



Turner School News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 7- the term is going by quickly now that we have all returned to school! As the last returning year group, the 5/6 students couldn't wait to get back into the classroom and the corridors have been full of energy this past week! They have returned to school very eager to connect with their peers and teachers. In reconnecting with the Turner community, they have engaged in a 'Frisbee Golf' Maths inquiry where they mapped out the school and designed a 'Frisbee Golf' course, using their knowledge gained during remote learning of plotting coordinates on the cartesian plane.

The students have also explored deep concepts about Reconciliation in Australia, researching through their reading and writing workshops the importance of learning about the past and linking with this year's Reconciliation Week theme 'In this together'. They have been excited to get back to their focus on their learner assets. Our immediate focus has been on 'collaboration', actively engaging in rich class discussions, collaborating to complete learning tasks and sharing their work, knowledge, and experiences with their peers in a range of settings.

Students have spent time reflecting on themselves as learners. They've made connections with what they've learnt about themselves while learning at home as well as how their experiences have helped them grow as learners. The 5/6 students have stepped up as leaders, working flexibly and adapting to our new routines, hygiene practices and being role models for their younger peers. Our hallways are coming alive again with the artworks of our students. We thank you for continuing to follow our social distancing guidelines and only coming into the school when necessary- however, we didn't want you to miss our beautiful displays. So, please enjoy the photos!



We were featured in a recent 'School of the Week' segment on Win News. We celebrated collaboration at Turner school. We were excited to highlight collaboration through our student leaders setting leadership goals and being active in holding each other accountable to those goals; our year 1/2 students engaging in hands on learning with explicit teaching about what it takes to be a good collaborator; and our Year 5/6 Djembe Group collaborating to create something amazing together such as the incredible sound of a community drumming experience. <https://www.facebook.com/WINNewsCanberra/videos/school-of-the-week/717405889032176/>



Kind regards,
Allison Edmonds

Changes to Semester 1 reporting

Due to the unprecedented circumstances faced by schools across Australia this year, a national agreement has been reached to modify school reporting for Semester 1. In the ACT we will reduce the level of Semester 1 reporting for students from Kindergarten to year 10. We recognise that providing families with information about their child's progress and learning is crucial and will be especially valuable after the start to the year we have all experienced.

Semester 1 school reports for 2020 will still include information about each student's level of progress against specific achievement standards for the learning areas that were covered in Semester 1. Teachers will still make a judgement about the level of engagement each student has demonstrated with their learning and, where appropriate, work habits. Personal and Social Capability will still be included.

Reports in Semester 1 will not include overall grades for learning areas/subjects or a comparative A-E grade summary. Additionally, reports will not include attendance information for Semester 1. If you would like further information about your child's progress please consult with your classroom/subject teacher. For any other queries or concerns, you can contact the Education Directorate via the [Education Directorate Contact Form](#) or call 6205 5429.

Turner School Collective Health & Safety

Key points of advice from Chief Health Officer:

When schools are fully operational it is not practical or necessary for students to socially distance. The reality of full school operations is:



Students and parents should not come into school if they are sick

- The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee does not recommend that regular temperature checking of students as there is limited evidence to suggest this is of value
- Classes will have the usual number of students as well as staff members required to support the students. As an indication, this can be between 21 and 32 students across the primary and high school settings
- Students will be moving from class to class, using all areas of the school to transition between learning spaces
- During inclement weather, students will need to utilise all internal spaces. This means students may need to congregate in larger numbers in these internal spaces including classrooms and corridors.
- Vulnerable People: Students and parents with complex medical needs are encouraged to consult their medical practitioner to determine the suitability for onsite learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

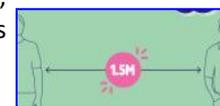
Social Distancing

Physical distancing for adults - The greatest risk of transmission in the school environment is between adults over 25 years of age. Staff and parents will avoid long periods of time in close contact with other adults. Adults, including parents, staff and volunteers will maintain physical distancing between themselves and other adults. This includes at school drop-off and pick up, in the classroom and in the school common areas.



Norms:

- Staff, parents and adults should avoid long periods of contact with other adults on school grounds.
- Adults at the school will stick to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves and no more than one adult per four square metres in an indoor environment. Signs highlighting this are located at multiple easy to see sites around the school.
- Turner School will have a staggered timetable with smaller year group areas and times of play. Rooms will have a poster identifying how many adults can be in the room.
- Where possible, Turner meetings with parents will not be face to face. Information will be shared and discussed via email, phone call or arranged google meet, (including Board Meetings and P&C meetings, parent/teacher conferences).
- During this pandemic, there will be no cross school, large student number events such as excursions, assembly, concerts, ukulele project. These events will occur online and are communicated to students and families as required.
- Where possible and at first request, no additional adults eg Therapists onsite during our phased return.



Whole School Approach



Good hygiene practices are important to preventing the spread of COVID-19. In ACT public schools all students and staff will be reminded to wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand-sanitiser on arrival and regularly throughout the day, cough into their elbows or a tissue, place used tissues straight into the bin, avoid touching eyes, noses or mouths, not share food or drink, not use water fountains or bubblers directly, and ensure strict hygiene in the preparation of food.

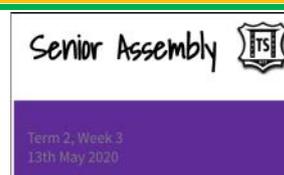
Norms:

- Hand sanitising stations will be established at every door entering a classroom
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands/use sanitiser:
 - at arrival to school
 - before eating
 - when leaving the classroom (eg for the playground, end of day, transitioning between classrooms)
 - when re-entering the classroom (eg from the playground, after PE) if they cough or sneeze.
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Senior Assembly Term 2, Week 7

This weeks Assembly is hosted by Years 3 and 4. Please follow the link: <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/online-assemblies>



ACT public schools will be returning to classroom learning in term 2
Information is available on [the Education Directorate website](https://www.ed.act.edu.au)





STEAM Festival 2020

STEAM for Sustainability

our obligation through collaboration

Excitement is building as we approach our Turner School STEAM Festival for 2020. The festival will run from Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August 2020.

The theme for this year's festival is STEAM for Sustainability – our obligation through collaboration. This big idea will see our students exploring and investigating Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths; and the ways in which these areas help people locally and across the globe both now and in the future. A full program with details and times will be published closer to the festival and will be available on the school website.

This year our festival will look a little different, however, all the wonderful learning experiences will be just as exciting and engaging. All Turner students will have the opportunity to participate in activities to inspire thinking and creativity and be involved in team and whole school learning experiences, starting with a leaf installation to connect our school environment.

With so many exciting activities planned during the festival, we encourage you to become involved online, in Webinars and through our school's website and Turner's Learning from Home Hub. This could include viewing the opening or closing ceremonies online, listening to a presentation by one of our many visiting experts via Google Meets or volunteering in your child's classroom online to lead a Webinar session. If you are available to volunteer during the festival, please contact your child's teacher.

Library News

Well, we are all back at school now and it is wonderful to hear all the voices and see the students following the new Hygiene and Safety rules.

These changes to hygiene rules also apply to school libraries and while each school is approaching it differently, here is what's happening at Turner.

The library has gone MOBILE, each week students classes will be visited by the library to offer borrowing for home and for class, the classes are visited in clusters of 3.

After each class visit, the books are taken back to the library, wiped down with disinfectant wipes and quarantined for 24 hours before they can go back out for public use.

This means that the library itself is closed for family use and is only available to the staff. All books looked at but not borrowed also need to be wiped and quarantined for 24 hours.

The library is a very clean environment and until our pandemic is declared passed, this is the way we will be running for 2020.

However, I will be investigating how families can continue to borrow and will send out instructions once this set up and ready to go.

Please enjoy the rest of term 2.

Keep Reading

Jayne Murray | Librarian



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



2021 school enrolments now open

1. Go to 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.



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Winter Edition is now available online.

To see the Programs, Activities & Events happening these holidays go to: www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

PRO CRICKET CANBERRA
ACT CRICKET CUP 8 T20S
 2020 FOR 3 DAYS 11th FEB - 13th FEB 2021
 Canberra Cricket is proud to announce the return of the ACT Cricket Cup for 2020. The competition will be held over three days from 11th to 13th February 2021. The competition will feature 8 T20 matches between the ACT teams. The competition is a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills and compete for a place in the ACT Cricket Cup team. The competition will be held at the Canberra Cricket Ground. For more information, visit www.canberra.cricket

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