

▶ **Principal's News** **Term 1 Week 9**

1 April 2021

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the final week of term 1. It has certainly been a busy term of learning with many highlights and special events including the Swimming Carnival, Water Fun Day, Harmony Day Celebrations and the P&C Disco to name just a few. My thanks to all of the amazing staff at Florey Primary School who work with such dedication to support our students to work towards and achieve their learning goals each and every day. Also, to all in our community who give their time to support our young people in many different ways and across different events, thank you, we simply could not do it without you.

This week, we were very fortunate to have a visit by Yvette Berry MLA, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Education and Youth Affairs. Minister Berry spoke with some of our senior students (years 3-6) to hear first-hand about their ideas for the Florey community oval. The students that spoke with the Minister were: Charlotte C, Hannah D, Aahan B, Csilla K, Jack O, Zoe C and Sadhu W from year 3/4. Chloe W, Maya H, Harvey M, Shaun D, Raffity B, Clara D, Caelan A, Kira B, Amelia W, Chenelle G, Deakon L, Akram E, Isaac C, Olivia L and Christie W were the students from year 5/6. The Minister also viewed some of their inspirational oval design work. The visit also provided staff with the opportunity to share their thoughts on the possible uses for this space. My thanks to all who made this successful visit possible. I look forward to sharing the outcomes of this visit throughout the remainder of the year. I have included samples on page 2 of this newsletter.

I was delighted to hear that the following students have been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensemble in 2021. Congratulations to the following:

Primary Concert Choir

Amy P, year 4
Sadhu W, year 4
Hana K, year 6
Olivia L, year 6
Disha P, year 6

Primary Concert Band

Eamon B, year 6 and Ollie M, year 6

I know that you will all do an incredible job representing Florey PS.

Wishing everyone in our community a safe and happy break. I hope you all have time to relax and recharge with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all when students return to school on Monday 19 April, for the commencement of Term 2. Until then, take care.

Kind regards
Meegan Stuart
Principal



Enrolment processes for 2022

When can I enrol for the 2022 school year?

Online enrolments for the 2022 school year will open from 6am on Tuesday 27 April 2021. This is for all students from Preschool to Year 12.

Enrolment applications made between 27 April 2021 and 4 June 2021 will receive an offer from 26 July 2021. This will provide you with ample time to submit your application before 4 June to be included in the initial round of offers. Applications made after 4 June will receive their offers later in the year.

Every child from Kindergarten to Year 12 is guaranteed a place at their local public school, regardless of when you apply.

My child is attending preschool this year. Do I have to submit an online enrolment application for them to attend kindergarten next year?

Preschoolers will be automatically enrolled into kindergarten for the following year where they attend preschool at their local Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) primary school or an Early Childhood School.

Students attending preschool outside their primary school PEA may need to submit a new enrolment application for kindergarten in the following year, which will be assessed based on the relevant enrolment criteria for the school's kindergarten.

The need for you to submit an application for kindergarten in 2022 will have been advised in a letter or email from your current school when you received your preschool offer of enrolment.

If you received a letter or email like this from your current school for your preschool 2021 enrolment offer, then you will need to complete a new Online Enrolment Form for your child for kindergarten in 2022. Please check with your current school if you are unsure what to do.

Regardless of where you attend preschool, you are guaranteed a kindergarten place at your PEA school.

Mothers Day Stall Thursday 6 May (Week 3)

The school P&C will be holding a

***Mother's Day Stall
on Thursday 6 May 2021***

[Details to follow](#)

EALD News...

Welcome to Levi and Dinora!

We have one student returning to Florey and one student who will be new to Florey. Welcome back Dinora!

Welcome to Florey Levi! They are having their transition days from the Introductory English Centre this week and will join us in Term 2.

Harmony Week:

Year 5 / 6 worked on a piece of writing for Harmony Week. The students wrote about the events of Harmony Week and then presented their writing to the group.

Here are two of the pieces:

Topic: Harmony Week is an important part of the culture of Florey Primary School

I agree that Harmony Week is an important part of the Florey culture.

At Florey we have a cultural parade because it is an opportunity to show people our cultural dress. During Harmony Week Year 6 students are selected to be group leaders for the rotation activities. Students in their groups learn about different cultures around the world as they move through the activities.

We also have an assembly during Harmony Week. At the assembly students in our school perform dances and songs from their culture. Some of my friends did a dance from their culture. This is an opportunity for students to show everyone their culture.

Harmony Week is an important part of Florey culture because it shows students what happens with other cultures.

Sofie

I agree that Harmony week is an important part of the Florey culture.

At Florey we do a parade in Harmony Week to show our cultural dress. If you don't have something to relate to your culture you can wear orange.

During Harmony Week people are selected to lead groups. They then rotate through the activities. The point of the activities is that you learn where your friends are from and about their different cultures.

There were two Harmony Week assemblies this year. One for the senior students and one for the junior students. We had two assemblies because of Covid 19. The assemblies give students and families the opportunity to showcase their culture.

Harmony Week is an important part of Florey culture. It gives everyone an opportunity to show their culture and learn about new cultures through dance, song, and different activities.

Lance

Community Connections:

Parents and carers please put this meeting date in your calendar. Look out for the note coming home in Term 2.

Meeting 1: When: Thursday Week 5 Term 2 (20 May)
Time: 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Holidays:

There are packs of books available for home reading with your children during the holidays. Please come and get one at drop off and pick up times this week.

It is a short term and students will finish on Thursday of this week, Week 9. They will return to school on the 19 April. Please take care if you are travelling away from Canberra and have a happy and safe holiday.

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