

**Upcoming
Events.....**

2019

Term 2

Week 2

Tue 7 May

Athletics
Carnival

Venue:
AIS Track &
Field Facility

Wed 8 May

Assembly
@ 1:50pm

Thur 9 May

P&C
Mother's Day
Stall

Week 3

Tue 14 May

P&C Meeting
Board
Meeting

NAPLAN
14 - 24 May



Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term 2. We have had a great and busy start to the term. While walking around the school, I have observed students working and laughing and was pleased to hear students able to tell me what they are currently working on in their learning.

I would like to welcome Ms Anastasia O'Donnell who has joined us this term as part of our leadership team. Ms O'Donnell will be working with the year 1/2 team and teaching two days a week on 1/2JW. Please join with me in making Ms O'Donnell welcome as part of our community. I would like to thank Mr Jack Lewis for his work last term as acting team leader, while the school undertook the recruiting process. I would also like to thank Mr Adam Volmari for his work leading the year 5/6 team in term 1.

The kindergarten and year 1/2 staff began the term with the support of Ms Chris Topfer. Chris is highly respected educator, writer and presenter of early literacy learning. She is supporting our staff this year as a critical friend and coach to help improve the teaching and learning of early years literacy. While here, she is also providing professional learning around the teaching of spelling for all years. On Monday afternoon, staff enjoyed an interesting and informative session around the origins of words and how understanding word families can help improve our spelling. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of these sessions across the school.

As we return to the school and students are walking or riding to school, please take a moment to talk with your child about keeping themselves safe from strangers. As a school we will continue to do so as well as part of our ongoing social emotional learning sessions. The Directorate has asked all principals to remind communities of the importance of you and/or students reporting any unusual incidents or approaches immediately. Having conversations about protective behaviours, moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe play an important role in keeping children safe.

Schools and Education Support office continue to work with ACT Policing on issues as they arise. ACT Policing urge anyone who may have witnessed any incidents or have any information that could assist Police to contact Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000) or via <https://www.crimestoppers.com.au/>. If an incident has just occurred or is occurring, contact ACT Police on [131 444](tel:131444) or in an emergency [000](tel:000).

We have some key events coming up next week. The Athletics carnival is on Tuesday of week 2. We are unable to accept late permission notes at this stage as buses have been booked and rotations and staffing for the day organised. If you have children attending, please ensure that the blue medical form has been returned to the school as we are unable to take any student who does not have a current medical form.

Next Thursday is the P&C run Mother's Day stall. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about the joy of giving and enables students to take control of the selection of an inexpensive gift for mum's, grandmothers or carers. Thank you to the P&C for all their work.

Looking forward to a great term of learning ahead.

Felicity

Preschool News...

Preschool learning happens outside too!

Preschool educators carefully plan the outdoor learning environment to ensure a stimulating, interactive and educational program happens outside. Following are some of the planned activities and experiences currently taking place in the outdoor environment.

Dramatic Play The cubby house has been set up as Emergency Services.

Signs and pictures reflect that police, fire fighters and ambulance are part of the team. A fire engine has been set up with fire hoses and backpacks containing binoculars, sunglasses, mobile phones and tools. Inside the cubby are writing pads an incident book, pencils and pens. The emergency number of 000 is clearly displayed. Dress ups and hard hats complete this dramatic play area.

Writing/ Drawing At the craft table children have been colouring and writing to make their own emergency services lanyard.

Manipulating Focus In the sandpit a pirate boat has been created and treasure pieces (fake gold coins, coloured gem stones) buried in the sandpit for children to dig up and place in the treasure chest. In the dirt pit the children are enjoying using the new stainless steel, 'real' digging tools.

Gross Motor/ Ball Skills Children are learning to balance and kick a ball off a dome into a soccer goal. A circular obstacle course has a balance beam, jumping hurdles, a knotted rope to climb up a plank and a bean bag toss game.

Construction/ Loose parts Timber planks, shiny gems, natural pieces such as pine cones, sticks, stones and small farm animals are placed on a mat where children can build, design and create.

Imaginary Play A teddy bears picnic is set up on the fake grass area where children can role play, take turns and socialise. *When children play, they are developing their oral language and communication skills, curiosity, social and emotional skills, critical thinking, collaboration, literacy and numeracy skills. Quality play experiences (indoors and outdoors) for children will have a positive effect on children's academic and social outcomes in the future.*



Kidd and Neumann Cottage News...

We have had fantastic start to the term and it has been lovely chatting to our students after their holiday break.

We have reviewed our expectations for being safe and respectful learners and continue to celebrate how this looks in our Florey community.

During physical education sessions we have focused on being active, the importance of teamwork and having a go when participating with cooperative sports. We are proud of the way students are working collaboratively and respectfully with each other.

This week we continue to investigate different strategies to use with addition and subtraction in class. Students will begin another mathematics IExCel cycle focusing on these concepts next week.

We have used Reader's and Writer's Workshops to share new literature and notice interesting types of language features. In preparation for our next unit of science, students are sharing their ideas about light and sound. With the weather cooling down, please ensure that students have appropriate school uniform with a jumper to stay warm outside, their sunsmart hat, drink bottle and enough food for energy!

Worrell Cottage News...

Year 5/6 students have had a great start to term 2, jumping straight into their learning. We have been really impressed with most students and how quickly they have settled into the term.

In English students have been continuing to work on their persuasive writing, looking at different devices such as rhetorical questions, statistics and hyperbole to convince their audiences. Students have been looking at the reading strategy inferring and how this can be used during their reading. We talked about their 'schema' or their knowledge and understanding of a topic or subject and combined with clues from the text how this can help them make inferences – reading 'between the lines' of the text.

Students have been continuing their work on division and multiplication, exploring different strategies they can use to solve 3+ digit questions and word problems. The students have also been looking at angles. Students have been estimating, measuring, and comparing angles of different degrees. They have also begun using a protractor as an instrument for measuring angles.

Students have been finalising their integrated assessment pieces where they had to pick a certain time period that resulted in a lot of law reform and look at the impact this had on certain groups of people and legislation. This assessment item is due on **Friday week 1** and has required a significant amount of time, research and effort throughout term one to complete.

Students will then begin working on a creative narrative, taking on the persona of someone living during that time period and how it effected them.

Community Coordinator News...

If you and/or your children are interested in expanding your networks and getting involved in groups or clubs, you could go along to the Connect and Participate (CAP) Expo, this Saturday at the Kingston Markets site.

For more info go to <https://www.facebook.com/CAPEXpo>

A huge range of groups and clubs will be at one location on one day - from sport and recreation groups, to art, craft, music, leisure, cultural, performing arts, hobby, social and 'special interest' groups. There'll be live music, food stalls, demonstrations and activities with something to interest everyone.

For those with children under 5, you might be interested in a new program at Belconnen Library called 'Nourishing Little Minds', which puts a healthy spin on Wiggle and Giggle and Story Time.

For more information go to: <https://actnss.org/home/services/early-childhood/nourishing-little-minds/>

If you'd like to discuss these or other activities to get your children more involved in their community, contact Maureen, the Community Coordinator at FPS or email Maureen.howe@ed.act.edu.au

Choir News...

CHOIR STAGE PERFORMANCE: WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY

The Florey Junior choir really enjoyed the opportunity of leading the community song, "One Million Dreams" at the Week 9 assembly. However, they are even more excited about their first on stage performance which will be at the week 2 assembly next Wednesday. They have practiced 3 items to perform for you. The year 4 students will be accompanying one of the songs with the tuned percussion instruments. To do this they have volunteered to come to an extra practice at recess each Tuesday!

We are thrilled with the student's commitment to choir, with most students regularly attending practice sessions. They are coming together as a cohesive, connected group who are proud of what they are achieving.

Hoping to see you at our first official 2019 public performance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Penny on our email contacts below.

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P&C News...



Mothers Day Stall Thursday 9 May (Week 2)



The school P&C will be holding a
Mother's Day Stall
on Thursday 9 May 2019

Take the stress out of shopping and send some money in with your child to choose from the amazing array of gifts available. There will be gifts available to purchase ranging in price from \$2.00 - \$5.00

The students get great joy out of choosing something special for their loved ones themselves. At an appointed time during the day each class will visit the stall and they will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for mum/grandma/carer. There will also be an opportunity at lunchtime for children to purchase additional gifts if they wish to do so.

Volunteers - We are looking for volunteers to help at the stall on the day, so if you can spare any time we would love for you to join us, it's a great way to get involved and get to know other parents/carers.

Please send Tania an email to
floreyprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com to let me know your availability.

Information for Parents/Carers



ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety.*

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

BRICKS

@ The Woden School

Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

**SAT 11TH MAY 2019 9am – 4pm &
SUN 12TH MAY 2019 9am – 2pm**

127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$5.00/child, \$10.00/adult or \$20.00/family

For details go to <http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

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Scholastic Book Club – Issue 3

Book Club Issue 3 catalogues will be coming home this week.

Please complete your orders by Thursday 16 May.

You can place orders online (or send in the order form with cash) and your child's order will be delivered to their classroom, usually one or two weeks after ordering closes.

If you have any questions about book club at Florey Primary, please contact Holly Bidwell (hollybidwell@gmail.com)



The Canberra Region Rugby League are pleased to launch the Monarch Blues Tag Competition, a recreational junior mixed league tag competition.

The competitions which have five age divisions (U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's & U16's) will run for eight rounds beginning on Sunday 12 May.

The Monarch Blues Tag competition is an inclusive-style of Rugby League open to players from all backgrounds and abilities, with a focus on improving the players' fundamental skills – catching, passing and in-game communication.

To register for the Monarch Blues Tag Competition and for more information, please follow the link below.

<https://www.crrl.com.au/crrl-monarch-blues-tag-launch/>

Florey Primary School P&C is now selling 2019/2020 Entertainment Books for \$60.00 each, all money raised will go towards cooling for the school hall.

You can choose from a digital membership and have up to 4 devices connected or you can choose a paper book, these are now available at the front office.

You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting the school at the same time.

Please contact Sally if you have any questions, smsmundy@gmail.com or 0421 177 978.

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