



Turner School News



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Dear Turner Community,

Happy Festival week! This is certainly one of our favourite times of the year and while it is strange that we don't have our wonderful parents and wider community walking through the school, it has been an excellent opportunity for us to tap into our creativity and nimbly adjust to doing things differently!

We have looked at other ways where we can give you the chance to see what we have been learning about and how we are demonstrating our learning. A huge congratulations to our student led media teams who have been recording and editing videos to share with you at home - we hope you have been checking in regularly with our Festival page on the Learning Hub. Make sure you watch our closing ceremony too! <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/2020-steam-festival?authuser=0>



Well done to our kindergarten students and teachers for the work they have been doing to design the landscaping, plants and collaborative learning spaces in our Cultural Integrity Garden. We are looking for a couple of skilled people to help us build signs for the garden. Please see further details in our newsletter.

I would like to acknowledge our special guests and experts we have had working with us across the festival. All of our guests and experts will be featured in the media team's videos.

We have our modified Learning Journeys scheduled for week 5. In keeping with the Education Directorate's roadmap we continue to support health and hygiene related to COVID-19 by limiting the number of adults on school sites. In addition, we are too big to keep our scheduled events under the recommended 100 adults.

Over the year there has been a strong connection between school and home through google meets, learning online and teacher and parent meetings. Our plan for our Learning Journeys aims to continue this strong community connection through the following format:

During week 5 parents and families will have an opportunity to **share at home**:

- Share digital Learning Journey story and talk with your child about the learning demonstrated. The aim of the story is to help you feel like you are virtually walking through our classrooms and corridors. We will send home some discussion points to help your viewing if you want to use them!
- Read and share your child's portfolio; and for older students who worked through larger projects- they will be sharing their project work samples. We will send home some handy learning conversation questions.
- Talk with your child about learning they are proud of and work samples that demonstrate their point of growth. This sharing will include some personalised feedback from the teacher and feedback from peers. We value that your child gets to be the leader in this discussion and our teachers will be working with the students over the week before to help them structure this discussion.

We thank you for your flexibility in adapting to our adapted and online formats this year! We know that for some of you, the above format will give you what you need as far as understanding where your child is up to with their learning and further strengthen the connection between home and school in these unusual times. For others, you may be looking for something different. As always, please contact your child's class teacher if you would like to have a scheduled parent/teacher google meet or a socially distanced meeting at the school.



Cultural Integrity Garden:

We are looking for someone who can burn a poem into a large tree stump.

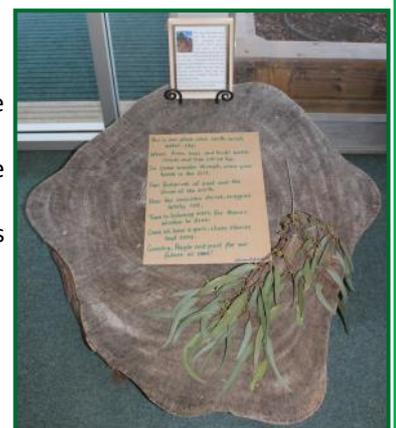
Please contact the school if you are this talented person and have some time to spare.

We are also looking for someone who can make timber signposts (we need about 6).



Take care and keep being kind,

Allison Edmonds



Around our Classrooms—Steam Festival 2020



Upright Garden: Turner School was very grateful to receive a vertical garden from the Men's Shed to celebrate our involvement in the Fresh Tastes program. Members of the Men's Shed designed this portable garden from a re-purposed pallet. It is looking lovely with the Australian native plants that 5/6 Burrawang have planted in. These plants will eventually be planted in our Cultural Integrity Garden and some of our classes will plant and care for a range of herbs in the vertical garden.



David Pocock—David played professional rugby for the Australian Wallabies and for the Canberra Brumbies. He has used his influence to raise awareness for social justice and environmental conservation.

David visited Turner School to work with the 1/2 students and Earthlings. He shared his knowledge about sustainability and his work with local scientists. One of their inventions is called a 'chameleon' which records moisture in soil to help plants grow. Turner School was lucky to receive one of these to use in our new Cultural Integrity Garden.

After working with 1/2MM Dulwa and the Earthlings, David led a question and answer session with all the 1/2 students. He answered wonderings about endangered trees and animals to what type of chickens he had at home. We can't wait to gather some data from the 'chameleon' with Jane!



Kindergarten Health Checks



Kindergarten Student Health Check questionnaires were completed at the beginning of 2020, however the physical component of the Health Check - a screening test of vision, hearing and weight check - was not conducted as usual in April in response to COVID-19. On 1 July 2020, the ACT Government announced funding for a targeted Kindergarten Health Check program. The focus of this program is to identify and focus on hearing and vision for kindergarten children. This program is now being rolled out by Canberra Health Services from Term 3 to the end of term 4, 2020. Targeted Kindergarten Health Check clinics will be held in the City Health Centre in Civic. Families who have concerns about the hearing of their children are also encouraged to make a free appointment with the Children's Hearing Service and those concerned about their child's vision are also encourage to book into a Medicare funded vision check through an optometrist. A Parent Communication Sheet was sent home to all Kindergarten students this week, for further information about the targeted Kindergarten Health Check program please call 5124 1678 or email

KindergartenHealthCheck@act.gov.au

Term 3 Student Arrivals

PRESCHOOL: Sofia: Enter from the preschool gate at Hartley Street. Drop/collect at classroom door where students will be met by teacher, (please note Wednesday arrangement at 12pm: morning session students exit their preschool classroom, arriving group will come through the empty preschool classroom- next door to Marilyn's classroom)

Merilyn: Enter from the preschool gate at David Street. Drop/collect at classroom door where students will be met by teacher, (please note Wednesday arrangement at 12pm: morning session students exit their preschool classroom, arriving group will come through the empty preschool classroom- next door to Merilyn's classroom)

KINDERGARTEN:

- Chelsea and Imogen: enter from David Street side door for kindergarten classroom.
- Sandra: Meet teacher at back of library, enter classroom through external door. Collected from the same spot.
- Katrina: Enter from the preschool gate at David Street. Drop/collect at external classroom door where students will be met by teacher.

YEAR 1/2: All classes: enter external classroom courtyard and drop/collect at external classroom door.

YEAR 3/4: Students to enter and be released from class without parents

Condamine Street classes:

- Kristina, Effie, Kayla: through the door from the quad closet to the front office. This will be signposted
- Cath, Eddie: through the far end door of Condamine Street from the quad. This will be signposted.
- David Street classes:
- Lauren and Laura: through external door to pergola area
- Tianna: students to wait at inner courtyard gate and then teacher will walk them through to classroom.

YEAR 5/6: Students to enter and be released from class without parents

✦ Through the door from the quad in the middle of Condamine Street. This will be signposted

✦ **ANY LATE STUDENTS WILL NEED TO COME THROUGH THE FRONT OFFICE**

COLLECTION OF PHONES: IT REMAINS AN EXPECTATION THAT PHONES ARE HANDED INTO THE FRONT OFFICE: TO KEEP SPACE IN THE FRONT OFFICE, AN LSA WILL BE POSITIONED IN THE QUAD BEFORE SCHOOL AND AT THE END OF THE DAY.

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.
- Rooms will have a poster identifying how many adults can be in the room.
- Where possible and at first request, no additional adults, except for those proving essential services and /or support prescheduled by the school.

Turner School Notices

It is now August and that means.....
it is time to have hats back on!

Green hats can be purchased at
Condamine Front Office for \$8.25.



No hat means no play.

Year 1/2 Classes

The Australian National Botanic Gardens Excursion



Group 1 – (1/2SN, 1/2TP, S1/2AU)
Tuesday 11 August

Group 2 – (1/2MA, 1/2TC) Wednesday 12
August

Group 3 – (1/2MM, /2JF, S1/2HW)
Thursday 13 August

Whole School

STEAM Festival Closing
Assembly—Online

Friday 7 August

Turner Ukulele Collective

8:15am Wednesday Mornings
School Hall



Need to borrow a uke for the session?
You can collect from and return to the
music room.

Community Notices

flexischools

The Healthy Kids Association via
Lyneham High School, provides a lunch
order service to Turner School each
Friday.

Orders need to be in before 8am on
Friday morning. There are no sales on
the day.

Lunches are ordered through
www.flexischools.com.au, the menu
Friday Lunch Orders

SOCCER FOR JUNIORS

We Get Kids Active!

Only \$78 for 6 classes in Term 3 2020

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 9 Years
- Skills based intro to Soccer
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3+4 year olds
- SOCCER BALL TO KEEP!

Location: Braddon/Lyneham
Lyneham High School Goodwin Street, Lyneham

Starts
Sunday 16th August

\$78

3 + 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 + 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 - 9 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

\$78

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To receive the Earlybird price of \$78 you need to Enrol+Pay before 1st August.
After 1st August cost will be \$90 FOR 6 SESSIONS INCLUDING A
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Programs Focus on Improving Co-ordination and Motor Skills
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SOCCER**

VENUE: ANU, Acton

DATE: 30, 1, 2 October

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to book or for more information.