



Turner School News



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Dear Turner Community,

Learning Journeys

This is our Learning Journey sharing week! We aim to continue the strong connection between home and school and give your child the opportunity to talk through their learning with you. This coming week we invite you to.....

- Share your child's 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 their 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 online format 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.

Festival Closing Ceremony

Congratulations to our students, teachers and special visitors for our STEAM Festival. If you haven't already- check out our closing ceremony to see highlights of the week!

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/2020-steam-festival#h.2r7lm32cpha5>



Email Incident

A letter to parents from the Education Directorate was sent earlier in the week regarding an email incident involving students possibly being emailed inappropriate material. Your child may have been impacted. Our teachers have talked with students inviting them to raise any concerns with them should they have heard about or seen the content in these emails. If your child let us know that they had seen inappropriate content we have contacted you already. We encourage you let us know if your child has raised any concerns with you.

If you wish to raise any concerns with the ACT Education Directorate about this issue, please click on the following link <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/at-school/concerns-or-complaints> or by phone (02) 6205 5429.

Have a great end to your week!

Allison Edmonds

Year 5/6 Personal Development Information Night—Tonight, 6pm (Online)

In term 3 and 4 the 5/6 students participate in a unit about personal development and puberty. Tonight, Turner School will be hosting an online information session about personal development. The session will be presented by representatives from Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT (SHFPACT) and will provide valuable information and advice about the social, emotional and physical changes that take place during puberty. They will also discuss strategies to help parents support their child during this time. Following the presentation, SHFPACT staff will stay online to answer any questions you may have. If you would like to attend please email kailee.tindale@ed.act.edu.au and a link via your email to access the session will be forwarded to you.

Ilesha Siotis | 5/6 Team Leader and Kailee Tindale | 5/6 Classroom Teacher

Tree Safety

For the safety of your children and others and for the preservation and protection of the trees at Turner School, please keep all children off the trees or around the school before, during and after school.



People Safety

Just a reminder to please make sure that any parents and visitors to the school sign in at the front office before entering into the classrooms and common areas of the school. Please also take into consideration the current COVID-19 restrictions.



It is important that the whole school community supports these safety measures.

School Board Report

The Board met last week with a focus on the wide range of learning and activities that have been happening since the start of Term 3, and the important policies and guidelines that come up for regular discussion and review.

Our school's policies are reviewed and updated every 2-4 years to ensure they continue to reflect Turner practices, beliefs and SCARFF values. The latest guidelines to have been recently updated are the Sun Protection Guidelines and the Uniform Guidelines, both of which are now available on the school website - please feel free to take a look at them by clicking on this link:

http://www.turners.act.edu.au/our_school/policies_and_guidelines

The Guidelines on Safe and Supportive Schools are coming up next - we will be scheduling in some feedback sessions for this before the end of this term and as always your input is greatly welcomed.

While we are on the topic of feedback, you would have by now received an email about this year's School Satisfaction & Climate Survey. Please take the time to complete the survey before the closing date of Monday 31st August via the individual link that was emailed out early last week. Although it's been a highly unusual year of learning (or perhaps more so because it has), your thoughts about your child's learning experiences will be extremely valuable for our planning and reflection.

It's been lovely to hear about families getting into the spirit of STEAM for sustainability this Term. I'm sure many of you have enjoyed helping to sculpt clay 'rocks' for the Cultural Integrity garden and grow seeds in a variety of self-watering setups - keep sharing your progress and ideas to the P&C Facebook Page!



Aarathi Ayyar-Biddle | Turner School Board Chair | aarthiayyar@gmail.com

2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Thank you to our parents and carers that have already completed the *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey*.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many of our parents and carers as possible to complete the survey before 31 August 2020.

If you cannot locate the unique survey link sent to you by email on Monday 10 August (your child's name and Turner School will be in the first line of the email) or did not receive one, please use this link to take the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/y6y8owmj>. You will need to have your child's Student ID for the survey. To complete the survey for a second child, simply click on the link again. If you do not know your child's Student ID please contact the Front Office on 61422430.

Thank you to all our families who have completed the survey, your feedback is appreciated.



Cultural Integrity Garden—Dry Riverbed Community Project

This term we begin the design and creation of our Turner School Cultural Integrity Garden. A part of the garden is a dry riverbed and the creation of clay rocks which all students will participate in.

In the festival week each child was sent home with a bag with some clay, brown paper and some instructions. Thank you to the many students who have returned their rock creations to school.

Many more rocks are needed for our Riverbed! If you still have your clay, start creating your terracotta rock.

It would be appreciated if you can bring in your creations as soon as possible for firing in our kiln. Enjoy the chance to create together and to share a part of your story at Turner School



From the Library

Currently the library has over 1800 books overdue, I have now sent home overdue notices to every student with books that have been out since February/March. Please know that I have checked the shelves before sending these notes home and I would love as many as possible back ASAP.

Next week I will be sending home to every family SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB, it will have an opt out form attached to it - if you do not wish to receive a book club catalogue please fill it in and return to school. Your option will be respected and your family will not receive this again. SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB will be an online payment system only, no cash orders, all instructions will go home with the 1st catalogue you receive.

This book club allows the library to purchase additional resources for the students by receiving spending dollars from your purchases. Book Week will be occurring in Term 4, please look out for future notices about the events we will be holding in the library.

Remember to Keep Reading, **Jayne Murray | Librarian**



Free online activities to support families

Many families are looking at fun options for their children to do at home. OSHC (Outside School Hours Care) have brought back their **OSHC at Home** program to help support families during this time.



OSHC at Home is totally **FREE** and open to **all families**, even if you are not users of their services. We welcome you to share the below hyperlink with your friends and families to give them full access. Families can also subscribe to receive all future programs directly at: <https://www.oshclub.com.au/oshc-at-home/>.

Please feel free to contact Nicole Kerlinon 0447 190 873 or email nicole.kerlin@oshclub.com.au for further information and support.

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 Marilyn'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.

For further information on the ACT public school Roadmap please click on <https://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/all-news-and-news-alerts/news-items/june-2020/covid-19-and-school-arrangements-for-term-3-2020>

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.

Community Notices

Spring Tennis Canberra



Tennis Canberra's professional coaches are running junior tennis coaching programs at both South & North Canberra clubs this

Spring. We welcome first time players and those who are ready to play competition tennis. The 2020 Spring Season starts the week of 24th August 2020, however you are welcome to join at any time. For more information and to book please visit www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis or email play@tenniscanberra.com.au

Senior Assembly

Hosted by 5/6NC and S5/6HM

12 August 2020

click on the below link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TTG7b2_8zawtmqcgz78q7vfQHknrn-JFHyoGqiX1b6s/edit#slide=id.p



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.



COME JOIN OUR
DRAMA WORKSHOP!

We're really excited for years 2-6 Drama workshops at Turner and we'd love you to join!

Classes run on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15, and allow your child to become a young artist, discovering the joy of performance in weekly workshops. Your young artists will be introduced to a variety of theatre skills through fun and engaging exploration, devising and performance.

Come and join us at any point in the term!

Email: helen@canberrayouththeatre.com.au to secure your place.