



# Taylor Primary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are in Term 3 already. The term has commenced well, and all classes are settled back in for another great term of learning. It really has been wonderful to see how adaptive and resilient all the children have been with staffing changes whilst teachers have been on leave and with the year 2 class restructure. I would like to thank the entire staffing team at Taylor who make these things happen seamlessly and continue with outstanding quality teaching and learning for all children.

### ***ALEA (Australian Literacy Educators Australia) National Conference 2019***

During the first week of holiday break just gone, seven staff joined me in Melbourne to attend the ALEA national conference. We were the largest group of educators to attend from the ACT, which I know will bring about even further improvements in the way in which we strengthen the teaching and learning of the English curriculum at Taylor. We have continued to receive such positive feedback from leading literacy experts, and we are excited to be invited to present at the conference in Sydney next year. Whilst there were so many new ideas and strategies presented at the conference that teachers have already begun to implement, it was also incredibly affirming of the improvements we have already made and the direction we are heading in. I look forward to continuing to share the work we are doing in this strategic priority area and the positive impact this is having on student learning.

### ***NAIDOC Week Shared Reading***

It was a delight to acknowledge and celebrate NAIDOC week with the continued work that the school has been doing to strengthen reconciliation and relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and their culture. TJ and Jataya read a text to the whole school over the loud speaker to acknowledge NAIDOC week. This is something we will continue to do more of as we progress with our cultural integrity strategy. The power of story and quality literature is such a powerful way to deepen understanding of our rich history and cultural diversity across our community and country. Thanks TJ and Jataya for being so brave and proud to read to the whole school, you both did such a brilliant job.

### ***Year 2 team building at The National Aquarium and Zoo***

Earlier on this term, year two children, K6L and K6W went on a trip to the National Zoo and Aquarium to enable a collaborative and fun opportunity to come together as a cohort. It was such a pleasure to see the delight and excitement on the faces of children as they spent time feeding different animals and learning about the various features, habitats and behaviours of the animals that reside at the Zoo. Whilst I did find the Emu a little confronting and the snake very scary, I was so proud of the way in which many children got out of their comfort zone and interacted with the animals. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who made the day run so smoothly and such a fabulous experience for all the children.

**Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learners.**

## ***The changing face of School Canteens***

Last week I was approached by the directorate media section as well as the Canberra Times to do a story on our school canteen service. If you think back to the types of food previously offered in school canteens there has certainly been many changes since I was in primary school. We are hoping that the story may run in the paper shortly and will share this if it goes ahead. Some of the year six students spent time talking about the ways in which foods at our canteen are colour coded according to nutritional value and there are many incentives to promote healthy eating with an increase in use of sustainable packaging. Thanks to Mel Donnell who prepared an impressive spread of great healthy options available at the canteen with an emphasis on simple home cooked nutritious tasty food. The students were pleasantly surprised that they were able to taste a sample of all the foods. There was certainly a lot of encouragement required to have the students return to class, with such tasty food available.

## ***Class formations 2020***

Class planning for 2020 is now well underway, with enrolments continuing to be submitted. I wanted to take this opportunity to unpack the key enrolment processes, so we have a shared understanding. In Kambah there are 3 PEA's (priority enrolment areas, including; Taylor PEA, Namadgi School PEA and a shared zone between Taylor PS and Namadgi School. The following applies to any new enrolments that may be submitted:

- \* If a family resides in a street within the Taylor PEA will automatically have enrolment accepted if the child/ren are in **Kindergarten to Year 6**.
- \* No out of area enrolments can be accepted as Taylor Primary is a category A zone. This includes the Namadgi School Zone.
- \* Shared zone enrolments are at the discretion of the principal of the school, depending on the capacity of the particular year level applied for
- \* **Preschool enrolments are processed differently** and prioritised in the following way:
  - \* Siblings of concurrently attending students
  - \* PEA (however this is offered based on the proximity of the family address to the school, the directorate calculates this and therefore some families within the Taylor PEA may not be offered a preschool place at Taylor. All families will be offered a place in a preschool program
  - \* Preschool classes have a capacity of 22 children and Taylor will only be able to offer two sessions in 2020.

I would also like to ask all current Taylor families who are NOT intending to continue at the school in 2020, to notify Tracy at the front office as soon as possible. This enables us to make decisions about class formations for 2020. If you have any questions about enrolments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

### ***Drop in and chat***

I am excited to invite parent/carers of children attending Taylor PS to drop in for a cuppa and chat with myself and Deputy Principal, Alison Williams following assemblies in week 3, 6 and 9.

The first drop in will be after assembly this Friday. We will be in the staffroom at the conclusion of assembly, approximately 10:15am until 11:00am. We will trial these times for this term and then offer some afterhours sessions if there is a need. Come along for an informal chat or with any questions you may have.

We look forward to this as another way of further strengthening to incredible community spirit, culture connections that we have at Taylor. We also always welcome any parent/carer to make a time to meet at any other time by simply sending us an email or contacting the front office on 61423000.

### ***Safe and Supportive Schools Framework and School Based Procedures***

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

I would like to take this opportunity to call for expressions of interest from parents/carers to become part of a community consultation group to review and discuss the directorate's Safe School's Policy and how the procedures at Taylor align with the policy.

Student voice will also be very much heard in this group and I look forward to discussing how we can continue to move forward with growing student personal and social capabilities collaboratively. One of the key strategies that is being implemented is Positive Behaviours for Learning. As we move into the next phase of this strategy it is timely to hear from all key stakeholders about how we strengthen this approach even further. If you would like to express your interest in this consultation group, please phone the front office or email Tracy at [tracy.waterson@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:tracy.waterson@ed.act.edu.au).

## **ParentLink**

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.



The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

# Merit Awards

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

<b>KF</b> David Keltie IJ Mose	<b>KR</b> Evie Canavan Arie Delight	<b>KS</b> Owen Evans Shilo Paton	<b>1L</b> Amara Doyle-Dunnet Jasper Bryant Gapella
<b>1S</b> Mia Fulham Simone Menezes	<b>1V</b> Lewis Irwin Jamie Watson	<b>2S</b> Leo Stenhouse Erin Hicks	<b>2L</b> Arabelle Webb Andrew Limphongern
<b>3H</b> Emily Fenning Amani Fredin	<b>3K</b> Isabelle Clarke Lachlan Pratt	<b>4M</b> Ashlee Campbell Holly Johns-Collins	<b>4W</b> Tom Burns Anthony Limphongern
<b>5/6C</b> Chloe McGann Hannah Melton	<b>5/6T</b> Elana Hay-Kark Ebonyrose Leyden	<b>K6L</b> Gurdeep Singh	<b>K6W</b> Lachlan Daley



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### TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY

21 SEP 2019

6.30 FOR 7PM





Early bird tickets

\$15

Until 30 Aug

Register

AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL

via:

**GOOGLE FORM**

click  
here

**FORM TO FRONT OFFICE**

## Taylor

### TRIVIA NIGHT

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team  Individual

Number of  
players: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: please circle

Direct deposit :  
Taylor Primary P&C  
BSB 062 908  
Acc: 00802088

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