

**Upcoming
Events.....**

2018

Term 1

Week 10

Fri 13 April
ANZAC
Assembly
9:30am

**Last Day of
Term 1**

Term 2

Mon 30 April
**FIRST Day of
Term 2**

Week 2

Wed 9 May
Assembly
1:50pm
Hosted by Kindy

Thurs 10 May
**Mothers Day
Stall**

Week 3

Mon 14 May
To
Fri 25 May

Yr 3 and 5
NAPLAN

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure to return after my 4 weeks as acting Director for School Improvement South/Weston. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Kelly Booker for Acting as Principal in my absence, Bernadette Allen for acting Deputy Principal and David Kemp for acting as School Leader C. During my time away, I had the opportunity to visit 18 schools within the South and Weston areas of Canberra and pick up some interesting ideas.

This week has been planning week. Each team has taken a day away from their classes to start the planning for Term 2. This time is vital to ensure consistency of programming across each year group. Staff will continue their planning and preparation during the holiday period.

Last Thursday we had the School Photo Day. Students did an excellent job listening to instructions and ensuring they looked their best. Photo's are currently being proofed by staff to ensure correct spelling of names and should be provided to families next term. I would like to thank Nikki K and Nikki B for their great work ensuring students were well presented in the official school uniform and that everything ran quickly and smoothly for the day.

Tomorrow we commemorate ANZAC Day with an ANZAC Day assembly. ANZAC Day falls during the holiday period and so we are commemorating the day prior to the holidays. The assembly will begin at 9:30 am sharp should you wish to join us. Thank you Louise Tomicic for organising the assembly.

The holiday period begins at 3:00pm tomorrow Friday 13 April and students return to school ready for learning at 9:00am Monday 30 April.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Felicity

Preschool News...

Preschool is so much fun! The children have been getting creative with craft and experimenting with different painting techniques. We are learning about ourselves and discovering what makes us special. The children have become more confident in sharing information about their interests and their families during group time experiences.

There have been so many special moments this term including a visit from Kenny Koala last week. The students enjoyed the visit, Kenny was so funny, everyone laughed so much! Kenny and his friend David talked to the children about safety when we go out to places like the shops with our family. The children all received a sticker at the end of the visit and before Kenny and David left we got to see the lights on their police car and hear the siren, it was very loud!



Bibby Cottage News...

What a busy term it has been in Kindergarten! We can't believe that we have been at school for 10 weeks already, we've been learning so much. We have settled into school well, and have been engaged in our lessons. During our literacy time, we have been learning about different letters and sounds, as well as focusing on our high frequency words. We were very fortunate to have a visit by leading literacy guru Christine Topfer who demonstrated different reading strategies during reading time. We have also been given some new resources, which are we looking forward to using.

In Science, we have been learning about what living things need to survive, and have been growing our own seeds. During Maths, we have been matching numbers and quantities, and identifying numbers 1-20.



While we are looking forward to the school holidays after such a busy term, we know that we can continue our learning at home, by practising our high frequency words and reading as often as we can. Our library day is Tuesdays, and we are encouraged to borrow a book when we can.

Looking forward to Term 2!

Kidd and Neumann Cottage News...

In 1/2 students have been extremely busy in all aspects of their learning. We have continued work in mathematics investigating directions, using maps to describe places and different ways to navigate. We have started to discuss graphing, how to represent information and why we do this. Students have used familiar situations (For example: favourite colours, places, food) to gather data and consider how to show their results. In Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop we have modelled how to use prosocial listening and discussion skills in collaborative work. This has included actively listening when others speak and asking relevant questions. We have used Think-Pair-Share and/or Turn and Talk as strategies to ensure everyone has the opportunity to contribute ideas and wonderings. Students have continued regular conferencing to set relevant learning goals and we are proud of a great term one. We hope all our students and families have a fantastic, restful and enjoyable break.

Best wishes and thanks - we look forward to next term!
Stacey, Mark, Kate, Aaron, Emilie, Helen and Sarah

Twelvrees and Summerville News...

In years 3 and 4 students have started the year getting their minds around persuasive writing. This has led to some very persuasive discussions and writing examples on weather "Cats are better than Dogs" or "If junk food should be sold at school". From these writing samples we have moved into our second IExCel cycle focused on persuasive writing.

In Maths we have been exploring the importance of place value. We then link this to addition and subtraction, which will lead into IExCel next term.

Homework has really taken off this term. We have been delighted to see the students engagement in exploring Australia in 1770. This has led to an ever increasing fleet of ships being constructed, inspired by Captain James Cook's ship the Endeavor. Other students have exported the different types of dress worn by Native Australians and sailors of the time, as well as our unique flora and fauna. We have even had the privilege of trying some food that was made using a recipe from that time period. Thank you to all the students and families for their efforts.

Yr 3/4 team

EAL/D News...



Thank you to the community participation for Harmony Day recently. To students and families who prepared assembly items, to parent helpers who contributed time and effort for the lunch in each unit, to teachers who prepared cultural immersion activities for classes and to students who were receptive to learning about Australia's cultural diversity. It was a special occasion.

We hope all families will enjoy the 2 weeks of school holidays. Visiting some of the national institutions in Canberra is a great family activity. You may like to visit the Australian War Memorial (<https://www.awm.gov.au/>), a special place to discover and explore stories about ANZAC Day.

See you in Term 2!
Sue and Bronwyn

Community News...

SCHOOL SPORTS TRIAL DATES 2018

Sport	Trial Date
12&U Belconnen Rugby League	5 April
Term 2	
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

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

Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 10 May
(Term 2 week 2)

The school P&C will be holding a
Mother's Day Stall
On Thursday 10 May 2018

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 \$1.50 - \$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.

Times would be from 9:10am - 11:10am and 11:20am - 1:20pm however, even an hour to volunteer would help.

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



Southwell Scout Group

Address – 11 Birkett Street Page ACT 2614

hop into
joey scouts

- Girls and boys aged 5 & 7
- Meet Tuesday nights 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Interested in coming and having a look.
- Contact our Leaders for more information
Wombat(Kathryn)
Roo(Liz) &
Kookaburra(Sally)
- Email – blueflyermob@gmail.com

**being a joey
scout is fun!**

Joey Scouts is the first Section of Scouts for boys and girls who are 5 and 7 years old. Joeys is a gentle introduction to a world of challenges and adventures through Scouting. Fun and friendship is the main aim.

"Thanks mum and dad for letting me be a Joey Scout. I've made lots of friends already and it's always so much fun!"