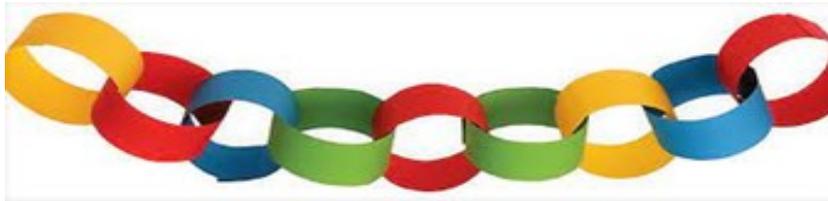


2 June 2022

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Term 2 Week 6

Dear Parents and carers



National Reconciliation Week is Friday 27 May to Friday 3 June. The Education Directorate encourages the celebration of National Reconciliation Week 2022 with the 'Be Brave. Make Change.' message. It is an opportunity for all of us to be brave and take actions toward reconciliation, so that we can make change for the benefit of all Australians.

My thanks to the Cultural Integrity team at Florey PS who have organised important and meaningful activities for our students, staff and the wider community. My sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms Belinda Saptieski, Ms Yulia Rachmawati, Ms Holly Betts, Ms Emily Whittle, Ms Kate Moskal, Ms Sue Amundsen, Ms Emma Bliss, Ms Rachel Powell, Ms Christina Bowman, Ms Alicia Barratt, Mr Drew Glover and to all other staff and community members involved in making this week so significant.

The whole school reading of 'Sorry Day' by Coral Vass and Dub Leffler on National Sorry Day, 26 May, was followed by whole class reflections, discussions and written messages to share feelings on this day. These messages created our whole school paper chain. Other Reconciliation Week activities include Indigenous Sport Games and a Walk on Country and Nature Art to understand the importance of caring for land, treating it with respect, and appreciating all that it provides. Beading/Bracelet Making and a writing activity focusing on 'What are you grateful for on Ngunnawal land?', will allow our students to create and to write about what they are most grateful for on Ngunnawal land and pledge their action to protect country. In playing our part in reconciliation, we can work towards collectively building relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

The ACT Government is supporting all ACT public schools to hold two staff planning days during Term 2. These days will provide teachers with additional time to complete analysis of assessment data, moderation of work samples, student reporting and lesson planning. Our first staff planning day was this week on Wednesday 1 June. Our second planning day will be on Tuesday 7 June 2022. Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. Please confirm via phone on 6142 2730 or email admin@floreyyps.act.edu.au if your child will be attending school on these days. If you have any further questions about our staff planning days, please contact the school.

Finally, a warm shout out to our amazing Florey PS P&C. The P&C are working hard to build connections with all of our families. Keep watch for the opportunity to meet and mingle, coming soon with weekend events being planned. We resume our face to face P&C meetings, commencing on Tuesday evening, 14 June, 7:15pm at school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards

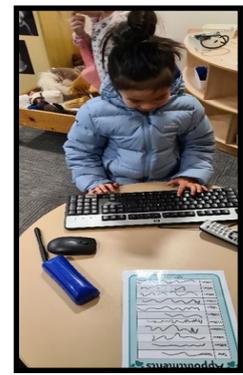
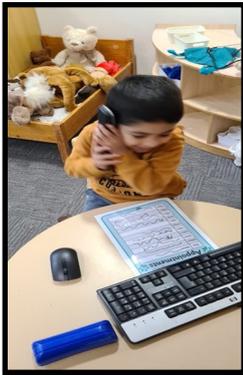
Meehan Stuart
Principal

Preschool News...

The Preschool groups really enjoyed watching Magic Craig from The Nutrition Magician! We had so much fun laughing at all his magic tricks and jokes, as well as learning all about using our manners and kind words when we speak to our friends, families and teachers.



We have also been incorporating our literacy learning into new areas of play. We have a Vet Office set up for our home corner, and the children have been enjoying role playing as vets, nurses and customers (with their furry patients!) This has been a great opportunity to practice authentic writing by noting down appointments, typing in pet names on the computer and writing doctor charts.



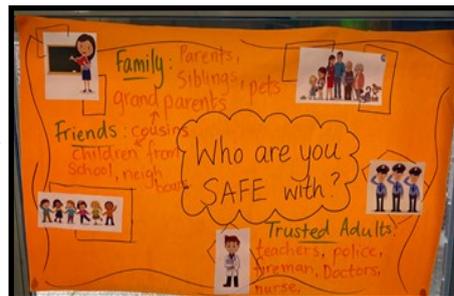
Belinda Saptiski, Belinda Mills and Kathleen Marie.

Kindergarten News...

In Kindergarten we have been developing our writing skills by focussing on our individual writing goals each time we complete a writing task. Before writing, each student is reminded of their writing goal through discussion with the teacher. The writing goal stickers on our pages are also a great way to remember our goal! This week we were excited to write about our favourite activity from our weekly gross motor sessions. Look at the amazing writing we are producing!



Our Term Two Health program is all about protective behaviours which links perfectly with our schoolwide wellbeing focus. We are learning about what we can do to keep ourselves safe and who we can trust to help us. We have had some fantastic discussions about trusted adults in the school, our families and in the wider community. The students have also been practising the "Say stop, walk away, get help" strategy through roleplay.



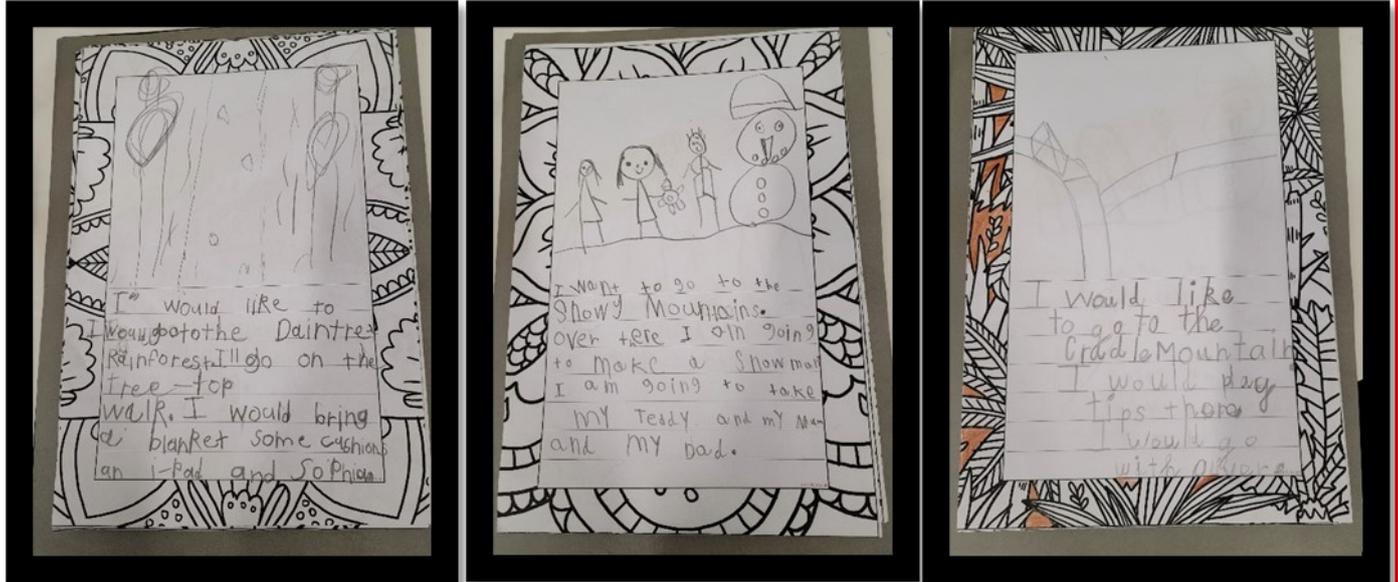
Mell Hoak, Holly Betts, Emily Whittle, Alys Humphrey, Yulia Rachmawati and Sahar Qureshi.

Year 1 News...

This term Year 1 have been working on improving sentence structure and quality of writing. We have been learning about verbs, adjectives and proper nouns, remembering to begin these words with capital letters. Through teacher modelling and daily writing opportunities, students have been able to practise using more powerful words to create interesting texts.

We have seen growth in students' willingness to write and higher quality and more interesting texts produced.

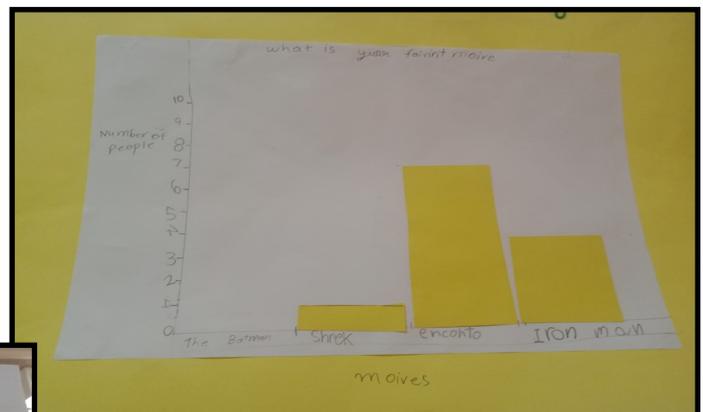
In this example from 1EB, students wrote about a specific place in Australia that they would like to visit, making sure they used capital letters for proper nouns.



Deborah Watling, Rhiannon Call, Holly Edney, Kate Moskal, Juliet Christie and Emma Bliss.

Year 2 News...

In Mathematics year 2 have been working on how to collect and represent data. The class was tasked with picking their own topic, choosing a way to collect the data and then displaying the data in a bar graph. The class had to include a title, an x and y axis, and a scale based on the amount of student responses they received.



This week the year 2 students completed an inquiry unit about connection to a place. The students explored a map of Australia in an atlas. They were then given a puzzle of Australia with the pieces jumbled to cut and paste in the correct place in order to form a map of Australia. Next they identified the different states and territories. Finally, the students had to identify a place they were connected to and explain why it was important.

Paul Campbell, Katrina Livanis, Hayley Eaton and Mathew Bailey.

P&C News...



Back to school for P&C

We are excited to announce that our upcoming P&C meeting will be held in person at the school. It has been two years since we have been on-site together. Further, many of the newer families to Florey Primary School have not had an opportunity to come onto the school's grounds.

To mark the occasion, we will do things a little differently. Our formal P&C meeting will still be at 7.15pm. However, we invite interested parents and carers to come to the school at 6.30pm, to join us for light refreshments and meet other Florey families in person. Children are welcome. We will send out more information about this next week.

Uniform Shop - Flash Sale 8th June

If you are looking to stock up on uniform items or grab a bargain, Kerry will be holding a one-day sale for the uniform shop on Wednesday 8th, June. The sale will occur in the School Hall Foyer between 8.45-9.30am and 3.00-3.30pm. For more information, please email Kerry Szep-Laundess at floreyprimarypandc@gmail.com

Results from the family survey

The P&C will be emailing families the complete results from our recent family survey in the next few days, so keep an eye out for it. In addition, the results will include a P&C Report Card to share what we have done this year and what action we are taking due to your feedback. There are many great ideas on how we can enrich students' lives, and we look forward to working with more of you this year to make good things happen. If you would like to know more about P&C and how you can be involved, please contact Karen Salvemini or Sinddy Ealy at floreyprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com.

Community Co Ordinator News...



How wonderful to be seeing the broader community returning to FPS!! Speaking of which, we are starting our Meccano group very soon, and so I'm putting the call out to any construction buffs who'd like to join the team. If you or someone you know is interested, shoot me an email on maureen.howe@ed.act.edu.au or call 61422730. Whether you're a leggo buff, or enjoy electronics, or are interested in learning yourself, it would be grand if you could join us.

Maureen Howe

Enrolments

**Please remember first round of enrolments for 2023 ends
3 June 2022**