

11 Mar 2021

▶ **Principal's News Term 1 Week 6**

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to week 6. Congratulations to our students who were elected to the Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC meetings commenced last week and I am looking forward to talking more with these students about whole school initiatives. I am confident that they will all do a wonderful job of representing their fellow students and also promoting student initiated events across the school.

Lunch Time Clubs

Our lunchtime clubs are proving very popular and provide opportunities for students to come together to socialise, have fun and perhaps learn new skills at break times. It was great to see students enjoying the water colour club facilitated by Miss Cottam and Ms Cheney just recently. Other clubs include Gardening, Chess, Choir, Drawing, Aerobics, Lego Masters, Basketball and Skipping. We are looking forward to working more as a staff and hearing from our students regarding future clubs they may be interested in.

P&C News

It was fantastic to see some new and familiar faces at our P&C (Parents and Citizens) AGM (Annual General Meeting) last week. Congratulations to Mr Ben Halliday who has been elected as our 2021 P&C President. Congratulations also to all new P&C executive and committee members. To Ms Kylie Adams, our departing P&C President, my sincere thanks for all of your hard work and dedication over the past three years. Also, to other departing P&C members, executive and committee, my appreciation for all that you have contributed to Florey PS. I look forward to working alongside the 2021 P&C as they continue to establish a positive partnership with the school that supports a solution focussed approach. P&C meetings are a great way to catch up with other members of our community, giving parents and carers the opportunity to offer feedback and have input into school initiatives. We look forward to seeing even more parents and carers at our next meeting, Tuesday 23 March (Week 8).

English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)

Recently, Census Day was undertaken across the Education Directorate. This provides an opportunity to look at school information about our enrolment patterns and reflect on how Florey PS families from around the world enrich our community. We are proudly multicultural at Florey Primary. Currently 193 students meet the criteria for English as an Additional Dialect or Language EAL/D learner, 74 of these students were born overseas and approximately 57 languages are spoken within our Florey school community. Our amazing teachers support these young people to acquire cultural information as well as a new language. We know that developing a strong sense of belonging and experiencing language in context supports all students to thrive. Parents and carers are partners in supporting our students. The ACT Education Directorate's EAL/D census supports the allocation of resources across the system to enable all students to access a quality education in our schools. Each year, EAL/D learners are assessed to identify literacy and learning outcomes. Not every student who has another language is identified as an EAL/D learner because they may be proficient in using English. Where additional support is required, we provide targeted intervention and adjustments for learning. If you would like to learn more about Florey PS's approach to support EAL/D learners, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our EAL/D teachers, Ms Sue Amundsen and Ms Katy Jolly. Please keep watch for more information about our Harmony Day celebrations happening next week.

We will also be notifying parents and carers about our Assembly dates and times for each year level. We are planning to commence these face to face event celebrations in term 2. We are all very excited about this!

Kind regards

Meegan Stuart

Warning—Death Cap Mushrooms...

Death Cap mushroom warning – what to do if you find them on school grounds

Death Cap mushrooms have recently been found in the ACT. Since 2002, there have been four deaths and several poisonings in the ACT due to Death Cap mushrooms. It is difficult to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms. For this reason, the Health Protection Service strongly advises that people do not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.

Please [read the letter to principals \(202 kb PDF\)](#), share the advice with families and follow the recommendations about what to do if you find Death Cap mushrooms growing on school grounds.

Contact Health Protection Service on 02 5124 9700.

Reminder: Changes to Australia's National Anthem

On 1 January 2021 the words to Australia's National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair, were changed. The second line has been amended from 'for we are young and free' to 'for we are one and free'. This change was made by proclamation of the Governor-General, on advice from the Commonwealth Government. Please remember to observe this change during all school events where the anthem is played.

Visit Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet website for protocol advice on using the National Anthem and [National Anthem resources](#).

Contact School Operations on 02 620 53313 or schooloperations@act.gov.au.

Preschool News...

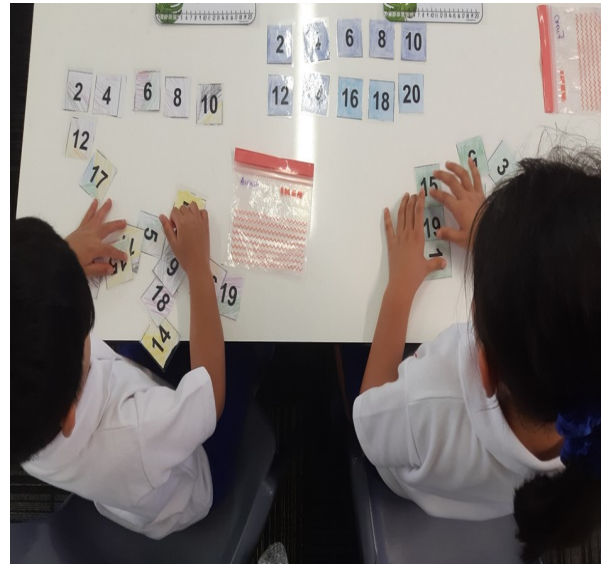
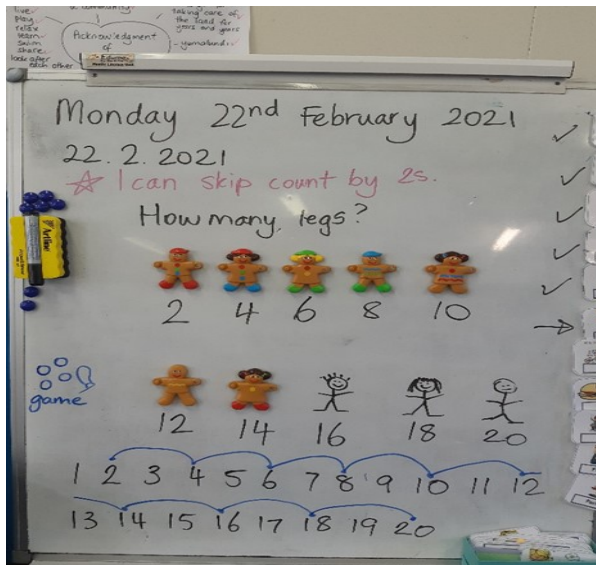
Preschool is so much fun! The children have been getting creative with craft and experimenting with different painting techniques, such as using toy monster truck tyres, shaving cream, water colours, their fingers and printing. We are learning about ourselves and discovering what makes us special. The children have become more confident in sharing information during group time experiences.

Our dramatic play spaces have been extremely popular during inside and outside investigations. Dramatic play supports creativity, imagination and developing language and communication skills. Through role play, the children often talk from the perspective of their pretend role or character. During outdoor play, our emergency services workers rescue puppies and kittens from the trees, put out fires and place people under arrest. In our animal hospital our veterinarians x-ray injured animals, place bandages on broken limbs and administer medication.



Year 1/2 Kidd & Neumann Cottage...

The 1/2 students have been establishing routines for everyday reading and writing during our literacy time. This includes individual reading time, small group work and interactive writing sessions. We have been proud of their mature attitudes and respectful discussions within our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) sessions. We established expectations for working together and ways to do this respectfully in many different classroom spaces. We have continued to keep fit with dancing and physical education sessions. Students are building their cooperative skills when working with others and are encouraged to demonstrate fair play in game situations. In Mathematics, we've been learning all about skip counting. We've practised counting by 10s on and off the decade. We've practised counting by 5s. We've also used gingerbread men to skip count by 2s – we counted their legs! It's been lots of fun and left us asking ourselves: What else can we skip count by 2s?



Emma Abundo, Juliet Christie, Jude Forsyth, Trees Williams, Amelia Cheney, Alys Humphrey, Tessa Morrow

School/ Banking

Last day for School Banking will be
Wednesday 31st March



Scholastic Book Club- Issue 2

Hi everyone, book club orders will be due by Friday 19 March 2021. Please note that orders are online only.
Thank you.

Rosanna Kay- rosannav90@live.com.au

Harmony Week

Week 7 15– 19 March



Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate the diverse cultural backgrounds of our students at Florey.

There is a note that has been send home to all families at Florey PS regarding Harmony Day. Activities span the week of the 15– 19 March and we would like everyone to participate in some way. Please complete the form on the back of the note and return it to the front office or your class teacher.



On Friday 19 March, the students are invited to wear their cultural dress or orange– the official colour of Harmony Day.

Harmony Day Lunch

All children will bring their own multicultural lunch box on Harmony Day.

This food is **not for sharing**. Due to COVID 19 we are still under restrictions regarding the sharing of food. The canteen will take lunch orders for Harmony day but please ensure you do that in advance.

Volunteers in the canteen during Harmony Week would be most appreciated.



Harmony Week Assemblies

Due to COVID 19 we will have two assemblies this year to celebrate Harmony Day.

Please ring the front office and book a place as there are restricted numbers in the hall. Both assemblies will be the same so please just book in for one assembly. Please ensure you adhere to social distancing requirements while on the school site.

Thursday: 18 March

9:30 – 10:30 Senior Assembly Years 3 – 6

Friday: 19 March

1:45 – 2:45 Junior Assembly Years K—2



Canteen News...

Snack Shack News...

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Hello everyone,

We are very excited to be hosting our first disco for 2021 tomorrow! The theme is **CRAZY HAIR** and as always this is just a suggestion. Please don't feel the need to buy anything extra for the theme, get creative and just use what you have on hand at home! Pre orders have now closed, please feel free to come and chat to Lisa in the canteen if you have any questions. We are using the Check in Canberra QR scanning code system for parents of preschool attendees on the night, we will be on hand to help you with this. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help on the night, cannot wait to see you all there.

The canteen will be offering a selection of additional menu items to help celebrate Harmony day next week. These choices will be added to Flexischools on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week only. Get in quick before they sell out!

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 1

WEEK 7

15/03/2021 to 19/03/2021

Monday 15/03/2021

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Tuesday 16/03/2021

AM - SAMANTHA

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 17/03/2021

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - REBECCA

Thursday 18/03/2021

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - STEVIE

Friday 19/03/2021

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - STEVE

Parent Roster Term 1

WEEK 8

22/03/2020 to 26/03/2021

Monday 22/03/2021

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Tuesday 23/03/2021

AM - SAMANTHA

PM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

Wednesday 24/03/2021

AM - YODIT

PM - REBECCA

Thursday 25/03/2021

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - STEVIE

Friday 26/03/2021

AM - VOLUNTEER WELCOME

PM - SARAH

Florey Primary School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Monday 22 March 2021

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact