



Turner School News



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Dear Turner Families and Community,

This has been such a great week - we are delighted to have all our students back at school. I have enjoyed the updates from our young people and have been very impressed with the independence they are showing!



Hats on: To help with ventilation we are utilising our outdoor spaces as much as possible and within SunSmart recommendations. Please support your child in remembering to bring their hat to school and to keep it on when they are outside.

Well done: To one of our teachers, Kayla Gifford who is a 2021 Mentor finalist for showing outstanding commitment to supporting Professional Experience for Education students at the University of Canberra.

Retirement Congratulations: To our wonderful staff Robyn Watson, Roger Rosser and Cathy Kolobaric who will be retiring at the end of this year. We will spend some time later this term to farewell them and acknowledge the incredible contribution they have made to Turner School and our ACT Public Schools.

Devices: If your child borrowed a school device during remote learning they have been allocated one to keep at home with them until week 9 so that they have access to a device should a return to remote learning be necessary. Your child would have received a note with their device when they took it home this week. If you need a copy of the note, please contact the front office.

End of year events: We continue to plan for end of year events based on current restrictions. Please see our calendar for the most up to date information. https://www.turners.act.edu.au/news_and_events/calendar

School Satisfaction Survey: Closes on the 12 November 2021. We value your feedback and use this information to tell us what's going well from your perspective and what we can build upon. For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Ukulele Online: While we are still learning separately in year group cohorts we will have ukulele online at 8am every Wednesday morning. We finish at 8:45am, allowing students time to come to school. Online link is available on the Learning from Home Hub.

Class groupings for 2022: This newsletter includes a form that you can fill out suggesting good working partners for your child in 2022. Our classes are carefully considered to provide opportunities for collaboration, considering multi-abilities, diverse perspectives and communication styles and expanding social connections. Our process of putting together class groups involves feedback from the teachers, a list of 'good working partners' from the students and information from parents where necessary. While we cannot guaranteed that every request will be met, please be assured that we are child centered for our community and take all feedback into consideration when working on the complex puzzle that class groupings brings.

Our teachers continue to do all they can to support your child - please feel welcome to contact them if you have any questions or concerns about your child and reach out to a member of the school leadership team via the front office if you require additional support.

Stay kind and connected,

Allison Edmonds | Principal

Sujaan's Speech read in Parliament

Sujaan (5/6 NC) was fortunate to have a speech he wrote read in Parliament by Senator Katy Gallagher a fortnight ago. Sujaan has written about his experience included a photo and some links.

In 20 years, I want to be able to see a world where no one is destroying forests, killing wildlife, and releasing CO2 in the atmosphere.

Recently, there was a competition run by Raise Our Voice Australia (www.raiseourvoiceaustralia.com) which invited people aged under 21 to write a speech addressed to Parliament. Over 40 members of the House of Representatives and a number of Senators read out one speech each from their electorate or state/territory.

I was inspired to take the opportunity to raise my voice about a topic I think is important. It took me about a week to write and edit my speech, and read it out loud to my family to see how it might sound in Parliament. It was definitely a challenge to keep it to 90 seconds, but it made me focus on the main ideas of my speech.

I had almost forgotten that I wrote the speech because I wasn't at any point expecting it to be selected. After cricket practice one day, my coach asked me 'hey Suj, did you write something for Parliament?'. The next day, my family and I had a look on the internet and I was shocked to see a recording of Senator Katy Gallagher reading out my speech!

Before the speech she thanked me for taking the time to write about such an important issue. She also said she couldn't wait to see me in politics, in years to come.

My speech was inspired by a passion project I did two years ago for school about deforestation and the production of palm oil, and my passion for climate change and global warming.

To have my speech read out in Parliament felt really exciting, but also surprising, in a good way. It also made me feel proud to know that I have written a speech for Parliament, and to know that it has been shared with the politicians it was addressed to.

Getting involved in politics is a good way to express passion on topics like climate change and it is certainly something I would think about in the future.

You can watch the speech here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mOtORHmWj8>



Library Happenings

Yuma Welcome Back to School

Library for the remainder of term 4 has become mobile.

Each class will get a library lesson, either weekly or fortnightly in their classroom.

Students in P-2 will have lessons with me and students in 3-6 will have lessons written by me and delivered by Erika.

Overdue Books

We had lots of books borrowed by students as we went in to lock down and via the library click and collect program.

It is now time for those books to come back to school.

As of next week I will have a returns trolley set up in the Condamine Corridor (downstairs) and the library return box outside the library.

Please try to send as many back to school as possible, there are currently 2500 books due back in the library.

Book Week – Book Club

It came and it went during home schooling, which means that it did not occur in school this year (*sad Jayne*).

This meant no Book Fair for Turner Primary – so there will be one last Book Club coming out.

You can never go wrong with a book as a stocking stuffer or gift for family and friends.

So, look out for the catalogue coming home soon.

Stay well and keep reading!

Cheers, Jayne Murray | Teacher Librarian

A book is a gift you can open again and again.



Leaving Turner School in 2021?

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

Remembrance Day
Assembly — Online
11th November



Kindergarten Health Checks

Will take place at school on:
8th and 9th of November



Preschool and
Kindergarten
Assembly—Online

Wednesday 17th November

P & C Meeting
Online



Tuesday 16th November @
7pm. Link to follow.

Last day of Term 4
Friday 17th December



Anxiety and Returning to School video series for parents and carers

Is your child feeling anxious and worried about returning to school? The ACT Education psychology service have produced three short videos to help you support your child as they return to school in the next couple of weeks. The videos are on YouTube and are titled:

- ⇒ [Understanding Anxiety](#)
- ⇒ [Responding to Your Child's Anxiety](#)
- ⇒ [Return to School Plan](#)

Contact Clinical Practice on 02 620 59555 or EDUClinicalPractice@act.gov.au.

P&C Update

A warm welcome back to all the students who returned to Face to Face learning this week, no doubt it is wonderful to be back amongst friends and on school grounds once again.

I had the great pleasure of attending an online Teachers Meeting last Friday 29th October to celebrate World Teachers Day. It was a terrific opportunity to recognise and celebrate the efforts of all our fantastic teachers at Turner School.

A friendly reminder that our next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th November from 7pm, we would like to extend a warm welcome to any member of the Turner community that wishes to attend the meeting. We will circulate an online meeting link prior to the meeting. For any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us at the turnerprimarypandc@gmail.com

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



HATS and DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder Term 4 hats MUST be worn whenever students are outside. Due to COVID-19 restrictions more time will be outside. Some lessons will be outside under the pergola or a shady area. So we need all students to have hats!

Peaked caps / hoods do not count as a hat. ACT policy requires a bucket hat (one that has a brim all the way around). **No hat, play in the shade**. Condamine St Front Office sells a limited amount of green hats for \$8.25.



COVID Health requirements stipulate that all bubblers must be turned off. Having a full water bottle at school for your child everyday is a MUST. We do not supply plastic cups or drink bottles.

Please label the drink bottle with your child's name.

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 or phone Condamine St Front Office on 61422430 or 61422431 or David St Front Office 61422436. *It is essential that all details are up to date.*



2022 Class Information for Turner Parents and Carers

Following on from the successful model in place for a number of years, we anticipate our 2022 K-6 class structure will be Kindergarten, combined year 1 and 2, combined year 3 and 4 and combined year 5 and 6 classes for both mainstream students and special education students. As with this year, should there be a big variation in the numbers of students within the paired cohort, we may need to form one class of a single cohort. The teachers know your children very well and bring a lot of information together when forming classes. We ensure each class has a balance of abilities, gender, behaviours and personalities. It is also important for children to experience new friendship groups as they progress through primary school and teachers work carefully to ensure friendship dynamics are a factor in class makeup too.

During term 4 we have a number of strategies in place to support all children with broadening friendship groups and with the transition process moving into 2022. As yet class locations and co-locations have not been decided.

We value input from parents and carers and students as well. We have asked years 1 to 5 students to name four good 'working partners' for us to consider and parents may also like to consider this as well.

If you would like to give YOUR thoughts on class placement for your child/ren please complete the slip attached and return to the Condamine St office Friday 19th November 2021. A copy of the blank slip will also be placed on the school website. Completing this slip is optional. I know many of you are very happy to leave this decision with the school. Of course we cannot give guarantees on placement wishes as there are at times competing wishes presented.

Kind regards

Allison Edmonds

Parent / Carer Advice to Allison Edmonds on 2022 Class Placement

Student name:

Current class and teacher:

2022 year level:

Parent / Carer completing this advice:

Please name four children who would be 'good working partners' for your child:

Any other information you would like Allison and the teachers to consider?

Please ensure this slip is returned to the Condamine St office by Friday 19th November 2021



Community Notices

Free Rangers - Kids who Can

Enrolments now open for the rest of Term 4, 2021

Learn practical skills and get your hands dirty, outdoors in the fresh air.

Play in **nature**.

Grow your own produce to **cook**.

Care for **animals**.



Mondays & Thursdays, 3-6pm.

\$232 for the term.

At The Friends Meeting House.

We collect the kids from school.

Kindergarten to year 6.

Places limited, bookings now open.

<https://freerangerskids.wordpress.com/>
daniellekcook@live.com.au, Ph: 0405467173



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/ or

<https://www.northcanberragirlguides.com/>

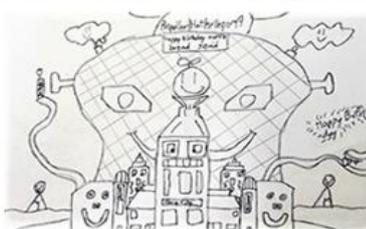


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After-School Classes @ Turner!



Every afternoon, 3.30 - 5.00 pm, at artKids studio at Baptist Hall! Got a keen artist on your hands and want to keep them off a screen, then our structured drawing/art skills program is perfect for Kindy-Yr 6. Learn skills and explore different mediums. Fees are \$38/session, includes GST and materials. Bonus: Turner kids collected at 3 pm! School Holiday programs booking too!



Book now via www.enrolmy.com/artkids
www.artkidscanberra.com or admin@artkidscanberra.com