



Turner School News



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Dear Parents and Turner Community,

Welcome back in term 3. We have got an exciting term ahead and highlights include:

- Our Festival Week- *What if I was the author?*
- Your opportunity to have input into our new School Improvement Plan
- Some students starting preparations for the Step Into the Limelight performance gala
- Parents invitation to Learning Journeys
- Our senior students taking up extra curricula sporting gala opportunities.

We sent out some key reminders about Covid-Safe practices in our school earlier this week:

- We are asking adults – parents, carers and visitors to use the Check In CBR app when they enter school grounds. The general rule is that if you leave your vehicle and enter school grounds, find a QR code and check in- for example, when parents and carers dropping off or picking up their children from playgrounds. This will make contact tracing far easier if we have a confirmed case at a school.
- Check in CBR app codes are at multiple entry points around the school.
- Please remember that if you coming into school for something like volunteering, a meeting or a special event that you still need to sign in via the front office. We now have a contactless Turner School sign in page too.
- A reminder that families who travelled interstate during the school holidays should check the [ACT Government's COVID-19 website](#) and follow the health advice if you have been in any of the exposure locations listed.
- It is also important to remember that everyone in the ACT should be following COVID Safe practices. If *your child is unwell*, they need to *stay home* and get tested with even mild symptoms.

We have some teacher changes this term while we have some staff on leave:

- We welcome Anna Przybylski who has joined us from interstate and is teaching in 3/4 Small Group
- Roger Rosser will be teaching visual arts in the senior school
- Young Lee is teaching a kindergarten class, and
- Erika Parkinson is teaching Indonesian across the school.

As the athletics carnival has been moved to Monday to avoid the wet weather, I want to remind you that it may still be cold, please ensure your child has warm clothes to wear between events!

Thank you to the parents and carers who have taken up the opportunity for parent teacher interviews over the past few weeks. You are always encouraged to talk with your child's teachers as a first point of call with any questions, celebrations or concerns. Should you need it, our executive staff is also available to support.

Kind regards, Allison Edmonds | Principal

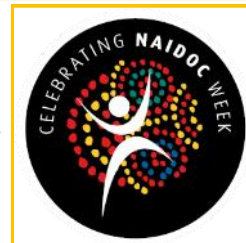
TURNER SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – POSTPONED TO MONDAY 19 JULY

Wouldn't you know the weather has decided to take yet another turn and the forecast is for rain from Wednesday till Friday. Because of this, we have postponed our Athletics and Junior Olympics Carnival to Monday 19 July (next week) when the weather outlook is looking clear and fine. Please see click on https://www.turners.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/519997/2021_EVENT_SCHEDULE_parents.pdf for the run sheet for Monday. Families are welcome to attend, we ask that you check in on the day using the CBR Check in App and maintain social distancing where possible. Please remember to pack warm clothes and a water bottle for your child. We thank you for your flexibility with this and we look forward to an amazing day next Monday!



NAIDOC week—Year 5/6 Classes

As NAIDOC week was during the school holidays, some 5/6 classes began term 3 by inquiring into this year's theme 'Heal Country'. We began with a shared experience of a mindful Acknowledgement to Country where we thought deeply about 'country, community and connection'. We watched a powerful short film embracing the ongoing connection between people and the land. We tuned into the meaning of 'Healing Country' and reflected upon what this means to us and how we can actively apply this in our own lives.



Kristina Sharman | Year 5/6 Teacher

*We have to be there for her
To wipe away her tears
To help her through hard times
To stop problems we have made
And problems we haven't
To carry her to the future
Healthy and green
To pick up the mess we made
Some things grow better once burned
Some things don't
But we have to be there for her
To protest what we feel will help
For us
For her
For all.*

By Evie | 5/6KT

Healing Country means cleaning up earth, looking after it, making sure the colour green is seen everywhere and coming together as a community to fix our mistakes. **By Toby | 5/6NC**

When I think of these words, I think of healing something that's been damaged and people united together. So this year's Naidoc week theme is based on healing the issues we created, such as global warming and pollution. My pledge towards the future is: I, Angie, pledge to look after the land by doing the littlest and biggest things I can in my community to look after the land. For everyday past now, I will use my spare water to feed the plants to repair damage caused by the bushfires. **By Angie 5/6RB**

To Heal Country we must help it recover. Help it grow by respecting animals and not destroying their habitat. Use things that don't pollute the air and don't litter. **By Freya | 5/6NC**

I read this book over the holidays and there was a strong message in there: our deeds are our memorial. I'm reminded of this message when thinking about Healing Country and I thought, our memorials are our deeds. We should be remembered for our footprint that we have left on this world. We should be remembered for generally how good we are and what we have done to help other people and their story. Someone's story is like their life, our story is our life. We can put a little bit of our story into theirs by doing something that will make a little bit of a difference. **By Ailis | 5/6KT**

Reminder— Parent Teacher Interviews

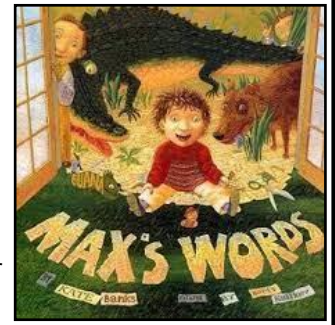
Parent teacher interviews are still taking place this week and week 2, Term 3. Families of P-6 students have received an email with information on how to make an online booking and a unique code for Parent Teacher Online (PTO). Please call Condamine Street Office on 61422430 or 61422431 or David Street Office on 61422436 if you need any assistance with your booking. Our large class interviews are 15 minutes in 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.



Max's Words Story Writing Competition

Have you read the story "Max's Words" by Kate Banks? If not, you're missing out!! It's a wonderful story about a boy called Max and how he made some fabulous stories just by putting a whole lot of words together.

Throughout our Artists' and Writers' Festival we will be holding a school-wide writing competition in the style of Max. If you'd like to enter, you can write a short story, poem, letter, song...whatever you like! Use words cut out from magazines or newspapers to create a literary masterpiece!!



Competition categories are:

- * Preschool and Kindergarten
- * Year 1 and Year 2
- * Year 3 and Year 4
- * Year 5 and Year 6
- * Small Class



There will be prizes awarded for imagination and creativity. Entries need to be handed to Helen in C3 Classroom by (end of day) Thursday 5th August so that the winners can be announced at our closing ceremony. Don't forget to write your name and class on your entry.

Good luck and happy writing!!!!

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

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

Rostrum Quarter Final



On Tuesday night of this week, Archie from 5/6KB (our Turner rostrum winner) represented our school at the ACT Rostrum quarter final. The event was held at St. Vincent's Primary in Aranda and was attended by 8 students who all presented with great skill. Archie's speech 'I took a risk...' was well-crafted and his presentation skills were outstanding, with the audience thoroughly enjoying his submission.



The judges stated that the competition was the highest calibre they had experienced in a quarter final, with Archie being ranked as 'first reserve' for the semi-final. We are all so proud of Archie and congratulate him on his wonderful achievement!

P&C Report

Welcome back to all our Turner School Community for a no doubt a busy Term 3.

Our next upcoming P&C meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 20th July** at 7pm in the Staffroom, we warmly welcome all those who would like to attend the meeting.

The Turner P&C will be running a Winter Warmer, including hot chocolate, for parents and carers to coincide with the School Disco on the 25th August. Please join us for a cup of hot chocolate and a chat.

Thankyou to all those who completed our short Engagement Survey, we will circulate consolidated feedback received from the survey in the coming weeks.

And finally if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to direct to the P&C please email turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com

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

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

Turner Notices

ACT Oztag Northside Gala Day



This year, Turner School will be sending 4 teams to the ACT Oztag Northside Gala days held on Wednesday 11 August (boys) and Thursday 12 August (girls). There will be tryouts held in Week two. More information to follow.

Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Gala Day



Tuesday 20 July
9am to 3pm.

Years 5/6 Girls Basketball Gala Day



Thursday 22 July
9am to 3pm.

P&C Meeting

All Welcome
Tuesday 20 July
7:00pm in Staffroom



Author Visit - Incursion

Preschool and Kindergarten
20 and 22 July



EALD Coffee Chat



Friday 23 July
8:45am in Library

Wednesday 21 July
2:10pm
Junior Assembly



Festival Opening Ceremony and Create-a-thon

Friday 30 July at 9:30am
Week 4 is Festival Week—lots of activities.

Community Notices

FREE parenting help for working women or those returning to work



Parentline ACT has a new service to help with the issues, stress and realities of being a working Mum.

Call us on 02-6287 3833 for:

- free advice and information,
- phone counselling,
- to book a free face-to-face/zoom session or
- more information about this program.



GUIDES AUSTRALIA
NSW & ACT

ALL GIRLS are invited to visit their local guide unit and find out what guides get up to.

Guides have **FUN** indoors and outdoors, learn new skills and make new friends.

Guides is for girls aged 5 –18 yrs.

Local guide units meet once a week at the Guide halls in Lister Cres, Ainslie and Clianthus St, O'Connor.

To find out more, go to: <https://girlguides-nswactnt.org.au/>
<https://www.northcannerragirlguides.com/>

TURNER P-6 P&C ASSOCIATION & SCHOOL BOARD 2021 VOLUNTARY FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Dear parents/carers

Each year we ask for your support for our school through your voluntary family contribution. This forms an important part of our school budget. Your contributions assist us in ensuring that we can offer the best possible education and resources for all our students at Turner.

Each year the School Board, which includes parent members, works with the school to formulate the year's school budget. The money raised through your voluntary contributions, goes directly into specific curriculum budgets to benefit *all* students from preschool to year 6 (Including art and craft equipment, PE, and sport, math, English, science, new IT resources, special programs, and the library).

In addition, Turner has a tax-deductible Library Fund. There is a separate note for this fund. K-6 Stationery Packs and Preschool Resource Payment are an **additional** contribution.

The annual voluntary family contribution for Turner is \$100 for one student, \$120 for two children at school and \$140 for three or more attending the school.

Please note that this is an indicative amount only and any contribution is greatly valued.

If you would like further information, or would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We are most grateful for your support,

Allison Edmonds
Principal - on behalf of the Turner P&C Association and School Board

Thank you if you have already supported the school with your Voluntary Contributions for this year and if so, please disregard this letter.

Please note: The payment of this financial contribution is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you do not choose to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential.



Turner School P-6 Voluntary Contributions 2021

| | |
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| Student's name: | Class: |
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I enclose my voluntary contribution/s: \$100 for one student Paid by: QuickWeb (code below)

\$120 for two students Bank transfer (details below)

\$140 for three students Cash

Other amount \$_____ Cheque (payable to **Turner School**)

QuickWeb Fee code: VOLCONTRIB

Bank transfer details: BSB: 032-777 - Acct no: 001850 - Acct name: Turner School - Description: VOLCON and student's name. Receipt number: _____

TURNER SCHOOL PRESCHOOL RESOURCES PAYMENT 2021

Dear parents/carers

At Turner School, parents of students in kinder to year 6 are asked to buy a stationery pack for a range of class supplies. In place of a stationery pack, we ask preschool families to pay a resources payment.

The consumables contribution will supplement the resources already supplied by the school including:

- Cooking ingredients and other items
- Art and craft supplies
- Creative and performing arts resources
- Construction materials.

The contribution has been set at \$180 for the whole year or \$50 per term

As with all contributions at our government school they are voluntary and where a family cannot meet that contribution in full or at all, the school's equity fund will ensure all children's needs are met.

Allison Edmonds

Principal – on behalf of the Turner P&C Association and School Board

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Turner School Preschool Resources Payment 2021

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| Student's name: | Class: |
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I enclose my payment: \$180 payment for whole year Paid by: QuickWeb (code below)

\$50 payment for term_____ Bank transfer (details below)

Other amount \$_____ Cash

Cheque (payable to **Turner School**)

QuickWeb Feecode: PRECONS

Bank transfer details: BSB: 032-777 - Acct no: 001850 - Acct name: Turner School - Description: PRECONS and student's name. Receipt number: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TURNER PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND 2021

Dear parents/carers

In addition to the Voluntary Contributions families make to our school, sometimes families wish to make an additional donation. This can be done in two ways:

1. Adding the additional amount to the Voluntary Contributions (as per the other Contributions letter)
2. Making a separate donation to the tax-deductible Turner Primary School Library Fund. Funds in this account can only be used for library/resource centre related resources

The Turner Primary School Library Fund is managed by the school.

Allison Edmonds
Principal - on behalf of the Turner P&C Association and School Board



Turner Primary School Library Fund 2021

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| Name of eldest student: | Class: |
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I enclose: \$ _____ Paid by: QuickWeb (code below)
 Bank transfer (details below)
 Cash
 Cheque (payable to **Turner Primary School Library Fund**)

Note: The Turner Primary School Library Fund cheque/bank transfer **must be separate** to the Voluntary Contribution cheque/bank transfer to obtain the tax deduction.

QuickWeb Feecode: LIBFUND

Bank transfer details: BSB: 032-777 - Acct no: 001850 - Acct name: Turner School - Description: LIBFUND and student's name. Receipt number: _____

A receipt will be issued separately to the Voluntary Contribution.

Name in which you wish the receipt to be issued: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____