

# THE TAYLOR TIMES



**Newsletter No 8**  
**Week 3 Term 3**  
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**Taylor Primary School**  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Wed 8 August	Carnival	Years 3-6 Oztag Carnival
Wed 8 August	Bookfair	Scholastic Bookfair in the boardroom -open until Wed 16 August.
Mon 13 August	Science Week	Science Fair Thursday p.m.
Mon 13 August	Enrichment	P-K Enrichment Program – selected students
Tues 14 August	ICAS	ICAS Testing Mathematics
Wed 15 August	Enrichment	Year 1 and 2 Enrichment Program -selected students
Fri 17 August	Excursion	Year 2 Excursion to National Galleries
Mon 20 August	Book Week	Book Week

## Principal Message,

Dear Parents and carers,

It's been a productive start to term three and with the warmer weather on the way, we are excited for another great term of learning. As you may be aware our current five year strategic plan comes to an end this year. Last week the school went through the external review process. This involved an external panel visiting the school for three days. The team met regularly with the leadership team and then all classroom teachers, parent groups, the school board members, administrative staff, learning support assistants and a selection of student groups across the school.

There are many findings to be celebrated from the past five years, with a comprehensive list of commendations, affirmations and recommendations for the new five year strategic plan. The final report will be published on the website when it is completed. What was so exciting and wonderful was the reoccurring commentary of the strength of partnerships that have been developed between the school and par-

ent/carers. The panel also affirmed that this has continued to strengthen over the past year. We very much look forward to maintaining such a strong sense of community and finding other ways to strengthen this even further over the next five years.

Melanie Selems, School Board Chair has included information below about the role of the Board and we welcome all families to be a part of developing the new school plan.

The leadership team will spend a day in term four to write the new five year strategic plan 2019-2023, which will include input with the School board. Between now and then we invite any feedback, comments, suggestions that will support us to continually improve the educational experiences for all children who attend Taylor Primary School. Please stay tuned for an invite to a community consultation later this term, where we invite all families who wish to be part of a discussion that will support us in developing the school vision and strategic direction.

I thank all staff, students and families for their ongoing commitment to our beautiful school and for always looking for ways to improve the quality of learning opportunities we provide for the children at Taylor. I am delighted and so proud to continue leading the school through an exciting improvement agenda side-by-side all parents/carers, staff and community members.

Kind regards

*Belinda Fenn*  
Principal

### **Merit Awards - Week 3**

KB	KH	KS
Atlas Taylor	Mason Whiting	Tobias Schlumpp
Reuben Selems	Joseph Foster-Richards	Amara Doyle-Dunnet
1B	1F	1R
Maddie Lamb	Catriona Whittle	Seb Scorpecci
Filip Jakovceski	Abby Woodcock	Andrew Limphongern
2M	2V	3T
Caden Sweeney	Ryan Mozley-Betts	Jetson Butler
Blake Evans	Kaylee Cheesemen	Anthony Limphongern
3W	4S	5/6S
Eugene Burdon	Emma Bell	Tobiash Novak
Nicola Howell	Holly Barnes	Natasha Bannerman
5/6T	LSC	LSUA
Max Bennett	Tom Burns	Jordyn Butler
Tadhg West		

## Principal Morning Tea -Week 3

Congratulations to the following children who will be attending principal morning tea this week on Friday morning following the assembly. This is a great achievement and children can be so proud and I thank them for consistently demonstrating our Taylor expectations; safe, respectful, responsible learners.

KB	KH	KS
Rory McLoughlin	Archer McGann	Cayleb Payne
1B	1F	1R
Matilda Bourke	Amity Keith	Tahlia Fleming
2M	2V	3T
Evelyn Taylor	Lachlan Pratt	Olive Selems
3W	4S	5/6S
Leonard Tun	Tabitha Hayes	Umair Ahmed
5/6T	LSC	LSUA
Namfhon Chanthanao	Heath Bennett	Gurdeep Singh

## School Board Report

I recently joined the Taylor Primary School Board after four years on the PPA and P&C. My role as Board Chair is to work with the principal to ensure the Board functions well and efficiently as well as to communicate Board activities and decisions to the school community. The other members of the Board are Sandra Cook, Rob De Ligt, Jenny Thomas and Jo Lewis.

Last week the Board was involved in the School Review process. Members were asked to provide feedback to the panel about what works well at our school and what could be improved. In October the Board will help to write the school's Strategic Plan for the next five years.

If you have any questions or feedback for the Board, please feel free to contact me at [melanie.selems@act.gov.au](mailto:melanie.selems@act.gov.au).

Cheers

Mel Selems

## Library News

### Book Fair

Book Fair is on week 3 and Week 4.

Opening Hours for week 3 are:

Wednesday 8:30am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Thursday 8:30am - 9:30am

Opening hours for Week 4 are:

Tuesday 8:30am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am– 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

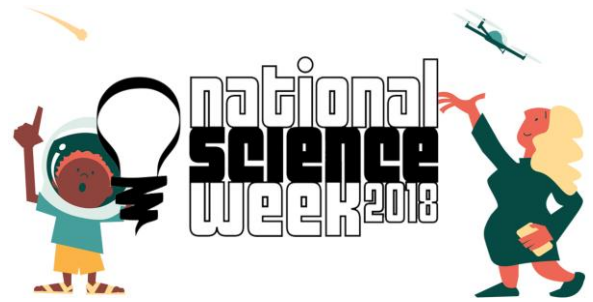
Book Week is in Week 5, the theme for this year is 'Find your treasure!'

Dress up day in Tuesday **21 August in Week 5**. There will be a parade in the hall at 9:15am.

## **What's happening at Taylor Primary for Science Week?**

National Science Week is fast approaching with events organised right around Australia. At Taylor Primary, students in Years 4-6 have been completing STEM based Special Interest Projects.

On Thursday 16 August we would like to invite you to view some of the projects being completed by students. These projects will be displayed in the library from 3-5pm.



Many of the resources for these projects have been funded through a grant provided by the Australian Science Teachers Association.

Students will also be invited to participate in STEM themed trivia sessions at lunchtime throughout Science Week. The questions will cater for a range of interests and abilities, giving all students the opportunity to win one of the prizes on offer.

There are also a range of events to attend and activity ideas listed on

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>.

## **The 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term.**

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 and 6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students. An email about the parent and carer survey will be sent to you in August. If you do not receive this email and would like to participate in the survey please see front office staff after the 15<sup>th</sup> of August for more information. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website ([www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report.