

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Beginning 21.7.15	Dance Kids & Dance2bfit	Stars, Comets and K-2 Tuesday. Rainbows and 3-6 Thursday.
27.7.15	P&C meeting	7:30pm School Boardroom. All parents and carers welcome.
29.7.15	PPA meeting	Preschool Parents Association meeting at 7:00pm in the preschool.
Beginning 27.7.15	Active Kids Challenge	8 week challenge to inspire at least 60mins of daily activity.
31.7.15	School Athletics Carnival	9:15am-2:30pm Kambah 3 playing field.
31.7.15-11.8.15	Swim School	Year 2 only. Notes coming home today

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. Taylor Primary staff and students are looking forward to a busy term, with many highlights. Please remember to follow all these events in the mini calendar in the newsletter, on the school Face book page or the calendar provided on the school website.

The school Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will be meeting on Monday 27 July at 7:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. By attending it gives an opportunity to be involved in the decision making of the school and help raise valuable funds for the Taylor community.

The preschool Parents Association will also meet next week on Wednesday 29th July at 7.00pm. All families from the preschool are welcome to attend.

Our first assembly will take place on Friday 7 August at 9:15am. The assembly will be hosted by the Kindergarten classes. The remainder of the assemblies for term 3 are as follows:

Year 5 /6 21 August
 SRC 18 September.



We congratulate Melissa Dent on her appointment as School Leader C (SLC) for a 6 week period. Melissa will be replacing John Muir while he takes some much deserved long service leave. Melissa's class will be replaced by Chloe Li. Chloe is a regular visiting teacher at Taylor Primary school and we welcome her to the school.

This term the students from P-6 will be participating in dance lessons taught by professional dance instructors. The pre-schoolers will be hosted by Dance Kids. This program has been funded from the Preschool Parent Association with funds raised from voluntary contributions and fundraising. The K-6 students welcome Dance2BFit for 10 consecutive 45 minute lessons. We have funded 50% of this program and are asking for a co-payment of \$5 per student (K-6 only) to cover the associated costs with this program and to ensure that we can continue to offer programs such as this in the future.

A reminder to all students that sun smart hats will be required on the playground and all outdoor activities at all times from Monday 3 August (week 3). This is in line with the school and territory sun smart policy.

This year's swimming program is taking on a new format. Previously a swim program has been offered to all grades. This year the ACT Education and Training Directorate has entered into a partnership with the Royal Life Saving Society to develop an Aquasafe Program for year 2 students. AQUASAFETM consists of 5 classroom-based theory lessons delivered by our year 2 teachers at school, and 10 pool-based lessons delivered by qualified Royal Life Saving ACT program instructors. The cost of the program has been subsidized by ACT Government to the cost of \$50 per student. Information has been sent home to families today. This program is a three year partnership so younger years will be offered the program in years to follow.

I am also pleased to report there has been a large amount of interest in 2016 enrolment for Taylor Primary School. The 2016 Preschool is already at capacity. If you have any friends or family looking for 2016 enrolment K- 6, I would encourage you to advise them to make contact with the school as soon as possible so that we can inform them of the new online process for enrolment to gain a possible spot.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another successful term.

Simon Smith

Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students who have a birthday coming in the next 2 weeks!!!

Preschool – Acuoth, Koen, Raylene, Ethan, Morgan, Mikayla Kindergarten – Alex

3 / 4 – Odin, Georgina 5 / 6 – Zak, Taliah, Seth, Gemma

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Teaching children to resolve conflict, some helpful tips!

Resolving conflict between siblings, between you and your children, or you and your partner requires skill, subtlety and self-control.

It means that you need to have a range of responses at your fingertips rather than just rely on one or two strategies.

Here are **5 emotionally-intelligent** responses that you can call on to de-escalate family and sibling conflict:

1 Stay calm

When emotions are charged in a group, the leader will be the person who stays calm. Families are no different. Emotions can be charged. This is the time for parents to stay calm. Use a low, 'Green' tone of voice when you talk with kids. Your calmness is essential to de-escalate anger.

2. Use open-ended questions

Ask open-ended questions to encourage others to share their feelings about a situation. Say, "*How can I help?*" instead of "*You seem angry*". Children and young people are calmer when they are teaching or explaining rather than being patronised.

3. Hear the feeling rather than see the behaviour

Empathise with children's feelings without accepting their behaviour. There is nothing better than being understood so when they are upset try statements like "*You have every right to be angry about that.*" Avoid addressing the behaviour at this point. Choose a time when everyone is calm and ready to listen to talk about better ways of behaving.

4. Use selective listening

In the heat of the moment children and young people, like parents, will often say things they don't mean. It's easy to respond to the heated "*I hate you*" or other insults while ignoring the original problem. When a child yells "*You never listen...*" Try clarifying by saying, "*It seems that the last time we spoke wasn't great for you.*" Show interest, take the wind from the sails by agreeing, and don't try to respond to everything someone says in anger.

5. Focus on facts, not emotions

Many people (adults and children) don't respond well when they are second-guessed. "*Why are you so angry?*" invites the response "*NO, I'm NOT!*" Instead say, "*What happened that caused you to be upset?*"

Be sure to compliment children when they resolve relationship problems calmly and control their own emotions, demonstrating the impact that their positive behaviour has on you. Conversely, compliments such as - "*Thanks guys for resolving this problem quickly and calmly. I appreciate it*" - remind kids about the emotional impact that their negative behaviour also has.

PS In my last contribution I mentioned a *free* app that your children might enjoy and that with regular practice can assist them to be calm and more focused...but its description fell off... SO, if you're interested simply download "SMILING MIND" app and follow directions, select the age of your child and let them enjoy ☺

Preschool News

Our Pre-schoolers have returned this term full of enthusiasm for the activities we have planned. They enjoyed sharing their holiday experiences with their friends.

Our week commenced with the preschool being assessed against the National Standards for Childcare. We have been preparing for this process for several years now and finally our turn was up. We enjoyed sharing with the assessor the highlights of working at Taylor Preschool and the strong relationships we have with Taylor Primary. As a staff we are confident that Taylor Preschool provides a wonderful early childhood experience for the children in our groups.

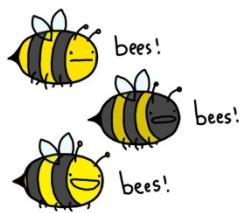
Our Parent Association held its first sausage sizzle at Wanniassa IGA last Saturday. IGA was generous in supplying all the sausages, bread, onions and sauce. The weather was great and the funds raised go directly to activities the children are involved in. We really appreciate the support of our parents in providing their time to assist in the running of the committee and fundraising activities for the Preschool.



One of the activities the Parent Association is funding this term is DANCE KIDS. This is a 5 week program which uses drama and music to develop a topic. Each week the children are introduced to a concept relating to the topic. In the 5th week the children then put on a show for the parents by putting all the elements together. The STARS and COMETS are exploring **Dinosaurs** with the RAINBOWS exploring **Honey Bees**.



The treasure map is our guide to find the lost bones of a prehistoric creature.



The Stars, Comets and Rainbows.

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome back to Term Three. We hope you enjoyed the break from school and had a chance to rest. This term Kindergarten will be learning about the needs of living things and especially focusing on plants and how the different parts of the plant help it to grow and stay healthy. You can help by pointing out plants in the garden or the community and talking about the different parts, such as leaves or stems. Towards the end of the term the children will make a shelter for an animal. If you have any spare shoe boxes we would love to have them to use for this project.

Our second assembly is on Friday 7th August at 9.10am. If possible could we have the children in the classrooms by 8.50am so that we can get ready for assembly?

The children are enjoying Dance2bfit. Here are some photos of the children participating in the first session.
Regards, Angela Arblaster and Kathryn Hope



YEAR 1 / 2

Welcome back to all of our students and families in 1/2. We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break and feel energised for the busy term ahead. The children have been busting the moves in Dance2BFit and later on in the term they will be participating in rugby league clinics.

This term the children will be learning about life cycles and habitats in our unit called, 'Watch it Grow'. Be sure to look in your garden for any interesting changes and share your observations with your class. This week a note was sent home regarding children sharing their news. We have given the children a range of ideas to help them make their news exciting and interesting and encourage them to be confident to share their news with the class on their set day.

The children are encouraged to continue changing their library books on a Thursday and to change their home readers regularly. Please continue to ensure jumpers and lunchboxes are labelled.

Amy Clark, Peter Frankcom, Chloe Li and Belinda Schroeder



Taylor Primary School is participating in the **Active Kids Challenge** in 2015.

The Active Kids Challenge is an 8 week challenge to help educate and inspire kids to get at least 60mins of activity each day to stay healthy.

This week, each student will bring home a weekly tracking sheet to sign off daily activity.

At the end of the challenge students will return their tracking sheet to the school to be sent off to the **Physical Activity Foundation**. These completed challenges will go in the draw for some fabulous prizes. Please join us in the Active Kids Challenge and get active.

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

BSB: 032-777
Account no: 001818
Reference no: Student name, Class

CANTEEN

Canteen is open Thursday's and Friday's For Lunch orders and over the counter sales

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.



Please return any outstanding Chocolate Money

Athletics Carnival Raffle

(7 Sporting prizes up for grabs)

Tickets will be sold at the front office at the second half of Lunch.

1 ticket .50c

or

5 tickets for \$2

COMMUNITY NEWS



Children who train in karate
are less likely to be bullied and
school work and class behaviour can improve
due to karate's disciplined and respectful training

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