



# Turner School News



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Dear Turner Community,

It was just so fantastic to see how quickly our students have settled back into their face to face learning at Turner School. We look forward to our year 5/6 students returning next week and it was lovely to see our Year 6 students stop by to pick up their leadership shirts on Tuesday.

One thing I noticed walking around our school for the past couple of weeks has been the way our community and our students have stepped up to support our social distancing and hygiene expectations. We thank you for having those important conversations with your children around these important key measures in keeping our community healthy and for your continued vigilance in following our drop off and pick up arrangements. Just remember, if you need to talk to your classroom teacher or school leadership team, we are only a phone call or email away and we can make a time to talk with you.

So, what has learning been looking like for each year group? Actually, we've settled quickly and it's not looking too different to our learning structures from term 1!

In the classroom, our Preschool to year twos have been engaging in explicit teaching mini-lessons for reading, writing and maths. They have been part of smaller group learning conferences and small group collaboration tasks. Students have been practising their skills in self-management and arranging flexible learning spaces. They have been getting better and better at demonstrating their skills with technology. There has been learning about and establishing of routines related to keeping safe and healthy. We've had lots and lots of opportunities for play and social interaction and have focussed on learning about what it takes to be a good friend.

On returning to school our 3/4 students have been excited about the social connections- catching up with friends and teachers and sharing stories. They have been actively engaged in collaborating to complete classroom learning tasks and participated in hands on investigations and conversations. Classrooms are simply buzzing! Students have been working on improving their computer technology skills and we would notice that the routine of engaging with tasks online has really supported some of our learners. We have given all our students plenty of time to play outside and be active with friends as many of them have expressed that this is what they have missed the most!

For those who haven't already- please remember to return any school resources, including chrome books to school when your child returns.

Have a great end to the week and we look forward to all our students returning next week!

Kind regards,

Allison

## Reconciliation Week:

We encourage you to make a connection to our local community and our online community in recognising the wisdom of Aboriginal people and understanding our country's history. For lots of online activities and opportunities, please follow the link:

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>



## Reminder for Parents/Carers re Parking Safely during Drop off/Pick up times:

Please make sure you are parking legally when you drop off or pick up students. Please do not park in 'no stopping' areas, mount the kerbs or block walking paths. All these actions can put our students in danger.

If you wish to report a car illegally parked you can call Access Canberra on 132281 or go online to [www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au](http://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au) enter parking into the search bar, scroll down the answers list and click on parking, scroll down and you will see a bar 'report illegal parking online'.



ACT public schools will be returning to classroom learning in term 2

Information is available on [the Education Directorate website](http://www.education.act.gov.au)



# Turner School Collective Health & Safety

## Term Overview

### WEEK 3- 11 MAY:

- All students learning remotely
- Registered students for Safe and Supervised Sites to attend designated site

### WEEK 4- 18 MAY:

- Preschool to Year 2 back to the classroom at Turner School
- Year 3-6 students learning remotely
- Registered students for Safe and Supervised Sites (years 3-6) to attend at Turner School

### WEEK 5- 25 MAY

- Preschool to Year 4 back to the classroom at Turner School
- Year 5/6 students learning remotely
- Registered students for Safe and Supervised Sites (year 5/6) to attend at Turner School

### WEEK 6- 2 JUNE

- Preschool to Year 6 back to the classroom at Turner School

## 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.
- 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 outbreak, 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.



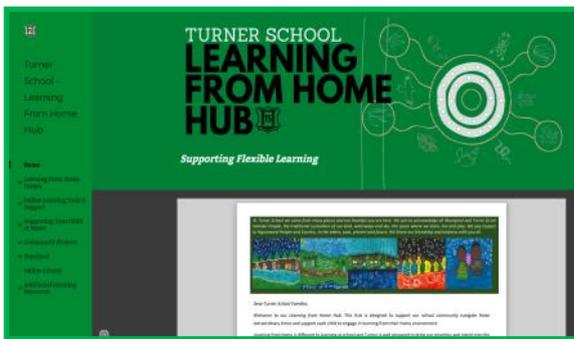
## Whole School Approach

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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## Uke Project

It was fabulous to see our early risers joining us online for uke at 8am! I think we sang even better than we usually do. We finish online by 8:40am so you have 20 minutes to make it to school. This means if you have borrowed a ukulele from school - hold on to it for now while we keep Uke Project online.



## National Reconciliation Week 2020 Turner Assembly

Australia has been celebrating National Reconciliation week this week (27-3 June) The theme *“In This Together”* Is now resonating in ways we could not have foreseen when we announced it last year, but it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation we are all *In This Together.*” (Reconciliation Australia, 2020)



Turner school will share, support and celebrate this important event in the form of an online virtual whole school assembly on Wednesday, 3 June at 2:10pm The assembly will be presented by the Junior School (K-2) team. Please follow the link below: <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/online-assemblies>

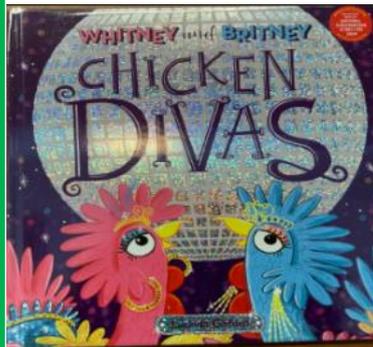
## Year 5/6 Welcome Back to school video

With the Year 5/6 students returning back to face to face learning from Tuesday 2 June, the Year 5/6 Team have put together a Welcome back video for students and families to watch. Please follow this link below to the Turner School Learning Hub. <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/learning-from-home-turner/welcome-back-videos>

Year 5/6



## Turner School Read Aloud Project



National Simultaneous Storytime, is held annually across Australia. It's aim is to promote the value of reading and literacy and this is its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Each year an Australian written and illustrated picture book is selected and can be used to address learning areas of the National Curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 6. It is great fun to be part of and the students love to see how the teachers will make the book come alive each year. Please enjoy our COVID 19 version. <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home->



## 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](https://www.education.act.gov.au)



## 2021 school enrolments now open

1. Go to [education.act.gov.au](https://www.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.



For more information please go to: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

## VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

The Turner School Virtual Cross Country Continues through via the Google Classroom. This is optional for our students if they would like to participate. This distance required for each age group:

- 5-7 Year Olds 500m / 8 Year Olds 1km / 9 Year Olds 1.5km / 10 Year Olds 2km
- 11 Year Olds 3km / 12 Year Olds 3km / 13 Year Olds 3km

Just be aware that, for whichever course is selected social distancing protocols must be adhered to. Results with first name, last name initial, age group and school may appear on SSACT FB and website, e.g. Sarah M. 8 Years Torrens PS – if entering, the parent is agreeing to these terms and Media Consent is given. This is a way to keep our students engaged, active and out to challenge themselves to improve.

Alex Lilly | Turner School Sports Coordinator

