



# Turner School News



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- 9 December—Reports emailed home & Yr 6 Fun Day
- 14 December—End of year Assembly
- 15 December—Year 6 Graduation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the final newsletter for 2022, it's a good time to pause and celebrate our achievements this year. I think about this in terms of what each of us have gotten better at or how each of us have made a difference to you! As you know, there's lots to celebrate and we want this newsletter to be about showcasing the students' achievements, I am only going to share a few of so many amazing things!

After a couple of years of 'doing things differently' with COVID we celebrate the way families supported our children and staff across this year to connect back with the school. Thank you for sharing your thinking and taking up an opportunity to hear from experts about the *Turner Learner Profile* at our parent pizza and Q&A night, for coming along to our book week mystery evenings, for contributing our STEAM festival and for joining us at the Colossal Community Picnic. We had almost every family attend the student led learning journeys and parent teacher interviews. A highlight of the home and school connection this year has been the official opening of the Cultural Integrity P&C partnership garden project- thanks to each of you who were involved. This will continue to be such a special space for us.

I am endlessly impressed by our educators at Turner- I know you think they are amazing too! I thank our staff for their dedication, above and beyond time and innovation as they adapted to the little challenges we continued to experience this year- each day they are modelling Turner Learner Profile for our students! To mention just a couple of teaching highlights, this year, our School Improvement team focused on further strengthening our implementation of the maths curriculum with support from our critical friend at Griffith University, Dr Harry Kanasa. The team continued to build our implementation of the Australian Curriculum general capabilities through the Turner Learner Profile and worked to establish an understanding of what being a positive contributor means at Turner School.

For our students, this means they are getting better at their numeracy skills, are getting better at learning how to learn and are understanding their obligation to make a positive impact on those around them.

Each year, our teaching team looks at the achievement data, perceptions, skills and learning of our students and we set collective goals for improvement. To see where those goals and targets for learning fit you can see our strategic plan: [Strategic Plan 2022-2026](#). Early next year, we also publish our achievement against these goals in our Annual Board Report and Impact Report. We will let you know when that information is available on our website. You can see last year's summary here: [Annual Board Report 2021](#).

Schools are about students. I would like to congratulate our students on their achievements in making friends and engaging in learning. They have grown through impact projects, through using co-constructed *learning criteria* and *thinker rubrics* and through every opportunity taken to stretch interests, use Turner Learner skills and practise reading, writing and maths. Students have made our school a better place when they use our SCARFF values. This year, they have collectively got better at knowing how and when to share their voice to make a positive impact. A special congratulations to our school prime ministers and student parliament portfolios as the founding leaders of our student government at Turner School- I can't wait to see where this leads them!

It has come to the time of year to farewell some of our amazing staff members as they take the next step in their career, accept promotions across our system or adjust to change their circumstances for their family. I acknowledge the contribution the following staff members have made to Turner School during their time here. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing some of them back at Turner again in following years.

**Maura Dand      Kristina Charman      Hana Kramer      Nick Collins**  
**Keryn Freeland      Esther Riebe      Imogen McLean**

With every farewell, we welcome new and returning staff to our team for 2023. We can't wait to see what they have to offer our students—we know it will be amazing!

**Leanne Reinke      Kerri Hayes      Chelsea McKenzie      Kimberley Steele      Katrina Vesala**

To those students and their families who are moving on from Turner, I wish you all the very best on the next stage of your journey and if we should bump into one another again one day, please come and say hi, I would love to hear how you are going.

I wish you all a very happy holiday. Stay safe, enjoy your families and friends, enjoy wherever you find yourself over the break..... I so look forward to seeing you next year.

Kind regards,

**Allison Edmonds**

### Lines of communication:

- \* Allison Edmonds—Principal
- \* Heather Hill—Deputy Principal
- \* Antonia McGuire—Deputy Principal and Inclusion Officer
- \* Jocelyn James—Preschool/ Kindergarten Team Leader
- \* Jess Engele —Years 1-2 Team Leader
- \* Kayla Gifford —Years 3-4 Team Leader
- \* Tilly Cave — Years 5-6 Team Leader
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- \* Deb Parr—Business Manager
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## Congratulations to our 2023 Student Prime Ministers and House Captains!

We are pleased to announce our Student Parliament and House Captains for 2023. There was a large and strong field of applicants and we would like to acknowledge and thank every student who submitted an application for stepping out of their comfort zone and having a go.

We congratulate the following students:

### 2023 Student Parliament

#### Prime Ministers:

Jarvis O  
Claire W

#### Deputy Prime Ministers:

Ana J  
Leon A  
Gina F  
Arlo B  
Callum S  
Ari P



### House Captains

#### Isaacs

Henry H & Ashvika A

#### Gowrie

Isabelle C & Amaya B

#### Stonehaven

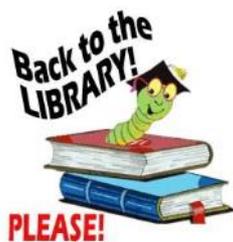
Archer E & Malin R

#### Gloucester

Ella B & Patrick O

## **LIBRARY BOOKS TO BE RETURNED ASAP!!**

We currently have over **1500** books and loaned out that need to be returned to the library before the end of term. Please return them as soon as possible!



## **LEAVING TURNER SCHOOL?**

If your preschool to year 5 child is leaving Turner School at this end of the year (or before), please notify us as soon as possible by email at [tnrp@turners.act.edu.au](mailto:tnrp@turners.act.edu.au)

## **TURNER SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE**

In 2023 there will be one Parents and Citizens Member position vacant on the Turner School Board, and one teacher representative position. Keep an eye out for information on the nomination process that will be in the first issue of the newsletter in Week 1 of Term 1, 2023.

## **Goodbye 2022 – From the School Board**

It's been a great year for the School Board, huge thanks to Aarthi, Chris, Allison, Heather, Antonia, Jayne and the fabulous Deb for helping us get through. This year we updated the Personal Learning Guidelines (updates including more specifics in relation to children in care and students who are gifted or talented) and oversaw school spending through regular consideration of the School's budget. Thanks to input from the School and Turner Community.

The Board hopes you all have a great summer break, and that families enjoy their time together and everyone comes back fit and healthy in 2023. Any questions, celebrations or issues you'd like raised that relate to the School Board can be sent to me at [dale.todling@dta.gov.au](mailto:dale.todling@dta.gov.au).

**Dale Todling | Turner School Board Chair**

## **Student Parliament**

In week 8 we celebrated a hugely successful year for our Student Parliament members. We gathered together in the pergola for a pizza party and spent some time debriefing and enjoying each other's company. After the pizzas were demolished in record time, we enjoyed playing games out in the sunshine. It was such a lovely way to finish the year together and reflect on our successes and future goals. Thank you too all our Student Parliament representatives for their commitment and leadership across the school this year. We are so excited for what 2023 will bring.

*Jess and Kayla*



## **P&C Update**

Wishing all Turner School families a safe, relaxing and happy summer break. A special thanks to all of the contributing members of the Turner School P&C for their ongoing support during the year...Amanda, Annie, Adele, Aarthi, and Ole—a particular mention for your personal contributions. I'd also like to acknowledge the wonderful support of the executive team and staff at Turner, without whom many of the wonderful experiences our children participate in simply wouldn't happen.

Highlights for 2022 include being able to support the STEAM Festival, Colossal Family Picnic, opening of the Cultural Integrity Garden, teacher appreciation & coffee mornings and the Crazy Camel fundraiser. We leave 2022 on a strong note and look forward to whatever 2023 has in store for us. In the meantime best wishes and enjoy the summer holidays!

**Nicola Gibson | Turner School P&C President**

# 2022 Student Parliament

Our 2022 Student Parliament was one of our highlights at Turner School this year. Early in Term 1, classes voted for their Student Parliament representatives and those reps then chose the Portfolio they would like to work within. The 6 Portfolios were led by our Deputy Prime Ministers and overseen by our Prime Ministers Clara D (5/6RB) and Sujaan B (5/6CK). All were successful in achieving their goals and they also participated in a virtual convention with other schools at the ACT Minister's Student Congress!

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| <b>Culture Portfolio</b><br>Deputy PM - May HW (5/6TC)<br>Mia B (5/6CW)<br>Hana H (3/4GS)<br>Cianna S (3/4MS)<br>Lily T (3/4SN)<br>Elodie R (1/2ES)<br>Vasco (1/2AR)<br>Sophie B (KAS) | <b>The Arts Portfolio</b><br>Deputy PM - Flora P (5/6CK)<br>Annie B (5/6HM)<br>George GK (5/6AT)<br>Isabelle B (5/6CK)<br>Elsie C (1/2SS)<br>Brittany K (1/2SS)<br>Nina T (1/2AV) | <b>Learning Portfolio</b><br>Deputy PM - Sadra P (5/6TC)<br>Tess V (5/6RB)<br>Archer E (5/6TC)<br>Noah Y (3/4KB)<br>Jose A (1/2ES)<br>Indie S(KIJ) | <b>Sustainability Portfolio</b><br>Deputy PM - Elijah E (5/6AT)<br>Airlie M (5/6AT)<br>Anthony S (5/6FO)<br>Nelly G (3/4KB)<br>Magnus C (3/4AV)<br>Hugh D (1/2KG)<br>Amelia O (1/2AV)<br>Molly E (KIJ) | <b>STEAM Portfolio</b><br>Deputy PM - Abyan E (5/6RB)<br>Hibiki A (5/6RB)<br>Minh N (3/4GS)<br>Flynn T (3/4SN)<br>Yuvi M (3/4AV)<br>Ruby S (1/2KG)<br>Frankie S (KYL)<br>Ruhani D (KAS) | <b>PE &amp; Wellbeing Portfolio</b><br>Deputy PM - Oscar H (5/6CK)<br>Fionn D (5/6CW)<br>Harrison K (5/6CK)<br>Allegra G (5/6TC)<br>Erika L (3/4SN)<br>Flynn T (3/4MS)<br>Chloe M (1/2AR)<br>Eddie K (KYL) |
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| Portfolio      | Mentor  | Key Actions Achieved in 2022  |
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| The Arts       | Jess    | Read aloud performance at the STEAM Festival opening ceremony<br>Puppet show to the Preschool & Kinder classes                                  |
| Sustainability | Jayne   | Labelled composting bins in all classrooms and regular audits to collect 'food waste' data  |
| STEAM          | Jess    | Coding club during the STEAM Festival week<br>Established a lunchtime Typing Club for the K-2 cohort  |
| Learning       | Kayla   | Science activities during the STEAM Festival<br>Established a lunchtime drama club for children in K-4  |
| PE & Wellbeing | Nick    | Sports equipment audit and purchasing<br>Established lunchtime activities to actively engage students in K-2 (e.g. ball games in the Trainyard) |
| Culture        | Antonia | Grand opening of the Cultural Integrity Garden  |

### Term 1 Action Flood Appeal Fundraising

During week 7, our Student Parliament held a fundraiser for students from Ballina Primary School in Northern NSW because they had been affected by the recent flooding. We asked our Turner Community to donate clothes, stationery, toiletries, books, and backpacks. We received an overwhelming amount of donations from our very generous families. The Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers then spent time collating and sorting the donations so they would be ready to be delivered to Ballina Primary School. We know the generosity from our Turner Community has made a difference to those families in need.

*Sujaan B and Clara D, Prime Ministers*

### Minister's Student Congress 2022 - Hearing Student Voices

On the 21st of October the Turner School Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers met with Jess to attend a virtual convention with other Primary Schools in the North Gungahlin and Belconnen Networks. The ACT Minister's Student Congress provides an opportunity for students to discuss issues of importance to them and which affect their learning. The topic, Hearing Student Voices, is about how to share our voice with others, including the ACT Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, and the Education Directorate.

During the Google Meet we answered questions in small break out discussion groups and shared our ideas, opinions and what we currently do at our school. Throughout the hour we had the opportunity to hear thoughts and ideas from other schools too. All in all we are very grateful to be involved with the progress of education. - Prime Minister Clara D (5/6RB)

### The Arts - Led by Flora P

**Term 2:** Prepared a read aloud for the STEAM Festival opening ceremony

**Term 3:** The Arts Portfolio created props and presented a read-a-loud of the story the Imagineer by Christopher Cheng - a highlight of the assembly!

**Term 4:** The Arts Portfolio created their own puppet show! They made sock puppets, wrote a script with an important message about collaboration and communication and then presented it to Preschool.

Mentor Jess Engele has been impressed with the dedication and creativity of this group!



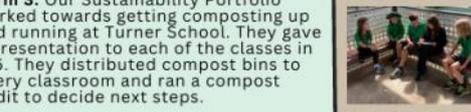
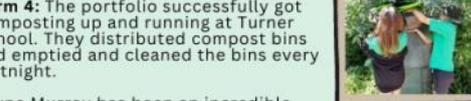
### Sustainability - Led by Elijah E

**Term 2:** Working on getting compost bins into each classroom

**Term 3:** Our Sustainability Portfolio worked towards getting composting up and running at Turner School. They gave a presentation to each of the classes in K-6. They distributed compost bins to every classroom and ran a compost audit to decide next steps.

**Term 4:** The portfolio successfully got composting up and running at Turner School. They distributed compost bins and emptied and cleaned the bins every fortnight.

Jayne Murray has been an incredible mentor to this group throughout the year.

### STEAM - Led by Abyan E

**Term 2:** Setting up Coding and Typing clubs at lunch time

**Term 3:** The STEAM Portfolio organised a lunchtime coding session during the STEAM Festival week. There was a big turn out from K-6 for this fun activity! Their next step was to collate data from their Google form to see if junior classes would be interested in having a lunch time club - which was successful!

**Term 4:** The lunchtime typing club was held weekly in the library, with all K-2 classes given the opportunity to come along to one of these sessions

Jess Engele was the mentor in this Portfolio - thanks Jess!



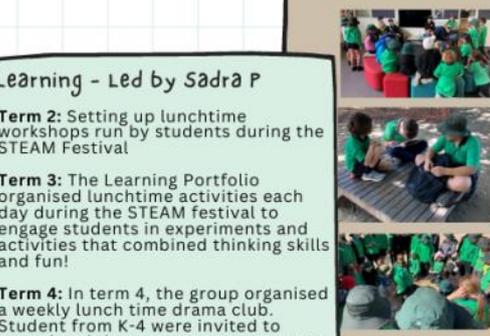
### Learning - Led by Sadra P

**Term 2:** Setting up lunchtime workshops run by students during the STEAM Festival

**Term 3:** The Learning Portfolio organised lunchtime activities each day during the STEAM festival to engage students in experiments and activities that combined thinking skills and fun!

**Term 4:** In term 4, the group organised a weekly lunch time drama club. Student from K-4 were invited to attend and there was a great turn out - the children enjoyed the chance to express their creativity!

Thanks to Kayla Gifford for taking this group under her wing!



### PE & wellbeing - Led by Oscar H

**Term 2:** Completed audits to determine new and exciting equipment and play spaces

**Term 3:** Organised a timetable for senior students to lead fun, semi-structured games for the K-2 students who play in the trainyard. They received 'game ideas' from some of the younger Ministers and were trained on how to engage students in these lunchtime sessions

**Term 4:** the Portfolio started their lunchtime sports activities! They had many volunteers from 3-6 supporting on a rostered timetable to lead fun, semi-structured games for the K-2 students who played in the trainyard.

Thanks to mentor Nick Collins for the success of this initiative.



### Culture - Led by May HW

**Term 2:** Organised a day to celebrate and share your cultural identity

**Term 3:** Worked alongside the Cultural Integrity school improvement team to promote and organise the official opening of the Cultural Integrity Garden

**Term 4:** The Culture Portfolio created advertising posters and gave speeches during the Cultural Integrity Garden opening.

A big thanks to Antonia McGuire for her mentorship of the Culture Portfolio!



## Water Fun Day 2022!

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the kindergarten to grade 6 students attended their end of year picnic at Dickson Pool.

The juniors made their way there in the morning whilst the 3-6s waited eagerly back at school for their departure just before lunch! Upon arrival, students got to participate in different activities in the shade areas, including tagging games, noodle and kick board races, paralympic ball games, and play in the water park.

The students had lots of fun and were extremely exhausted by the end of the day. A big thank you to all the students, staff and our parent volunteers who helped make this day so special.



## Community Notices

### Chilada

School Uniform Sale Coming soon

When: 1st - 31 Dec 2022

Deal: 20% Off

Shop: Chilada Gungahlin  
Chilada Majura

[www.chilada.com.au](http://www.chilada.com.au)



### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



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](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet)

North Canberra Baptist Church presents

# Carols on Condamine

Join us for our annual carols on the lawn community event on Saturday 10th December at 5pm!  
17 Condamine St. Turner

We will have:

- Free BBQ
- Live sing-along carols
- Kids entertainment
- Christmas message

And come along to our other Christmas events over the holiday period, details on other side

some seating provided, BYO picnic rug

## artkids™

### Art and drawing lessons at Turner School!

Structured art and drawing class from 3 - 5 pm at Baptist Hall, opposite Turner School on TUESDAY afternoons for K\* - Yr 6. Kids walked from school to artKids studio. Not sure? A once-off paid trial class is available. \*Kindy kids from Term 3 - must trial first.

- Our classes build creative confidence: learn techniques and skills in drawing, cartooning, anime, painting, sculpting, collage
- We provide a fun, supportive environment: "There are no mistakes or flops in art, only flopportunities!"
- Fee: \$41/session, payable by term. Includes all materials and a light snack.

Book now: [www.enrolmy.com/artkids](http://www.enrolmy.com/artkids)  
[www.artkidscanberra.com](http://www.artkidscanberra.com)  
M: 0405 014 180  
For Trial email: [admin@artkidscanberra.com](mailto:admin@artkidscanberra.com)

Holiday Program open!

## Free Rangers— Kids who can

Learn practical skills and get your hands dirty, outdoors in the fresh air. Explore nature reserves. Learn bush skills. Grow your own produce to cook. Care for animals.

Pick up from Turner School and relocate to Friends Meeting House across the road. Time: 3pm to 6 pm.



**Kindergarten to year 6. Places limited**

Please contact [daniellecook@live.com.au](mailto:daniellecook@live.com.au)

Ph: 0405467173 or visit <https://freerangerskids.wordpress.com/>

## Kids LIKE CLAY Workshop

Explore, play & create with clay. Beginner course in handbuilding ceramics for kids K-6

**Offering in 2023**

- Wednesdays at 3:00-4:30 p.m. (dates to be confirmed)
- Across Turner School behind the Baptist Church on Condamine St. (entry from main carpark)
- Cost \$250 (for 10 weeks, materials & firing included)

Expression of interest to:  
Arabelle on 0410880772  
Email: [likeclayceramics@gmail.com](mailto:likeclayceramics@gmail.com)  
[@likeclay186](https://www.instagram.com/likeclay186)

## K-6 Student Stationery Requirements 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please read the following information for ordering online the basic stationery requirements for your student for 2023. The packs are provided to the school by Complete Office Supplies (COS). COS is one of the Whole of Government Stationery suppliers for all ACT schools and directorates.

The executive and teaching staff have looked extensively at the list to make sure that the pack order contains only necessary items to ensure that the cost to you has been trimmed and is kept to the minimum amount.

**All stationery packs purchased through COS will be delivered to Turner School and distributed to the student's class teacher.**

Please order at [parent.cos.net.au](http://parent.cos.net.au) and follow these steps:

1. Sign in using the following login information
2. Enter the **Email:** turnerprimary@cos.net.au **Password:** PARENTS-23
3. Select the Year level required for 2023
4. Please note most items have been marked as mandatory and this cannot be changed. Only items marked optional can be changed.
5. Add your pack to the shopping cart
6. Enter your child's details, the delivery address for all packs is Turner School, 32 Condamine Street, Turner ACT 2612. This cannot be changed.
7. Enter in your credit card, PayPal or Pay4 details and then submit your order. You will receive an email order confirmation and can also request order tracking sent to your mobile.

*\*Please disregard information on shipping fees in the 'Free Delivery Period & Shipping Fees' as all packs are delivered to Turner School and will not incur a shipping fee.*

If you order by 9 January 2023 packs will be delivered to the school before Term 1 starts and will be distributed to the students classroom.

Any orders placed after 9 January 2023 will not arrive at the school for the start of the year.

If you choose to source the items from another supplier you will need to make sure that you pass all of the items listed on the Requirements List (specific to your students' year level) to the student's class teacher at the beginning of the year. Please [click here](#) if you need to know items requested.

There are some items on the list that can only be sourced through COS such as the Targeting Handwriting text.

In reference to the USB Drive device listed on the requirements for some students: Please make sure that your student starts the year with this device.

**If you do not have access to the internet for online ordering of the basic stationery requirements or credit card facilities for payment online please contact Deb Parr, the Business Manager on 61422430 to organise an alternative method for sourcing the basic stationery requirements for your student.**

*If you are experiencing any financial difficulty in providing the stationery requirements for your child please call the school on 61422430 and ask to speak to Deb Parr or Allison Edmonds to arrange a payment plan or support from the student support fund. We will ensure that every child has the supplies and equipment they need at Turner School.*

Deb Parr  
Business Manager

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