



Turner School News



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Coffee chats
- ◆ 5/6 Cooba Camp
15-17 March 2021
- ◆ 3/4 Birriagai Camp
24-26 March 2021
- ◆ Belconnen Swimming
Carnival
- ◆ Reading Workshops

Notes to be Returned

- ◆ Yr 5/6 Cooba Camp
- ◆ Yr 6 Leadership Shirts
- ◆ Yr 3/4 Birriagai Camp

Link to Learning from Home Hub

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

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Dear Turner Parents and Community,

Welcome to week 5! A big thank you to our teachers for hosting the in-class information sessions a couple of weeks ago. A reminder that you can still access our online information session videos on the Learning from Home Hub.

Key messages you will have heard from our staff at our sessions include:

- Everything we do at Turner is centred on our core values of Support, Cooperation, Acceptance, Respect, Friendliness and Fun. We celebrate that we are a diverse community. Holding to these core values gives us a framework to connect, to resolve issues and to meet the needs of the whole self whether we are a student, staff member, parent or community member.
- We use the Alice Springs Declaration as our touch stone to ensure that we are helping our students to grow. This means that as a staff we are collectively building our expert knowledge of curriculum and how to personalise for individual need. This is a strength of ours and over the last couple of weeks we have hosted visits from the Education Directorate to showcase the work we are doing to get better and better at meeting the individual needs of our students.
- Communication is important. We are working hard to get to know your child. You know them best. If there is something that you feel would further support your child at school, whether it is about their academic skills, their social interaction or a particular situation, your first point of call is your classroom teacher. Each year group has an executive teacher (team leader) who is there to offer additional input if required and Robyn Watson (Deputy) or myself are available where needed.
- We invite you to be involved. We have an active P&C which you can support with time or resources, a class parent structure where you can support with communication and we value the expertise or support you may offer to our learning experiences in the classroom. For example, helping with home readers or sharing expertise related to our Artists and Writers Festival this year. Please see further newsletters or talk to your child's classroom teacher to see how you can be involved.

Speaking of involvement in our school community I would like to bring a couple of things to your attention.

Friday Morning Coffee Chat: tomorrow we have our first coffee chat for the year in our school library from 8:30-9:15am. This week I am going to be sharing information about our upcoming school review. The school review is a process that occurs at the end of each school's 5 year plan. Using a research based model, the review involves looking at current achievements and needs of a school and supports the process in developing the school's next strategic actions to meet the needs of every child. Come along to hear all about the impact the *National School Improvement Tool* will have on our review. http://research.acer.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=ttl_misc

Turner Ukulele Project: It is happening at 8:15am-8:55am on Wednesday mornings in the school hall and anyone in our Turner community can join. Yes! Even you! Last year we had around 60 students, parents and staff as part of our group. You don't have to know how to play- we will teach you! If you don't have your own ukulele you can borrow one for the session. We have plenty to share. No need to book, just come along.

Kind regards, Allison Edmonds | Principal Turner School

Lines of communication:

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- * Jess Engele —Years 1-2 Team Leader
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Information on COVID-19 in ACT Public Schools Road Map please click the below link : https://www.education.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/1714320/COVID-19-Placemat-for-publication-1-March-2021.pdf Last updated 1 March 2021.

Reading Workshop for Turner Parents/Carers and Classroom Volunteers

If you are already helping, or would like to help with reading in classrooms OR if you would like to know more about supporting reading at home, please come along.

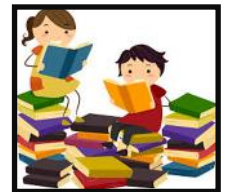
Thursday 11 March 2021: 9:00 –11:00am repeated at 5:30-7:30pm

Held in the Library.

Parents, grandparents, carers, guardians and volunteers all welcome.

Participants will receive their own resources and access to Turner resources on our website

It is important children receive consistent messages about reading.
This workshop will provide insights into the reading process and the strategies we use to support readers.



Please RSVP <https://forms.gle/8xKTjfDtvZxdgcF6A> or phone school office on 61422430.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL



EAL/D Coffee—HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING

For Turner parents and carers who speak a language other than English - Friday 26 March 8:30am-9:30am in the library.

If you'd like to learn more about helping your child to write, join us in the library for a coffee chat.

We will look at ways to support your child to improve their writing and give you some strategies to help at home. We will discuss aspects of grammar to construct a sentence cohesively. We will also talk about the way writing is assessed at Turner School.

Your comments, questions, suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

Please sign on the below Google form link if you are able to attend by Wednesday 24 March.

<https://forms.gle/dMdZa1ELJnKHheMq5>



HARMONY WEEK

Turner School will be celebrating Harmony Week with a whole school assembly on Thursday 18 March 2021. Students are invited to wear orange to school.

This is a day where we recognise and celebrate the diversity that makes up our school, our community and our country, but is also something you will see happening every day within our school.

On this day we encourage the students to wear either traditional dress or orange to school (it is NOT casual dress).

Harmony Week coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the 21 March.

It has been celebrated in Australia for 20 years and each year grouping will be participating in an activity that will revolve around books that look at diversity and harmony as their themes.



Change of
Details

Have you changed your email address or phone number? Has your family situation changed? Please remember to let the front office staff know immediately if your contact details have changed. In the event of an emergency with your child/children at Turner School, it's critical that our records are up to date so that we can reach you quickly. Please email: tnrp@turners.act.edu.au



Library Happenings

It's Week 5 – how did that happen??

The library is up and running and students are actively borrowing for home and their classrooms.

Year group borrowing limits are:

Preschool - 1 book

Kindy – 1 book (term 1) then 2 books

Year 1/2

- ◆ 3 books for home
- ◆ up to 5 for class book box

Year 3/4

- ◆ 4 books for home
- ◆ up to 5 for class book box.

Year 5/6

- ◆ 5 to 6 books for home
- ◆ up to 5 for class book box

Families are welcome to have an additional borrowing account, which they set up with me and this allows those families to borrow and additional 15.

We do encourage the use of a library bag, however we try never to say no to borrowing.

Parent Library

We have a resource section of books available to parents also within the library.

We have books on issues such as diet, anxiety, swimming and reading to name a few.

Families are encouraged to access and borrow from this resource library.

Book Club

We commenced Scholastic Book Club in 2020 and due to its success, it will continue this year.

We will only be doing 1 per term and families are invited to opt out if they do not wish to receive the catalogue. By filling in the link below

<https://forms.gle/dJHCUKRavgq6ttjf6>

The 1st catalogue should go out next week and there will be one per student.

All orders are placed via a system called LOOP and this is an order online or via an app with credit card payments only. Information will be provided with the catalogue.

DUE DATE: 19th March 2021

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Turner will be taking part in the 2021 reading challenge. This is an opportunity for students to read more than they thought possible. There are two ways. The aim is to read 30 books between 24 February to 6th August.

1. Traditional

Students can make their own book choices, including novels, non-fiction, poetry, or books in a language other than English. Books read to students may also be recorded.

2. Challenge

Students can challenge themselves to read a range of different texts. A list of different types of texts that are to be read can be found in the library.



I will be doing this myself and tracking it as a visual display in the library to encourage the students.

Keep Reading -

Jayne Murray | Teacher Librarian

Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate all of Turner School students that participated in the Turner School Swimming Carnival races. Well done on your participation and placements in your selected races.

Additionally, we would like to further congratulate the students listed below who achieved a place to race in the Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival on Thursday 17 March 2021. Turner will be running the Regional Carnival this year. If you are interested and available to assist on the day could you please contact Nick Collins and Eddie Jenkins.

Malachy T	Eli H	Oscar H	Chloe P	Xinyang C	Maja S	Allegra G
Lachlan P	Jakoah P	Harry H	Henry H	Isabella P B	Ana J	Bridget L M
Ernie C	Anthony S	Eadan C	Chloe T	Josie L	Linnea R	Claire W

2021 Board Elections

There are 2 positions available. Voting starts from 11:00am Monday 1 March 2021 to 11:00am Thursday 11 March 2021.

Please click on this link for candidate information https://www.turners.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/510689/Candidate_Information_PC_Parent_Representative_2021.pdf

Please click on this link for the Ballot paper https://www.turners.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/510690/School_Board_Elections_Ballot_Paper_-_Parent_Representative.pdf



Please take your ballot paper to the Condamine Street Office where envelopes will be available. Please follow the directions on the envelope and place your envelope in the School Board Ballot Box.

Ballot papers will also be available at the Condamine Street Office if needed.

Any concerns or questions please contact Deborah Parr, Assisting Returning Officer on 61422432

Hello from the P&C

Our year has started with planning for our Special General Meeting and AGM for 2021. On Tuesday 16 March 2021 the P&C will hold a Special General Meeting for discussion and ratification of the new P&C Constitution. Please remember all Turner families are welcome to review and comment on the draft constitution prior to the meeting and can provide feedback by contacting turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com with your thoughts.

Following the SGM we will hold the Annual General meeting for 2021. As mentioned previously, the P&C is a great group of people working together to provide the best environment for our children at Turner. Whether you want to take part as a formal elected participant or simply help out the school, please come along. All formal positions are up for nomination so if you think you would like to contribute in anyway we would love to see you there. P&C meetings are conducted as informally as possible and typically, taking part only requires 1 hour a month of your time. The SGM will be held in the teachers staff room from 6:30pm on 16 March 2021, with the AGM to follow at 7:30pm. You can find the details on our Facebook page <https://fb.me/e/3MHgfUFx9>

Nathan Richards | Turner School P&C President | turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com

Class Parent Contact: Volunteers needed

Each class at Turner School has a Class Parent Contact/s who co-ordinate a parent network for that class, and keep in contact with the teacher/s.

The Class Parent Contact/s will also distribute P&C messages to their class email list of Parents/Carers. The Class Parent Contact can choose to organise social events to help build an inclusive supportive community. In the past some events have included:

- class play date at O'Connor Park or Black Mountain Peninsula,
- coffee with some of the parents in the morning or before afternoon pick up,
- a child-free dinner with other parents, or
- a class group to help out on a particular stall at the fete.

Vacancies exist for the central Class Parent Contact role in the following classes:

SK-2EL – Effie Logan

SK-2HW – Heather Walker

SK-2TC – Tilly Cave

1/2MA – Melanie Akhurst

3/4GS – Georgia Stephens

S3/4AU – Amanda Usher

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Dale Todling: dnjtodling@gmail.com.

And, if you've not signed up yet to be on the email list for your class, the Class Parent Contact Network link is:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciHxoF5FlsC-XcugljQtMho9Lx5gC6v-LlckZ2q6G34mKxtQ/viewform>

For any questions, please contact Dale Todling via dnjtodling@gmail.com.



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

No Hat—Play in the Shade

Turner School Notices

**Harmony Week
Assembly**



**Whole School
9:30am**

**Coffee Chat – All
Welcome**

8:30am

**Friday 4 March 2021
Library**



Friday Lunch Orders

Orders need to be in **before 8am** on Friday morning.

There are no sales on the day.



Community Notices

New Food and Farmers Market in Braddon - Haig Park Village Markets

Canberra's newest community farmers and food market is now up and running not too far from Turner School in Braddon's beautiful Haig Park.

With a growing list of quality, local farmers and producers signed up to attend, the market is already hosting some of the region's best stallholders at the weekly event.

It's a lovely place to enjoy a picnic while picking up some fresh produce for the week and there is usually live music, face painting and giant bubbles among other exciting sights for children and adults alike so is a nice option to keep in mind for a family day out in our local area.

The new market launched on 7 February 2021 and is an ongoing weekly Sunday market open from 8am-2pm.

For further information, you can visit the website: www.haigparkvillagemarkets.com.au or, follow the market on social media: @haigparkvillagemarkets. If you would like to ask specific questions or enquire about a stall, please contact organisers at Haig Park Village Markets directly via email: info@haigparkvillagemarkets.com.au



Did you know that Parentline relies on the time of volunteers and successful fundraising to keep our doors open? You can support our free service that supports parents and carers of children of all ages through the Hands Up for CBR Giving Day on Tuesday March 9 Support our campaign at <https://giving.handsacrosscanberra.org.au/.../parentline-act> Call us on 6287 3833 for free counselling and support



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An invitation to create...process art classes for 3-5 yr olds



Our process art class focuses on preschoolers **making and doing** to create unique art experiences. Combining storytelling, music and art, our *artTots* facilitators provide a fun, guided art experience where children build confidence as they explore mark making and mediums, learning to think imaginatively and independently.

Day: Tuesday/Thursday - starts 9 February 2021
Time: 9.30 - 10.15 am; or 10.30 - 11.15 am
Where: artKids Studio, Turner (under Baptist Hall)
Cost: \$28/session payable by 8-week term, includes all materials & GST
Trial Class: Not sure if it's for you? You can pay for a single trial class and then decide. Parents can stay or drop-and-go.



Your kids explore — we clean up the floor!

TURNER KIDS COOKING CLASS

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
3:00PM - 5:00PM**

AT TURNER SCOUT HALL

\$40 PER WEEK or \$300 PER TERM

OPEN FOR YR 1 - 3 STUDENTS

12 STUDENTS PER CLASS

SCHOOL TERM ONLY

WE WILL BE MAKING HEALTHY SNACKS, DESSERTS AND LUNCHBOX IDEAS WITH CHEF JIN (CURRENT HEAD CHEF OF COFFEE LAB) PLUS YUMMY TASTING

KIDS WILL HAVE FUN WITH COOKING WITH CLASS MATES

UNDERSTANDING ABOUT INGREDIENTS, MATHS LEARNING CONFIDENCE AND LIFE SKILL

WE WILL PICK UP KIDS FROM TURNER SCHOOL AT 3PM WALK TO KITCHEN (10 MINUTES WALK)

CHEF'S HAT AND APRON WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR MORE DETAIL AND ENROLMENT, PLEASE CONTACT JIN ON JINKENKOOK@GMAIL.COM OR 0433 101 564