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▶ Deputy Principal's News Term 4 Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year and another unusual year at that!

Graduations

The Preschool and Year 5/6 teaching teams are busy preparing for graduations which will be taking place in Week 10 for our Pre-schoolers and Week 11 for our Year 6s. Graduations are always such an important and special moment as they signify an important next step in a child's life. We are looking forward to welcoming family members onsite to help us share in these special moments and although these numbers will be limited due to COVID restrictions, we have a plan to share these with our extended family community. More information around these ceremonies will be coming out soon, so watch this space!

New Students- Information and Orientation Sessions

We are also busy planning information and orientation sessions for our new students starting in 2022. With COVID restrictions currently in place, these will look a bit different with online information sessions and after school tours being organised. We are very excited to have so many new students starting with us in 2022. We have 14 new Kindergarten students and 10 new students ranging from Years 1-6. I know our students will make them feel very welcome when they start next year!

End of Year Reports

Teachers are currently finalising End of Year reports. Thursday/Friday Preschool groups reports will be sent home with the students on Friday 10 December and Monday/Tuesday Preschool groups reports will be sent home with students on Monday 13 December. Kindergarten to Year 6 reports will be sent via email on Monday 13 December. Please note that not all reports are sent at the same time and there is a staggered delivery throughout Monday. If you do not receive your child's report by Tuesday 14 December, please contact the school. Please contact the front office if you would prefer not to receive the A-E component of the report. Please also contact the front office to update your preferences if you require an additional copy of the report.

Cyber Safety

Last Friday our year 5/6 students participated in an eSafety session with a facilitator from the ACT Education Directorate to further develop their knowledge and skills to be safe digital citizens. The facilitator was impressed with the engagement from our students and commented on how their responses were insightful and captured the content delivered. She provided some data to the school from the session which will be useful in planning further conversations and lessons around this topic. Please find attached an *eSafety Parent Guide to Cyberbullying and Online Drama* resource which aims to support families understand how to talk to their child/young person and respond to cyberbullying. Below are some links to webinars and further information for parents/carers to access. If you have any concerns in relation to Cyber Safety, we encourage you to please reach out to your child's classroom teacher for support.



<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/online-safety-basics>

Please remember to notify the school if your child is in Preschool to Year 5 and is NOT returning in 2022. You can do this by contacting the front office or using the link below-

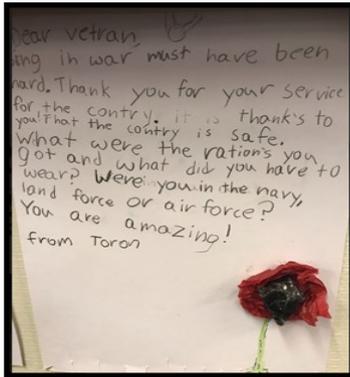
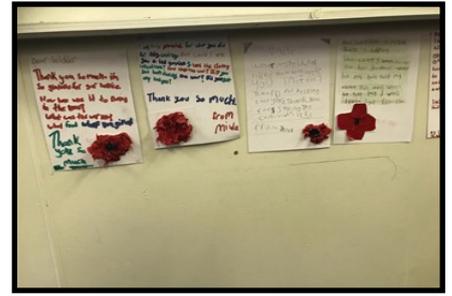
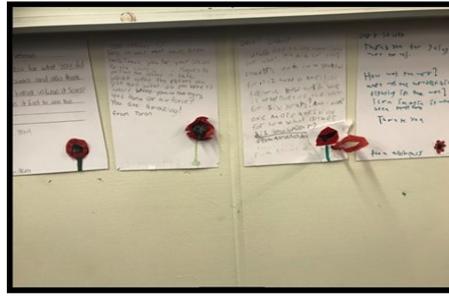
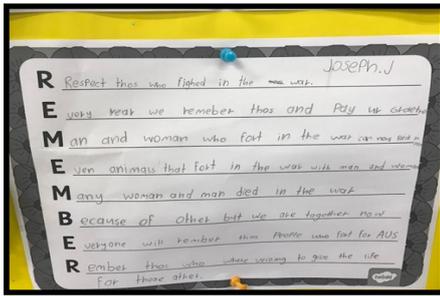
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I hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Amy Czoban

Year 3/4 News...

Year 3/4 celebrated Remembrance Day by writing some creative letters and poems. This continues their learning about writing to socialise and in a variety of different ways.



Paul, Emillie, Mathew, Stephanie and Dahlia

Year 5/6 News...

With the 2021 school year winding down, excitement is building for our year 6 students who are so close to graduating primary school. Preparations are in full swing for graduation ceremonies, as well as an enjoyable dinner and disco to celebrate their achievements. Families will be receiving invitations and detailed information about the graduation ceremonies on Monday 29 November.

Even though the fun is coming, we've still been working hard in class building our knowledge in a range of areas. All classes spent the past few weeks focussing on fractions, mainly learning and consolidating their skills to add and subtract them. We're now moving on to percentages and learning how to identify a percentage of a number, then how to take it away from the total. With Christmas around the corner this will come in handy with all of the sales being advertised!

In English, the focus has been on using quality literature and exploring many parts of a book, not just reading it. We have explored synonyms, repetition, similes and metaphors and how they create vivid images for the reader as well as add depth and detail to writing.

We were also lucky to be part of an online eSafety webinar, where our students were presented with strategies to ensure they can remain safe online. As technology becomes more and more involved in education, students are engaging online more than ever, and it is essential they understand how to stay safe and how to report any issues.



Mariam, Jack, Sam, Lisa, Chelsea and Jonathan

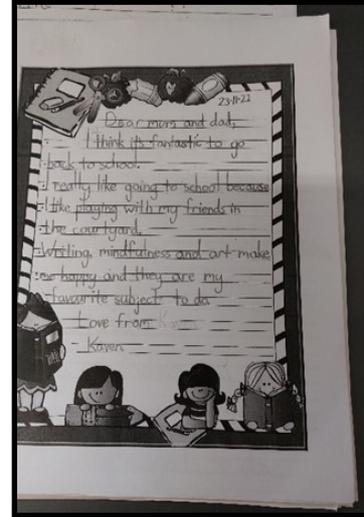
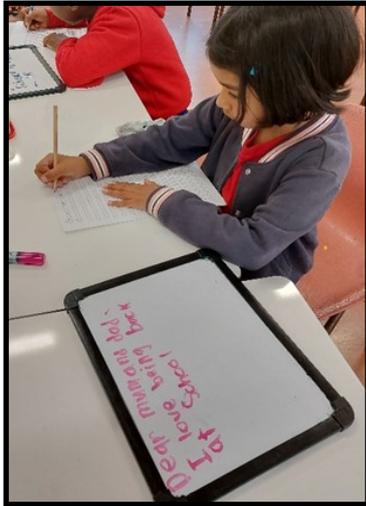
EAL/D News...

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4!

The children in the 1 / 2 EAL/D class have been learning how to write letters.

The children have written a first draft, an edited copy and then produced a published letter that will come to your home in the mail.

We hope that you enjoy reading the letters.



Community Connections:

We are currently meeting with parents and carers to discuss transitions from Preschool to Kindergarten and Year 6 to Year 7.

Please watch for email notifications for online meetings.

If you would like to discuss your child's transition and haven't received a meeting invite please contact me on the email provided below.

Learning at Home

The Seesaw activities will be open for you to access for 12 months. Please continue to use the Seesaw Library to access more activities when you need to. Seesaw is a great resource for the school holiday period. Please feel free to access the activities over this time.

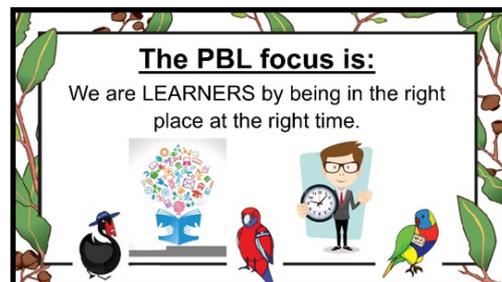
Katy and I will include additional activities for the holiday period.

Sue Amundsen

Sue.amundsen@ed.act.edu.au

Katy Jolly (EAL/D Teacher)

PBL News...



Over the past few weeks, students across the school have been following our new routines and procedures around hygiene, break times and cohorting within the school. It has been nice to see students spending lots of time with friends within their own year level at break times.

Important lessons have continued to happen in classrooms to ensure our COVID-19 hygiene procedures are being followed by all students to ensure we are keeping ourselves and one another safe at school.

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to hand out tokens on the playground, instead teachers are giving Dojo points to students during break times for being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and a LEARNER. These points all add up to individual, or whole class rewards times within classes.

Canteen News...

Snack Shack News...

Save Time! Order Online! - www.flexischools.com.au

Hello everyone,

At present the canteen is still only permitted to supply lunch for your children. We would like to thank families for popping in an order online and just to remind families that you can also pay cash for orders. Simply write out what your child would like, place money inside a bag (snap lock bags are fine too) and get your child to drop it into their classroom lunch tubs. We are working hard on organising a delivery option for recess orders as well.

As we move closer to the end of the year, we will be running down our stock levels. As always we will endeavour to supply what your child has ordered, however sometimes an alternative may need to be offered. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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. We use www.flexischools.com.au for our online ordering component and we also accept cash payments at the counter.

Time to update Details

Have your contact details changed? If your answer is "yes"

you must let us know of your change of details. It is very important that you are contactable.

Please email the office or go on the website to do this. If your address has changed we also need proof of this. A lease agreement, utility bill.

Or

Download the florey App on your phone, It's EASY!! It's FREE!!!!

You can contact the school with an absence or organise a meeting with your child's teacher just to name a few options.

