



# Turner School News



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Dear parents, carers and Turner community,

We hope you are all doing well and we thank you for your support in helping your child to connect with their learning in the context of your busy working from home households! We are pleased to hear about our families coming out of quarantine and for those connected to family who are unwell with COVID - we are sending you our best wishes!

I want to acknowledge the work of our Turner team. Like many of you at home, they have been working long hours to manage their family lives and their work commitments from home. Our teacher's design and planning for engaging and purposeful learning for our students is something to celebrate. In addition, I know teachers have been working closely with families who may need some extra personalisation and are actively problem-solving ways to help. Collectively our team has huge compassion and commitment for our community and I thank them for the way they have been reaching out to you. Should you need anything, we are here to help and we have loved hearing your positive feedback to lift us up too!

We will keep this newsletter short and sweet as I know there are lots of other ways we have been communicating with you at home over this past week.

Some good news moments from our school leadership team at Turner this week:

- ⇒ We are maintaining over 96% attendance each day to engage with online learning.
- ⇒ We had 40 people joining online ukulele collective on Wednesday morning.
- ⇒ Our staff learnt how to use breakaway groups in google meets to expand our skills in supporting online collaboration.
- ⇒ Our 3/4 student's have been amazing problem solvers and self-managers this week! They've worked with their teachers and peers to trouble shoot tech issues and support each other to complete the amazing daily learning slides.
- ⇒ Our preschool students have been trialling SeeSaw as an early childhood platform. Students have been posting and sharing videos and photos and teachers have loved connecting with them!
- ⇒ The 1/2 team have been amazing collaborators. We have worked together to produce Inquiry-based lessons and have used a growth mindset to upskill ourselves in the online space. The teachers have loved connecting with the students online.
- ⇒ Our 5/6 students have been highly engaged and amazing self-managers this week! The level of thinking and learning has been thoroughly impressive – with lots of exciting work happening on our projects!
- ⇒ Our wonderful LSA team have been busy refreshing how to lead small group read alouds online.
- ⇒ The on-site students have been enjoying connecting with each other and engaging in their online learning.

The second page of this newsletter has a summary table of upcoming events and an update of what will be happening due to lock down and likely restrictions when we return to face to face learning.

Stay safe, stay kind and stay connected,

**Allison Edmonds | Principal**

Please remember to let the front office staff know immediately if your address, phone numbers, email address or any other contact details have changed. Our email address is [tnrp@turners.act.edu.au](mailto:tnrp@turners.act.edu.au) or phone Condamine St Front Office on 61422430 or 61422431 or David St Front Office 61422436

## Changes to upcoming events

Our school community puts lots of time into organising events to engage our students in community and learning connections. We feel a little sad when things can't go ahead as planned - however, we are adaptable to our ever changing times during the pandemic!

Event	Current Situation
Disco and P&C event	Cancelled - will have an end of year version—TBC
Learning Journeys	Postponed until Term 4
School Satisfaction and Climate Survey	Postponed
Kindergarten Cultural Integrity parent activity	Cancelled
Belconnen Track and Field Day	Cancelled
Week 7 Senior Assembly	Cancelled
Extra curricular activities until we return to face to face learning.	Click on our this <a href="#">link</a> for the home hub and extra activities.
Ukulele Community Collective	Online for Term 4 as we respond to COVID restrictions.
Tournament of The Minds	Moving to a digital format. Students who are involved will receive a notification and further details from 5/6 team
Limelight Performance Gala Event	To Be Confirmed
5/6 Girls, Interschool Cricket Day	Cancelled
Coffee Chat 3 September 2021	Cancelled
End of Term Assembly	Online Version

## Library Happenings

### Book Club

Book Club has arrived to the school, but due to lock down we are unable to distribute to families.

If you are interested in placing an order, please use this link <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>. It will allow you to look through Issue 6 and Issue 5 catalogues.

Orders close on the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

You can choose to have your order home delivered under the current circumstances, which is a small additional fee or delivered to the school.

If delivered to school, items will be handled by staff wearing gloves and masks, pick up will then be organised as a drive by event with email notification.

*Reading takes you all round the world – Old, New and Other from the comfort of home.*

**Jayne Murray | Librarian Teacher**



## **AIS Swimschool Program for Term 4, 2021—Cancelled**

Each year students from Kindergarten to Year 1 and students from Year 4 to 6 have the opportunity to attend a Swimming Program run by the AIS.

We have received the below message from AIS Aquatic and Fitness Centre:

“We regret to inform you that we have had to cancel the Schools Program for the remainder of 2021 due to the evolving COVID-19 situation in the ACT.

Our Schools Program is very dear to our hearts and cancelling is very disappointing for us. However, we are mindful of the uncertainties regarding what the resumption of our programs will look like over the next few months.

We hope that 2022 looks very different and that Turner School will join us once again for school swimming next year”.

We are waiting to hear from the AquaSafe Swimming Program co-ordinators. AquaSafe is for students in year 2 and 3 and is on the calendar for Week 2, Term 4.

## **P&C Report**

We hope all of the Turner Community are well and safe during the current lockdown. Whilst it is so disappointing to postpone or cancel our planned community events, we will aim to bounce back as soon as possible. We thank all of the Executive Team and the wonderful Teachers at Turner Primary for the seamless transition to online learning.

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th October at 7pm, a meeting link will be circulated before the meeting and if conditions allow we will open this up to a Face to Face meeting as well. In the interim we are still responding to any issues or concerns, please feel free to email [turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com).

Many thanks **Nicola Gibson | Turner Primary P&C President**

## **Board Report**

I hope you have been managing well during lockdown and those of you currently in quarantine are receiving any support you may need. A big shout out to the teachers and staff who helped prepare and deliver chromebooks, learning packs and musical instruments to those who weren't able to make it to the school last week.

Also thanks to teachers, students, parents and carers for making the transition to remote learning this week happen as smoothly as possible. It's been great to see the many opportunities students have to connect with their teachers and class throughout the week and to get regular feedback on their learning. If you have any questions about learning from home please get in touch with your child's teacher.

The focus of the Board for the rest of this year continues to be on the development of the Turner School Improvement Plan 2022-2026. We look forward to finding more ways for you to contribute to the development of the plan and to stay connected with other families during the coming weeks - keep an eye on the Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/groups/turnerpandc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/turnerpandc)) for regular updates.

**Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle | Board Chair**

## **COVID-19 — Keep up to date**

For the most up to date information on COVID-19 please click on the following links:

- ⇒ From the ACT Education <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>
- ⇒ From ACT Health <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>

## TURNER P-6 P&C ASSOCIATION & SCHOOL BOARD 2021 VOLUNTARY FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Dear parents/carers

Each year we ask for your support for our school through your voluntary family contribution. This forms an important part of our school budget. Your contributions assist us in ensuring that we can offer the best possible education and resources for all our students at Turner.

Each year the School Board, which includes parent members, works with the school to formulate the year's school budget. The money raised through your voluntary contributions, goes directly into specific curriculum budgets to benefit *all* students from preschool to year 6 (Including art and craft equipment, PE, and sport, math, English, science, new IT resources, special programs, and the library).

In addition, Turner has a tax-deductible Library Fund. There is a separate note for this fund. K-6 Stationery Packs and Preschool Resource Payment are an **additional** contribution.

**The annual voluntary family contribution for Turner is \$100 for one student, \$120 for two children at school and \$140 for three or more attending the school.**

Please note that this is an indicative amount only and any contribution is greatly valued.

If you would like further information, or would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We are most grateful for your support,

Allison Edmonds  
Principal - on behalf of the Turner P&C Association and School Board

Thank you if you have already supported the school with your Voluntary Contributions for this year and if so, please disregard this letter.

*Please note: The payment of this financial contribution is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential.*



### Turner School P-6 Voluntary Contributions 2021

Student's name:	Class:
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I enclose my voluntary contribution/s:  \$100 for one student      Paid by:  QuickWeb (code below)

\$120 for two students       Bank transfer (details below)

\$140 for three students       Cash

Other amount \$\_\_\_\_\_       Cheque (payable to **Turner School**)

**QuickWeb Fee code:** VOLCONTRIB

**Bank transfer details:** BSB: 032-777 - Acct no: 001850 - Acct name: Turner School - Description: VOLCON and student's name. Receipt number: \_\_\_\_\_

## TURNER SCHOOL PRESCHOOL RESOURCES PAYMENT 2021

Dear parents/carers

At Turner School, parents of students in kinder to year 6 are asked to buy a stationery pack for a range of class supplies. In place of a stationery pack, we ask preschool families to pay a resources payment.

The consumables contribution will supplement the resources already supplied by the school including:

- Cooking ingredients and other items
- Art and craft supplies
- Creative and performing arts resources
- Construction materials.

**The contribution has been set at \$180 for the whole year or \$50 per term**

As with all contributions at our government school they are voluntary and where a family cannot meet that contribution in full or at all, the school's equity fund will ensure all children's needs are met.

Allison Edmonds

Principal – on behalf of the Turner P&C Association and School Board

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## Turner School Preschool Resources Payment 2021

Student's name:	Class:
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I enclose my payment:  \$180 payment for whole year      Paid by:  QuickWeb (code below)

\$50 payment for term\_\_\_\_\_       Bank transfer (details below)

Other amount \$\_\_\_\_\_       Cash

Cheque (payable to **Turner School**)

**QuickWeb Feecode:** PRECONS

**Bank transfer details:** BSB: 032-777 - Acct no: 001850 - Acct name: Turner School - Description: PRECONS and student's name. Receipt number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TURNER PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND 2021

Dear parents/carers

In addition to the Voluntary Contributions families make to our school, sometimes families wish to make an additional donation. This can be done in two ways:

1. Adding the additional amount to the Voluntary Contributions (as per the other Contributions letter)
2. Making a separate donation to the tax-deductible Turner Primary School Library Fund. Funds in this account can only be used for library/resource centre related resources

The Turner Primary School Library Fund is managed by the school.

Allison Edmonds  
Principal - on behalf of the Turner P&C Association and School Board



### Turner Primary School Library Fund 2021

Name of eldest student:	Class:
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I enclose: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by:  QuickWeb (code below)  
 Bank transfer (details below)  
 Cash  
 Cheque (payable to **Turner Primary School Library Fund**)

Note: The Turner Primary School Library Fund cheque/bank transfer **must be separate** to the Voluntary Contribution cheque/bank transfer to obtain the tax deduction.

**QuickWeb Feecode:** LIBFUND

**Bank transfer details:** BSB: 032-777 - Acct no: 001850 - Acct name: Turner School - Description: LIBFUND and student's name. Receipt number: \_\_\_\_\_

A receipt will be issued separately to the Voluntary Contribution.

Name in which you wish the receipt to be issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_