

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Tuesday 31 March	Chocolate Crackle and Pikelet Day	Chocolate Crackles 50c Pikelets 30c
Friday 3 April	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Monday 6 April	Easter Monday	Public Holiday
Friday 10 April	Last Day Term 1	Whole School
Tuesday 28 April	First Day Term 2	Whole School
Term 2 Week 1	Scholastic Book Fair returns	Whole School- details to follow.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 8 is all but over, Easter generates two 'short' school weeks for us and then Term 1 will be completed. It's amazing how quickly this term has flown by. I mentioned in our last newsletter that Richardson Primary School had organised for the Tuggeranong network, a parent seminar entitled 'What Your Child Needs from You' presented by Dr Justin Coulson (PhD). We still have tickets left from our allocation for this event if you are interested, so if you are please leave a message with Maree in the front office or see Simon or myself. The seminar is on 30th April (Week One of Term 2).



I met with our Taylor Preschool Parent Association this week for their second committee meeting for the year. The new committee is full of energy and positive ideas around how to not only coordinate the preschool parent community but to also support teachers in the ongoing high quality preschool program being delivered. Our preschool is a vibrant engaging part of our school and it is a real joy to visit the preschool rooms and witness their learning in full action. In my visits there this week I witnessed preschool children writing their names and the names of their friends on whiteboards, working diligently at creating beautiful surprises for mums for Mother's Day and also cooking mince tarts, all combined with an outdoor program capitalising on the beautiful autumn weather.

I particularly enjoyed observing the P-2 gross motor program this week. If you have a pre-school child ask them if they enjoyed 'Hungry Hippo'. If you have older students (K-2) ask them what they thought of it as well. They may well tell you that they got to witness the very competitive nature of teachers trying to beat each other at the game. The photo doesn't do justice to the clever innovation of teachers using scooter boards, tote trays and a barrel full of balls to create this full scale game.



In regards to preschool if you are wanting to enrol students for 2016 or know of friends and family within our enrolment area who might be seeking a place, enrolments open on Tuesday 28th April 2015. I have included the link below but please note that although this link will take you to the correct page preschool enrolments for next year will not open until the 28th April.

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

The directorate is also seeking input on reporting on student achievement. The consultation process that you may have heard about in the media this week is open to all members of the public around 'Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12)'. You can find the link on the ACT Government 'Time to Talk' page. I have included this link as well below.

<http://www.timetotalk.act.gov.au>

Our 5/6 Rugby League boys along with Peter Frankcom continued their journey through the competition, participating last week. The boys had a fantastic day and played well against some extremely high levels of competition. Well done to these boys and a big thank you to the parents and supporters who joined in on the day. Events such as these cannot happen without parent support and I know that teachers appreciate this support and commitment more than I can articulate in this newsletter. Well done boys and good luck to the boys who carried on to trial for Tuggeranong teams in football.

Well done to our swimmers who travelled out to the AIS last week with Mr Frankcom and Miss Wilson. It's a big arena to compete out there and not many people can say they have swum at the AIS so well done to you. We are very proud of your efforts.

Our SRC are planning a special event next week selling chocolate crackles and pikelets at lunchtime. Posters have been created and displayed around the school and a note sent home to families. We will also include a reminder on the school Facebook page the night before. Our student class representatives are doing a fantastic job led very ably by our school captains.

If you are a Facebook user please 'Like' our official school page. Feedback tells us that families find it an easy way to keep in touch with what is happening in the school. You will recognise our official page as it includes a photo of the new school facade. Enjoy the upcoming Easter break,

Regards Alison

Public Consultation - draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy and draft common report templates*

Opening Date: Monday 23 March 2015. **Closing Date:** Friday 15 May 2015

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on the draft *Reporting Student Achievement (Preschool to Year 12) Policy* and draft common report templates for ACT public primary and high schools. The draft Policy and draft common templates are designed to ensure parents receive consistent information about their child's achievement regardless of which ACT public school their child attends.

Parents/carers can provide feedback through the ACT Education and Training Directorate website at www.det.act.gov.au and the ACT Government's Community Engagement 'Time to Talk' website at <http://timetotalk.act.gov.au/>.

The trolls inside

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Trolls are part of ancient Nordic culture. They inhabit the world of folk and fairy tales. Trolls lived under bridges and in dark places. Short, hairy and ugly trolls were rarely seen however just the thought of them was enough to send shivers down the spine. As a kid you had to be wary of trolls.

Now the worst trolls live inside children's heads. The voice of insecurity, self doubt and fear is the worst troll of all. This is the troll that kids have to be most vigilant about.

It's the job of parents to help kids defeat trolls. Kids need to face them to defeat them. That's not easy.

Don't let them feed the troll with doubt and negative self-talk.

Don't let them be trapped by the troll. Inaction through fear is what a troll loves.

Help kids be brave and tackle their fears rather than be held back by the troll inside their heads.

Action is the troll's worst enemy. It hates kids tackling their fears.

Help them be brave. Help them feign confidence. Help them do.

That's how they will defeat the troll inside their heads. Michael Grose

News from Preschool

Term 1 has been a very happy and busy time for Preschool. It has been a big step for some students to come into our new setting and settle into full days at school and become accustomed to so many new routines, friends and being part of Taylor School. We have already learnt a lot about ourselves and being part of a big group of "Taylor Kids". Individually the students have been given opportunities to express themselves socially and artistically, and verbally through their input and adherence to class rules and their contributions to the daily program.

All the students are now fully involved in the Buddy Program and will tell you about their experiences with their assigned buddy. The Rainbows had the opportunity to attend the school assembly on Friday for the first time this year. Their behaviour was outstanding as 1/2F talked about Harmony Day and the choir entertained us. It was great for them to see the students receiving awards and we were able to applaud those students who are having success at various sports.

The warm, dry weather has been enjoyable for us because it means we can have lots of water play- water in troughs for experimenting with, water in the sand pit and ice cube play. Suds in the water led to bubble blowing and this led to us thinking about air – in bubbles, balloons and balls, and of course Canberra's Hot

Air Balloon Festival. As you can see the students and adults continue to think of ways to expand on what is happening with endless suggestions and observations of our world. Family helpers are welcome at our preschool and the students are enjoying the parents and grandparents who have been able to attend so far.

Regards from Stars, Comets and Rainbows students and Educators

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have been talking about families this term in Kindergarten. One of the activities was to list the different jobs that family members do. We used a game on the smartboard where children were introduced to different families and had to work out which job each character was responsible for. The children then discussed the ways they help at home.

In health we have been discussing how to stay healthy by keeping our bodies clean. Washing hands has been especially encouraged.

Please remember to label all clothing and food containers. It's easier to return lost property when it has a name on it. We have also asked the children not to bring toys to school as they can get lost or broken.

Thank you for your continued support with the home reading program. Many children are changing their reader regularly. It is so beneficial for children to read aloud each day to an adult.

Angela Arblaster and Kathryn Hope

1/2 News

Over the last few weeks the 1/2 Unit have been keeping very active inside and outside the classroom.



K-2 school sports clinics



Gross Motor – Real life hungry hippo and building skills



In the classroom we are learning about the history of Kambah and also the use of describing words in our daily writing 😊

From Melissa Dent, Peter Frankcom and Amy Clark



3/4 News



Since our last Newsletter, the 3/4 Unit have participated in a self-defence course as part of our bike program. Some of the things they learned were ways to break a hold someone may place on them, to get away and to a safe place as soon as possible and report any incident. They were taught that learning self-defence skills required respect and discipline and that under no circumstances is it alright to use anything they learn against family or friends, or to intimidate or bully anyone. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and took it very seriously. It also gave them a very positive message that there are ways a child can defend themselves and give them the chance to get away safely.



From Lee-Anne, Steph and the 3/4 Unit

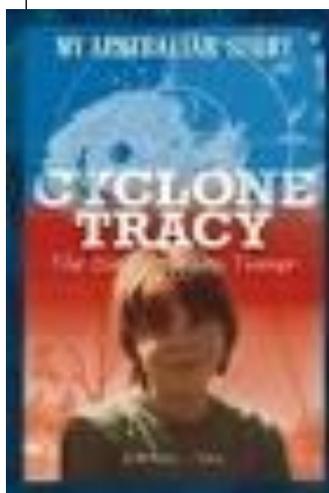
The 5/6 Unit have been learning about persuasive texts. We want to convince people to donate money to Vanuatu.

These two that we chose to put an idea in your heads. We need to help in Vanuatu because many people are injured and homeless.

Vanuatu was hit by Cyclone Pam on the 13th March 2015 on a category five. We need to raise money for Vanuatu and these are a few reasons why:

1. 70% of Vanuatu`s people are homeless
2. No power or water
3. No schools!

Please donate money!
By Anika, Bradley, Rudy and Jake.



5/6 News

Some of the 5/6 girls have offered to take up their first half of a Tuesday lunch for body percussion. we are learning three new percussion performances.

We are reading a “My Australian Story” called “Cyclone Tracy the Diary of Ryan Turner.” The main characters are: Mon Soo and Ryan. The story is about Ryan meeting a hippie called Mon Soo and falling in love with her. Big T is Deputy principal /Ryan`s dad. What they don`t know is that Cyclone Tracy is on the way.

Taylor Primary Sports Wrap

On the 11th of March the boys 5/6 and 3/4 NRL 7 teams entered the Daley/Meninga Cup at the Kambah ovals. 500 students were entered in non-competitive and competitive competitions throughout the day. Our 3/4 boys had a tough draw and showed great team work to post 2 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw to finish 3rd in their group, well done boys on your efforts throughout the day.

The 5/6 boys' team played against a range of different teams from around Canberra, every game was pushed to the limit with the Taylor team coming through undefeated. This massive effort qualified Taylor for the finals gala day the following week. At the finals day the 5/6 boys represented Taylor Primary with great pride. Every game they played was a tough physical challenge and close to the final siren. The boys finished the day with a strong win over Charnwood/Dunlop Primary to end up third in their group overall. It was a fantastic couple of weeks for this team and we look forward to seeing them play more competitions as the sporting calendar progresses.

A special thankyou goes out to all the parents and carers who came along to support the Taylor students at both gala days. Your involvement is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Multi Sports Trials

Over the past few weeks the Tuggeranong District sports trials have been held at Trinity Christian School. Taylor has had a quite a few students trying out at a range of different sports including Touch Football and Basketball.

The trials have now finished and I am pleased to announce the following students have qualified for Tuggeranong district teams.

Girls Basketball - Karliah Barratt **Touch Football** – Scarlett Valentine and Felicity Bell

Well done to all the students who went and tried out on the day, I hope to see all of you back next year for another crack at the Tuggeranong teams.

Regards

Peter Frankcom

A.I.S Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20th March, a group of Taylor students went to the A.I.S swimming pool to compete in the Tuggeranong Regional Swimming Carnival. This was a good opportunity for the students who were able to compete in the swimming carnival to have a good race and represent the school and show that we are Taylor Kids.

For us it wasn't all about winning every single race, some people won some people didn't, but most the people who raced beat their qualifying time.

Before my race I felt very nervous but when I got out of the pool and found out that I beat my qualifying time was very excited and I think that most people felt the same way!

Big congratulation to all the students that went to the carnival and over all the day was a great day for every one that when and we think that everyone involved would agree. We would like to say thankyou to Miss Wilson and the parents that helped out on the day.



By Amy Woods and Emma Mason



TUGGERANONG

TAYLOR PRIMARY KAMBAH

KINDY - YEAR 10

Drama Classes are on Tuesdays

JUNIORS (K-Yr 6) 4.30-6.00pm

SENIORS (Yr 7- Yr 10) 6.00-7.30pm

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Tuesday 31st March 2015

SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

On-line payment facilities are available at Taylor for the payment of excursions, camps and contributions then send an email to admin@taylorps.act.edu.au

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB: 032-777

Account no: 001818

Reference no: Student name, Class



NO NUTS AT TAYLOR ALLERGY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Please be aware that we have students in our school who have extreme life threatening allergy to nuts and nut products. We therefore ask you to not send your child to school with peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches and any other snacks that contain nuts. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Hats \$10

Polo Shirts \$15

Jackets \$25



School Dresses have been ordered and will be available soon.

School Banking

Banking Day is Friday,
Please hand in your bank books to your teacher or at the Front Office

CANTEEN

Open
9am - 2pm
Thursday & Friday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

*Even just for an hour,
lunch or recess*

SRC

Chocolate Crackle and
Pikelets Day

Tuesday 31st

Crackles 50c Pikelets 30c

NOTICE BOARD

\$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2015! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a \$1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free \$1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

To check if your child is eligible or they have remaining benefits from 2014, please contact Medicare on Ph: 13 20 11

Do not pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

ACT Chief Health Officer is reminding the community not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms found growing in and around the ACT. The Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible wild mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms grow mainly near established oak trees in mild, moist weather typically observed in late summer and autumn.

All parts of the mushroom are poisonous and consuming even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the mushroom does not make it safe to eat. Anyone who suspects that they may have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

It is advised that people remain vigilant and remind friends and family who are visiting or new to Canberra not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. For safety, all mushrooms should be purchased from a reputable supplier.

If you see wild mushrooms in public areas, call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

A fact sheet providing information about the Death Cap mushroom is available online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.



ACT
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Health

**DIABETES TYPE 1
STUDY**

- Do you have a relative with Diabetes Type 1?
- Are you 1-45 years of age?
- Are you generally healthy?

You may be eligible for the Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Prevention Trial

If you have a relative with Type 1 Diabetes, you could be at risk for this disease. Paediatric Research at Canberra Hospital is participating in studies monitoring the risk of Diabetes in relatives of T1D individuals and is offering an opportunity for you or your child to participate.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on **61747600** for more information.

This study has been approved by the ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee



ACT
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Health

**DIABETES TYPE 2 in
children aged 10-17
years**

Does your child have Type 2 diabetes?

Your child may be eligible for the Type 2 Diabetes Study

Helping your child manage their type 2 diabetes can be difficult. It requires a lot of attention. If diet, exercise and medication are not working well enough for your child, you may be wondering what to do next. It may be time to consider a different approach.

Please contact the Paediatric Research and Clinical Trials Unit at The Canberra Hospital on **61747600** for more information.

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ACT OZTAG

Schools out

Oztag's In!!!



Get your school to enter two teams into our local winter competition and your school will receive a free oztag resource kit (includes tags, belts and games to play).

Competition Details: Played Monday nights at Kippax and Kambah, games kick off at 5pm. The season starts on the 4th May.

\$65 PER PLAYER

For more details contact: amy@actoztag.com.au or call 6251 9650

ENTRIES CLOSE 22ND APRIL



Try Rugby Evenings

If you are new and want to learn about Rugby Union, here is the perfect opportunity to enjoy an evening with Canberra's Premier Rugby Club - Tuggeranong Vikings.

TryRugby is designed with structured activities for the kids to enjoy the wonderful game of rugby union with some of Australia's leading coaches and players.

Friday 27th March 5.00pm – 6.00 p.m

Viking Park, Erindale

Corner of McBryde Crescent and Amsinck St, Wanniasa Canberra ACT

Cost:

Free – Vikings Junior Rugby registration forms will be available on the day.

Age:

6-12 year old boys and girls, all skill levels are welcome to come have some fun and try rugby.

What to bring:

Runners or boots, hat, drink bottle etc

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