



Turner School News



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Dear Turner families and community,
Welcome back in Term 2! We hope you are doing well and have settled into the learning online routines. If you need any support or have questions please always feel welcome to contact your child's teacher as a first point of call (email: firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au) or our school leadership team via email: tnrp@turners.act.edu.au or phone: 61422430 during business hours. In these extraordinary times we are doing all we can to help.

It was wonderful to see our students collaborating and interacting online this week. Some highlights for me included the uploading and sharing of 'sentence work' from some of our small group students, sharing of the music learning task, the morning check ins with the class and the teacher *read alouds*. We had our first live ukulele project session online yesterday morning and it was great to see our regular families and some new families joining in. Our executive staff have been out to visit the Safe and Supervised Sites every day this week and we will continue regular check ins next week. It was great to see our students there settled and engaging with their learning online.

We have had some work happening on our school grounds over the break. A large pergola is being constructed near the library to be part of our ongoing Cultural Integrity Garden. It is intended that this area will be an outdoor learning space where students can engage with the natural environment.

Congratulations to Emily and our year 5/6 students who were part of National Museum project yesterday to document and archive photos and artefacts from these interesting times in education. This may be something up on display in exhibitions in many years to come!

The Education Directorate regularly updates their website with information related to learning remotely this term and includes frequently asked questions from parents. To stay up to date or if you have queries, I encourage you to take a look: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/remote-learning-in-term-2-2020/frequently-asked-questions-for-school-communities>

Take care and stay connected,
Allison Edmonds



Enrolling in Preschool in 2021

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au)



2021 school enrolments now open

1. Go to [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au) for information on your local school and to enrol online.
2. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.



For more information please go to:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Learning From Hub Highlight

The learning from Home Hub will be an ongoing essential point of information whilst we are learning remotely. We thank our parents who volunteered to test and give feedback on the site. We know that you have many things to juggle at the moment so I thought it would be useful to highlight a link from the Hub. This week I encourage you to take a look at the information we have put together to support Cyber Safety at Home.

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/learning-from-home-turner/being-cyber-safe-at-home>

Turner School Read Aloud Project

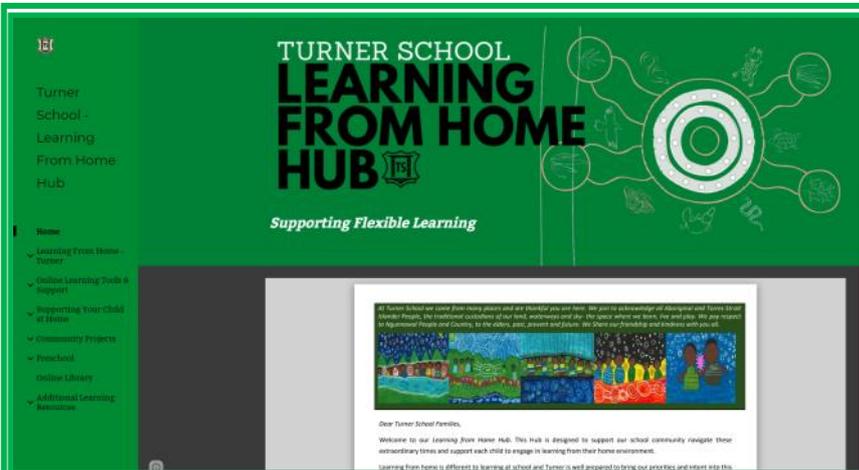
Every time we read to a child; we're sending a 'pleasure' message to the child's brain. You could even call it a commercial, conditioning the child to associate books and print with pleasure. Jim Trelease, The Read-Aloud Handbook

Reading aloud is one of the most important things we can do with children. Reading aloud builds many important literacy skills. It introduces vocabulary, provides a model of fluent, expressive reading, and helps children recognise what reading for pleasure is all about. Remember to take time as a family to read aloud too!

As a part of our online learning Turner School is launching the Turner School Read Aloud Project. Each week Turner teachers and Learning Support Assistants will read aloud books and discuss them with different groups of identified students.



ACT public schools have moved to remote delivery of learning in term 2. Information is available on [the Education Directorate website](https://www.education.act.gov.au)



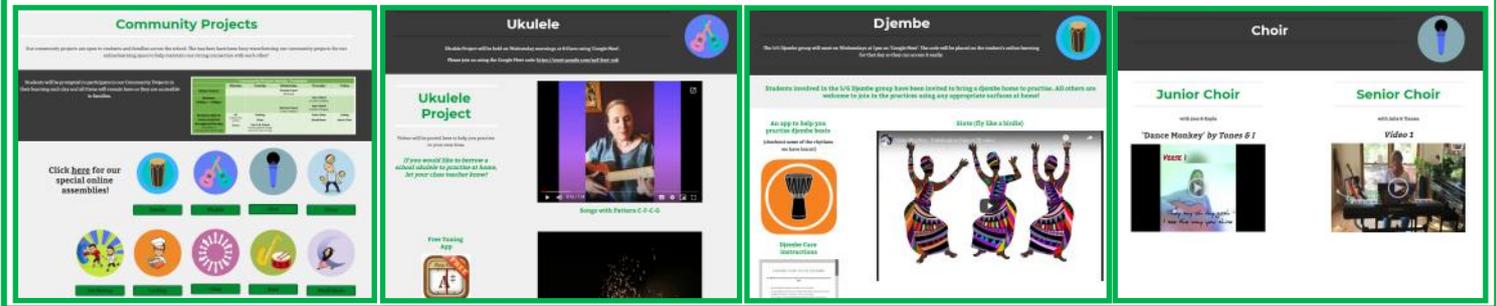
Uke Project
 Wednesday mornings at 8:15am. Everyone is welcome, from beginner to brilliant. We have students, parents, staff and community all having fun together. Everyone is welcome to join in even if you do not have ukulele and sign along with the group.

Djembe Project
 Wednesday afternoons at 1pm for Year 5/6 students.
Senior Choir—Every Friday
Junior Choir—Every Thursday

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/home>

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects>
- <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/ukulele>
- <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/djembe>
- <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/choir>



ANZAC PRESENTATION BY S3/4LC AND S3/4EF

We may not be together, but the Turner community spirit was still very much alive in our first ever online ANZAC Day commemoration. Together we remember and celebrate the bravery, love and connection shown by all Australians past, present and future. A big thank you to all teachers, students and families who shared their musical talent, their stories and their learning with us on this special day.

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/online-assemblies>

