



# Turner School News



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Dear Turner families and community,

End of year student reports will now be in a new format which aligns with the Education Directorate's template for all schools. Reports will be sent home in week 9 and you will notice changes including:

- We are sending reports home electronically rather than sending a paper copy. You should be receiving an email about the process by the end of next week. If you do not receive an email-please contact the front office on 61422430.
- The report includes a checklist of achievement related to the Australian Curriculum (AC) outcomes. While we have always identified achievement against the AC the way these are presented are slightly different.
- The report includes A-E grades which has previously been sent home as a separate document.
- Individual comments about student growth are more uniformed this semester to build consistency across classes.

All learning programs at Turner are designed to maximise student learning and are aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Teachers use the Australian Curriculum content and achievement standards first to identify current levels of learning and achievement and then to select the most appropriate content to teach individual students and/or groups of students. This takes into account that in each class there may be students with a range of prior learning and that teachers plan to build on current knowledge, skills and understandings.

Teachers draw on assessment data that they have collected as evidence during the course of their teaching to make judgements about a student's achievement. These judgements about the quality of learning are one source of feedback to students and their parents and inform formal reporting processes. Teachers also use the Australian Curriculum achievement standards to make on-balance judgements about the quality of learning demonstrated by a student, that is, whether they have achieved below, at, or above the standard.

Turner School uses a range of systems and strategies to determine exactly where students are in their learning. Teachers use formative assessment to inform adjustments they make and work with students to stretch their learning. In addition, teachers make well considered judgements about student achievement at the end of each semester (summative assessment).

We welcome parents to engage in their child's learning through a number of personalised reporting opportunities:

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Portfolios
- Teacher parent conferences on request
- Individual Learning Program and Achievement Plan meetings (as required)
- End of Semester Report

If parents would like further information about their child's progress in learning outside the regular opportunities mentioned above and they are encouraged to contact their child's homeroom teacher or a member of the school leadership team.

Kind regards, Allison



## EAL/D Coffee Chat

### Challenges in bringing up children in two or more languages

*For Turner parents/carers who speak a language other than English*

**Friday 22 November 2019 @ 8:40am - 9:30 am**



We are holding the last EAL/D Coffee Chat on Friday 22 November in the Library Conference Room. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and discuss student learning needs at Turner School.

We will be talking about the challenges of bringing up children in more than one language. Please bring your comments, questions, successes and ideas.

You are welcome to bring your children who are not yet school age. K-6 children can be supervised by Turner staff on morning duty from 8:30am.

Elizabeth Hook—EAL/D Teacher

## After School Care

YWCA After School Care Enrolments for 2020 are open. Please be aware that positions are limited.

Please contact **61852040** or **61852063** for further details.



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## P and C Report

This week we went through a review of the 2019 fete.

Despite the weather, it was a fantastic day of entertainment and community engagement. We were able to raise some good money for the school and hopefully set up a good start for next year.

Please feel free to contact the P&C or your class parent contacts if you have any feedback. We are already discussing next year's event so happy to hear anything you may have to help. Thanks again to all the volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.

The end of year concert is scheduled for 5th December. Lock it your diaries, bring the family and a picnic along. All the kids are excited about showing off their hard work and practice over the last few weeks. We will be holding a BBQ and soup sale. Please remember this will be run between 5:30- 6:20pm, and is designed for a dinner alternative for those that don't have time to make other arrangements for a picnic. All food and drinks will be sold for a gold coin donation until sold out. All funds will be donated to two local charities.

The Turner School Fairtrade polo t-shirts are available to order. On arrival, orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. If you would like to order a polo shirt please click on [http://www.turners.act.edu.au/for\\_parents/carers/uniforms](http://www.turners.act.edu.au/for_parents/carers/uniforms) for an order form or come and see the uniform display on Condamine St near the front office.

Finally, with one P&C event remaining this year I wanted to say thank you to the entire school community for your efforts this year. We have many new members of the P&C and couldn't do it without you. To the continuing members of the P&C for 2019, thank you. Many of you have been involved with Turner School for a number of years and your support, advice, time, and patience has been invaluable to us 'newbies'.

Look forward to seeing you all at the End Of Year Concert on 5th December!

**Nathan Richards | P&C President** [turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com)



## Board Report

Congratulations to all the students who took part in last week's Northside Spectacular! Centred around the theme of Celebration, it was inspiring to see so many young people from across North Canberra getting into the spirit of engaging in dance, singing and music as creative expression. It's also that time of year when children across all the year groups are busy with their End of Year Concert preparations and I'm sure that like myself you're all looking forward to seeing what they've been rehearsing to share with all of us parents and families on the 5th of December!

This week's Board Meeting was focused on the many sources of data and evidence that the school and teachers use to assess where kids are in their learning. These include big picture data such as NAPLAN and PIPs, individual classroom based assessment, regular reviews of school processes and the results of surveying students, teachers and parents. This year it's been fantastic to see an increase the number of parents completing the School Satisfaction Survey, and also lots of informal conversations within the community via the Class Parent Contact network and the P&C Facebook Page.

Finally I'd like to wish the Year 5/6's all the best with their Market Day this Friday - a highlight of the school calendar for all involved. Looking forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks as we celebrate the goals and achievements of this year's Year 6 cohort and the teachers, friends and families who have supported them throughout their primary schooling.

**Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle | Turner School Board Chair** | [aarthiayyar@gmail.com](mailto:aarthiayyar@gmail.com)



## Library Happening

Dear Turner Families,

Just to let you know that as of this week all borrowing from the library has ceased. It is now time to start looking for books that maybe at home and having your child or children return them to the library.

In week 6 I will be handing out borrowing notices to all students with books still borrowed out. This is to help you locate them at home or even hiding in your child(ren)'s classroom.

The library will officially close at the end of week 7 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and the annual stocktake will begin.

I want to thank you for your assistance with returning books and look forward to an exciting year of learning again in 2020.

Remember to read over the holiday.

**Jayne Murray | Teacher Librarian**



## Leaving Turner School?

If your preschool to year 5 child is leaving Turner School at the end of the year (or before) please notify us as soon as possible by letter or [email](mailto:turners@turners.act.edu.au) to the Front Office.





**Turner Ukulele:** Wednesdays 8:15 - 9am | **EAL/D Coffee Chat:** Friday 22 November 8:30am—9:30am

New to Turner Transition Visits Thursday 21 November 12:30pm—1:30pm

Volunteers Morning Tea Wednesday 27 November 10:45am—11:40am

**Turner School Notes due back:** Year 6 Celebration Day



### Years P-K:

**Junior Assembly** Wednesday 20 November 2:10pm  
**“Kids at play, active play and Healthy Morning Tea”**  
 Tuesday 26 November  
**Disco K-4** Wednesday 27 November 5:45pm—6:45pm

### Years 1/2:

**AIS Swim School** Mon 11 November - Fri 22 November  
**Junior Assembly** Wednesday 20 November 2:10pm  
**Combined SRC** Wednesday 27 November  
**Disco K-4** Wednesday 27 November 5:45pm—6:45pm

### Years 3/4:

**AIS Swim School** Mon 11 November—Fri 22 November  
**Senior SRC** Wednesday 20 November 2:10pm  
**Combined SRC** Wednesday 27 November  
**Disco K-4** Wednesday 27 November 5:45pm—6:45pm

### Years 5/6:

**AIS Swim School** Monday 11 Nov—Fri day 22 Nov  
**Senior SRC** Wednesday 20 November 2:10pm  
**Combined SRC** Wednesday 27 November

### WHOLE SCHOOL:

**Yr 5/6 Market Day** Friday 15 November 12:15pm—2pm  
**End of Year Concert** Thursday 5 December 6:30pm

### REPRESENTATIVE:

**Bandstravaganza Rehearsal** Tue 19 November  
 10am—12noon  
**Bandstravaganza** Wed 20 November 5:30pm-6:40pm



## 2020 Transition Information (for families that are new to Turner School)



**Preschool 2020 Groups—Getting to know you interview**—Interviews will be held during Week 9 of this term for 2020 preschool families to meet with their preschool teacher. Interviews are held in the David Street Meeting rooms and are half an hour in length. All families will be contacted in the near future to arrange a time.

### Years K-6 time in classrooms – Thursday 21 November, 12:30 – 1:30pm

New to Turner School families are invited to visit current classrooms to get to know the school and other children. Please come to the school office on Condamine Street at 12:15pm. Parents accompany children on this day.

### Years K-6 Turner School transition day - Friday 13 December, 12:30 –1:30pm

All Turner children and new children attending Turner in 2020 spend the middle session of the day with their 2019 peers. Please come to the school office on Condamine Street at 12:15pm. Parents accompany children on this day.

Please RSVP to the transition sessions by following this link: <https://forms.gle/eo2ndJpAVb6er4Mq8>. If you have any issues in accessing the Google Form, please contact the school on 6142 2430.

**Additional support**—If you think your child requires additional support in transitioning to Turner School, please let us know so that we can support them in making a successful start to the school.

### Setting Your Child up for Success in Kindergarten for 2020.

Starting full-time school is a big step for many children. One of the ways we work with families to build school readiness and to support children transition well is to offer our 2019 kindergarten families this workshop. This will cover some aspects of learning in kindergarten and how families can support their children. We will also provide some tips on ways that families can support their child in developing independence, promoting physical activity and wellbeing, and to develop social and emotional skills, language, communication and thinking.

This workshop will be held on Thursday 28 November 2019. We will run two sessions, one in the morning at 9:00-10:00am and then repeated in the evening at 5:30-6:30pm. Please RSVP on <https://forms.gle/9j7cGYM8nKAmJw7f7> . **As bookings are essential.**



**Sharps Safety**— All Turner children are reminded about safety with ‘sharps’ at school and in our community. **Sharps hotline: 13 22 81.**

\***DON’T TOUCH** – Students are advised that under NO circumstances are they to pick up syringes, needles or any other sharps.

\***STAND GUARD** – Find someone to stand guard near the syringe, needle or other sharps.

\* **GET HELP** – Go and find a supervising teacher or one of our Front Office staff and tell them where the object is. The object will be removed and placed in a hazard container to be disposed of.

## Piano Concert Performances

Monday 18 November and Wednesday 20 November 8am-8:45m in the Hall.



# DISCO



End of Year

Wednesday

27 November 2019

K-4 disco (5:45pm – 6:45pm)

DJ Cliff will lead us in a range of games and dances

Children are welcome to wear their best party clothes

Students from the SRC will assist with the Disco

Drinks will be available for \$1.50.

**Cost: \$3.50 per child / \$7.00 per family of CURRENT K-6 students.**

All students K-4 must be collected from **INSIDE** the hall at the end of their disco.



## 5/6 Market Day is Tomorrow!



Friday 15 November 2019 is the 5/6 Market Day. We encourage all K-6 students to bring along a few dollars on the day and enjoy the range of activities and treats that our 5/6 students have prepared. There will be numerous activities to participate in and a wide variety of food available on the day including sushi, tacos, waffles and fruit kebabs which will complement your child's packed lunch. Food and activities will cost between 50c and \$5.

Stalls will be operating from 12:15pm-2:00pm.



**FREE ENTRY**

**FESTIVAL INDONESIA**  
CANNBERRA 2019

SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2019  
10.30 AM - 04.00 PM

AT THE EMBASSY OF INDONESIA  
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ACT 2600

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- Cultural Exhibition
- Art Workshop/Demo
- Kid's Corner & Photo Booth
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## Community Notices

ACT Education Directorate

**Primary Concert Choir Auditions for 2020**

**Instrumental Music Program**

Students attending ACT Public Primary Schools in 2020 are invited to apply to audition for the Instrumental Music Program's Primary Concert Choir.

You must be in year 4-6 in 2020

Complete your online application at  
<https://forms.gle/U4Gj3fnPv1TYa48E6>

You can also find this link at the IMP website, [www.imp.act.edu.au](http://www.imp.act.edu.au)

Phone: 61420477  
E-mail: [imp@imp.act.edu.au](mailto:imp@imp.act.edu.au) Website: [www.imp.act.edu.au](http://www.imp.act.edu.au)

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We are holding an Open House and Service Expo on Friday 22 November from 10am – 2pm. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat! Please RSVP to [Michelle.Groeneveld@marymead.org.au](mailto:Michelle.Groeneveld@marymead.org.au)

**STARTING MONDAY 14/10/19**  
10-11.30AM  
SCHOOL TERMS

### GUMTREE PLAYGROUP

for parents/carers living with chronic health issues

**BRING THE KIDS AND ENJOY SOME PLAYTIME**

In the Cubby Playroom  
ACT Playgroup Association  
41 Templeton Street, Cook, ACT 2614

Morning tea provided, cost \$5/wk

For more info or to register  
Contact Deborah ACT  
PH: 6251 2855 or  
[info@actnsiaact.org.au](mailto:info@actnsiaact.org.au)

