



Turner School News



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Notes to be Returned

- ◆ Yr 5 combined band due Monday 24 May
- ◆ Preschool Excursion due Wednesday 26 May
- ◆ Kindergarten Excursion Questacon due Wednesday 26 May
- ◆ Yr 6 band payment
- ◆ Yr 5 band payment

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Reconciliation Whole School Assembly
- ◆ Coffee Chat
- ◆ Senior Assembly
- ◆ P&C Meeting
- ◆ Board Meeting

Dear Turner families and community,

Every year, tens of thousands of students across the ACT participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/additional-programs/chief_ministers_reading_challenge

To get the most out of the Challenge, try choosing books from different genres, sharing your favourite books and stories with your classmates, or exceeding the 15/30 books set by the Challenge. By participating you can win book vouchers for your school library. You can choose your own books or, we are putting together some recommendations for you. This year, why don't you challenge yourself to read something different?

Reading is one of my absolute favourite pastimes. My bed side table always has a stack of books. I like to read a few at a time and usually I will swap between a novel, a picture book, a book to inspire travel, a leadership book and an education research book. I often get lost in a good gothic horror and books in the fairy tale style are the best! A Japanese narrative in the style of Murikami can get me hooked and good Aussie author can always draw me back! During the Chief Minister's challenge I plan to stretch myself to read something out of the ordinary - I would love your recommendations!

Showing our love of reading can further motivate our children. Reading aloud with older and younger people is an excellent way to build reading automaticity, (helping to recognise words faster so that we can comprehend better), reading fluency, (using language rhythm and comprehension to support expression and understanding) and reading choices, (expanding vocabulary and writing style) - just to name a few things! I encourage you all to get involved in the reading challenge and here's a few fabulous read aloud picture books and my 'principal recommendations' (criteria 30 in the reading challenge) to get you started:

- YrP/K: *Clippity Clop* by Pamela Allen
- Yr1/2: *Fox* by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks
- Yr3/4: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick
- Yr5/6: *And the Ocean was our Sky* by Patrick Ness
- Yr7/8: *Song from Somewhere Else* by A.F. Harold
- Yr9-College: *The Sleeper and the Spindle* by Neil Gaiman
- Adults: *Cicada* by Shaun Tan

Have a great week! **Allison Edmonds | Principal**



Lines of communication:

Should you have any questions or celebrations about your child's learning, remember your most knowledgeable point of call is your classroom teacher. Alternately, you can contact the year group team leader, Deputy Principal or Principal via the front office:

Condamine Street Front Office 61422430/61422431 David Street Front Office 61422436 Email: tnrp@turners.act.edu.au



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

Reminder – COVID-19 Protocols

A reminder that COVID-19 protocols are still in place in ACT public schools in Term 2.

The ACT Chief Health Officer has worked with the Education Directorate on ensuring our schools are safe places for students to learn and for staff to work.

Regular cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched or frequently shared surfaces is occurring with additional day cleaning, along with routine cleaning at nights.

Students are also encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day and hand sanitiser is provided by the school.

Please do not send your student to school if they are unwell.

[More information](#) about COVID-19 and school arrangements is on the Education Directorate's website.



Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June)

Reconciliation Week is an important week in our school calendar. It is a week where we reflect on the past and work towards a better future together.

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. 2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

Classes will be investigating what reconciliation means to us and what action we can take as individuals and as a school community throughout the week. We will also hold a whole school assembly on Wednesday 2 June at 12pm in the Indigenous Garden at the front of the school on Condamine Street. Parents and families are welcome to attend the assembly.



Artists' and Writers' Festival Logo Design Competition

Students in class are designing the logo for our Term 3 2021 Artists' and Writers' Festival. The theme this year is 'What if I was the Author?'. Students are to design a logo that fits in with this theme.

Some words to help spark inspiration include:

CONNECTION

WORLD

AUTHOR

STORYTELLING

VOICES

Due date: Designs are due by Friday 11 June 2021 to class teachers.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Georgia, Tilly or Imogen.

Georgia.stephens@ed.act.edu.au | matilda.cave@ed.act.edu.au | imogen.johnson@ed.act.edu.au



Turner School 2021 Artists' and Writers' Festival—"What if I was the author?" Term 3 Week 4

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce 2021 Festival. This year our term 3 Artists' and Writers' festival has a focus on the power of words to tell stories, shape thinking and our futures. The tag line is "What if I was the author?" (the author of a story, the author of my story, the author of my world, the author of...?). Across the festival students will develop and engage with questions they have about how story and words are powerful in many ways.

If you have expertise and would like to contribute to our festival, please contact either your child's teacher or team leader. Early next term, teams will send out information about events and an invitation for you to join them for a team event.

There are a couple of ways we are asking families to consider contributing during the festival.

Lunchtime stories in Languages

Come to the school during lunch from 2-6 August to read or tell a story in the library at lunch time in your home language. You could also read it in English if it's not too long or give an overview of it so that students who do not speak that language can listen, understand and enjoy it. If you'd like to take part, contact Maura Dand at maura.dand@ed.act.edu.au and she will confirm a time that will suit.

Recorded poems in different languages (including English) for our QR Poetry Tree

Record yourself reading a poem either in English or another language so that we can put the recording on our QR poetry tree. This will be a marvellous opportunity for people to hear the wonder of poetry in different languages. Pick a short poem that you think will be good for children to hear. Voice record this on your phone or reply via email and we can arrange for you to be recorded at school. We will also need a translated version of the poem. Recorded messages can be emailed with a translation of the poem to jessica.engele@ed.act.edu.au or robyn.watson@ed.act.edu.au

2021 Turner School Cross Country Report



A drizzly autumn Thursday saw Turner Primary students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participate in the annual cross country carnival on the oval and around the school grounds. With events ranging from 500m through to 3000m, Kindergarten and Year 1/2 students, not yet aged 8yrs old, got the carnival going. A big congratulations to the many Year 6 students that ran with the younger students, encouraging and supporting them to complete their courses. What outstanding leadership! As the drizzle came and went, 8yrs through to 12yrs students went through their paces, with lots of effort and determination on display. Congratulations to all students that had a go and gave it their best effort. Thanks to the many parents and supporters that came to encourage the runners.

Special thanks to Nick for taking the lead in coordinating and planning the event, and to all members of staff and interns that acted in an official capacity. Congratulations to Stonehaven for winning the cross country trophy for 2021, edging out Isaacs by a very narrow 3 point margin.

House Points Results

House	Points	Place	House	Points	Place
Stonehaven	130	1st	Gloucester	119	3rd
Issacs	127	2nd	Gowrie	107	4th

Individual Results

8 YEARS GIRLS		8 YEARS BOYS	
PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
1	Isla H	1	Barnaby H
2	Gia G	2	Minh N
3	Veronica G	3	Arav L
4	Danbi J-S	4	Long V
5	Petra S	5	Sricharanreddy K
6	Emma B	6	Jasper D

10 YEARS GIRLS		10 YEARS BOYS	
PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
1	Claire W	1	Henry H
2	Ellie B	2	Harrison K
3	Amaya B	3	Oscar H
4	Trudy M	4	Malachy T
5	Maja S	5	Felix L
6	Ana J	6	Arkady C
7	Quynh T	7	Titan N
8	Alice E	8	William P
9	Ava M	9	Aaron C
10	Allegra G	10	-

12 YEARS GIRLS		12 YEARS BOYS	
PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
1	Zoe Q	1	Lukas H
2	Paige L	2	Kai H
3	Chloe T	3	Will B
4	Lucy M	4	Orlando G
5	Shakthi K	5	Lyndon M
6	Violet L	6	Jesse E
7	Evie H	7	Max F
8	Freya G	8	Somon V
9	Chloe P	9	Nomon V
10	Jolie W	10	Lachlan P

9 YEARS GIRLS		9 YEAR BOYS	
PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
1	Soraya H	1	Charlie H
2	Maggie B	2	Farley L
3	Mali G	3	Archer E
4	Bridie I	4	Jasper G-C
5	Eva W	5	Nunzio G
6	Malin R	6	Lucas L
7	Lucia H	7	Bobby G
8	Audre	8	Navin T
9	Tala T	9	Gabriele T
10	Zoe H	10	Ethan B

11 YEAR GIRLS		11 YEAR BOYS	
PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
1	Emily W	1	Jed M
2	Airlie M	2	Oscar H
3	Tess V	3	Isaac H
4	Flora P	4	Misha K
5	Sophia C	5	Ernie C
6	Isabelle B	6	Fionn D
7	Linnea R	7	Sujaan B
8	Cinbi J-S	8	Konrad K
9	Mary A	9	Ryan T
10	Sophia F	10	Evan T

PE and Sport Committee

Library Happenings



It's Week 5 – again already – Wow!

Just wanted to let parents know when your child's library day is. This is the day that students need to **return the books they have borrowed from the library.**

We would love you to support us in increasing borrowing for our students so they are exposed to the great stories and fact books that we have here at Turner.

Below is the class timetable – please encourage your child to be a regular borrower and returner to the library.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PM-W1 /Sofia - Preschool 3/4GS - Georgia S3/4AU - Amanda	1/2RC - Rhiannon SK-2HW - Heather 5/6RB - Ryan 5/6AV - Adam S5/6FO - Felicity S5/6HM - Helen	PM-W2 – Liga - Preschool 3/4SN – Sammy S3/4KH - Katrina 3/4AV - Alex 3/4LL – Laura	1/2AR – Alice 1/2TP – Taneal 1/2MA – Melanie Kindy – all classes	PW-F3 – Sofia – Preschool SK-2EL – Effie 1/2CG - Candace 1/2KG – Kayla SK-2TC – Friday 3/4EJ – Friday 3/4CW - Friday

Library Bag - these are required for students in all year groups; however, they are essential for students in Preschool – Year 2 for borrowing for home. The library bag is just an added layer of protection for the books. It does not have to be anything fancy a few suggestions are – a pillowslip, grocery bag cloth or plastic, shoe bag, etc.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

This is still happening, and we have nearly reached our reading numbers goal! Please ask your child if they are taking part, to see them read and help them complete their tracking log sheet. For Kindy to Year 2, this also includes home readers as part of the challenge.



Yesterday, the whole of Turner school took part in the national event. We heard the story read to us by Astronaut Shannon Walker currently carrying out research on the International Space Station. It was pretty amazing to see the book just floating in the research module and then to have her join us and begin the story. Ask your children what they thought of the event.

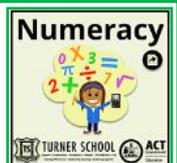
Book Club

Catalogues should be coming out next week and with any luck will be in this time before the school holidays arrive. Remember if you do not want your child/children to receive a catalogue please fill in the form via this link <https://forms.gle/dJHCUKRavgq6ttjf6>

The Library gives everyone the freedom to travel the world – Jayne Murray | Teacher Librarian

Parent/Carer Numeracy Workshops—Save the Date: Wednesday 9 June

In Week 8, Wednesday 9 June, our numeracy coaches will run Numeracy workshops for parents, carers and community members from 9-10am in the school library. The workshop will be repeated in the evening from 6-7pm. The workshops will help participants to understand the Australian Curriculum Mathematics and the Victorian Curriculum (for students working towards the Foundation stage of the Australian Curriculum) and how students learn and apply mathematics at our school. The workshop also gives families some practical strategies and activities to develop number sense, mathematical concepts and language across the years. Ring the office on 61422430 or 61422436 to book in or sign up on the google link: <https://forms.gle/pHXxyTtBqQV7NS4C7>



Our school website also has resources and articles for families in the Numeracy section under the parents and carers tab. http://www.turners.act.edu.au/for_parents/carers/interesting_articles2/numeracy

Parent Teacher Interviews



The school will be sending a letter home with your child in the next couple of weeks with information and logon details that will allow you to book a parent teacher interview with your child's teacher. The school uses the PTO online booking system to do this and you will be given an individual login code to access available time slots and to allow you to book a time. Parent teacher interviews are held in week 10 of term 2 and week 1 and 2 of term 3. Our large class interviews are 15 minutes duration and our small class interviews include a review of Individual Learning Plan goals which requires a 30 minute interview.

Our teachers value having time to talk with you about your child's learning. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate achievements and to discuss the next steps for learning and how you can work with them to support your child.

P&C Report

Thank you to all who attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday night, our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 15th June at 7pm. We will be communicating a meeting link prior to the next meeting. The meeting is open to all members of the Turner community and we welcome all those who want to attend.

We need your feedback on our upcoming community building and fundraising events for the remainder of 2021. You will receive an email from your Class Parent Representative with a short survey seeking your opinion.

We appreciate your time in responding to this survey as your feedback will shape decisions regarding these events. .

Please continue to send your emails to turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com and we will endeavour to respond promptly.

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

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

For the safety of our students and community, please ensure that consistently:

- You are parking in designated parking bays only
- Pick up and drop off bays are strictly for short drop off and pick up collection of students
- You are only accessing disability carparks if you have a Disability Permit. These carparks are essential for some of our special need families.
- That you acknowledge that the car park between the hall and trainyard is for staff only during 8am—4pm. There is no public access during these times. This is also requested for student safety.



Turner School and Community Notices

Belconnen Cross
Country
Wednesday 26 May



Senior Assembly
2:10pm
Wednesday 26 May



Coffee Chat
8:30am
Friday 28 May

Year 5 Combined
Band Practice
Friday 28 May



Board Meeting
5:30pm
Wednesday 9 June



P & C Meeting
Tuesday 15 June
7pm via Zoom Meet

Reconciliation Week
Assembly Indigenous Garden
Wednesday - 2 June @ 12pm



Kinder Excursion
Questacon
10:30-1:30
Friday 4 June



Get ready Canberra, this one is gonna be EPIC!... This is a call out to all young people across the ACT aged 9 - 13 years to be involved in one of the biggest theatre events coming to town this year.

I've Been Meaning To Ask You is a spectacular theatrical experience full of questions asked by young people, and answered by adults.

We're looking for energetic performers with a diverse range of skills and experiences to be a part of the large ensemble cast. Whether you're outspoken, curious, expressive, powerful or just plain kooky, we want you!

For more information, check out canberrayouththeatre.com.au/auditions

Auditions take place on **Saturday 29 May**. Register your EOI now!

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