



# Turner School News



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Dear parents, carers and Turner School Community,

The School Board and the Turner School staff focus team is currently in the process of updating Turner's Safe and Supportive Schools Guidelines and we invite you to be involved with the consultation process.

Please join us for an online coffee chat this Friday from 8:30-9:30am where we will introduce the next steps in refining our guidelines. Earlier this week we gathered our student's thoughts on elements covered by the document and during our coffee chat we would like to gather your ideas before we go further into developing the guidelines.

Google meet link: [meet.google.com/mqk-jxzd-fhg](https://meet.google.com/mqk-jxzd-fhg)

## About the Safe and Supportive Schools Guidelines:

Turner SSS guidelines address how we provide a healthy learning environment, promoting wellbeing engagement and a sense of belonging. Turner School is a strong values-based school. When values are strong in a school, trust is built. With that trust, we take active steps to understand every person and we become more connected. The more connected we are, the more obligated we are to each other and in making sure our community is a healthy one to be part of. All members of the school community relate and work with each other under the school's SCARFF values of Support, Cooperation, Acceptance, Respect, Friendliness and Fun and a culture of giving. We work hard to ensure that all students have the opportunity to become confident and creative learners; active and informed citizens.

Our Turner students are educated together in an environment inclusive of all students, multiple ages, cultures and capabilities. The school promotes inclusive practices and has an emphasis on valuing each student and working to meet their individual needs. The connection with families are fostered to ensure that reasonable adjustments are made for students as required. Turner School promotes an enriching, safe, respectful and supportive environment in which:

- \* students and staff can grow and learn within a positive and respectful model of teaching and learning
- \* parents and carers are valued and actively involved as partners in their child's learning
- \* all members of our school community are able to build strong relationships and connections
- \* all members of our school community are supported by the use of restorative and relational practices
- \* the school's organisational structures and processes provide a duty of care and promote safety and well-being
- \* diversity is valued.

If you are unable to log in to this week's coffee chat and would still like to be involved in the consultation process please contact the school via email: [tnrp@turners.act.edu.au](mailto:tnrp@turners.act.edu.au) or phone: 61422430.

Have a great end to your week! **Allison Edmonds**

## Wattle Day Ceremony at Government House

Our school leaders and a few of our talented Turner singers joined the Governor General, David Hurley, this week at Government House to help commemorate 'Wattle Day'. Wattle is a national symbol of unity and resilience and the Governor General spoke about drawing on this symbol as one of hope and inspiration. Some of our 5/6 leaders, Toby, Nina and Neil presented the Governor General with a basket of Wattle on behalf of all children in Australia during the ceremony. This was followed by the talented voices of our 3/4 students Serena, Lillian and Mia who sang an original composition for the event, written by Mrs Hurley. The students enjoyed afternoon tea with the Governor General and had a personal tour of Government House. This was then followed by a tree planting ceremony where our students helped plant the Wattle Tree to mark the occasion. The Governor General was particularly interested in some of our sustainability actions at school, with the students sharing with him about our recent 'STEAM for Sustainability' Festival as well as 'Project Takebk' that was launched during the festival. It was a fantastic experience for our students to make these connections and to represent our school at such an exciting event!

Ilesha Siotis | 5/6 Team Leader



## Mini Olympics

Coming up next week we are celebrating all things sport by having a series of mini Olympics track and field events as part of our regular class PE opportunities. Unfortunately this is a student and staff only event as adult numbers would exceed current COVID-19 restriction allowances. We will have a school media team taking lots of photos of the event to share with you.

Students are encouraged to come in their house colours on their mini-event day.

**Days:** Preschool: Wednesday K-2: Wednesday 3-6: Thursday



## 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey - Extended to 4 September 2020

Please take 10 minutes of your time, to complete the 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey and help improve our school. Enter this link <https://tinyurl.com/y6y8owmj> into your device to complete the online survey for parents before 4 September 2020. You will need to have your child's Student ID, if you do not know your child's Student ID please contact the Front Office on 61422430. This link may be re-used if you want to complete the survey for a second child.

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



## EAL/D Coffee Chat — Helping your child with reading

*For Turner parents and carers who speak a language other than English — Friday 25 September 8:30am – 9:30am in the library.*

Would you like to know more about helping your child with reading? Come along to the Coffee Chat on the last Friday of this term.

We will look at ways of supporting your child and give you some strategies to help improve their reading. We will also discuss the importance of reading for meaning (comprehension) which can be a challenge for children who are not yet fluent in English. Questions from you and any suggestions from your own experience are very welcome.

Please reply using the following link <https://forms.gle/FqNBwV8XfA7Fzwt6> by Wednesday 23rd September, as we need to know numbers due to COVID restrictions. Children who are not yet of school age are welcome. K-6 children can be supervised by Turner staff on morning duty in the playground at 8:30am. **Maura Dand | EAL/D teacher**



## 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

### Scholastic Book Club

I hope that every family have received their Book Club catalogue and order form.

I understand that something like this can put additional pressure on families who already have busy lives, please return the opt out form on the front if you **DO NOT** wish to receive book club again.

All Book Club Orders are due by the **9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

There will be two book clubs next term and happy to keep secret book club orders, if gifts are purchased for Christmas or birthdays.

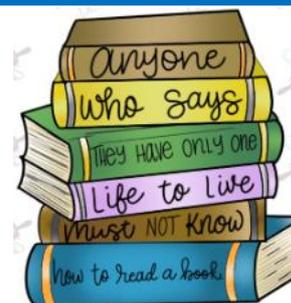
**Overdues** — We are down to 1200 overdue books, but would love to get it down to under 800.

I will send out overdue notices with book covers on them soon to help the students check their classrooms first and then home.

### Book Week

Is happening in term 4 and with any luck, there will be a Book Fair and a few special events so, look out for further notices.

*Remember to keep reading – it quickly fills a long day.* **Jayne Murray | Librarian**



## P&C Annual Fundraiser—Crazy Camel



*Turn your child's artwork into cards, calendars and more!*

Students have prepared some special art works at school which families can choose to have reproduced on products such as calendars, pillow cases, greeting cards, tote bags, notebooks and more. These make great gifts and mementos of how talented and creative the children are. You will be able to view the art, place your order and make the payment all online. Keep your eye on the newsletter to find out when online orders open! There will be samples of some of the products at the Condamine St and David St offices when online orders open. All products will be delivered to the school towards the end of Term 4 and will be sent home in backpacks.





# ACT EDUCATION DIRECTORATE

## COVID-19 Easing of Restrictions Roadmap for Public Schools

### COVID—19 and school arrangements for Term 3 2020 as at 6 August 2020.

On 23 June 2020 the ACT Education Directorate released a 'roadmap' for ACT public schools based on the ACT Government's COVID-19 recovery plan. This roadmap sets out a planned further easing of restrictions on school activities and parent/carer engagement, in line with broader easing of COVID-19 restrictions across the ACT.

ACT schools are at Stage 2.2, below are some key points concerning Stage 2.2:

- Students across all years continue with on-campus learning.
- Schools continue to support remote learning for students who are vulnerable to COVID-19.
- Assessment and reporting resumes as normal.
- Hiring of school facilities continues. Group numbers must not exceed 100 people (including staff, trainers and spectators) per indoor or outdoor space, or one person per 4 square metres, whichever is lesser.
- Parents should avoid routinely entering the school building where possible but can attend scheduled school events and meetings with teachers - physical distancing and hygiene measures still apply .
- Day only excursions, including interschool sports can continue within the ACT Region this would include Greater Queanbeyan, Murrumbateman, Yass and Bungendore.
- Groups must not exceed 100 people (this number includes adults).
- Small assemblies, gatherings and performances can take place with limitations on parent/carer audience numbers (maximum of 100 adults, 1 adult per 4 square metres, each (family) group must sit 1.5 metres apart).
- On-site, student only fundraisers can go ahead.

For further information and to read the 'roadmap' in full, please click on this link: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/School-arrangements-for-Term-3>

## Turner School and Community Notices



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.



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### COME AND TRY INFORMATION DAY

Sunday, 13 September  
10am – 12 noon  
Dickson Playing Fields  
Hawdon Pl. & Antill St, Dickson  
We welcome children ages 5 – 16  
of all abilities and backgrounds

REGISTER FOR THE SEASON  
[www.corroboreela.com](http://www.corroboreela.com)  
0450 928 448 (GARRY STEVENS – PRESIDENT)

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings Edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

[www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet)

### Senior Assembly

Hosted by 3/4 Bottlebrush "Welcome to Spring"

click on the below link:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uG2cQxvftpm4ltsoB9FuXz11T5pz031TaJaOAmDTFjc/edit?usp=sharing>



### Online School Holiday Camps!

Get exclusive access to brand-new, instructor-led videos delivered over five days to keep your kids engaged at home.



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**Live tutor support**  
Our Australian-based instructors will be on hand via our live chat to assist your child with anything they need.

**Your own pace**  
New tutorials will be released each morning - your child can choose when to complete their daily challenges.

Book now at [codecamp.com.au](http://codecamp.com.au)



Term 4 after-school workshops - held Turner Baptist Hall, Monday 3-5 pm



### School Holiday Program

Monday 28 Sept - Fri 2 Oct held Turner Baptist Hall. Drawing, painting, collage, sculpting, clay, textiles.  
Book online now - places fill fast!

NEW! Process art classes for 3-5 year olds, at Turner Baptist hall, 9.30 - 10.30 am



Book online NOW [www.artkidscanberra.com](http://www.artkidscanberra.com)  
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