

THE TAYLOR TIMES



TAYLOR PRIMARY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Monday 21 st March	1hr Self Defence Workshop	At School, no cost involved – Senior Students Only
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday	Public Holiday
Thursday 31 st March	Museum Excursion	Year 1/2 Students. Bus Departs at 9.15am return to school 12.45am
Thursday 31 st March	Preschool 2017 Tour	Please meet in the Front Office at 9.20am
Friday 1 st April	KB Assembly	Starts 9.15am



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Dear Parents and carers,

I trust you all enjoyed the Canberra Day Weekend. This time of seasonal change is my favourite time of the year in Canberra. The slightly cooler days this week have made it a little more pleasant but the getting out of bed each day can be a little more challenging as the sun rises later. You may have noticed that it is at this time of the year that your children seem a little more tired than usual. The routine of school is well and truly settled and the novelty of the start of the year has also lost some of the shine that it holds for some. For new school parents this is a very natural part of the school term cycle. It's also a great reason to look forward to our upcoming four day Easter break as a chance to recharge some batteries. If you are finding

that your younger children are a little tired each morning rest assured that it is a very common occurrence and part of the first term cycle.

All students, kinder to year 6 received last week what is known as the **Interim Report**. This report is a document that will provide you with a snapshot of how your child has settled into the school year for 2016. For some students an interview may have been requested. Please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

Congratulations to all students who participated in Zone Swimming today. We will wait to hear the results on your return to school. Our 5/6 Team attended a Questacon Workshop on building rockets this week. By all accounts it was a very enjoyable excursion and teachers commented on the high level of engagement and behaviour of students. Congratulations also to 3/4S on hosting our week 7 assembly today.

Yesterday Simon and I hosted our first tour of the preschool for prospective enrolments for 2017. We will host several more in the next few weeks. If you know of any families who have a preschool age child for 2017 please let them know that we do host these walk throughs and would love them to join us. Details of dates and times can be obtained from the front office.

Enjoy the weekend,

Regards,

Alison

P&C Update

P&C AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. We really are very lucky to have such a passionate and active school community. The executive positions were filled by the following volunteers:

President:	Melanie Selems
Vice President:	Sam Hayes
Treasurer:	David Selems
Vice Treasurer:	Amie Whiteman
Secretary:	Gill Hicks
Public Officer:	Kathy Skinner
Fundraising Coordinator:	Kyleigh Howell

The next P&C meeting is on Monday at 7.30pm in the school board room. Everybody is welcome!

Easter Raffle and Colouring Competition

Kyleigh, our fundraising coordinator has been busy organising an Easter raffle and colouring competition! Please make sure you return your raffle tickets by Monday to be in the draw for three amazing Easter egg hampers! All colouring competition entries must also be returned by Monday to receive an Easter goodie! One senior entry and one junior entry will be selected to receive an extra special Easter goodie. All prizes are on display at the front office.

If you would like any more information about the P&C please feel free to email me at melanie.selems@act.gov.au.

Thanks
Melanie
President

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Concerned about child development?

Sometimes we aren't sure if our children are developing all of the skills they need. It can be helpful to have an allied health professional look at your child and give some feedback about areas of concern. ACT Government Community Services operates **free** Drop-in Clinics to discuss communication and movement. These services are only available for residents of the ACT and for children who are 6 years and under, but please check this if you have a 6 year old in Kindergarten.

If you have concerns about how your child sounds when they are speaking (clarity or stuttering) or whether they understand and use spoken language a Speech Pathologist is available to advise you. Parents who are concerned about delays in gross motor skills such as sitting, jumping, catching, kicking or clumsiness can bring their child along to a Physiotherapy Drop-in Clinic.

The Drop-in Clinics are held each month across Canberra. Additional information and the timetable is available at www.communityservices.act.gov.au or by phoning the Child Development Service on 62051246.

Best wishes for your School Psychologists Sandy Francois and Alison Hatcher.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students that have a birthday coming up very soon.

Kindergarten – Jaxson, Filip 1 / 2 – Emilia, Willow, Meah, Oliver

3 / 4 – Jonny, Bob, Umair, Shandra, Declan

5 / 6 – Royce, Locki, Anthony, Epiny

PRESCHOOL NEWS.....

The Rainbows contributed to Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 4th March. The children were very enthusiastic and cleaned up around the grassed area behind the childcare centre and through the school vegetable gardens. A short play on the junior school playground equipment was an apt reward for a job well done.



It was lovely to see many of the preschool families at the welcome lunch last week and have the preschool Parents Association Committee members introduce themselves to everyone. The children also had an opportunity to show off their friends and the staff welcomed a chance to chat informally with families. The children at Taylor are very lucky to have such a supportive and friendly community.



We hope you find the following information regarding children and 'W' sitting useful.

Did you know...



- W-sitting is a stage that babies and young toddlers pass through as they move from sitting to rocking on the way to walking. If it continues as children grow older it can affect both orthopaedic and learning outcomes.
- When w-sitting children are unable to rotate the trunk and shift weight, both of which play a crucial role in development of balance and the ability to cross the midline.
- W-sitting can cause the hip and leg muscles (e.g.hamstrings) to become shortened and tight, rolling in of the thighs and knee joints, and lead to pidgeon toed walking and flat feet.
- W-sitting can tighten hamstrings and lower back muscles, effect core muscle strength and result in poor posture.
- Good alternatives to w-sitting are side sitting (legs to either side), long sitting (legs out in front), sitting cross-legged, or sitting on a low bench or stool.

Attendance at a Physiotherapy drop-in session held by the Child Development Service can answer further concerns families may have about w-sitting or any other aspects of their child's gross motor development. Staff can provide dates for the drop-ins.

Until next time we hope everyone has a very happy, safe and healthy Easter break.

From all the Comets, Stars, Rainbows and preschool staff

Kindergarten News

We cannot believe that Week 7 has already come to an end. We have enjoyed watching your children grow these past few weeks. The students loved having Mr. Smith as our first Mystery Reader. Thank you to everyone who has also participated in this exciting activity and we are looking forward to having many more throughout the course of the year! During Week 5 we celebrated Walk or Ride to School week. There were many activities set up for the students to engage in whether or not they brought a bike, scooter, or skateboard to school. We also celebrated Clean Up Australia that Friday and the Kindys cleaned up our school grounds with our 5/6 Buddies. Lastly, the students could choose to have a special lunch order consisting of a hot dog and a milkshake. Many students across the school enjoyed this yummy option. It is great to see the students making connections beyond their grade level. We encourage you to ask your child about these special school events.

Lastly, KB's assembly is right around the corner! They will be performing on Friday, 1st of April (Week 9 of Term 1). Come and enjoy your child in action! They have been working hard to create quite the show! The assembly will start at approximately 9:10 – right after morning lines. We hope to see you there!

Angela Arblaster, Melissa Beckmann and Kathryn Hope



1 / 2 News

We are looking forward to our Antiques Roadshow next week so please bring an “antique” or something old to share by Monday. We also have a very exciting excursion to the National Museum of Australia on Thursday 31st March. This will be a great way to tie all of our learnings in History together!

This week we have started learning about geometry. We can describe shapes by how many edges and corners they have. We went hunting for shapes in our environment and found it was very easy to find circles, squares and rectangles. We had trouble finding a rhombus and a hexagon though!



3/4 NEWS

We are well into first term now and Easter is just around the corner and the students have been working hard. We have found out lots of things in our science unit about plants and the creatures that interact with them, how their seeds are dispersed and some of the adaptations plants have developed to survive. We have also been looking at the difference between the laws and rights in the past compared to what we have today. I think it's safe to say the students much prefer living in an age where we have laws and rights to protect us compared to what people endured in the past.

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

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

Account Name: Taylor Primary School

BSB: 032-777

Account no: 001818

Reference no: Student name, Excursion

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Is your child interested in learning how to play Netball?

ANZ NetSetGO has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation. ANZ NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants. The Arawang Netball Association is open for registrations for the next season starting on Saturday 2 April. Visit <http://netsetgo.asn.au/> for more information.



Community Rewards Program

The Community Rewards Program is a new initiative for the Canberra Southern Cross Club that launched in July 2015. The program empowers our members to help the Community Groups that matter most to them. By nominating a Community Group participating in the program, 10% of the member's spend on food and beverages at our Woden, Tuggeranong, Jamison and Yacht Club venues will be donated to that group. If you are a member of the SouthernCrossClub visit: <https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/q87v1ci0010bhc/> and enter your name and membership number to nominate Taylor Primary P&C **OR** next time you visit the Southern Cross Club speak to someone at the reception about joining the Community Rewards Program



Kids @ the Canberra Comedy Festival.

When: This Saturday and Sunday 19-20 March

Where: Outside the Courtyard Studio @ the Canberra Theatre.

Time: 12pm – 3pm

We have some awesome shows and a free kids entertainment hub at this years Canberra Comedy Festival.

Shows include Frank Woodley with Noodlenut and the Nitwits!

Family tickets for 2 adults and two kids available. Show are aimed at 5-12 year olds

Warm up for the shows in our Kids Comedy Hub with our free activites:

- Face Painting
- Fairy Floss
- Sumo Suit wrestling
- Lego Building
- Nerf Gun Alley

Free activities will be between Midday and 3pm

Comedy Shows are at 1pm and 3pm both Saturday and Sunday

Have a fun family afternoon out with the kids with free fun and a kids comedy show.

Get your tickets and more info @ <http://canberracomedyfestival.com.au/shows/kids-program/>

Registration Day

Hook in2 Hockey(boys and girlsfor U7,U9played at Deakin)

Boys and Girls (U11, U13, U15 & U18)

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 9.00AM TO 12NOON

Hockey Centre, Soward Way, Tuggeranong

Training Thursdays 6.00pm – 7.00pm Tuggeranong Hockey Centre