

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Friday 2 November	Disco	Junior Disco 6:15pm – 7pm Senior Disco 7:15 – 8:30pm
Friday 2 November	Assembly	9:15am Start
Wednesday 7 November	Excursion	Year 1 Zoo
Wednesday 7 November	Girls League Tag	Teacher in charge Rhys Langley
Thursday 8 November	Excursion	K6A K6L Festival of Magic Excursion
Friday 9 November	Kindergarten 2019 Expo	9:15am – 10 am
Wednesday 14 November	Preschool 2019 Expo	9am – 10:30am

Principal Message,

What a fabulous start to term 4 it has been. Thank you to all the families who could make it along to last week's community breakfast to celebrate and acknowledge Children's Week 2018. These events are not possible without your support and the Taylor staff who volunteer to help out at these events. So thank you to everyone who gives up their own time, it really adds such value to our community.

2019 Classes and Staffing

In the coming weeks I will be able to announce class formations for 2019 including any staff changes and new staff that will commence at Taylor in 2019. As you may be aware enrolments have continued to increase which will see two additional classes from K-6 next year. This is wonderful for our school community and we look forward to being able to continue to offer new learning experiences and additional specialist programs and extra-curricular opportunities. As like last year, in week 10 on the final day of school, all children will get to meet their teacher for 2019 in their new class groups. This information will be sent home to parent carers prior to the meet and greet session on the last day of term.

On this note I wanted to take this opportunity to explain the new Directorate categorisation in regards to enrolments at Taylor Primary School. As things have changed for our school and others across the ACT. Whilst we would love to welcome everyone into the community, Taylor has been placed into a Category A classification. This means the following applies to all enrolments from K-6:

- we cannot accept any 'out of area' enrolments
- 'shared zone' enrolments is at the discretion of the principals at both schools (Taylor and Namadgi) based on capacity year groups
- This year we have not been able to accept any 'shared zone' enrolments
- Preschool enrolments are capped at 22 children per class. All 'in area applications' were offered a place first, and then once the classes are at the 22 capacity, enrolments are referred to Namadgi, or another preschool program. However, if you are in the 'Taylor' zone and did not receive a place in preschool, you may then apply for Kindergarten the following year, and will receive a place as you reside in area
- If you have children who attend the Communities at Work Child Care Centre, please note that unless you are in area 'Taylor zone' the above applies also, and you may not receive a place at Taylor Preschool.

If you have any further questions regarding enrolment, please contact the front office, or email me at Belinda.fenn@ed.act.edu.au.

Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Yesterday the leadership team spent a day involving further progression of the Strategic Plan for 2019-2023. We engaged Ron Bamford from ACER who was a member of our School Review panel to support this work. Members of the School Board attended a session with us to provide their feedback and further suggestions also. We look forward to further work with all staff over the coming weeks and we will share the plan with the community following the consultation period with staff. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to come along to an information session at the beginning of next year to hear about the launch of the Strategic Plan and find out ways you can be involved and support this work over the coming years.

P&C, PPA and Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all families who have contributed so generously to Taylor Primary Voluntary Contributions and Library Trust Fund. Thank you also to the very generous contributions the P&C have made as well as the PPA fundraising. To date these funds have helped with the purchase of:

- Big Books for the junior school
- Library book package including Picture Story, Primary Non-Fiction, Primary Fiction and Early Childhood.
- Mathematics resource kits
- School Audio

If you have not yet contributed, the suggested amount for a full year is:

- \$110 for the first child
- \$90 for the second and subsequent children.

Several payment options are available as follows:

Payment Options: Cash/Cheques payable to Taylor Primary School, Credit Card, EFTPOS, Direct Deposit and via our Website <i>Payments</i> tab takes you to a secure Westpac Quickweb site)	
Credit Card Payment Complete the following information if paying by credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa Expiry Date: _____ _____ / _____ Card Number: _____ Cardholders Name: _____	Direct Payment Payment can be made directly into the college account via Internet Banking. Details are: Bank: Westpac Banking Corporation Account Name: Taylor Primary School BSB: 032 777 Account No: 001818 Please identify your payment by including the student's name/excursion in the "To Account" description.

Thankyou also to the P&C and PPA for their ongoing support of our school. We are so very grateful that additional resources to support children's learning and enhance the school environment can be purchased with such successful fundraising. These things from 2018 so far have included:

- BMX bike track – P&C
- New scooters – P&C
- New Preschool Deck - PPA
- Year 6 Graduation – P&C
- School Marquee and House Flags – P&C

Don't forget about the Halloween Disco this Friday evening! Have you purchased your entry ticket yet?

Merit Awards - Week 3

The following students will receive a merit award at this Friday's assembly.

KB	KH	KS
Max Cooper	Lachlan Stokes	Leo Backhouse
Hunter Williams	Reuben Gilbey-	Benjamin Wright
1B	1F	1R
Levi Wilkins	Lily Pulford	Alexander Booth
Evie Klau	Naomi Pulford	Charli Thomas
2M	2V	3T
Aisha Walker	Hayley-Rose Hodgson	Ashlee Campbell
Caitlin Melton	Koen Thompson	Meah Licciardello
3W	4S	5/6S
Uzair Amjad	Aiden Sheils	Chloe McGann
Gemma Irwin	Logan Sweeny	Lachlan Coe
5/6T	K6A	K6L
Jonny Bannerman	Braiden Garland	Gurdeep Singh
Ebonyrose Leyden		Kaden Thompson

Principal Morning Tea -Week 3

Congratulations to the following children who will be attending principal morning tea this week on Friday morning following the assembly. This is a great achievement and children can be so proud and I thank them for consistently demonstrating our Taylor expectations; safe, respectful, responsible learners.

KB	KH	KS
Jesse Abel	Maddi Lollback	Jasper Bryant
1B	1F	1R
Isabella Sayer	Madden Lazarus	Toby Allen
2M	2V	3T
Martin Mose	Melinda Dodds	Alice Lonsdale
3W	4S	5/6S
Oliver Whyatt	Lucy Bailey	Teegan Cossill
5/6T	K6A	K6L
Emily Dowling	Ruby Reid	Kaden Thompson

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten has been off to a great start in Term 4! We cannot believe that we only have a few weeks left! All of the children have grown academically and socially. They make us proud!

We have started our 'Weather' unit and the students have enjoyed getting outside to look at clouds, learning about what a meteorologist does and how the weather affects what we wear and activities that we do.

We will also be starting a 'What Is A Memory?' unit after 'Weather.' For this unit we will need your help! Kindergarten students will be discussing the past and present. Be on the lookout for a letter coming home soon asking family members to share a few of their childhood experiences.

Last call for Mystery Readers! Considering there are only a few weeks left, if you or someone your child knows would be interested in reading a book to your child's class – contact your child's teacher as soon as possible! It is a great opportunity to get involved!

PIPS (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) will continue again this term during weeks 2-4. You should have received results with their scores back in Semester 1. You will receive an additional letter containing their scores from this term as well. If you have questions or concerns regarding this process, please let your child's teacher know or contact Annie McAppion, Junior Executive Teacher, at annie.mccappion@ed.act.edu.au.

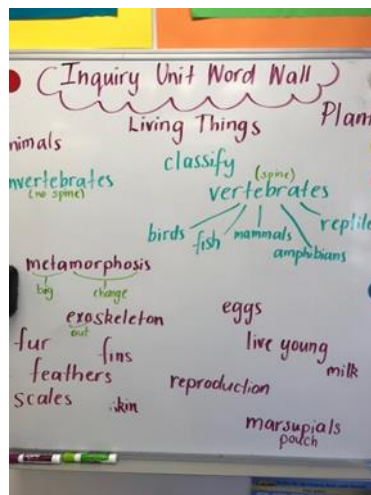
Practises have started for our end of the year concert, Taylor at Twilight. It has been coming together nicely and we hope to see all of you there. Keep Thursday 6 December on your calendars! Food from 5 pm and performances from 6 pm.



Year 1 News

It has been a fantastic start to term 4. The students have been very excited and enthusiastic throughout our inquiry unit, 'It's a Wild World'. This unit of work is linked to digital technologies as well as exploring and writing information reports. Students have enjoyed investigating and researching a variety of animals that can be found at the zoo. This week each student chose an animal that they would like to know more about. As part of our buddy program, students will work with their buddies to research photos and information in order to create a short slideshow. We will also be visiting each of the chosen animals at the Canberra Zoo next Wednesday to chat to the zookeepers as well as give students opportunities to take photos of their chosen animals. We are all really looking forward to the excursion as we're sure it will be a fun and exciting opportunity for the students to observe and discuss their chosen animals with their friends.

This term for maths we have been continuing learning about using a variety of strategies to add and subtract. We have also been looking at simple steps that we could use to solve word problems. The students have enjoyed investigating time and have been demonstrating how to show o'clock and half past on an analogue clock. This week the students have been reading and writing o'clock and half past by looking at an analogue clock and writing it in digital time. Students also enjoyed engaging in a variety of hands on games and activities to support their learning of analogue and digital time. Next week the students will be exploring describing duration (minutes, hours, days, months, years) as well as measuring and comparing length using informal units.



Library News

We have lots of new books coming into the library. They will be available for borrowing soon however as the year draws to an end it's the time to stocktake! The last week for borrowing will be week 5 and all books need to be returned to school by Friday of week 6.

ICAS Mathematics Test

In term 3 a group of students from years 2-6 participated in the University of NSW ICAS Mathematics test. This was the first time we have offered this opportunity to our students here at Taylor. All students put in a great effort and achieved some fantastic results.

We will be offering this opportunity again for students in Mathematics and a number of other learning areas in 2019.

All students will be receiving their certificates and results in the assembly on Friday 2nd November.

Well done to everyone who participated.

A special mention to the following students:

High Distinction	Distinction	Credit
Ezekiel White (Year 3)	Thomas Clarke (Year 2) Isobella Doust (Year 2)	Emily Dowling (Year 6) Emily McCarthy (Year 2) Caden Sweeney (Year 2) Josiah White (Year 6) Zoe White (Year 4)

Leanne Davis

A message from our directorate...

As you may be aware there have been several child approaches reported to police this year.

Police encourage parents, guardians and educators to make sure children understand how to keep themselves safe, particularly when walking to and from school, and to teach children about stranger safety. Information on ways to help children to stay safe is available on the Constable Kenny Koala website - <http://www.constablekenny.org.au/>

Education and care services are reminded to remain vigilant when supervising children in outdoor environments, particularly large areas such as in OSHC.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school, education and care service or a child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000.

Anyone who may have any information that could assist police can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or email Op-Tydeus@afp.gov.au Please quote Taskforce Tydeus reference 6269577. Information can be provided anonymously.

Learning at Taylor...



4S have started their Term 4 science unit. They are investigating the different properties of materials and how these properties influence their use.

Year 5/6 children presenting their projects to share their learning about how to prepare a healthy snack.





Taylor@Twilight Menu

Hot Dogs **\$3.50**

with mustard, cheese & sauce

Kransky Rolls **\$6.50**

with sauerkraut, cheese, mustard & fried onion

Choc Top Ice Creams **\$5.00**

Chicken Skewers **\$3.00**