



Turner School News



Dear Turner parents and carers,

As a working mum, a daughter, a sister, a friend and a mere human being who would really just love a little moment to herself; I know all too well the grit, organisation and balance that's needed to get it all done in these extraordinary times! A big thanks to you all for your support in helping students jump back online for term 4 in the context of all you are managing at home. Pause with me for a second and give yourself a pat of the back - YOU are doing so well under these somewhat challenging circumstances!

As a leadership team at Turner, we are doing all we can to make the information coming your way easy for you to access and understand. I know it can seem like a lot! Please bear with us over the next couple of weeks as we keep you current with relevant information from ACT Health and our Education Directorate as we prepare for our students return to school. The information is important in keeping our whole community safe. We will aim to keep things simple and clear and do our best not to overload you.

To keep you up to date with the term ahead - our calendar is available on our website at this link: https://www.turners.act.edu.au/news_and_events/calendar. Please be mindful that as we adapt to changing restrictions, our calendar events may change.

The newsletter for this week has two areas of priority:

1. Information about what's happening in the development of our safety plans.
2. Information about semester 2 reports.

We know that our children and the family contexts within our school community is diverse. If you have any queries about our safety plan, your child's return to school, or semester 2 reporting, please just ask- we do what we can to support individual arrangements and needs.

Kind regards, **Allison Edmonds | Principal**



Online Coffee Chat

Questions and Answers for supporting readers and writers at home.

8:30am on Friday 15th October 2021

Link to join chat is: <https://meet.google.com/zmn-hdqr-vgi?hs=122&authuser=0>

Next steps in developing our Turner context safety plans

This week: Our leadership team is working with principals and school leaders across the system to look at how the ACT Chief Health Officers recommendations can be implemented in our school. We are currently designing timetables, systems and procedures for safety and involving all staff in an induction of safety guidelines.

Week 2: Meeting with the School Board to go through safety guidelines.

- **Aim for End of Week 2:** communicating guidelines and expectations with parents and carers via email. Any questions can be emailed at this time so that we have time to address your queries before your child is expected to return to school.

Week 3: Sending home a video specific for each year group. This is to watch with your child in order to normalise and prepare students for some practices they will need to follow when they come back to school.

Useful links for you in the meantime: https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1861634/Term-4-Plan-for-ACT-Public-Schools.pdf

Semester 2 Report Focus

As remote learning progresses, families will notice that teachers are regularly watching, listening and reviewing work to assess student progress. When a teacher provides feedback on student work or when they are running small group sessions via a Google Meet and listening to student responses, they are gaining valuable information on how students are progressing and they are adjusting their teaching accordingly. The online environment has allowed teachers to focus on developing students' core skills and deep learning of important concepts.

Assessment is conducted continually throughout the year and teachers are noting areas of achievement and areas for improvement. This information will form the basis of reporting for the end of this semester, as it always has in the classroom.

Across the year teachers use a range of mechanisms to determine students' progress and achievement. This can be determined through a combination of group sessions, assignments, application of knowledge tasks, class participation and work samples. Many of these mechanisms work successfully in the remote learning environment with adjustments made to suit the situation and the child.

This semester student reports will still be issued, however, they may look a little different from previous school years to reflect the remote learning period. Grades will be issued in subjects where schools have determined it is suitable to do so.

Assessment of some practical subjects, that require specialist equipment, may require modification to suit the remote learning environment.

Teachers are trained to make judgements and determinations on students' progress and this is carried out against clear benchmarks and guided by the Early Years Learning Framework, Australian Curriculum and where relevant, Individual Learning Plans. Our teachers know their students well and are skilled in making judgments on learning.

Despite the disruption to face to face learning our students have been engaged in meaningful remote learning and our teachers have continued to excel at supporting the learning needs of their students.

If you have any concerns about school reports or assessment, please contact your child's teacher as a first point of call or a member of the leadership team can support. They can be contacted via the front office on 61422430.



Turn your child's artwork into cards, calendars and more!

It's time once again for the P&C's annual art fundraiser. The students have prepared some special art works at school which families can choose to have reproduced on products such as calendars, pillow cases, greeting cards, tote bags, notebooks... These make great gifts and mementos reminding you of how talented and creative your children are. You can view the art, place your order and make the payment all online at <https://www.crazycamel.com.au/20195>



Online orders are now open!

The closing date for orders is 18th October. Products will be delivered to school later in Term 4.

P&C Report

A warm welcome back to Term 4 for Turner students and their families. We hope you had a lovely spring school holiday break and are enjoying being back at school online, and shortly in person.

A friendly reminder that our next P&C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 19th October at 7pm**. I have included a meeting link: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

We warmly welcome any member of the Turner community that wants to attend the meeting. And please continue to email us at turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com should you have any questions or concerns.

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

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 or phone Condamine St Front Office on 61422430 or 61422431 or David St Front Office 61422436.

It is essential that all details are up to date.