



Turner School News



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 15 Feb—Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 3/4 information evening—Online
- ◆ 17 Feb—Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 information evening—Online
- ◆ 1 March—P&C AGM—online
- ◆ 8 to 10 March—School photos
- ◆ 16 March— 8am online Ukulele
- ◆ 23 March— School Board meeting—Online

Link to Learning from Home Hub

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/home>

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Welcome to Turner in 2022!

A big welcome to our new families, this is a lovely community to be part of and we are glad you are here. It's been such a joy this week to hear the giggles and stories from our students as they get back together with their friends, make new friends and get settled in their new class.

Thanks for the way you have supported your children to start the year a little differently as we are straight into following the COVID safe restrictions. Our students haven't had the experience of cohorting, no parents on site and set playgrounds at the start of the year before. They have adapted well. Some students may still be feeling anxious about new routines so please make sure you check out our psychologist Michelle's handy hints in this newsletter to support the wellbeing of your child.

RATs were a big theme for this week! Thank you to the staff for helping with the labelling and sorting of tests and for supporting the drive through and class collections. Thanks to you all for your flexibility in working with our collection times so that we could get them out to you as quickly as possible.

Please see the following pages in our newsletter for our updated teaching teams and staff connection points for 2022. Your child's classroom teacher is your first point of call if you have any questions or concerns about your child. If ever you would like further support, your child's year group executive teacher or Antonia McGuire and Heather Hill (Deputy Principals) or myself can be available.

We had some building works happening over the holidays and some that will continue into term 1. We have completed painting and laying of new carpet in the After School Care building, have ongoing refurbishment of the kindergarten toilets and have completed updates to the preschool cubby and sandpit.

A reminder that we have our parent information sessions in Week 3. To meet health requirements, these will be online. More information will come out in week 2. Our extra curricula activities, for example choir, djembe and ukulele, will start in week 3 and 4. More information will be in our week 3 newsletter.

Kind regards,

Allison Edmonds | Principal Turner School

Upcoming Online Turner School Information Sessions

Preschool: 5:30pm-6:30pm Tuesday 15 February —Online
 Kindergarten and Year 3/4: 5:30pm-6:30pm Tuesday 15 February—Online
 Years 1/2 and Year 5/6 5:30pm-6:30pm Thursday 17 February —Online

Lines of communication:

- * Allison Edmonds—Principal
- * Heather Hill—Deputy Principal and 5/6 Team Leader
- * Antonia McGuire—Deputy Principal and Inclusion Officer
- * Jocelyn James — Preschool/Kindergarten Team Leader
- * Jess Engele —Years 1-2 Team Leader
- * Emily Gregory —Years 3-4 Team Leader
- * Michelle Wootton Price —School Psychologist

- * Deb Parr—Business Manager
- * Laura Patrick/Ann-Maree Caughey/Elisabeth Judd — Administration Team
 Condamine Street Front Office 61422430/61422431
 David Street Front Office 61422436
 Email: tnrp@turners.act.edu.au

P&C Email: turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com
 P&C Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/turnerprimarypandc/>

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to a new school year! We are so excited to be seeing so many familiar faces and to meet all our new Turner students! Hopefully the holidays have been a nourishing time where you were able to reconnect with family and rest after what was for some, another stressful pandemic year.

Please be assured that significant planning has gone into keeping your children safe at school with numerous COVID-smart measures and additional precautions. Return to school under usual circumstances may bring uncertainty, excitement, fatigue or other big emotions. We typically find many children tired after their first few days, while others may be more sensitive or less tolerant than usual as they adjust to the new term.

For many children, the long holiday break means routines have relaxed with later bedtimes and more screen time, and the new school year also means adjusting to an early bed and wake time, along with a very structured, busy day. It is expected that there may be big emotions at home following a full day, as children learn to navigate a different daily routine, their new class composition; and managing all the health measures in place.

Parents have the complicated mission of managing their own fears and anxiety while providing support for their children. At a time when many of us remain concerned about the virus, let your children know that along with the many doctors, scientists; emergency responders and people working on vaccines and boosters, detailed planning that has gone into minimising the risk to keep everyone safe. Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's) are part of these precautions.

As with the vaccinations, the key to performing the RAT is preparing your child for it, explaining what will happen, giving them as much control over the situations (where and when at home to do it; whether they want to stand or sit) practicing creating saliva and minimising their anxiety. Here I love Karen Young's ("Hey Warrior") philosophy that anxiety is the emotion you feel before you do something brave.

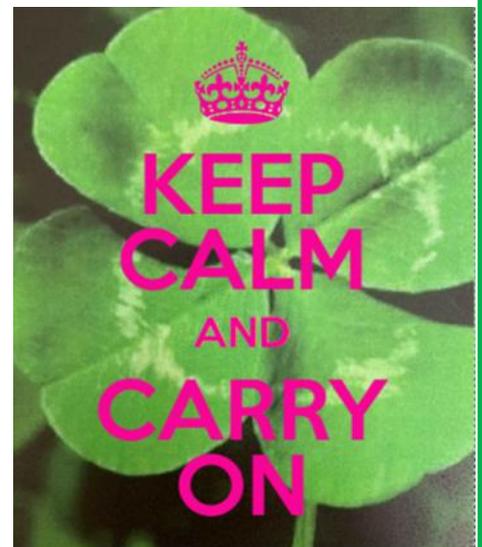
Our primary school students, will be doing V-Chek Antigen Saliva tests. These need to be stored below 30 degrees, out of direct sunlight. For further information click <https://v-chek.net.au/>. The tests require a fair amount of saliva in your mouth. In addition to visualising your favourite food (imagine the smell, taste and texture), gently massaging your cheeks and chewing on your tongue can also help create saliva. Drinking a glass of water an hour before is advised.

It is useful to remember that the questions your child asks will typically be driven by a need for reassurance. Try not to ask leading questions "are you nervous about..." but encourage them to ask freely about what may be concerning them, and answer their questions honestly with as much information as they need to feel safe. If you don't have the answer, acknowledge what a good question it is and write it down, reassuring them that you will find it out.

Please reach out to your child's teacher as the first port of call should you notice they are taking longer to settle (or re-settle) into the new year. Our social emotional learning programs will continue to prioritise wellbeing, and if additional support is needed, please let us know so we can guide you to additional resources/ supports.

Wishing you all the best for this year ahead.

Michelle | School Psychologist



Chrome Books and Devices

At this stage we will be planning for chrome books and school devices to remain at school. To help us with a quick and efficient rollout should they need to go home, please indicate on the following form if your child would need a school device in the event of moving to remote learning.

School device form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnK8vGsEjK1cUoiL48FK5vBi5QYZh4UJ5CJxCioEvPs-9Kw/viewform>

You will need to fill out a separate entry for each child.

Turner School Teachers — Year group, Teacher and Class name.

Preschool and Kindergarten

Team Leader—Jocelyn James

Preschool

Monday to Wednesday-

Teacher: Kailee Tindale / Assistant: Annie Rebetzke

Monday to Wednesday -

Teacher: Liga Alite / Assistant: Clare Warren

Wednesday to Friday-

Teacher: Kailee Tindale / Assistant: Annie Rebetzke

Kindergarten

KAS—Anna Saunders

KYL—Young Lee

KIJ—Imogen Johnson

SK/1CP—Kristina Charman and Anna Przybylski

Year 1/2

Team Leader—Jess Engele

1/2AR— Alice Roscoe

1/2SS— Sarah Scotland

1/2ES— Eleanor Stuart

1/2AV—Adam Volmari

1/2KG—Kayla Gifford

S2/3KF—Keryn Freeland

Year 3/4

Team Leader—Emily Gregory

3/4KB—Cath Blake and Hana Kramer

3/4AV—Alex Van de Rhee

3/4GS—Georgia Stephens

S3/4CL—Lauren Callahan and Laura Langston

3/4MS—Micha Scott

S3/4KH—Katrina Harding

3/4SN—Sammy Noble

Year 5/6

Team Leader—Heather Hill

5/6CW—Craig White

S5/6HM—Helen Middleton

5/6DB—Donna Briggs

S5/6FO—Felicity O’Flynn

5/6TC— Tilly (Matilda) Cave

5/6CB—Nick Collins and Salma Khan

5/6RB—Ryan Bartley

Specialist Teachers

EAL/D—Maura Dand

Year 3/6 Visual Arts—Laura Langston

K-2 Music—Jess Engele

K-2 Indonesian—Rima Kemp

Year 3/6 Indonesian—Maura Dand

Teacher Librarian—Jayne Murray

2022 Student Parliament Leaders

Allison met with our 2022 Student Parliament Leaders on Monday to hear how their holidays were, share thoughts on their leadership goals and what they were looking forward to for the year. Common messages from our student leaders included their passion for environmental sustainability. In thinking about their leadership goals, key connections were around looking at ways to become better communicators so they can further build student agency, (voice and choice) across the school in a way that has a lasting community impact. We look forward to the work of our Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers in the year ahead!

What some of our student leaders are looking forward to in 2022.....

- Sujaan: I am most looking forward to having the ability to do more of the stuff we didn't get to do last year with COVID. Maybe we won't have to cohort as much!
- Flora: We have missed our buddy classes- I'm looking forward to finding a way we connect with them this year!
- Sadra: I am looking forward to finding a way for students to set up their own lunchtime club.
- Abyan: I am looking forward to finding ways to get everyone to build their awareness of Global Warming.
- Clara: I am looking forward to getting some of our parents as experts in for this year's STEAM Festival.
- Oscar: I am looking forward to have an impact through some sustainability projects.
- Elijah: I am looking forward to building my skills as a communicator and seeing what impact we have.

Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately, we are have had to cancel our 2022 Turner School Swimming Carnival based on the current guidelines from the Education Directorate.

We will be receiving more information in the coming weeks with the hope that an ACT carnival will still be held. At this time, students will be able to qualify based on their squad training times if they meet the qualifying times. Please look out for more information regarding this in the coming newsletters.

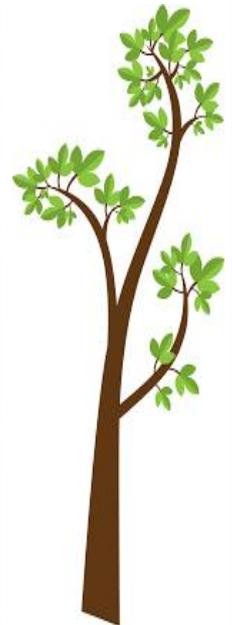
Thank you, Turner School Sports Committee



Welcome to our new Preschool and Kindergarten Classes!

In celebration, the Preschool and Kindergarten classes planted a native shrub. Over the year the children will look after these plants, learning about how to take care of them and watching the insects, birds and other creatures that may visit them. They will be looking at how they personally connect and contribute to their world through stewardship of the environment. The children were wondering how big the plants would be at the end of the year or when they finish school.

In partnership with the P&C, Turner School has been building our outdoor learning spaces over the last few years. The Cultural Integrity Garden provides several spaces for classes to learn and come together. We will continue to build the garden space as the current plants grow.



P&C Report

A warm welcome to all students as we enter the 2022 academic year. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and have a great start to the new school year. Regrettably, due to COVID restrictions, we had to cancel our Welcome Morning Tea's for new students which were due to be held on the first three mornings of Term.

Please join us for the Turner Primary P&C Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for Tuesday 1st March at 7pm. The meeting will be held via a Teams link and we will communicate a meeting link closer to the date. We are looking for new members to join the committee, it is an exciting opportunity to play a role in our school community. We have an email address, turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com, which is regularly monitored. Please feel free to send any comments or feedback, and don't forget to monitor our Facebook page for regular updates.

Nicola Gibson | Turner School P&C President | turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com

Board Report

Welcome to 2022 at Turner School!

For those of you who are new to the school, my name is Aarthi and I'm the current Chair of the school Board. I have a son, Sujaan, who is in Year 6 this year in Nick and Salma's class.

It has been lovely to see so many new and returning students walking and riding to school this week, and I'm looking forward to meeting many of you when school and P&C activities start up again. While these will continue to look different from previous years, I have no doubt we'll find many ways to be a part of our wonderful school community this year. The staff, P&C committee and School Board are here to support your children's transition back to, or into, school life.

In addition to emails that are regularly sent out from the school, if you are on Facebook then a great way to stay in touch is the P&C Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/412302892553369/ If you know other families who have recently joined Turner, please encourage them to join the group as it continues to grow and become a space to share events, information about the local community and feedback to improve the everyday Turner experience.



The role of the School Board is to meet regularly to review the school's strategic direction and priorities, keep track of budgets and school performance, review guidelines on a range of issues and discuss the curriculum and overall strategies around learning. If you'd like to contribute to any of these conversations, please feel free to get in touch in person or via email.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable school year!

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

2022 Board Elections

There are currently 3 vacancies up for nomination:

1. Position 1: Parents and citizens member (A member of the school community)
2. Position 2: Staff representative (A current member of Turner School's staff)
3. Position 3: Staff representative (A current member of Turner School's staff)

Nominations are to be submitted to the school's front office between 11 am, Monday 7 February 2022 and 11 am, Monday 21 February 2022.

Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Nomination forms are attached at the end of this newsletter and will also be available from the Condamine Street Office.

You can submit your nomination by:

- ⇒ email to tnrp@turners.act.edu.au (**preferred method**)
- ⇒ mail to ARO, c/- Turner School, 32 Condamine Street, Turner ACT 2612
- ⇒ hand delivery to the Turner School Condamine Street front office

The names of all nominees will be announced via an email at 3pm Wednesday 23 February 2022.

If an election is required, information on candidates and the voting period will be announced later.

If you have any questions please contact the ARO, Deborah Parr on 61422430.

No Hat—Play in the Shade

Brimmed hats **MUST** be worn whenever students are outside. Bucket hats are available from the Condamine Street front office for \$8.25.

Please label hat with your child name.



UNIFORMS

The Turner School uniform colours are green and black.

Our uniform stockists details are:

- **Macdonalds Childrens Wear**, Jamison Plaza, Bowman St, Macquarie ACT 2614
- **Chilada**, Majura Park Shopping Centre, Spitfire Ave, Majura Park ACT 2609
- **Turner School—Fair Trade Polo Shirts**— Order form will be published once available.

A limited pool of second hand clothing is available from the school.

Please label all clothing, drink bottles and personal items with your child's name.



Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport



The ACT Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

Parking safely and legally around school— Please care for our community and help keep our students safe by parking only in designated parking spots. A reminder to keep bus zones clear and to leave disability parking spots for those with a disability card.

Turner Notices

2022 P&C AGM Meeting

Week 5—Tuesday 1st March at 7pm.

Online via Zoom

Meeting link to follow closer to the date.



2022 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Week 4—23rd March

@ 5.30PM — ONLINE

Meeting link to follow closer to the date.



Friday Lunch Orders— Starting Week 2.

Our current lunch coordinator has moved on. If you are interested in volunteering for this position or just to help out with the lunches please contact the P&C at turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com. We need your help to keep the Friday lunch orders happening! Only takes about 1hr of your time on Friday mornings.

The Healthy Kids Association, via Lyneham High School, provides a lunch order service to Turner each Friday, commencing Friday 11th February. Lunches are ordered through www.flexischools.com.au the menu is available on the Flexischools website.

Orders need to be in **before 8am** on Friday morning. **There are no sales on the day.** If you have any questions or feedback, please contact the P&C.



Ukulele online will start week 3!

Starts at 8am every Wednesday morning.

We finish at 8:45am, allowing students time to come to school.

Online link is available on the [Learning from Home Hub](#).

Email tnrp@turners.act.edu.au if you need to borrow a ukulele.



School Photos

are happening in Week 6!

- ◆ Preschool start of week group —Tuesday 8 March
- ◆ Preschool end of week group—Thursday 10 March
- ◆ P to Year 6—Wednesday 9 March.

Order forms will be sent out in coming weeks.





Staying Safe at Turner School



Before School Supervision—Supervision on the playgrounds before school begins at **8:30am**. We ask that you do not send your child to school before this time unless they are involved in our before school programs such as Choir. Any children who are at school before 8:30am will be asked to sit in the foyer area at the front office.



Bike Safety—Many of our students ride their bike to school each day. Cyclist safety is paramount for all children and adults. ACT Police recommend that children under years 3 and 4 (about 8 or 9 years) should not ride a bike without an adult riding/walking alongside. This is because children don't develop the ability to gauge distances accurately until about 8 or 9 years old. All children riding to school should wear a correctly fitted helmet. Bikes should be stored in the bike racks with a lock. Children should walk their bike or scooter once they are on the school grounds. Please talk with your child about safe use of pedestrian crossings.

Picking up and dropping off your child during school hours—If you need to pick up or drop off your child during school hours, please enter the buildings through our offices or preschool and inform staff at either the Condamine or David Street office so that they can update your child's absence record. This record will also need to be updated and amended even if they have only been out for a short period and if they arrive late to school.

Parking safely and legally around school— please remember to ensure that you are NOT illegally parked in school zones and putting all children in the area at risk. Just a reminder, school parking patrols have increased. Please remember when using the Condamine St drive through for pick up and drop of your children to ensure that you are using the drop off/Pick up Zone **by the silver seats only**. This will also prevent congestion and confusion when buses and other vehicles need to pull up in front of the school.

Going Home—School finishes at **3.00pm** each day. All children should go immediately home, to their bus stop or to After School Care. Please check that your children know each day how they are to get home and where your meeting place is. If your child has any changes to their after school routine, please let your child's teacher know.

David St building (P-2) drop off/pick up at 9am and 3pm—Please only park in designated spaces. For children's safety do not mount the gutters and park on grass areas. Ask your child to wait in a safe, visible area for you to arrive.

Condamine St building (3-6) drop off/pick up at 9am and 3pm—Children in years 3-6 who are picked up after school by car are to wait **by the silver seats** at the Condamine Street loop. We have a designated pick up bay for cars to quickly pop in, pick up and go. Please do not park your car in this place as this adds to the congestion of our loop. Please do not double park in front of other cars as this impairs visibility for students. If needed continually loop the street area rather than being stationary and causing congestion.

School Crossing Supervisor program—A School Crossing Supervisor program is being introduced in the ACT in 2018 to increase safety at 20 of the ACT's busiest crossings and to encourage more students to walk and ride to school. Crossing supervisors (or lollipop people as they are commonly known) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students. Turner Schools has a supervisor located at the crossing on David St. The supervisor will work for an hour in the morning and afternoon, commencing approximately 45 minutes before school and again 15 minutes before school finishes in the afternoon. When using a supervised crossing, pedestrians need to follow the instructions provided by the supervisor, rather than deciding when it is safe to cross. It is important to teach children about these new requirements and remember to:

- **STOP** – in a safe location next to the crossing
- **LOOK** – for the crossing supervisor
- **LISTEN** – to the supervisor's instructions



Bringing valuables to school—Children with mobile phones including smart watches that have access to the internet, should have a daily routine of checking them into the Condamine St office on arrival and retrieving them at 3pm. Children should not bring valuable items and toys to school.



Sun Safety—Turner School is a SunSmart school. All children are required to wear a brimmed hat year round, except for the months of June and July. Children without a hat will be asked to stay in a designated area. If your child's hat has a chin strap attached, please cut this off as this may become tangled in the equipment or caught up in play. Could you also please support your child to apply sun cream before coming to school each day.

Sharps Safety— All Turner children are reminded about safety with 'sharps' 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.



Safety Fence — **Gates are closed between 9am and 3pm** - For the safety of all our children can you please ensure the pedestrian gates close behind you when entering and leaving the playground areas at drop off and pick up times.

Tree Safety—for the safety of your children and others, they are **NOT** to climb trees on the school grounds before, during or after school.

Community Notices

North Canberra Baptist Church presents



Playtime

Turner

A Playgroup for kids (0-4 y.o.) and their carers
At the church hall of NCBC
17 Condamine St. Turner
Free (or gold coin donation)

**TUESDAYS
10-11:00 am**
* during school term

Email: playtime@ncbc.org.au

Turner



SUPA Clubs are free, fun and interactive.
Kids play games, do crafts, enjoy Bible stories and have afternoon tea together.

Where: North Canberra Baptist Church Hall
(on Condamine St. opposite Turner School.
Kids will be met at the school and walked across together.)

When: Tuesdays 3-5pm

Years: K to 6



To register, go to <https://suact.org.au/supa-club-permission-form/>

Or contact Bob Edwards on 0407 628 926

or email bob@2hgt.org




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2022 ACT School Term Dates



- Term 1 - Ends Friday 8 April
- Term 2 – Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July
- Term 3 – Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September
- Term 4 – Monday 10 October to Friday 16 December

School Board Elections

Nomination Form

Please use this form to nominate for a position on your school board.

Details:

School Name: Turner School

Assistant Returning Officer Name: Deborah Parr

Phone: 61422432

Email: tnrp@turners.act.edu.au

Nominee Details:

Position: Staff member (*A member of the staff of the school*)

Number of vacancies: 2

Position: P&C Association member (*A member of the P&C Association of the school who is actively involved with the P&C association of the school*)

Note: to be 'actively involved' you do not have to be (but can be) an office bearer of the P&C or on the committee.

Number of vacancies: 1

Nomination:

I, _____ am nominating for
the position/s of _____ on the school board.

If elected I will undertake the duties of the position and agree to abide by the [Code of Conduct](#)

If appointed as the P&C association member on the board, I intend to be actively involved in the P&C association of the school during the term of office on the board.

Signature: _____ (note: please type name if submitting via email)

Date: _____

The Education Directorate (the Directorate) is collecting the information on this form to enable it to conduct elections for school boards. This is authorised by section 41 of the Education Act 2004. This information will be disclosed to the school community to enable eligible voters to elect a nominee of their choice.

Lodgement Information:

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email to tnrp@turners.act.edu.au (preferred method)

hand delivery to the *Turner School front office, Condamine Street*

mail to ARO, c/- *Turner School, 32 Condamine Street, Turner ACT 2612*

If an election is required further information will be given by email.

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