

# THE TAYLOR TIMES



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April	ACT Public Holiday	Whole School
Tues 28 April	First Day Term 2	Whole School
Tues 28 April	ANZAC DAY Observance	Whole School
Term 2 Week 1	Scholastic Book Fair returns	Whole School- details to follow.
Thurs 30 April	Year 3 and 5 Equating Study	Year 3 and 5
Thurs 30 April	What Your Child Needs From Your	Parents

## TERM 1 WRAP UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a safe and restful Easter. We are very fortunate this year that we have back to back holidays. A reminder that school begins in Term 2, 2015, on **Tuesday 28 April**. Monday is a public service holiday under the ACT Public Service Enterprise Agreement. To accommodate this requirement, students in ACT public schools will return on the Tuesday where ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

Taylor has again had a successful term with many events to celebrate and highlight. The school is physically looking fantastic and the learning that I am witnessing in every classroom highlights the commitment of all teachers and the engagement of students. Students across the school are working very hard at following the 'We are Taylor KIDS' values:

- Kind and Caring
- Inclusive and fair
- Determined and motivated
- Safe and sensible

All staff and students are to be congratulated for their efforts in making this a part of the Taylor culture. We are all truly proud to be Taylor KIDS, TEACHERS and PARENTS.

### **REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS**

All students, kinder to year 6 received an *Interim Report*. This report is a document that provided you with a snapshot of how your child had settled into the school year for 2015. For some students an interview may have been requested. If you have still not done so can I encourage you to make an appointment early next term to discuss further with the classroom teacher areas on concern. In Term 2, the outcomes based Taylor report will be distributed as in previous years.

A reminder the directorate is also seeking input on reporting on student achievement '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>

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN will take place for students in year 3 and year 5 in week 3 of term 2. While we encourage all students to do their best, we do not want NAPLAN to be a stressful time. Teachers will be working with all students to prepare them and treat it as a normal school day. Taylor Primary will again be hosting a breakfast for all students in years 3 and 5 on the mornings of NAPLAN. If you would like any further information regarding NAPLAN please visit

[www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au).

### **NAPLAN EQUATING STUDY**

Each year a sample of students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are selected from across Australia to sit a NAPLAN Equating Study. This equating process enables the NAPLAN test results to be compared over time.

In 2015, Year 3 and Year 5 students at Taylor Primary School have been selected to be involved in this process. On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of April, Week 1 of Term 2, Year 3 and Year 5 will sit a Numeracy test similar to the Numeracy NAPLAN. This is not a process that we want our Year 3 and Year 5 students to worry about. It should be seen as a normal school day where students try their very best.

### **SCHOOL JACKETS**

With winter well and truly here don't forget that you can purchase a Taylor School jacket from the front office. Please remember to label your child's jacket for \$25.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast club, continues to grow in popularity. Each Wednesday a small group of committed parents are providing breakfast for students from 8:15am for a gold coin. We thank each and every one of those parents for their commitment.

There are still a few tickets available for the upcoming parent seminar to be held at Erindale College Theatre. The seminar is entitled 'What Your Child Needs from You' presented by Dr Justin Coulson (PhD). Please let Alison know if you would like to attend.

On our first day back at school our school captains will host an ANZAC Day Ceremony.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and we will see you all back on **Tuesday 28 April**.

Kind regards,

Simon Smith  
Principal

**School holidays reading, from your friendly school psychologist – enjoy spending time with your precious babies; they grow up way too fast 😊**

### Which type of parent are you?

There are three types of parents!

There are those who walk in front of their kids; there are those who walk behind their kids; and those who walk beside their children.

'Walk in front' parents love to lead the way. "Let's go" is their mantra. This is the style for task-oriented, busy, enthusiastic types. I was this type of parent when my kids were young. It's the style I default to. The trouble was, I may have thought I was leading but my children didn't always follow!

'Walk behind' parents usually push their kids hard. "Come on" is their mantra. This is the style for parents with high expectations and parents with a lot on their plate. This style is exhausting as you always seem to be pushing harder than you want. It's doubly hard when kids are resistant.

'Walk beside' parents do a great deal with their children. "Let's do it" is their mantra. This is the style preferred by relationship-driven, inclusive types. This was my wife's preferred style. She was a hands-on parent who spent much of her time teaching, talking and explaining to kids. This style is time-consuming, and can make it hard for parents to have their own time.

So which style do you naturally default to?

Effective parents adapt to different situations, and different children. There will be times when you should be a 'walk in front' parent, just as there are times when your kids will want you to be a 'walk beside' parent, particularly when life doesn't go their way.

There are times, and some kids, who need to be pushed hard. They need someone to 'walk behind' them and push like mad. You may have been one of these types of kids yourself.

The trouble is, if you are always pushing like mad then resentment can build up. If you find yourself always 'walking behind' then you need to spend some time 'walking beside' your child to build some good will.

Similarly, if you are a 'walk in front' parent (more likely to be a male) always miles ahead of your kids you may need to slow down and spend some time 'walking beside' your kids. They'll appreciate the change.

What style does my child need right now?

There is a better question to ask than "What style do you default to?"

That is, "What style does my child need right now?"

Ask that question often enough, and respond appropriately and you'll find your effectiveness as a mum or a dad will increase astronomically as you'll be meeting the needs of your child.

You may prefer one style but try not to get stuck in that style. Remember, great parents are adaptable, rather than inflexible. Try practising different styles so you get used to how each style feels. You'll also discover the styles that your kids feel most comfortable with.

So explore experiment and grow as a parent. Your kids will benefit from your flexibility and self-knowledge.

By: Michael Grose

# Preschool Reflection

My favourite is the cars and the roads.....Callum

Preschool is good because we have been having fun with our friends.....Eloise

We liked it when we were learning about dinosaurs and space... Harrison, Lathan & Gabi

Actually I just liked everything...There is too much fun stuff...Zac

I liked it when I helped build the garden bed.....Max

We liked playing with each other.....Lily, Joseph and Bella

You make lots of new friends..Mariska

**I liked coming for just one week.....Ben T**

I liked to learn about quarter, half and whole things.....Max

**I liked to play outside with my friends.....Maicee**

I have liked to pretend and now I have lots of best friends....Kaylee

I liked going outside and playing.....Hailey Rose

I liked playing in the secret places....Bella

**I like to have lots of kids to have fun with.....Emily**

I learnt to do good things and learn more.....Mairiad

**I liked going on the nature walks.....Bridget**

We have had fun watching a movie... Griffin

I like to pretend to be the teacher!.....Maya

*I like to roar.....Jaxson*

I liked doing all the different things but I liked drawing best.....Francine

**We just like making stuff and playing with each other.... Benny & Anthony**

I really want to do the gym.....Melinda

***We are really looking forward to next term and sharing our new experiences and learning with our friends.***

***The STARS, COMETS & RAINBOWS***

# **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**



**Teyah is behind the tree**



**Akalya is between the rocks**



**We have been enjoying building different types of shelters as part of our unit on families.**

# Year 1/2

What an exciting term it has been for all the students in year 1/2. Throughout this term we have been learning about the history of Kambah from past to present. Students have been given the opportunity to map out and discover the different locations of Kambah and then discuss what has changed from the past to the present. To finish up our unit on the history of Kambah we embarked on a walk to the Adventure Playground with stops along the way to recognise some of the interesting places Kambah has to offer. While at the adventure playground we had a BBQ and play session to finish off the term.

Here are a few photos to cap off the term that was.



The superheroes of Year 1 /2



Hungry Hippo was so much fun for everyone😊



Locations in Kambah



1/2F's first writing piece



Having a BBQ at Kambah Wool Shed



Playing at Adventure Playground



It was a long walk.....



# 3/4 News



Since our last Newsletter, the 3/4 Unit has participated in a BMX Workshop. This workshop is part of our *Ride And Walk To School Safely* Program using our new bikes. Students were taught a number of skills involved in BMX riding. They learnt how to do a power pedal start, balance, pumping and safe braking without skidding. They also had to complete a variety of obstacle courses and use the skills they had been taught as they completed the course. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were particularly excited when the trainers put on a BMX stunt demonstration at recess.

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



# LIBRARY NEWS



## NEW DISPLAY

We're commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day in the library.

Thank you to Ms Southwell and the year 5 and 6 for our fantastic new display. Each poppy has been individually made especially for us!

Please pop by and have a look... it's on the wall opposite our returns counter.

From

Mrs Allen and Tammie in the Library



# 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](mailto: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 Banking

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

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Hats \$10

Polo Shirts \$15

Jackets \$25



School Dresses have been ordered and will be available soon.

## CANTEEN

Open  
9am - 2pm  
Thursday & Friday

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...***

*Even just for an hour,  
lunch or recess*

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

## ABSOLUTELY AWESOME AUTUMN CAR BOOT SALE

8 am -1 pm Saturday 2 May 2015  
Cnr Marconi Cres and Kett St Kambah  
Stall cost: \$15  
Enquiries/Bookings: Peter on 62963073  
or email [office@ststephenskambah.com.au](mailto:office@ststephenskambah.com.au)

Check out our other fantastic happenings at  
[www.ststephenskambah.com.au](http://www.ststephenskambah.com.au)



**St. Stephen's**

Kambah Anglican Church ACT



#toyandhobbyfair



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**26th April 2015**

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- Lego mini figures
- Die-Cast vehicles
- Plastic kits
- Model railways
- Pop culture items
- Model railways
- Coca Cola
- Magazines, Paper ephemera
- Trading cards + lots more

**Admission:**

Adults - \$4

Seniors - \$2

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### Centenary of the ANZACS

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visit - [www.ashow.com.au](http://www.ashow.com.au)



**Saturday April 11th - 10:30am**

**SUPERHERO  
FUN DAY**

**Queanbeyan Showgrounds**

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## Most people dressed as superheroes

### Record definition

- This record is for the greatest number of people dressed as superheroes at a single venue.

### Rules for Most people dressed as superheroes

1. Each person must be dressed as a recognised superhero.
2. A recognised superhero is one that has been used in a published book, comic, television programme or film.
3. To qualify, each costume must be a full, head-to-toe representation of the chosen superhero.
4. Each costume must be instantly recognisable as the superhero that person is portraying.
5. The superheroes and costumes to be used must be submitted to Guinness World Records for pre-approval.
6. All participants must be in position simultaneously and remain so for a minimum of five minutes.
7. A loud start and finish signal recognised by all participants must be used. Two experienced timekeepers (e.g. from a local athletics club) must time the attempt with stopwatches accurate to 0.01 seconds. These timekeepers are required in addition to the independent witnesses.
8. All participants must wear the costume for the entirety of the attempt.

## *RSPCA Kids N' Kritters Education Session*

RSPCA ACT will be running a series of education sessions over the school holidays for youngsters interested in learning more about animals.

### **Class 1: Introduction to Puppies**

Learn about what is required when it comes to looking after a puppy. Try out your new skills by helping to socialise some of the puppies currently residing at the shelter. Make some toys and watch the puppies test them out.

### **Class 2: Puppy life skills:**

Come and learn how to teach a puppy some essential life skills. Make some interactive food puzzles and watch the puppies discover how they work.

**Cost:** \$50 per child, per session

If you would like some more information or to make a booking, head over to:  
<http://www.rspca-act.org.au/node/2287>

