

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Week 8	Year 2 Aquasafe	Aquasafe program for enrolled Year 2 students
Wed Sept 9th	PPA	Preschool Parent Association Meeting
Fri Sept 11th	Assembly	Farewell to Julie Murray Assembly 9.10am - everyone welcome
Wed Sept 16th	1/2 Excursion	1/2 Excursion to Botannical Gardens
Fri 25th	Whole school	SRC Assembly and Footy Fundraiser

Dear Parents Carers,



It's been an exciting two weeks at Taylor. Spring is here and we are sprinting rather quickly to the next term break. As a school we enjoyed Book Week last week. There was a very high engagement level with students and staff dressing as their favourite characters from their much loved books. Staff were particularly excited to have the chance to dress up at school. Preschool Stars and Comets joined us for our parade in the hall, an event that received really positive feedback from parents, an event that children enjoyed very much. We also held for the second time a 'Book Swap' which gave students the chance to swap a book and get a new one to enjoy. A big thanks to Sally Allen and Tammie Andrews for being the key organisers for these events.

Preschool have enjoyed observing the miracle of hatching chickens in their classrooms. The children have had the opportunity to witness eleven eggs hatch into newborn chicks- the first one hatching quietly while both Stars and Comets were at our Book Week parade. All chickens will find new homes at the end of this week whether it is as laying hens or roosters far out in the country side where roosters can make as much noise as they like. A big thanks to our Preschool Parent Association who on your behalf raise and provide the funds for this activity. Our preschool

Rainbow class has made Miss Meredith Pearson extremely welcome as she joins this class for the remaining four weeks of the term as Annemarie Banks is on personal leave.

The Year 2 Aquasafe Program is well underway with over twenty Year 2 students participating in this program. The program is a partnership between the Royal Life Saving Society and the Education and Training Directorate. Thank you to all families who have committed to this program.



This morning's Community Breakfast to celebrate the special men in our community (dads, grandfathers, uncles and big brothers) was a huge success. Congratulations to the winner of the hugely successful P&C raffle of the 4.5kilo Toblerone and a big thanks to our P&C for organising a special gift stall for students to purchase surprises for Father's Day.

My newsletter entry happens to be the last newsletter that we will share before Julie Murray begins her retirement next week. Julie's last day is actually next Friday 11th of September. It is a time of mixed emotions for Julie- looking forward to retirement plans but also saying farewell to students and teachers and a career that has been a major part of her life for nearly forty years. Not one to point out a person's age but to give you an idea of the span of Julie's career- Julie started teaching the year our principal Simon Smith was born! During those years she not only worked in Kambah and nearby suburbs, but lived in the area, raising with her husband Keith, their children in the area. Julie's connection to the community is through many levels; she has taught the children and the nieces, nephews and cousins of past students. We have families in our school where parents are past students, now sending their children to Taylor and they all know and remember Julie! Julie in fact knows entire families in the area through the neighbourhood, school and sporting clubs.

Julie started her teacher training at the Goulburn Teacher's College- there's not many of us left that have completed our teacher training at a 'teacher's college' the colleges in fact no longer exist. She started teaching at a time when blackboards were still used, there were no computers, we had three terms instead of four and programs were written by hand. There were only 26 government primary schools in the ACT instead of the now 61 schools in the ACT where primary aged children can attend. What a time of change Julie has witnessed and been a part of.

I first met Julie in 2008 at Wanniasa Hills Primary. I was working for the department at the time as a Literacy Coach for teachers. On meeting Julie and observing her in front of a class of students I quickly realised that there was very little that I could 'coach' Julie in, in the way of teaching. We instead embarked on developing a sound friendship that I hope continues long after her last day of teaching. She is an expert teacher, highly accomplished and highly regarded by principals, fellow colleagues, students and families alike. There are many, many teachers in the ACT system that can say that they were mentored by Julie as preservice students from our universities or as beginning teachers in schools.

Julie joined a profession that has undergone major changes but she has always embraced new professional learning and initiatives, always innovative and energetic in her approach to anything educational and at all times she has kept students and their needs (academic, social and emotional) at the centre of her thoughts. Even this week she is busily working through new curriculum initiatives for staff and preparing a very detailed hand over to her replacement. She is also preparing our Tournament of Minds students for their competition at the ANU on Saturday. Julie's

commitment to teaching and in fact public education has had a huge impact on the lives of well over a thousand children she has taught individually and many, many more in the wider school community.

Replacing Julie will be very difficult; however we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Chloe Li as Julie's replacement for the remainder of this year. Chloe is well known to our community and is excited about joining the senior team. Chloe will teach the class Mon-Thurs and I will have the pleasure of teaching 5/6M every Friday starting next term. I know that I have big shoes to fill in being given the opportunity to be part of the teaching team taking over from Julie and I am looking forward to it very much.

Staff and students do have a few little events planned for the next week as we prepare to say 'see you later' to Julie. Please pop in to say farewell or catch her in passing. Our farewell assembly for Julie will next Friday 11th September at 9.10am with everyone welcome to attend but I will warn you - bring your tissues!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Preschool – Darcie, Callum, Bella, Levi Kindergarten – Poppy, Liam, Akalya **1 / 2** – TJ, Hamza **3 / 4** – Lachlan **5 / 6** – Emerald

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Parenting ideas to help kids handle stressful situations

Adaptive distance is a strategy Michael Grose discussed in his book “**Thriving**”. It talks about parents using approaches to help kids handle stress, disappointment or get relief from worry overload. It's otherwise known as 'taking kids minds off their worries and disappointments'. Many would remember your parents/grandparents using it with you quite a bit, but they didn't know they were using adaptive distancing. They called it common sense.

Here are five ways to use **adaptive distancing** with kids:

1. Thought-stopping: Help your children from being overwhelmed by parking their thoughts or worries for a while. “That's enough of those thoughts for now. Think about it after lunch, but leave them for now.”

2. Mental distraction: Read, run, write or roam. Anything they can do to distract themselves.

3. Move away from a situation: Physically removing themselves from a situation temporarily relieves stress and worry. A break from the study room, a walk outside or visit to shops gives kids the change-up they need.

4. A special place: I used to retreat to my bedroom to escape the stresses of the day. My son had a cubby in a tree out the front of our house. One of my daughters had a diary she'd retreat to. Help kids find their special place or thing where they can take solace and draw strength.

5. Offering hope: *"This too shall pass"* is a powerful lesson to learn at any age. This is one of my favourites for young and not so young ... I use it often.

So, teaching children to handle the small ups and downs of everyday life will help them to develop their inner resources that will equip them to manage and come through the larger hardships, frustrations and difficulties that will inevitably come their way.

**Kind regards,
Sandy (School Psychologist)**

P&C Update

The giant 4.5kg Toblerone raffle was drawn this morning following the community breakfast. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to support the P&C!

The Father's Day Stall was held this morning and was a great success. A big thank you to the lovely year 6 students who volunteered their time to wrap all the gifts!

I am really excited to report that the application I submitted to the P&C Council for the Canteen Improvement Grant was successful! Our canteen will be getting a new bench top oven, commercial stick blender, saucepan and knife in the coming weeks!

Notes about the Taylor Business Directory were sent home this week. If you are a tradesman, have a restaurant, are a consultant, are in business-to-business sales or involved in a sporting group, we welcome you to be a part of this exciting new initiative! Please return your note to the front office ASAP.

For the next Special Lunch Order Day, one lucky student will win two movie tickets kindly donated by P&C member, Sandra Stemmet. Every student who orders a Special Lunch will go into the draw! Keep an eye out for the note coming home soon.

We are hosting a BBQ at Supabarn Wanniasa on Saturday 26 September from 10.00am to 2.00pm. If you would like to join us for an hour or two, please let me know.

The P&C have decided to postpone the Car Boot Sale and will look at running it again in the new year.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 7 September at 7.30pm in the school board room. Please feel free to come along!

Thank you for your support

Melanie
P&C President

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Wow what a busy fortnight we have had. The STARS and COMETS enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character for the Book Week event. It was their first assembly and they enjoyed the opportunity to parade on the stage in front of the rest of the school. It was great to see so many families come and watch.

We had plenty of superheroes, fairies and princesses. Thank you to all our families for helping their children prepare for this activity.



We have become carers to 11 beautiful chickens. The Hatching Chick program has allowed the children to watch eggs hatch in an incubator and then move to the brooding box as they grow. The STARS even made a LEGO playground/city for the chickens to play in. The children were most excited when the chicks 'pooped' all over the place.....that's probably what they will remember the most. The children have had lots of opportunities to handle the chicks and were able to share with their big school buddies their knowledge about the chicken life cycle. Some children have kept a picture diary of how the chicks have changed while others were happy to simply draw pictures



We hope that all our Dads, Grandads and Uncles have a great day on Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing many dads at our Father's Day breakfast at the Primary school on Friday morning

We would also like to welcome Meredith Pearson to the Preschool teaching Team for the remainder of this term. Annemarie is recovering from knee surgery and hopes to be back at the beginning of Term 4.

STARS, COMETS, RAINBOWS and the Preschool Teaching Team

Kindergarten News:



We have been so impressed with the great progress the children are making with story writing. Here are some of the stories the children have written this week.

On the weekend I went to the shop. Then... I went to the grocery shop. Then I went home. I opened my toy. Then I went to sleep. Then the next day I went to my sister's. Then I went home. The next day I stayed home.

Lucy

My favourite book is King Arthur because he has a sword and a shield.

Aren

I went to the coast and it was fun. Then I went to the caravan. I played at the boat. Then I went to the market. I got a ring.

Teyah

On the weekend I went to my Grandma's house and I did some art.

Oliver

My favourite book is a Matilda story and I have seen the movie of it. It was a good movie and it is my favourite book.

Chantel

On the weekend I made a book. It had four pages. I went to my Nan's house.

Liam

On the weekend I had a sleep over and I went to the Lego exhibition.

Eugene

On the weekend I got a book and I went to a dinosaur place and my cousin had a sleep over.

Gemma

It is nearly Poppy's and Anthony's birthday too. They are turning 6. It is exciting!!!!!! Isn't it? Hey good.

Jett

On the weekend I mowed the grass because they were too long. So Mum said we have to mow and mow until we stop mowing.

Tyson

On the weekend I went to the Lego exhibition. At the Lego exhibition there was a machine made out of Lego. It shot balls. Everyone was a basketball and then my dad said "Look at that picture made out of Lego." If you looked at one side you would see a princess and if you looked at the front and the back it was a dragon "Grrrrr". Mmmm ok. Then I went into the mall. I had Chinese food.

Alice.

1 / 2 Aquasafe News

The year 2 students have been busy learning the skills needed to be safe in the water. They have practised wearing life jackets and getting in and out of a raft, walking through seaweed and using different items to help them float. The children have met the challenge of trying new things while learning vital safety skills in the water.



3 / 4 News from the Hulks

This term we have been learning about the First Fleet and the events that happened prior to the ships leaving England on their way to Australia. We have explored the conditions in England and how the convicts had to be moved on to ships called 'hulks' as there was no room in the prisons. We have looked at the crimes that were being committed and what the punishment was for different crimes.

We have begun looking at the provisions taken to Australia and what each of the ships were used for.



Convicts boarding a prison hulk at Portsmouth, 1828 Prison-ship in Portsmouth Harbour, convicts going aboard. Source: National Library of Australia, nla.pic-an9058453, drawn & etched by Edward William Cooke, 1828. Rex Nan Kivell Collection

We will keep you updated on our journey as we set sail for 'New Holland'.

Please ensure that your children have hats for our journey to the end of term labelled with their name.

A Chicken Encounter

This week both 3/4 Classes had a chicken encounter with their preschool buddies in the Comets and Stars. We enjoyed patting a chicken and shared our preschool buddy's chicken journals.

Thank you to our preschool buddies for having us this week!



LIBRARY NEWS



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS!



Our **Book Week** celebrations have been great fun. Thank you for everyone's enthusiastic participation.

The theme has been '**Books Light up our World**'.

We had an amazing Book Parade, Book Swap and Dad's Read event.

We hope you have all enjoyed celebrating books as much as we have.

Meanwhile our library certainly looks brighter with everyone's lanterns and artworks. Come by and have a look.

From Mrs Allen and Tammie in the library



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, 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.

School Banking

Hi Students and Parents

My name is Tammy and I am Taylor Primary's banking coordinator of 2015. Just wanted to have a catch up and say hi and let you know a little about me. I currently have two children, I am a training Scout Leader, I work all week and I help at the school as much as is possible. All of these things require a lot of my time and to add to that I am the banking coordinator. I am a very busy person and in explaining this I am asking for your patience when it comes to your kids banking. Sometimes it can take me up to a week to get the banking in the portal (onto the website and into your children's bank accounts). This is sometimes due to being very busy that week, sometimes I forget, sometimes extenuating circumstances add to the mix, sometimes life just happens. Please be advised that I am not going to neglect my duties as Banking Coordinator for your kids. Please also take into account that rewards – when ordered by your child – have to be ordered and delivered from the bank to the school – they do not arrive instantly gratification process. They can take anywhere up to two weeks once ordered and this is beyond my control. I will endeavour to get them out as soon as possible once delivered to the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any particular concerns – I am only too happy to chat to you and try and sort any issues out at any time. I look forward to meeting and getting to know the parents. I am getting very familiar with the kids at school and they seem to know who I am now 😊 Don't be afraid to say HI 😊

I look forward to chatting to you 😊

Kind Regards

Tammy Adams 0413 222 928

Taylor School Banking Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Run jump throw fun hurdle
Race compete leap sprint



invites new and returning families down to the oval to register for the upcoming 2015-16 Little Athletics Summer season!

Where: Kambah No 3 Oval, Kett Street

(opposite the Burns Club)

When: Saturdays @ 8:45 am

From 17 October 2015

Registration days at Kambah No 3 Oval

9am - 12pm, Saturday 12th & 19th September or register online

More info at www.tlaa.org.au or email tlaa_president@hotmail.com

ACTION Buses

On Monday 12 October 2015, ACTION will be implementing a new timetable for the weekday bus network.

Many regular route services have changed and students using these services will be affected. This new timetable information will be available on the ACTION [website](http://www.action.com.au) from Monday 7 September.