzles. We also send a huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who have helped us throughout the year in so many ways. The canteen could not run without you all. To our year 6 students, we wish you all the very best for the years ahead, especially our excellent year 6 canteen helpers.

We hope all Florey Primary families have a fantastic holiday break and look forward to seeing most of you in 2018.

End-of-year concert sausage sizzle

The canteen will be running a sausage sizzle fundraiser at the end of year concert on Thursday, 7 December 2017. A note has been sent home to gauge interest in the vegetarian, chicken and halal beef sausage options for catering purposes.

We would really appreciate help on the night with preparation, cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you can help, please send an email to canteenfps@gmail.com.

End-of-term sausage sizzle

The canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch on the last day of term, Friday 15 December. Notes will be coming home for pre-orders next week.

The canteen will be closed for lunch orders and purchases on the last day of term as the canteen crew scrub the canteen from one end to the other!

Food availability

As we are heading into the final weeks of the year, we will be running the stock down in our fridges and freezers.

We are already **out** of the following items: **Chicken burgers**

When ordering next please choose one of the other lunch options.

Parent Roster Term 4

WEEK 9

4/12/2017 to 8/12/2017

Monday 4/12/2017

AM - Vacant

Tuesday 5/12/2017

AM - Vacant

Wednesday 6/12/2017

AM - Vacant

PM - Sarah

Thursday 7/12/2017

PM - Kellie

Friday 8/12/2017

AM - Cath McCallum

PM - Rachelle



Parent Roster Term 4

WEEK 10

11/12/2017 to 15/12/2017

Monday 11/12/2017

AM - Vacant

Tuesday 12/12/2017

AM - Chris

Wednesday 13/12/2017

AM - Vacant

Thursday 14/12/2017

PM - Vacant

Friday 15/12/2017

CLOSED - Sausage Sizzle Lunch only

P&C News...

In 2018 we will have **two P&C positions available on our school Board**. (Both positions are for 2 years)
Nominations for the two positions will open Monday 5 February (first day of Term 1)
and close Monday 19 February.

Student Celebrations...



Congratulations to Niamh (5/6RS) who successfully auditioned for the IMP Junior Concert Band for year 7s and 8s and will take up her place in the trombone section next year.

Important Dates to Remember!

Year 3/4 Movie Day Excursion - **Note Due: Fri 1 December**

Year 1/2 Fun Day - **Note Due: Mon 4 December**

Whole School End of Year Celebration -
Thursday 7 December - 5:15pm to 7:00pm

Officemax Book Packs

Don't forget to order your book packs for 2018 – Notes went home late October.

Please note that for all orders received before December 17 delivery is **free!**

Orders placed between 18 December - 31 December will incur a delivery fee of
\$12.95

Orders placed after December 31 will incur a \$12.95 delivery fee and delivery cannot
be guaranteed before the beginning of Term 1, 2018.

**Bookpack lists can be found on our website and have also been
emailed out to all families.**