

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Mon 21 st	Year 5 /6 Camp	Year 5/6 Students to be at school at 7.30am to leave by 8.00am
Wed 23 rd	Year 5 / 6 Camp	Year 5/ 6 students will arrive back at school around 4.00pm
Fri 25 th	Whole school	SRC Assembly and BBQ Footy Fundraiser
Fri 25 th	Footy Colours Day	SRC BBQ Sausages \$2 each
Fri 25 th	Last Day of Term 3	Have a safe and enjoyable two week break
Mon 12 th Oct	First Day of Term 4	Welcome back whole school

Dear Parents Carers,



I have had the pleasure of acting in the Principal's position this week and getting to know the Taylor community while Simon has been away. It is interesting to see a school with a 'fresh set of eyes' and I would like to share some of my observations with you. Firstly the students, who have been extremely friendly. I have seen them at work and at play. I have seen dancing in preschool and the electricity rich task presentations in year 5/6. The 1/2s had a great excursion to the Botanic Gardens and were a credit to the school with their good behaviour. Year 3/4 have been learning about Australian history and are completing activities to find out what it was like in the past. Kindy are great artists and have been building models and painting.

It is obvious to me that staff spend an enormous amount of energy developing relationships with students. They devote the time needed to deal with small problems to make sure students are given a fair go. I have

seen staff sorting out friendship issues and problems to do with playing fairly. Students at Taylor are listened to and given support to fix up problems when they occur. Teachers are also running rigorous programs in the classrooms. Students are spending their time in orderly classrooms where teachers are giving them the support they need to achieve at their level.

Any parents I have met with have been supportive of the actions the school is taking. The trusting partnership between the school and families is evident. A representative from the P&C worked with staff at a meeting in a very collegial way to organise a future exciting event to take place at the school.

It takes more than a wonderful building, and you do have that, to make a successful school. The students, staff and families have worked together at Taylor to achieve this success. Well done and thanks for having me.

Sheila Brice

SRC Footy Colours Day Fundraiser



Friday 25th September (Friday wk 10)

Students wear their favourite team colours or jerseys on the day.

The SRC has asked for a gold coin donation.

There will also be a sausage sizzle for students \$2.00 a sandwich. They can be pre-ordered or some will be available to purchase on the day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students who have a birthday coming up soon and in the holidays.

Preschool – Aleah, Jack, Jordon **Kindergarten** – Teyah, Daemon

1 / 2 – Taylor, Emma **5 / 6** – Grace, Felicity

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Helping Children to Manage Anger

Managing anger is the biggest emotional issue that most children face. Boys, in particular, seem so angry at the moment, and we are not sure why.

Currently, our community is undecided about how to handle anger. In fact, anger is discouraged as we see no place for it in homes, schools or the community. 'People in a civil society don't get angry' seems to be the conventional wisdom so we bottle it up rather than express it healthily. The trouble is anger handled in this way simmers away making a person unhappy and depressed or it bursts forth in awful and uncontrollable ways...

Here are **five** ways to help children manage anger in healthy ways:

Recognise it: The first step is to help children recognise that they are angry. What are the signs? What are they thinking? We are all different but tension in the shoulders, restricted breathing, feeling hot and clenched teeth are common signs of anger.

Name it: Developing a vocabulary around anger is important. The clearer in understanding and naming of emotions the children's' language is, the better. Annoyed, angry and enraged are very different emotions but are often described as the same.

Choose it: Help children recognise that they have a choice to stay in control or lose control when they get angry.

Say it: Encouraging children to express how they feel is okay as long as no one is hurt. The use of 'I Statements' is one way of letting others know how they feel. "I feel really mad when you say nasty things about me..." is one way of being heard.

Shift it: Help children shift their anger to a more pleasant and less energised place. Kids can shift their moods by modifying their thinking or altering their physiology. They may go for a run, breathe, count to 10 backwards (S L O W L Y), sing loudly, dance, play a physical game or pour anger into a protest letter to let their frustrations out.

A recommended approach of managing anger in healthy ways is teaching children to believe that "There's nothing so bad that we can't talk about. And, we do need to manage our behaviours when we are angry in order to protect ourselves and to protect others." This is a much quicker way to fix things up and get back to being happier.

I wish everyone in our Taylor School Community a restful and enjoyable "spring school break" full of sunshine and many memorable fun times with your children and families. Floriade is on my priority list of things to do over the school break ... Stay safe and come back refreshed for Term 4.

Warm Regards from Sandy,
Your School Psychologist.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



The Preschool were busy preparing gifts for our Dads and Grandads for Father's Day. We hope the children loved sharing their gift with you and were on their best behaviour on Sunday.

Now what's been happening in the classrooms.

Stars – were given a large box too. They decided to turn it into a time machine. They also made spaghetti from scratch. They had to made the dough before putting it through a pasta machine.

Comets – were given a large box last week. Through much discussion the Comets decided to turn it into a cubby house. They painted it red, added in windows and attached 2 garden beds. Each child made some flowers to add into the garden beds as well.

Rainbows – have continued learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. They created a beanstalk and put it up on the wall in the home corner. The Comets 'cubby house' is being used as Jack's house and the bean stalk is growing out of his garden. The home corner is now called Fairy Tale Land and both the Rainbows and Comets are looking forward to adding to it.

Preschool Staff



Kindergarten News

Kindergarten had a visit from the firemen today. We learnt all about what to do if there is a fire. Here are some pictures of their visit.



Kindergarten will be going on an excursion to Reptiles Inc on the last day of school (Friday the 25th of September). Please bring permission notes back as soon as possible. Sorry for the short notice.

Kindergarten has some new resources for our PreLit program which need to be laminated before students can use them. Anyone who is available to assist would be most appreciated. Please see Angela Arblaster if you are able to help out. No laminator required.

Have a safe and happy holiday and don't forget to keep reading!!!!

Kathryn Hope and Angela Arblaster

Year 1/2 Newsletter

This term the 1/2's have been very busy learning about 'how things grow'. The focus has been on the life cycles of different species like Plants, Frogs, Penguins, Chickens and Dragonflies. Each class has been creating their own displays to demonstrate what we have learnt.

Below is some of the examples of what the students have put together so far 😊



To conclude our unit on how things grow, we travelled to the Australian National Botanical Gardens to participate in the Pond Dipping program. The students loved the hands on activities and were also able to have an opportunity to walk around the gardens and rainforest. This gave them a chance to discover how nature works in its natural environments.



The Pond Dipping program



A very relaxed lizard came to say hello



One of our groups having a break from the Red Centre garden



One of our tour guides explaining where we are about to go on our discovery tour

3 / 4 News

The 3\4 Unit have been having fun with creative writing. They had the opportunity to submit some of their work in the Write4Fun Poetry and Short Story Competition of 2015. Nineteen students have entered the competition and we wish them all the best of luck. Here are just a few of our submissions. Please enjoy them as much as we have.

Steph, Lee-Anne and the 3/4 Unit

The Volcano

Boom!!!! Goes the volcano, everyone is running from the lava. They're looking for shelter but they couldn't find any so they stopped and looked behind them and saw the lava pouring from the top of the volcano. It was red and it was glowing like an enormous firefly. They found sticks and started digging a hole so the lava could fall into the hole and give them more time to run and find shelter.

They ran towards the ocean, they could smell the salty smell of the water and hear the big waves crashing down. They ran into the water and swam as far out as they could go. They saw a small island and they swam to it. They found some trees on it and they were palm trees. They looked up and saw coconuts hanging from the branches. One of them climbed up the tree to pull down some coconuts. They sharpened some sticks and dived into the ocean to find some fish. They brought back enough fish to survive at least a week on the island. They cut more sticks and some palm leaves to make some shelter while they were there.

They waited a whole week and then they swam back and started a new life.

By Benny 3/4 T

Colours

Red roses,
Colours, colours, colours,
Yellow is for the sun,
Colours, colours, colours,
Blue is for the sky,
Colours, colours, colours,
Green is for grass,
Colours, colours, colours,
White is for clouds,
Colours, colours, colours,
Pink is for blossom,
Colours, colours, colours,
Orange is for fire,
Colours, colours, colours,
A life without colours would simply be
dull.

Ella 3/4 T

Crystals

Crystals are a natural treasure,
A natural beauty,
Crystals are what I see when I look in my
cousins eyes,
So deep,
So young,
So wondrous,
Crystals,
Innocent,
Shining in the sunlight,
Like nothing's going on,
Crystals belong to a beauty that cannot be
explained,
Crystals contain a life that's light,
It never goes out,
Crystals are more than just an object,
A magical creature.

Phoebe 3/4 T

Time for the 5/6 scoop!

TOM occurred on Saturday the 5th of September. Teams 1 and 2 representing Taylor Primary have gone to ANU and performed their TOM plays. Each team has gone into a small room before performing and answered a spontaneous question. The spontaneous question is a question your whole team has to brainstorm an answer to. None of the teachers or parents were allowed to know what the question was in case other TOM teams (from different schools) overheard.

The cricket day was an amazing experience for the 5/6 students. Also, Oz tag seems to be a favourite sport at Taylor now. On the Oz tag day, the weather was horrendous. The cricket day was a success as the 5/6 team smashed all their opponents.

Goodbye Mrs Murray! Mrs Murray's last day was on Wednesday the 11th of September. The 5/6 kids are excited that Mrs Lee is taking over Mrs Murray's class. No more relief teaching for her! In case you didn't know, Mrs Murray has been teaching since 1977 which means she has been teaching for almost 38 years. That's a long time! Her class this year was the last class she taught.



Rich task has been hard for the 5/6 students this term. The deadline is week 10 and we are in week 9. That means we've got only a week left and it will be very hard. The year 5/6s have to make a circuit which makes a light bulb light up. The most common device that is being made in the 5/6 unit is either a windmill or a car/bus.

The year 5/6s are going to camp in week 10, Monday through to Wednesday, we are all excited to go to camp because it will be at Tathra and there will be lots of activities and lots of fun things to do up there. We are all very motivated to try new things, get more involved and find out new things.

By Taliah Wymarra, Gemma Reid and Gen Murray!

P&C Update

Only one week to go until school holidays!

There is still an opportunity to be involved in the Taylor Business Directory. This is a new initiative for the Taylor P&C and we are really excited about promoting our amazing school community. Please return your note to the front office ASAP or email David at david@ookkee.com.au for more information.

The Special Lunch Order Day was a great success yesterday with over 120 students enjoying a retro hot dog and milkshake. The raffle was drawn this morning and Nicola Howell in Kindergarten and Rudy Kaeding in Year 5 were the lucky winners of a movie voucher valued at \$15, kindly donated by P&C member Sandra Stemmet.

The P&C are hosting a BBQ at Supabarn Wanniasa on Saturday 26 September from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please pop your name down on the roster at the front office if you can volunteer an hour or two. Otherwise please make sure you come down for a sausage and say hello!

Thank you for your support

Melanie
P&C President

Taylor Primary School

Fundraising BBQ

Please come along and buy a sausage sizzle to support the school

When: 10.00am to 2.00pm
Saturday 26 September

Where: Supabarn Wanniasa

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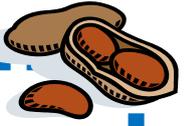
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Reference no: Student name, Excursion

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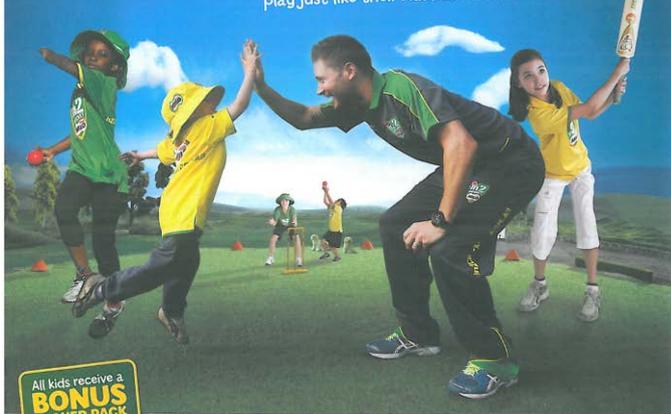
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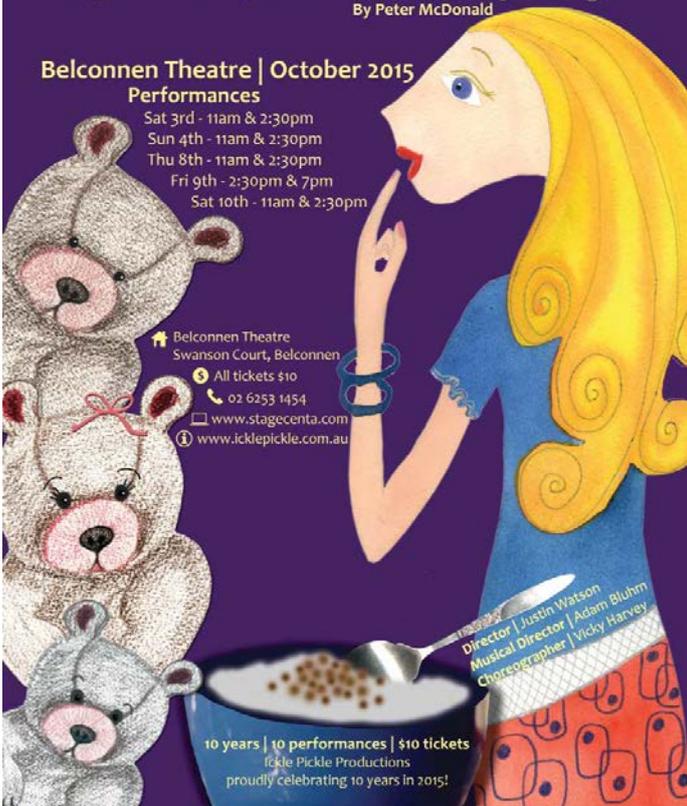
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