



Turner School News



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 21 March—Harmony Day
- ◆ 23 March—Board meeting
- ◆ 24 March—NAPLAN practice test
- ◆ 28/29 and 31 March—Kenny Koala visits for Preschool and Kindy
- ◆ 1 April— Photos make up day

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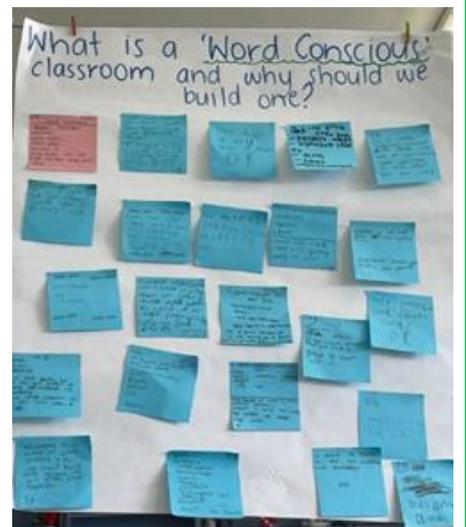
Dear Turner Parents and Carers,

In our last newsletter we shared that our teams have had a focus on spelling strategies across every year group. We hope that your children can tell you there are lots of strategies to use when becoming a good speller. It's not about getting a list of words right, nor is it about just knowing your sounds and letters. It's about understanding letter and sound patterns (phonology); which can change depending on the meaning of words (morphology); and this is determined by the history of the word or where the word came from (etymology).

What strategies can your child describe to you?

Many thanks to the parents who joined us for the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. Congratulations to Nicola Gibson who is our returning 2022 President. You are still welcome to join the P&C executive committee and contribute in ways big or small. We are still looking for a P&C Vice President. [Details for contact are in the P&C notice in this newsletter.](#)

Thank you to the people who nominated themselves for our parent board representatives. Voting has now closed and we will let you know the results soon. Kind regards, Allison Edmonds | Principal



Lines of communication:

- * Allison Edmonds—Principal
- * Heather Hill—Deputy Principal and 5/6 Team Leader
- * Antonia McGuire—Deputy Principal and Inclusion Officer
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- * Emily Gregory —Years 3-4 Team Leader
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Dear parents,

Are you aware of the resources available in the community?

Drop-in Clinics are an opportunity for parents of children under age 6 who have a residential address in the ACT (and are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme) to talk to:

- a **speech pathologist** about issues with their child's communication skills; and/or
- a **physiotherapist** about concerns they have about their child's gross motor development and posture, movement and walking
- an **occupational therapist** about their child's fine motor, self-care and play skills.

The Clinics include informal discussion and screening of skills but are not a formal assessment. No appointment is necessary; however, an approximate timeslot will be provided upon arrival at the Drop-in Clinic at 26 Weingarth St, Holder. For timetables and more information, visit www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice/drop-in-clinics



The Child Development Service provides assessment, referral, information and linkages for children from birth to 6 years who are not engaged with the NDIS but have concerns relating to development. This may include concerns about a child developing skills slower than others of the same age in areas such as their speech and language, movement, hand skills, self-care and social development. The service also provides autism assessment for children aged up to 12 years.

There is ongoing drop in **parenting support** at your local Child and Family Centre (If needed this may result in ongoing 1:1 work) with early Intervention and Emotional wellbeing courses for parents and children (Circles of Security; a Behaviour and Emotional Wellbeing Clinic for children under 8.

With more of our **students displaying anxiety**, there are the Gold Standard Coolkids Course (A group for primary school children aged 8–12 years, focusing on teaching them better ways to manage anxiety) and The **Cool Little Kids** group for parents of children aged 3–8 years, helping them learn strategies to assist their anxious child. These are free of charge.

University of Queensland also has wonderful free online child and parent courses for anxious children, or parents wanting to help them provide their child with strategies to assist them overcome worries. These are called BRAVE <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/child-program>

There is also the **Tuning into Kids** parenting program **run by the Child and family Centres** that aims to give parents and carers helpful ways of teaching their child to develop skills for good emotional intelligence. This course focusses on problem solving and teaches parents strategies to become aware of and regulate their own and their child's emotions and teaches parents skills to assist children to verbally label and manage their emotions, to problem solve, and with limit setting.

Karen Young, Author of the wonderful "Hey Warrior and "Hey Awesome" books on anxiety for students 5 - 12, has also added a new resource to the collection "Dear You, Love from your Brain" and also has wonderful resources on her site which may be of use to parents <https://www.heysigmund.com/category/with-kids/anxiety-in-kids-and-teens/>

Menslink, who has worked with a few of our year 5 / 6 students have let us know they currently have low counselling waitlists for their 10 -25 year olds. The sessions do not require a mental health plan and are free. For more information email admin@menslink.org.au or call 6287 2226 or head to www.menslink.org.au hit the 'Get Help' button, and complete the form

Wishing you well. Michelle Wootton Price | Turner School Psychologist

3/4 & 5/6 Lunch & Recess Art Club

Art Club has begun with a huge interest this term and students from the 3/4 and 5/6 cohorts have been enjoying spending some of their playtime in the art room.

It has been amazing to see creativity buzzing through the air as students collaborate, create and have time to chat with each other together.



When:

3/4 Thursdays and Fridays at lunch 2
and 5/6 Thursdays and Fridays at recess.

Laura Langston

Specialist Art Teacher / Classroom Teacher



5/6CW Goodalls - Term 1 Newsletter Report

As part of our inquiry unit 5/6CW have been researching and learning about leaders and leadership qualities. In writing our focus this term is writing to inform. Integrating these two aspects of learning has us researching significant world leaders and then constructing informative texts to share our learning with a range of audiences. We have been honing our skills at writing quality introductory paragraphs. Below are some samples of our introductory paragraphs as well as some of the visual artworks we've been creating in our class.



Joan of Arc

"Courage! Do not fall back". Joan of Arc was a saint and a brave soldier who led the French in a victorious war against the English. She was loved by millions, she was young, beautiful and courageous. She was only 18 when she led the French to victory, but sadly her life came to an end when she was burnt at the stake only at the age of 19, by French nobles allied with the English.

By Nami

Winston Churchill

Who was Winston Churchill? Winston was a Prime Minister for 5 years for the British people. This meant that he was the Prime Minister for one of the most important and bloody wars in history, World War 2. He was a great inspiration to soldiers and citizens alike. But Winston didn't grow up so untitled. When he was a kid he didn't live with his mum (who was American) and dad, he lived with his nanny and brother. He would go to boarding schools and would just be a menace to the teachers there. But he grew up to be a person people could look up to and, deep down, they knew he was going to lead his country to victory against the Nazi threat.

By JP

Elon Musk

Did you know that Elon Musk owns 3 companies? Elon Musk was born in 1971 in South Africa. His mum was a model that travelled so he was left at home with his dad, his brother and sister. He was inspired by the Soviet space engineer, Sergey Korolev. This is a quote that he said: When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favour. He is leading the world in space tech and electric cars. He has 229.1 billion USD Dollars from the companies he owns. He is the richest man in the world right now by net worth. I think that Musk is a very good engineer that he makes and invents really cool things like the flame thrower from the Boring. co.

By Fionn



Alexei Navalny

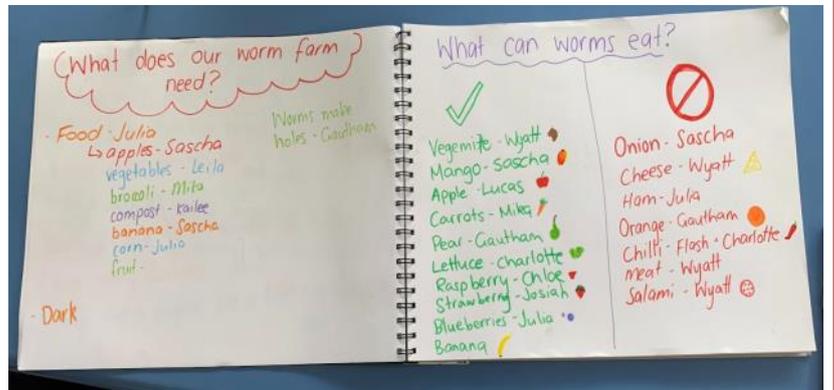
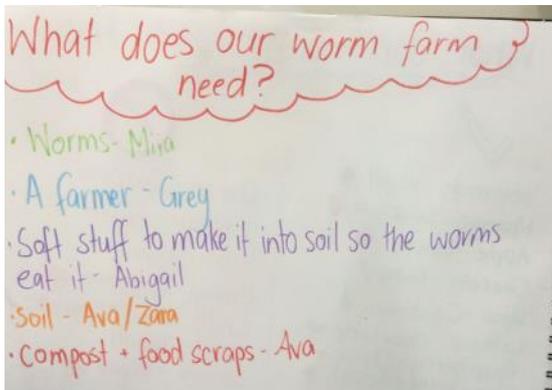
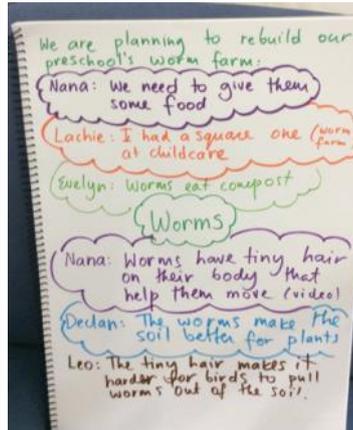
Did you know that as of 2021 Alexei Navalny had six million YouTube subscribers? Alexei Navalny was born in Butyn', Russia on the 4th of June 1976. In his childhood he travelled to many different places and received schooling at multiple schools because his father was a military officer. Since then, he has grown up to be a revolutionary activist against the unjust dictatorship of the United Russia government, dubbing them 'the party of crooks and thieves.' He has been threatened, attacked, and imprisoned by the leader of the United Russia party and Russia's current leader: President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin. Despite this, time and time again Alexei Navalny has bounced back with remarkable persistence and ready to oppose the iron rule of Putin.

By Alexey



Worm farms in Preschool

Over the past couple of weeks, the pre-schoolers have been getting out in the garden and setting up their **worm farms**. They have been inquiring into and learning about **earthworms** and what they need to set up their worm farm. They have been learning about what foods worms eat.



Over the weeks, they have been continually building their knowledge about compost and worms, and what worms need to grow and thrive. They have been developing a great interest and depth of knowledge. The pre-schoolers enjoy cutting up the compost scraps into small pieces to make it easier for the worms to eat, because they don't have teeth.

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners (4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another; 4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials).

Kailee, Ligea, Annie and Clare | The Preschool Team



Senior Assembly Awards

Though we are unable to come together for assemblies at this time, we would like to celebrate and congratulate the following students on receiving an award.



Class	Achievement Award	SCARFF Award
3/4SN	Ethan B and Lily T	Mimi S
S3/4KH	Jeremy G	
S3/4LC	Eddie T	Steven B
3/4KB	Kai H and William L	Eva W
3/4GS	Makiah S and Thomas X	Audie H
3/4MS	Dylan P and Zoya M	Viana D
3/4AV	Oscar J and Peter GK	Shayla Q
5/6RB	Jackson O and Titan N	Faye L
5/6CK	Alice E and Amaya B	Ernie C
5/6TC	Ellie B and Ashvika A	Lola F
5/6DB	Evan T and Linnea R	Bhavya AS
5/6CW	Jedediah M and Nhi T	Abel H
S5/6FO	Charlotte G	Harry H
S5/6HM	Seb H	Jakoah P

Congratulations!

School Photos—Catch up day

We have organised MSP to come back to photograph any students that were absent for photos last week. **Date:** Friday 1 April 2022

Preschool to Year 2 - 11.00am



Years 3 to Year 6 - 12.30pm.



P&C Report

Thank you to all those who attended our Annual General Meeting and normal P&C Meeting on Tuesday 15 March. We thank the outgoing Committee Members for their contributions in 2021.

I am delighted to announce the 2022 Turner Primary School - P&C Committee.

Nicola Gibson - President Amanda Bruce - Secretary Ole Nielson - Treasurer

Annie O'Connor - Public Officer Allison Edmonds - Returning Officer

We are still seeking a Vice President for our committee, please email turnerprimarypanc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Committee for 2022.

Have you ever thought of how you can engage closer relationships with other parents in the Turner Community? We have some idea's below:

- Suggest an after school catchup, draw up some fliers and ask your teacher to distribute.
- Suggest a coffee catchup following school drop off.
- Suggest a playdate at a local playground.

Our next P&C Meeting is scheduled for the Tuesday 17 May at 7pm, we will circulate a meeting link prior to the meeting.

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

Library Happenings

Wow, can you believe it is week 7 of Term 1 already. Library is well and truly up and running, with every class having a set time in the library space to borrow.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
5/6	3/4	P/K	1/2	1/2

If your child is in Preschool to Year 2 it would be great if they had a library bag. This can be as simple as a plastic bag with their name on it.

The borrowing limit for this year is:

5/6	3/4	P	K	1/2
8	6	2	4	4

Year 1/2 are currently participating library classes, they are doing an author study on Eric Carle. They are also learning some independent borrowing skills, to self-manage OLIVER borrowing.

Book Club has now gone out in most classes. We only do 1 book club per term but if you do not wish to receive the catalogue, please let your classroom teacher know.

Orders close at 3pm 25th March

I am aware that **Book Club is NOT something every family can participate in**. Please take the time to discuss this with your child(ren), having to say NO is part of learning and is a reality for many of us.



While I prefer that all book club orders are done online via loop. I will take one off cash purchases for students who are spending birthday money or have saved for the purchase themselves. Drop these to the front office and I will place the order.

A favourite book series in the library is 'Bad Guys' by Aaron Blabey. Aaron is an Australian author illustrator based in Victoria and this series has just been made into a movie.

Encourage your children to read the books before you see the movie together.

Remember to model reading to your children.

Jayne Murray | Teacher Librarian

Community Notices

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The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

Matildas vs New Zealand match

Australian Women's football team the Commonwealth Bank Matildas will play New Zealand at Canberra's GIO Stadium on 12 April 2022. The Matildas are a huge inspiration for aspiring young female athletes in Canberra. \$1 from every ticket will be donated to the women's CP national football program for female footballers with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or symptoms from stroke. Ticket information please click [Commonwealth Bank Matildas website](#).



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