



# Florey Primary School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 3

*from the Deputy...*

Dear Parents / Carers,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week involved all students in Years 3 and 5 in NAPLAN testing across areas of literacy and numeracy. This mandatory testing process occurs across all government schools and provides teachers and parents with valuable information about student progress. Parents and carers will receive an individualised report at a later date which identifies student performance against a system mean / territory average.

Teachers across the school will be involved in a Saturday Professional Development workshop on May 23 focussed on mental computation. The session will be facilitated by Dr Paul Swan who is a published author of a wide range of resources for Primary and Middle School Mathematics. This session will assist us in developing our understanding of successful strategies that can be used in our classrooms to support children in developing their knowledge of Number.

Last week the P and C facilitated a very successful Walkathon and whilst it was a little chilly it made for brisk walking and an enjoyable morning. We now encourage families to return money raised through student sponsorship to the school.

This week, teachers have commenced moderation for mid year reports. The mid year reporting period will enable teachers to provide a progress report on each child's grasp or development of essential learning achievements through written feedback and an optional parent teacher interview. A-E reports will also be provided. Any parents not wishing to receive A-E grades for subject areas are required to document this request in writing and forward this to the front office as soon as possible. Details regarding interview times and days will be issued at a later date.

Whilst the cold chills of a fast approaching winter are upon us, we remind parents that it is essential for children to be in school uniform and at school promptly for a nine o'clock start. We extend our thanks to all of you for your patience and co-operation in the mornings and afternoons during the upgrade of the driveway entry to the main car park.

Kindergarten screening commenced this week and students with returned consent forms were visited by the community nurses. Parents of these students should receive feedback regarding the school consultation and will be advised if follow up intervention is required.

Term overviews have been developed by teaching teams and families should have received information about term happenings and proposed teaching and learning directions. It looks like an exciting and eventful time ahead!

**Nada Karvelas**



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## P & C News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week was a busy week with the Walkathon and the Mother's Day Breakfast.

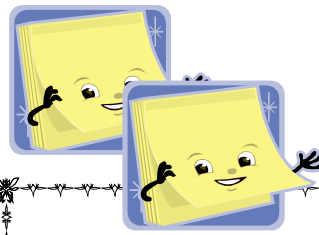
The Walkathon on Wednesday, 6th May, started out foggy but the day turned sunny and the children had a great time. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day and to the Fundraising Committee for doing a wonderful job of organising the Walkathon. Please remember to bring in the sponsorship forms and money to the school by the 20th May. Children who have returned their money by this date will be eligible to go into the draw for a prize. Children who bring their money in after this date will not be able to enter this draw.

On Friday, 8th May, our Mother's Day Muffin Breakfast was held in the library with the muffins being enjoyed by mums, children, teachers and school staff. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for cooking such wonderful muffins that were enjoyed by all.

Please see attached pamphlet for your last chance to place an order for an Entertainment Book. They are great value.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th June. The agenda, minutes, President's report and Principal's report will be on the Florey Primary School website soon. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

**Debbie Bruckner**



### **Open Day Florey Primary School**

**Friday 22nd May  
9.00am—11.00am**

- 9.00—9.45am** Classroom visits  
An opportunity to view lessons across the school.
- 10.00—10.30am** Whole School Assembly
- 10.30—11.00am** Morning Tea

### **School Based Management Review**

The Department of Education & Training is seeking feedback from the public to help evaluate and improve the effectiveness of School Based Management. School Based Management is designed to provide public schools with more flexibility in how they use resources to address priorities used at the school level. The Allen Consulting Company has been appointed to undertake the review. For further information or to provide feedback please visit [www.allenconsult.com.au/sbmreview](http://www.allenconsult.com.au/sbmreview).

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## Kidd Cottage & Summerville Cottage Years 1/2

This term the students are working on Procedural Writing.

Students from 1/2RB would like to share some of their writing with you.

### How to make a lion face. By Neda

#### **You need**

- Coloured square of paper
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Texta
- Icy pole stick

#### **Steps:**

1. Cut the coloured paper into a circle
2. Cut a mane for the lion.
3. Draw a face for your lion.
4. Stick an icy pole stick on the back.

### Making a lion By Erlene

#### What you need:

Shiny paper  
Paddle pop stick  
Sticky tape  
Scissors  
Texta

#### What to do:

1. Get all the things you need to make a lion.
2. Fold the paper into a rectangle.
3. Cut a half circle on the folded edge.
4. Draw eyes, nose mouth and whiskers on the circle.
5. Cut around the edge of the circle to make a lion's mane.
6. Stick a pop stick on the back with sticky tape.

It has been great seeing the children so prepared for their News. This week the children have been talking about their favourite toy. Next week we are looking forward to hearing about the cooking the students have done at home!

### How to put your shoes on By Bella

#### What you need:

Socks  
Shoes

#### **What to do:**

1. Put your socks on.
2. Find your shoes.
3. Check which is the right and left shoe.
4. Put your shoes on.
5. Make sure you put them on the right feet.
6. Do them up.
7. Walk around.

Regards

**Laurel, Bec, Alison, Maree and Melinda**

## Sports Report

Last Thursday the Belconnen PSSA Cross Country was held at Stromlo Forest Park. This was the first time the competition was held here and it was a successful event.

Florey had a team of thirty eight runners and all are to be congratulated on their running performances and cheering; the school spirit displayed was fantastic! Competing against students from all sixteen schools in Belconnen, Florey did quite well with many runners finishing in the top half of their races. Great work!

Thanks to Miss Forro for taking the team on the day. Also thanks to Ken Durie and Tracey Dodt for helping out as officials on the day. Events like this rely on volunteers and we appreciate all the help we can get.

Congratulations are extended to the following runners for finishing in the top ten:

Ethan 8<sup>th</sup> -9 Years Boys  
Erle - 8<sup>th</sup> – 12 Years Girls  
Jay - 4<sup>th</sup> – 8 Years Boys  
Kate - 3<sup>rd</sup>- 10 Years Girls  
Matt 3<sup>rd</sup>- 10 Years Boys

Jay, Kate and Matt will now represent Belconnen at the ACT Championships at Stromlo in early June. Train hard and good luck!

### **Erwin McRae**



## **Calendar of Events**

14-15 May	Kinder Screening
14 May	Book Club Orders Due
20th May	WALKATHON sponsorship money due back to school
22 May	Open Day—9.15am
27 May	NSW Computer Testing
10 June	NSW Science Testing
16 June	P&C Meeting—7pm
25 June	Yrs 3/4 Excursion to Dinosaur Museum/Geoscience
22-24 July	Yrs 3/4 to Birrigai Camp

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## Community News

### **1-2-3 Magic**

#### **Effective Discipline for 2-12 year olds**

Presented at Kippax Uniting Community Centre.

Hardwick Crescent, Holt (2-5pm)

Saturday, 30th May

\$10 per person or \$15 per couple

(covers video presentation, afternoon tea, and child care).

Bookings: Chris on 62540262

### **Charnwood Car Boot Sale, Markets & Swap Meet**

46 Lhotky Street, Charnwood

Jumping castle; sausage sizzle; cake stall and others.

Saturday 30th May (9am—12pm)

Book your space now—Phone 6101 6933.

### **Baby & Kids Market**

16 May—Woden CIT Auditorium

Corner of Hindmarsh Dve and Ainsworth Street, Phillip

9am until 12 noon.

Admission: \$3 (kids free).

### **July 2009 Student Exchange Australia**

Will welcome a new group of international exchange students to Australia. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend school for a semester or a year.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

If you are interested in becoming a host family please phone 1300 135 331.

### **Two Free Courses for Parents**

#### **Supporting your Anxious Child**

This course is for parents of school age children who have children with high anxiety. In the course we will look at increasing your understanding of anxiety—what anxiety is and how it manifests, types of anxiety, causes of anxiety and most importantly, we will spend time discussing a range of strategies for managing your child's anxiety.

28 May & 4 June 2009 (6.30pm—9.00pm)

E Block Conference Room, CIT Southside Campus

### **So Safe!**

Training for Parents and Carers

SoSafe! Is a set of visual and conceptual tools designed to promote social safety to clients with an Intellectual Disability (moderate to severe range) and Autism Spectrum Disorder. It enhances their social, social sexual and social safety training.

21 & 28 May (10am—12.30pm)

Venue to be Advised

For further information please phone 62073628 or

CarerSkills@cit.act.edu.au









