

**24 Mar 2022**

## ▶ Deputy Principal's News Term 1 Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Harmony Week everybody! Harmony Week is one of my favourite times in a school, as it is a time for us to all come together and celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Although we do work with our students throughout the year around these areas, it is nice to have a big event each year to celebrate. Thank you to Sue Amundson, Katy Jolly and the Harmony Week team for organising a range of activities for our students and families. I have spoken with some students around what they have learnt or enjoyed about Harmony Week and here are some of their responses:

"I'm wearing orange for Harmony Day." *Charlie Preschool Kangaroos*

"We care about people." *Nicholas KEW*

"We sang a song about all the kids around the world." *Deesha 1EB*

"We teach people about our countries. I am from Pakistan." *Aafia 1RC*

"We made flags from different countries." *Skye and Cara 1JC*

"We have been learning songs." *Logan and Moez 2HE*

"We had two pieces of paper and wrote about food and music that we like and where they come from." *Safaia 3/4 CB*

"We have been learning a song called 'Count on Me'." *Jai 3/4 EA*

"All the different cultures come together to celebrate." *Isabella 5/6 JZ*



### **Term 1 COVID Plan Update**

Last week schools received an updated Term 1 COVID plan with some easing of restrictions coming into place for our students and staff. We are currently working through this document and what it will mean for us at Florey and will provide you some updates shortly. One thing we are very excited about are the conversations taking place around excursions for Term 2, including Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, so watch this space!

### **ACT School Sport Trials**

ACT School Sport have upcoming trials for students interested in being selected for the ACT Primary Tennis Day (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May) and the ACT 12&u Golf (9<sup>th</sup> May). If you are interested in finding out more information or would like to enter your child, please contact the school at admin@floreyps.act.edu.au

### **Wellbeing Team**

At Florey Primary School, student needs (academic/wellbeing) are monitored and maintained through a range of avenues. Students with more significant needs are referred to the wellbeing team. The wellbeing team consists of myself, Helen, our School Psychologist and Maureen, our Community Coordinator. During these meetings, the classroom teacher, Team Leader and relevant support staff working with the student, share with the wellbeing team the reason for referral, current strategies in place to support the student and current stakeholder involvement, including any external agencies. Together, the group develops a list of next step actions to support the child's development and contact the parents and carers as necessary. Please feel free to reach out to the wellbeing team if you believe your child requires additional support by calling the front office on 61422730.

Hope everyone has a safe and harmonious weekend.

Kind regards,  
Amy Czoban

# 2023 online enrolments for preschool to College

Do you have a child who is turning 4 by April 30 2023?

Preschool enrolments are open day 1 Term 2.

If your child is in year 6 this year then you will need to enrol them for high school.

- 26 April 2022 (6:00am) - online enrolment opens
- 3 June 2022 (11:59pm) - enrol by this date to receive an offer from 25 July 2022
- Applications made after 4 June will receive an offer later in the year.

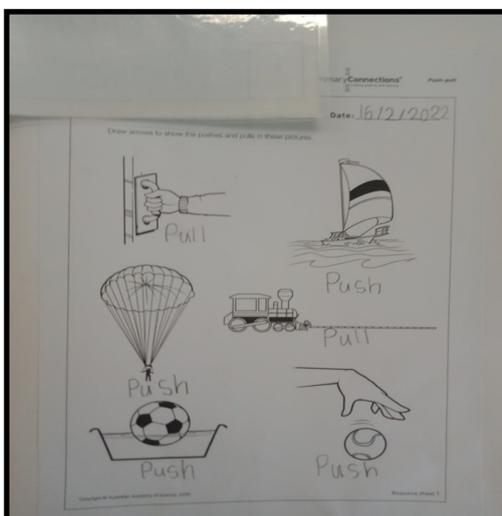
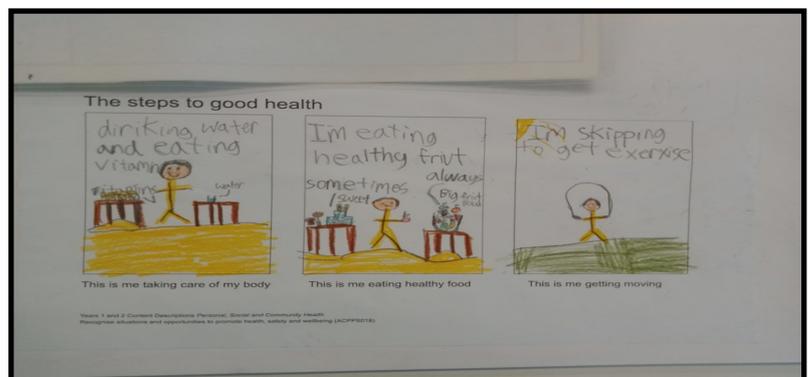
Please follow the link below :)

<https://www.education.act.gov.au>

## Year 2 News...

### Health

In Health, students have been learning different ways of staying healthy. These have included how to take care of their body, what healthy food to eat, and how to keep moving. Students identified a variety of healthy foods, and how they support their body to live a healthy lifestyle. Students have been learning the reasons why exercise is another great way to stay healthy. They have been enjoying gross motor activities and other PE games to maintain their daily exercise regime.



### Science

In Science, students have been learning the different types of forces, how they work and how to identify them. Students have been conducting a variety of experiments and tasks to predict how these forces are applied to a variety of situations. They have been writing to explain their observations and wonderings through formal experiment write-ups and informal note taking.

Paul Campbell, Katrina Livanes, Hayley Eaton, Allison Hopkinson, Mathew Bailey

## Year 5/6 News...



Classes in year 5/6 have been busy working away this term, we can't believe the term is almost over. Below are just a few of the highlights so far!

Students have been working on narrative writing this term. We have been building our understanding of the structure of narratives, as well as the impact a 'sizzling start' can have on engaging the reader of our stories. We have also been looking at using effective similes, metaphors, personification, and onomatopoeia to enhance our writing. We have developed individual writing goals that we focus on during lessons to improve our work.

During science lessons, we have been working on understanding electrical circuits and creating these in classrooms. We have been building our knowledge of the basic components needed for these to work, which include wires, a battery, and a light bulb. Teachers have set challenges to see how many light bulbs we can get working, as well as designing and building more complex circuits that include switches. We will also be understanding what conductors and insulators are in the coming weeks.

During this unit, we have also been building our understanding of how torches and lightbulbs work, with a focus on creating accurate labelled diagrams of these objects, and understanding the many different materials lightbulbs are made from.

In Geography, we are about to begin our independent assignment which we will be working on during the coming weeks. We will all be choosing a country that we will research and then begin to create a Google Site demonstrating our research skills, and knowledge of what we have learned.

Thanks for reading!

Jack Lewis, Tracey Croucher, Andrew Glover, Jonathan Zalunardo



## PBL and Zones of Regulation News

The Zones of Regulation is a social-emotional learning curriculum, used to teach children self-regulation and emotional understanding. During term 1, classes across the school have been broadening students' vocabulary for identifying emotions and how they feel, establishing emotional check-in routines, developing strategies toolboxes to manage varying emotional states and supporting self-regulation when needed.



All classes have setup ClassDojo for both PBL positive acknowledgment and parent communication. Many classes have already had class reward time for reaching an agreed class total. This reward time could be a PE session, art session, games time or a movie. Please make sure that you have connected as a parent or carer to ClassDojo, for regular messages from the class teacher and posts about the classes learning. Contact your class teacher for more information and to get a sign-up link.



# Happy Harmony Day!

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

## Harmony Day

We have had many families provide videos to share during Harmony Week. The videos are a wonderful reflection of the diversity in our school community and we thank you for your contribution to such an important event.



Florey Primary will have activities throughout this week and a special online presentation on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March within the school.

A note was sent home to all families at Florey Primary School regarding Harmony Day. Activities span the week of the 21 - 25 March and we would like everyone to participate in some way. If you haven't already completed the Harmony Day form, please complete it and return it to your class teacher.

## **These videos have been provided by Bambie ( mother of Oliver in Year 1)**

For the Harmony Day event, we would like to share some videos that I have made for the Vietnamese bilingual story time with ACT Libraries.

- Sandcastle (6 minutes): <https://vimeo.com/555528413>
- What is Tet/ lunar new year (~8 minutes)? - <https://vimeo.com/librariesact>
- Tet craft (~5 minutes)- <https://vimeo.com/librariesact> (from 1:10 if you already watch 'What is Tet?' as the introduction is identical in both videos).

## New Families

Welcome to all the new families who have joined us at Florey Primary School!

## Community Connections

We will be holding online meetings with parent/carer groups during Week 9. We apologise for the changes for these meetings. We hope to see you, online, at the meetings. The Google Meet link will be emailed to you before the meetings.



## Hats

Please remember that all students at Florey are required to wear a **SunSafe hat** when they play outside. This is a SunSafe measure and is for the protection of your children. If they do not have a hat they will be asked to play in a specific area. Please write your child's name in their hat.



Sue Amundsen and Katy Jolly EAL/D team

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE! SAUSAGE SIZZLE! SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**

The canteen will be hosting a sausage sizzle on the last day of term 1 **FRIDAY 8 APRIL**. An order form will be sent home to families this week. Cost per sandwich is \$3 with all money raised to be fed directly into the canteen to help with purchase of stock. There will be no other food options available on that day, so please remember to pack recess for your children. You will also be able to purchase your sausage sandwiches on Flexischools. This does take a little while to set up online however, so keep checking! Cut off day for purchase is **WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL**.

Lisa would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding in regards to the canteen being closed for a short while recently. She is looking forward to getting back to business!

It's been great to see new families putting in lunch orders and we really hope that you continue to do so. The canteen has quite a few items that can be purchased at recess time for as little as \$1. By giving your child the opportunity to purchase something on their own from the canteen helps to keep us operating and it also builds their confidence in decision making. A few of our items for \$1 or less are – **POPCORN 50c, PINEAPPLE 50c, PIKELET 50c, CHEESE STICK \$1, HASH BROWN \$1** and a few others. Please think about popping a dollar in their pockets to spend at the canteen.

Please consider volunteering in the canteen! The canteen provides an easy and nutritious way to have your child's belly full and their minds ready for learning! It's also a great place to connect with other parents within the school community and oftentimes leads to great friendships. Please contact our canteen manager Lisa at [canteenfps@gmail.com](mailto:canteenfps@gmail.com) for further details.

Our menu is available on the school website [www.floreyeps.act.edu.au](http://www.floreyeps.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.

<b>END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 8TH APRIL</b>	
NAME : _____	
CLASS : _____	
1 x <b>Beef</b>	1 x <b>Halal</b>
1x <b>Vegetarian</b>	1 x <b>Chicken</b>
<b>\$3.00 per sausage</b>	
THE CANTEEN <b>WILL BE CLOSED</b> FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.	
Orders <u>must</u> be returned to school in a sealed envelope with your child's <b>name &amp; class/year clearly marked</b> by Wednesday 6th of April. <b>No orders will be accepted after this date</b> due to catering restrictions.	

## Before and after school care...

At Florey OSHC program, the children take leadership roles in organising game activities.

Some of our seniors talk about taking responsibilities at group time when it comes to pack up and cleaning up the environment. All the children work together as a team to tidy up the different environments at the end of day.

At our program children enjoy making some amazing creations with slime. The children also participate in different sports such as basketball & cricket, riding scooters and a multitude of other inside activities, such as construction with Lego, painting, colouring in and reading.

We introduced the students to Mardi Gras! We set up the table with the green, yellow and purple colours and asked the students what they could make. The children also continued their hand at learning about aboriginal culture, aboriginal symbols and art forms.

Last week we began introducing the children to indigenous art, history and culture! This was introduced through the way of the colours of the aboriginal flag and what it symbolises, the way each part of life has a story to tell and how the building of peer relationships is key to any life.

We achieved the last point through; the differentiation of yarning circles in the morning with the focus of encouraging responsible, respectful and honest interactions between the children, providing a safe place to be heard and to respond, and the promotion of interactions from children from as young as pre-school to year 6!

Our School holiday program enrolments are now open. Please contact us at [csat@crs.com.au](mailto:csat@crs.com.au) or by calling 02 6264 0200.

