Last week we had two pre service teachers, Sam and Billie, in our class. They taught us about Aboriginal dot painting and how symbols are used to represent different elements in the painting.

To make our dot paintings, first we drew a design in lead pencil and then we used cotton buds to paint the pictures.

In class we talked about what the phrase ‘Every face has a place’ means to us. We believe that as a school it means that we all belong and have the right to feel safe, no matter what we look like, where we come from or what we believe.

We also discussed how in our classroom we all have different skills, interests and backgrounds, but that if we were all the same the world would be very boring. Our differences are what make our classroom an interesting place to be. We can share our strengths and interests and learn from each other.

To show this in our classroom, we each had our photo taken and then cut our photo into three parts and joined it together with other people’s photos. These pictures represent the individuals in our classroom coming together to make our unique class community.
Dear Families,

During these last 2 weeks of term 2, Kellie Brown, DP, is on Long Service Leave and we wish her well on her holiday to the United States. In the first 4 weeks next term, I will be on Long Service Leave and Kellie will be Principal and we will have a teacher being DP – more news to follow. I look forward to sharing some stories of Scotland and Germany on my return.

How much Sleep does your Child Need

According to guidelines recently reported, sleep is linked to improved attention, behaviour, mental health, physical health and learning at every age! Insufficient sleep increases the risk of obesity, diabetes, accidents, depression, and in teens, self-harm. Recommended nightly sleep durations are 10–13 hours, including naps for children aged 3-5 years; and 9-12 hours for children aged 6-12 years. Are your children getting enough sleep?

Reports

Student reports will be provided in the last week of term. Teachers have reported on student achievement and provided constructive feedback on ways students can work on their future learning and their next steps to improve their performance. Teachers have also commented on their social skills and emotional coping, and ways they can organise themselves to behave as learners. I would encourage you to read these positively with your children and support them to think about the comments.

Uniform

Students must be in school uniform every day. As the weather has cooled, we are seeing many students wearing windcheaters and hoodies that are not Flinders Park uniform. A copy of the dress code is available at the Front Office. School tops can be purchased at the Front Office. We are awaiting some new hoodie jackets that we will add to the uniform.

Awards

Natalie Wilksch, Foundation/year one teacher, was recently nominated for a 2016 SA Excellence in Public Education Award by one of her FPPS parents. It is a very inspirational award and our congratulations are given to a very deserving teacher!

In the last holidays, DECD awarded teachers with at least 40 years service, an afternoon celebration at Adelaide Oval, with certificates and trophies. Denice Newley, Victoria Wilkins and I received these awards.

Facilities

We have had trade reports made about the current state of our roof and ceiling of the Library, which has leaked for a long time despite the many times that it has been ‘fixed’. Some work has been undertaken, but we are waiting on approval before the major work can be completed. We expect this to finally solve this problem.

Fence

The FPPS Governing Council has approved our school budget funding to erect higher school fencing around our oval during this year. This is at a significant cost to the school, but the parents believe that our school community have wanted this for some time, and so we are very pleased that we are able to erect it. The approval to go to tender is waiting with DECD at present. There will need to be surveying done and some bushy trees trimmed or removed from the back of the oval, on Sturdee Street. They are scrubby natives, nothing significant. At this time, we are expecting the fence to be completed by the end of term 3.

Soccer Goals

We are currently undertaking quotes for new portable soccer goals.

Vacancy Governing Council

Due to recent resignations of parents who are no longer able to be on Governing Council, we invite any parent who wishes to be involved in a monthly meeting to discuss school issues and support FPPS parents, teachers and students, to give their name to Judy or Kellie or the Front Office. We encourage your participation, it is not difficult, just a chance to be involved.

Judy Anderson, Principal
I would like to extend a big thank you to Steve and Nigel from Flinders Park Church of Christ for organising and supplying a wonderful morning tea for the school staff on Wednesday 22 June. This event was part of Schools Ministry Week 20-24 June. Schools Ministry Week is a way that the local church can say a big thank you to all the teachers and support staff who do such a wonderful job within the school. On behalf of the team at Flinders Park Church of Christ and myself we would like to say a big thank you for everything that you, as the staff, do for the school community. We recognise who you are and what you do for Flinders Park Primary School is important and that you are valued and appreciated.

Coralie Sebestyen,
Pastoral Care Worker
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