



Turner School News



Upcoming Events:

- 11 November—Remembrance Day Assembly
- 13 November—Djembe Performance at Turner School
- 14-18 November—Aqua Safe swimming program (Yr 2)
- 16 November—5/6 Market Day & Junior Assembly
- 28 November—Staff Planning Day

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Dear Turner Families,

The term is certainly moving along very quickly—who can believe we are coming to the end of the school year!

A huge thank you to our families and staff who came along for the opening of the Cultural Integrity Garden and our P&C for hosting the Colossal Picnic on Friday evening—it was so lovely to catch up with families and how amazing was the weather!

Opening of our Cultural Integrity Garden: In partnership with the P&C, Turner School has been building outdoor learning spaces over the last few years. A central component is our Cultural Integrity Garden. The Cultural Integrity Garden was initiated in 2019 to connect students to Country, to local plants and their use and to introduce Aboriginal ways of being, story telling and sharing. The layout of the garden was initially designed by our kindergarten students and is a space where four or five classes can come together to yarn, learn, listen, and deepen their ability to collaborate and connect with people, Country and history. We also want it to be a place where the community will be able to meet, share and appreciate this Country. I would like to thank the P&C, in particular Nathan Richards and Nicola Gibson for their contribution. A big thanks also goes to Ted Hanlon who supported the building structures and landscaping. Thanks also to Antonia McGuire, Cath Blake and the Cultural Integrity student leadership team who have been instrumental in helping it to grow. Turner is so very grateful to Adam Shipp, David Spillman, Ben Wilson, Graeme Hincksman and Scott Gorringer for sharing their proud Indigenous culture, perspectives and wisdom with us as part of our learning in the garden. There's a part of everyone's story in this garden, please enjoy your moments to seek those stories out as you visit!

Colossal Picnic: The P&C hosted Colossal Picnic was a huge success with hundreds of families attending for a sausage sizzle, fairy floss, playing students vs adults' games and enjoying music performances. Many thanks to the P&C for hosting the event, Craig White and Nick Collins for leading the sports captains to run games and Kayla Gifford, Jess Engele and Tilly Cave for leading the music performances.

Book Week Special Evenings: Thank you to Jayne Murray for organising our Book Week family events and thanks to those who came along to enjoy!

Coming up in the next couple of days we have our Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday at 10:30am hosted by our 3/4 students and on Sunday, while our Djembe group can no longer perform at Haig Park markets due to the wet weather, we will hold a special family and friends' concert in the Turner School senior hall on Sunday morning for our performing students, families and special guests.

Have a great week.

Allison Edmonds | Principal, Turner School

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- * Heather Hill—Deputy Principal and 5/6 Team Leader
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- * Kayla Gifford —Years 3-4 Team Leader

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Market Day

Next Wednesday
16 November

The 5/6 cohort will be running their annual market day. This is a chance for the 5/6 students to organise and run a stall involving activities and services that fellow students can participate in for a cost. There will be a variety of prizes and items on the day to be won and purchased. We ask that students bring money that they can use at the stalls on the day. We recommend around \$10. Proceeds from the day will go towards our 5/6 chosen charity of the RSPCA.

Year 5 & 6 Bands Crescendo Concert—24 November

Year 5 & 6 Band families are invited to come and watch our bands play at the *Crescendo Concert* series where they will have the opportunity to perform their repertoire learned over the past year or two!

Where: Outdoor stage

When: 9-9:45am



COVID-19 Reminder & Rapid Antigen Tests

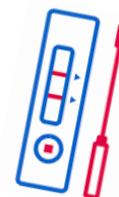
A reminder that you **must tell the school if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19**. This is a requirement under ACT Education Directorate procedures for the management of infectious diseases. Telling us when your child has COVID-19 will also help us track if there is an increase in COVID-19 transmission at school and manage any high-risk exposures for our more vulnerable school community members.

As with other infectious diseases, students with COVID-19 symptoms (including runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever) should get tested and **must not attend school while they are unwell**.

The ACT Education Directorate strongly recommends parents and carers keep their child home for at least five days if they have COVID-19.

You are at higher risk of getting COVID-19 if you live with someone who has COVID-19. ACT Health recommends some simple steps you can take to reduce the risk to others, including monitoring for symptoms, wearing a mask indoors and regular testing.

Rapid Antigen Tests can still be accessed through the front office. Please contact the office on 61422430 or email tnrp@turners.act.edu.au if you require any tests.



Turner School Board Report

On Wednesday 9 November the Turner School Board representatives (Dale Todling – Chair, Chris Hall – Deputy Chair, Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle – Member, Allison Edmonds - Principal, Heather Hill – Deputy Principal, Antonia McGuire – Deputy Principal and Jayne Murray – Teacher Representative) met. The Board agreed that the Opening of the Cultural Integrity Garden and the Colossal Community Picnic had a great turn out, with hundreds of Turner families participating. It was noted that the P&C led Fairy Floss and Sausage sizzle stalls were very popular with volunteers working hard to keep up with demand. It was great to see a sense of community return to the School. The Board was reminded that the Colossal Community Picnic was held in place of the Fete that had been held in the past. The Board accepted the October '22 School Financial Reports and endorsed the updated Personalised Learning Guidelines.

I hope everyone is planning a fun and enjoyable Summer break, noting we are already in Week 5 of Term 4!

Dale Todling | Turner School Board Chair

Turner Movember!

You may have noticed some hairy faces getting around Turner School lately... That's because members of our Turner staff have decided to participate in Movember! Movember is a great cause to raise awareness for Men's Health issues through growing a Mo. This even has grown (pardon the pun) to also include other ways to raise funds including walking or running. As part of us wanting to develop students understanding of being a positive contributor and making an impact, us as staff, thought what better way than to lead and set an example that the students could follow. If you would like to find out more or donate to our school page, please follow the link below!

<https://movember.com/t/turner-school?mc=1>



2023 Enrolments—A message from the Education Directorate

Submit enrolment applications by the end of term

Are you ready for the 2023 school year?

Is your child transitioning to another school next year? It's not too late to enrol your child in their local school. Make sure you submit your application before the current school term ends on 16 December 2022. Enrolment applications received after that date may not receive notification until late January 2023. For more information and to enrol, go to <https://bit.ly/3Wnk7JQ>

LEAVING TURNER SCHOOL?

If your preschool to year 5 child is leaving Turner School at this end of the year (or before), please notify us as soon as possible by email at tnrp@turners.act.edu.au

2023 Transition Information

New to Turner Students

Years K-6 time in classrooms – Friday 25 November, 12:30 – 1:30pm

New to Turner School students are invited to visit current classrooms to get to know the school and other children. Please drop your child off at the Condamine Street front office at 12:15pm.

New to Turner School students please RSVP to the transition sessions by following this link: <https://forms.gle/sRJMFKpL71RBpkJZ9>

Current Turner Students

Years K-6 Turner School transition day - Friday 2 December, 12:30 –1:30pm

During these two sessions, current students and new to Turner students will spend the middle session of the day with their 2022 peers. If you have any questions please contact the front office on 6142 2430.

P&C Update

Thank you to all those members of the Turner Community who turned out in force to join us for the Colossal Family Picnic last Friday evening. We were lucky to have a beautiful evening, with over 250 sausages served, fairy floss a plenty and some wonderful musical performances and games. It was joyous to be back together. Thank you to all those volunteers and the executive team for making the event such a success. The proceeds of the gold coin donation will be directed to a local charity chosen by our Year 5/6 students.

Our final Turner School P&C meeting for 2022 will be held next **Tuesday, 15th November at 7pm**. We welcome all those members of the community who would like to attend. Should you need to email us the turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com inbox is regularly monitored.

Nicola Gibson | Turner School P&C President

Library Happenings

Wow, thank you Turner School community for a wonderfully successfully book fair. The school raised \$2000.00 worth of credits to spend on books and resources for the school.

In fact, before I packed it all away, I selected \$800 worth of books from the display shelves, and they now just await cataloguing ready for borrowing next year. The remainder of the money will be spent on updating our Reading Group books for year 3/4 and 5/6 again ready for next year's literacy program.

The Book Week activities have been running this week in the library, with the Spy Camp running on Tuesday evening and everyone had a great time as the photo below shows.



Borrowing has now ceased, come to an end, stopped

This will allow students and staff to get as many books returned before the end of the term.

We have about 6000 items out in the school community from the library and 5 weeks to get them back. I will be sending out loan notices over the next few weeks in the hope that most of them will flooding in as soon as possible. The library is open for returns every day and they are welcomed.

Remember to read for yourself and to or with your children for 20 minutes every day.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free' Fredrick Douglass

Yarra Jayne



BIKES/SCOOTERS SECURITY & SAFETY

Bikes and scooters that are left on the school premises after hours unattended, either locked or unlocked can pose a possible security risk. As a reminder, we ask that these items not be left on the school premises after hours. All children riding to and from school on bikes or scooters are required to wear a correctly fitted helmet. Bikes should be stored in the bike racks with a lock during school hours and all students should walk their bike or scooter once they are on the school grounds.



3/4 Boys Jamie Pearlman Basketball Finals

On Wednesday 26 October our 3/4 Boys Basketball team competed in the finals for the Div 2 Jamie Pearlman Cup. After a tough first match the boys bounced back and won leading them into the final and the chance to claim victory. After a tightly contested first half, the experience of the other team became too much and they ran away with the victory. Our boys should be extremely proud of the efforts and behaviour they displayed on the day and they made the Turner Community proud!



Community Notices



FREE COUNSELLING

You don't have to be in crisis to contact us. Parentline offers a respectful, caring, understanding approach to your parenting questions

ALL GIRLS are invited to visit their local guide unit and find out what guides get up to. Guides have **FUN** indoors and outdoors, learn new skills and make new friends.

Guides is for girls aged 5 –18 yrs.

Local guide units meet once a week at the Guide halls in Lister Cres, Ainslie and Clianthus St, O'Connor.

To find out more, go to:

<https://girlguides-nswactnt.org.au/> or

<https://www.northcanberragirlguides.com/>



GUIDES AUSTRALIA
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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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TURNER SCHOOL

END OF YEAR CONCERT

We would like to invite the Turner School community to join us in celebrating at our End of Year Concert 2022 on

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

6:00-7:30PM

Students to meet teachers at
5:30pm for a 6pm start

THIS YEAR'S BIG IDEA:

BUILD IT TOGETHER

A CELEBRATION OF US LIVING OUR
OBLIGATION TO SELF, OTHERS, THE
ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMUNITY

Back up date: Week 9 (Date to be confirmed by weather)

2023 Class Information for Turner Parents and Carers

Following on from the successful model in place for a number of years, we anticipate our 2023 K-6 class structure will be Kindergarten, combined year 1 and 2, combined year 3 and 4 and combined year 5 and 6 classes for both mainstream students and special education students. As with this year, should there be a big variation in the numbers of students within the paired cohort, we may need to form one class of a single cohort. The teachers know your children very well and bring a lot of information together when forming classes. We ensure each class has a balance of abilities, gender, behaviours and personalities. It is also important for children to experience new friendship groups as they progress through primary school and teachers work carefully to ensure friendship dynamics are a factor in class makeup too.

During term 4 we have a number of strategies in place to support all children with broadening friendship groups and with the transition process moving into 2023. As yet class locations and co-locations have not been decided.

We value input from parents and carers and students as well. We have asked years 1 to 5 students to name four good 'working partners' for us to consider and parents may also like to consider this as well.

If you would like to give YOUR thoughts on class placement for your child/ren please complete the slip attached and return to the Condamine St office by Friday 18 November. Copies can also be found on our website or at either front office. Completing this slip is optional. I know many of you are very happy to leave this decision with the school. Of course we cannot give guarantees on placement wishes as there are at times competing wishes presented.

Kind regards



Allison Edmonds



Parent / Carer Advice to Allison Edmonds on 2023 Class Placement

Student name:

Current class and teacher:

2023 year level:

Parent / Carer completing this advice:

Please name four children who would be 'good working partners' for your child:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Any other information you would like Allison and the teachers to consider?

Please ensure this slip is returned to the Condamine St office by Friday 18 November