

THE TAYLOR TIMES



TAYLOR PRIMARY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Tuesday 26 April	First Day of Term Two	Whole School
Tuesday 26 April	ANZAC Day Assembly	Start 9.15am
Monday 2 nd & Wednesday 4 th May	Kindergarten Health Checks	All Kindergarten Students



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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, 2016, on **Tuesday 26 April**. Monday is a public service holiday to commemorate ANZAC Day.

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 2016. 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.

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

SCHOOL JACKETS

With winter on its way don't forget that you can purchase a Taylor School jacket from the front office for \$30. Please remember to label your child's jacket.

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.

FAREWELLS

A communication was distributed yesterday to farewell Jodi de Ligt. Jodi has been successful in winning a promotion to Executive Teacher at Wanniasa Campus.

Jodi is an exceptional teacher and leader that will be greatly missed by all members of the Taylor community. On behalf of the entire Taylor community I would like to acknowledge and thank Jodi for her efforts at Taylor Primary School. Taylor's loss is certainly Wanniasa's gain.

We also farewell Maree Tippet. Maree is leaving us temporarily to have her 4th child. Maree will return to Taylor after her maternity leave in 2017. We wish Maree all the very best with the safe arrival of her child.

Once again I would like to thank the entire Taylor community for a very successful start to 2016. Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and we will see you all back on **Tuesday 26 April**.

Kind regards,

Simon Smith
Principal

Goodbye Jodi...



Congratulations...

Congratulations to Miss Madison Samuels, teacher of 5/6M who graduated from the University of Canberra on Wednesday.

Well done we are very proud of you!



P&C Update

The P&C Easter Raffle and colouring competitions were a great success! A big thank you to Kyleigh for organising these fun activities for everyone to enjoy. I would also like to thank Jenny, Kim, Sam and Kathy for coming along on the morning of the raffle to help with last minute tickets sales!

Hopefully those of you who were interested in purchasing bulbs remembered to return the order form to the front office today! If you have any questions please contact Kyleigh at kyleigh.howell@gmail.com or on 0400 100 047.

The P&C are already busy planning some exciting things for term two!

- The Mother's Day stall will once again provide students the opportunity to buy something special for their mum or carer.
- Boxes of Cadbury's fundraising chocolates will be available to pick up from the front office from the beginning of the term.
- The next Special Lunch Order Day will be happening in week three.
- The P&C will be hosting a Bunnings fundraising BBQ on Saturday 14 May.

More information about these activities will be given closer to the date.

The next P&C meeting will be held in week two on Monday 2 May at 7.30pm in the school board room.

Remember you can keep up to date with all things P&C on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/taylorpandc/>

Thanks
Melanie
President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students that have a birthday coming this month:

PRESCHOOL – Arabelle, Tejas, Matilda, Rafa

KINDERGARTEN – Kale, Mairead, **1 / 2** – Elana, Jemima, Tayla

3 / 4 – Tashy, Tadhg, Brody, Blake, Phoenix, Seth, James, Cameron, Aiden

5 / 6 – Ella, Emilia

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Positive Parenting: “Catch Them Being Good”

Dear all, we hope you had an enjoyable and restful Easter weekend with your families and friends. We are in week 8 already which means this is the last newsletter for Term 1 and the school holidays are almost upon us. We hope that some of you will not have to work too hard and be able to spend some time with your children not doing too much but enjoying just being. Sooooo, below is a little challenge, an experiment if you like, you could try and see what happens:-

If you see behavior you like from someone in your house, pull them aside and tell them what you saw. Any behavior, any moment. From your kids, partner, or other relatives and friends. Keep a tally and see how many times you can catch someone being good.

James Lehman, an educator encouraged teachers to use this tool in their classrooms and it made a big difference in kids' behavior.

Rather than always talking to students one-on-one about what they needed to improve, teachers would also pull students aside to tell them what they had done well. Students started to listen, rather than tuning out the lectures they were used to receiving.

As a parent, positive feedback is one of your most powerful tools. You probably use this kind of encouragement already, but this technique is a way for you to zero in on the positive for a short period of time.

Positive feedback is an incredibly effective way to nourish behaviors you want to encourage. Plus it feels good to give and receive.

We aren't suggesting you overlook bad behavior, and we know it's not always easy to find positives when things are tough. That's why we like to approach new ideas in small doses. Rather than putting a big “to-do” on your list, it's nice to set up a short experiment for your family.

Try recognizing small moments with positive feedback for three days, or even one day. See what happens. No matter how difficult your child's behavior, we challenge you to find something positive.

Often, you'll get more good behavior, or positive messages, in return. With that kind of encouragement, you may find new patterns emerging in your household. Please remember to smile and just have fun with this one. 😊

Warm wishes from your friendly psychologists Alison Hatcher and Sandy Francois

PRESCHOOL NEWS.....



What a busy term 1 the Preschool have had. All the children have developed new friendships and grow in confidence each day. They are ready for a rest and we are excited about the activities we have planned for term 2.



The last few weeks have seen us celebrate Easter in true early childhood fashion. There was much delight when the children encountered rabbit footprints and eggs scattered throughout their classrooms. They were so good in collecting the eggs in a basket and waiting to put them in their own specially made baskets. After our long weekend the children loved sharing their own Easter experiences with the group

This week sees the beginning of our Buddy Program with the 1/2 classes. Each preschool class is paired with a 1/2 class and a variety of experiences will be planned to allow the children to get to know each other. This week we have focused on meeting our buddies and developing this relationship.

We often hear parents asking their child what they did at Preschool. We have included a little cartoon which is a little snapshot of your child's day and the learning experiences they encounter through their play

*Oenone, Willow
and Abbey*



Benji and Lachlan



The PRESCHOOL PARENT COMMITTEE are also selling the ENTERTAINMENT BOOK. If you are interested in purchasing a copy please see the Preschool staff or brochures are available at the front office

We wish families a safe break and will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 26th April.

STARS, COMETS, RAINBOWS and the Preschool Teaching Team

Kindergarten News

Wow! We can't quite believe that it's the end of Term 1. We have enjoyed getting to know your children over the term and loved seeing the growth and progress they have already made. We will be continuing our unit on families next term as well as investigating weather and the ways it impacts upon our everyday lives.

Well done KB students on a fantastic first Kindergarten assembly.

Don't forget to keep reading over the break and have a happy, safe and restful holiday.

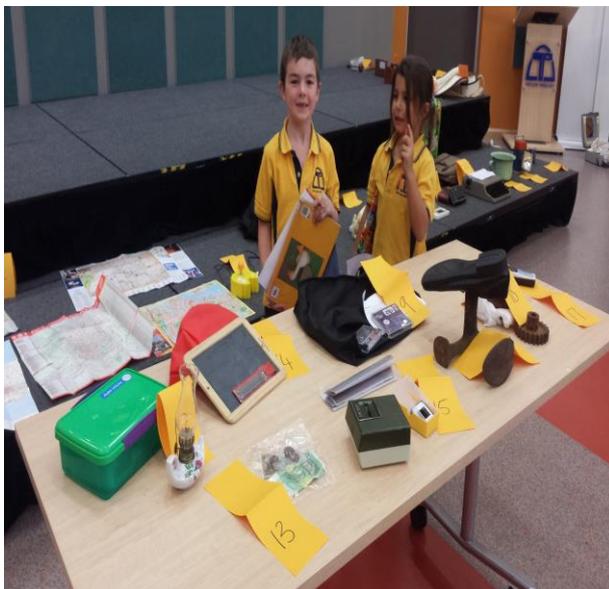
Kathryn Hope, Melissa Beckmann and Angela Arblaster

1 / 2 News

Year 1/2 have had a very exciting couple of weeks. Our Antiques Roadshow was a great success. The children were amused, baffled and surprised by the many items on display from the past. We would like to give a big thank you to all of the families who donated their precious items to be viewed. The children also attended the National Museum of Australia. They had a great day exploring many treasures from our past. Thank you to all of our parent helpers who helped guide us through the exhibits.

The children have done a great job presenting their interviews to their class. They were of a very high standard and have provided us with lots of information about how things have changed. Thank you to all of the people who were interviewed.

The children have all made great progress this term and we are very proud of them. We wish everyone a very safe and happy break and look forward to the excitement of term 2.



3/4 News

What a fantastic start to the year for 3/4 students. We are all settled into our classes and the students have participated well throughout the term.

Students enjoyed learning about how living things work together including how bees help plants to survive and their importance in the world around us.

During our HASS unit students have looked at laws and how they have affected people, past and present. It was great to hear students discuss and offer their ideas on the importance of laws.

Students are working well on all areas of literacy and we are seeing fantastic work across the two classes. Both classes have enjoyed participating in the Sound Waves and they are beginning to identify the sounds and associated graphemes. I think we are all trying to get our heads around the idea that there are 44 sounds in the English language and over 1200 ways they can be represented!

Next term we will continue with even more learning and we will be looking at new concepts and ideas across the curriculum. We also have an excursion planned for week 4. Information will be sent home in week 1 with the details.

The 3/4 students should be very proud of the work they have achieved this term. We wish everyone a safe and restful break and we look forward to term 2.

Kind regards,

Angela and Lee-Anne

UNI TEACHERS @ TAYLOR

Mel Menegazzo

My name is Mel Menegazzo and I am in my final year of my teaching degree. I will be joining Lee Anne Turvey's 3/4 class to complete my final placement. During this time I will be teaching your child for various lessons under the supervision of Lee Anne. My goal when teaching your child is to teach them in ways that engages them and fosters a love for learning. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with a lovely bunch of students and look forward to all the learning experiences I will encounter during my time here at Taylor.

Melissa Cameron

My name is Melissa Cameron and I am 22 years of age. I am currently completing a Bachelor of Primary Education at the Canberra Campus of the Australian Catholic University. Studying at the tertiary level is a great achievement and is something of which I am extremely proud. I have a strong work ethic and friendly, approachable, kind nature. When not at uni or school, I enjoy crafts and spending time outdoors. I also volunteer my time with the Youth and Young Adults team at the St Vincent de Paul Society. I have discovered a significant love for the teaching profession and hope to soon be an effective and well respected educator. During my time at Taylor Primary I hope to create an engaging and supportive learning environment for the students in my class. I will bring to the classroom innovative teaching strategies and strive to offer meaningful learning experiences. I very much look forward to both the challenges and successes of the upcoming months of my final placement at Taylor Primary and being part of this wonderful community.

5/6 News

By Liam B, Ella V and Emilia J and Ella O

what a busy term it has been! Here are just some of the highlights...

Visitors

As part of our integrated unit *Search for a Hero: bushfires and floods* we have been learning about organisations within our community who assist during a natural disaster. Harry from the AFP explained to us how the police force helps before, during and after a bush fire or flood. Brent from the SES (who is also a volunteer fireman and a member of the police force) came to talk to us about his organisation's role during a natural disaster as well. 5/6 greatly appreciated the time they gave to come and talk to us!



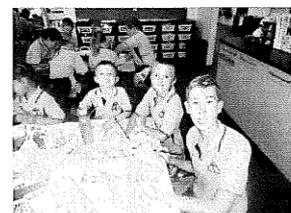
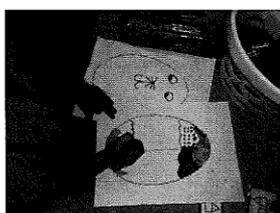
Questacon excursion

The 5/6 cohort went on an excursion to Questacon Maker workshop to build a paper rockets as part of our science unit on the solar system. we designed, made then appraised our constructions and our favourite part was testing the rockets to see how far they flew. As well as learning about rockets the students built their social skills working in teams.



Buddies

This term we have been meeting with our Kindergarten buddies every fortnight to do an activity with them. week 8 we made a card with our buddies that was an easter egg and a bunny. we had two oval shape cut outs, one template had a line down the middle. we had to colour them in, then cut them out. we then pinned it all together with split pins. If we finished that we could put glitter and sequins on our bunny/easter egg card.



Garden News

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in the garden. We have lost count on the number of cucumbers harvested but well over 100. We had a bumper crop of lettuce and rocket which we also picked and ate. We are all eagerly waiting excitedly to pick a watermelon. It has been a long few weeks since we discovered the secret one.

The students in the LSC decided that we needed to sell some produce to fund our seeds and chicken food. What a great stall we had. They had to advertise, pick, bag and label their produce ready for the stall. In the stall, the students sold cucumbers, lettuce and sweet capsicum ranging from 50c to \$1.00. They raised \$37 from their afternoon of work. They decided that they would like to spend the money on purchasing chicken food for when our chickens arrive.

Some students have been busy pulling an old swing set a part as the frame for the chicken coop. We have been lucky as the P & C have kindly donated \$500 towards the construction of the coop. Stay tuned and hopefully we can welcome our new friends in term two.

Sports News

Charlotte Roach will be representing Taylor Primary at the Hawker Softball playing fields this Thursday. She will be participating in 4 games of softball with students from 7 other schools. Well done Charlotte and have fun!!!

Four boys from our senior end of the school have been selected as part of the training run on squad for all of the Southside schools in Rugby League Football. Well done PJ Soward, Owen Lewis, Tommy Bell and Jake Walker for your dedication and selection on the team. Play hard and strong boys.

SRC

What a fantastic achievement in our Walk for a Better World. Matt and his wife, Wendy were very surprised with our fund raising efforts. The students raised over \$700 in their efforts to raise awareness of global poverty. Matt is looking forward to returning to Taylor when he completes his walk to share his experience with the students. Thank you to a wonderful community.

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.

EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Raiders Masterclass School Holiday Clinic

When: Thursday 14 April 2016.

Where: Raiders HQ, 2 Eade Street Bruce, Canberra.

Registration link: <http://weareraiders.com.au/junior-masterclass-clinic/>

Cost : \$50

Masterclass Activity Summary:

- 8.30am – Registrations open
- 9.00am – Allocation into groups
- 9.15am – Welcome and overview
- 9.30am – 1.30pm
- 4 x skills rotations (each 30 minutes)
- Players/Kids breakout session – Wellbeing information and Q & A time
- Lunch with players and group photo
- 1.30pm – Close / Clinic packs distributed / Kids collected by parents/guardian

Regards

Aaron Peat

Larissa Dann



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