

THE TAYLOR TIMES



TAYLOR PRIMARY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Week 7 16 th March	5/6 Excursion	Questacon Maker Project Rockets
Week 7 17 th March	Preschool 2017 Tour	Prospective preschool students – meet in the front office at 9.25am
Week 9 31 st March	Preschool 2017 Tour	Prospective preschool students – meet in the front office at 9.25am



Dear Parent and Carers,

Congratulations to all the students and parents that participated in the Walk and Ride to school week. It was great to see so many students and families participating with such enthusiasm. The celebration today capped off the excitement about this initiative. Thanks you to all staff in particular Madison Samuels for their efforts and organisation.

Today the P&C organised their first special lunch order for the year. It was an overwhelming success and students are certainly looking forward to the next special lunch. We will stay tuned for what is on the menu. Thank you to all the parents who organised and helped serve throughout the day to make it possible for all students.

Taylor Primary P-6 also participated in Clean up Australia Day today. Each student was given gloves and a bag to not only assist in cleaning up the playground, but also the surrounding school grounds. Thank you to Johanna Bruinsma for her organisation and work in allowing our students to participate in such a worthwhile cause.

Thursday week 4, students from years 1 -6 ventured to Tuggeranong Olympic Pool. The senior students participated in the swimming carnival followed by structured rotations, while the younger students had many fun rotations for most of the day. The day was an overwhelming success and the managers of the pool commented on how well behaved the entire school was and also how active and engaging the Taylor staff were. Thank you to the organising committee, in particular Amy Clark for such a fantastic day. While a majority of the school were at the pool the Kindergarten and preschool students not only enjoyed having the school to themselves but participated in a water play fun play day. Given the temperature was 38 degrees the teachers certainly picked a good day for water play.

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC representatives for Semester One 2016 who were presented with their leadership pins at today's assembly . We look forward to hearing about your meetings and planned events.

SRC Representatives:

KA	Koen Thompson	Mariska Stemmet
KB	Ava Keenan	Lachlan Pratt
KH	Isabelle Clarke	Ryan Mozley- Betts
1/2B	Tabitha Hayes	Tommy Walker
1/2D	Hannah Melton	Logan Sweeney
1/2M	Alice Lonsdale	Jetson Butler
3/4S	Ella Bornholm	Ari Whyatt
3/4T	Zani Stemmet	Brody Zweirs
5/6M	Phoebe Adams	Mason Goodwin
5/6S	Ebonnie Walker	Myka Campbell

In week 6 teachers will be sending home an Interim report. In this report it will indicate how your child is settling into the year and if there are any concerns. If the teacher requests an interview please make the time to contact the front office to arrange a suitable time to discuss your child's progress.

Have a great weekend

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Parent-teacher meetings - 10 top tips for Parents

A formal meeting with your child's teacher at the start of the year is a chance for you to introduce yourself and get the partnership ball rolling with your child's teacher to benefit your child.

This meeting is likely to be tightly scheduled so be ready to make the most of this time you have with teachers. These essential tips will make sure you maximise this valuable opportunity:

1. List important points before you go

Spend five minutes prior to the meeting listing two or three questions, or jotting down any information about your child that you'd like the teacher to know. This simple preparation will ensure that you don't forget to pass on must-know information to the teachers.

2. Attend with a partner or friend

If you are nervous about the meeting then consider attending with your partner or a friend. It's easy to miss key points when you are on your own and it's difficult to relay information accurately to a partner. Two sets of ears are generally better than one.

3. Make a good impression – be friendly and positive

Make a good impression on your child's teacher by adopting a friendly, positive demeanour. Greet them with a warm smile and a culturally-appropriate greeting and be mindful that they may be a little nervous themselves.

4. Be led by your child's teacher

You may have plenty of things to say but sit back and let your child's teacher steer the meeting. Many information-gathering parent-teacher meetings have gone off track because over-enthusiastic parents have railroaded them.

5. Take notes and clarify information you don't understand

Take a notepad with you so you can make a note of important points. Be prepared to clarify any information your teacher passes on that you don't understand. It's counter-productive to leave with more questions than when you arrived.

6. Be prepared to discuss your goals for the year

Think about your aspirations for your child for the coming year. If you are not asked directly be prepared to share the goals you have for your child this year before you leave.

These goals and aspirations may be:

- academic ("I'd love him to improve his spelling!"),
- social ("She's struggled making friends in the past so this year I'm hoping she makes two or three good friends.")
- or related to their behaviour ("I'm really working on teaching her to rein in her temper. I'm hoping you can help her with that this year.")

7. Help your child's teacher build their family knowledge

Be prepared to pass on essential family details such as your family circumstances (single parent family, step family etc.); your child's birth position; your preferred contact details and work arrangements. This information will help the teacher form a more rounded picture of your child.

8. Be prepared to give an assessment about how your child has settled in

Be ready to give a brief assessment about how you think your child has settled in at school this year. Don't expect your child's teacher to provide an assessment of early progress more than "he or she seems to have settled in well". An accurate assessment of your child's progress comes later in the year.

9. Pass on what they need to know

Don't leave the meeting without telling teachers important information about your child's health, family circumstances or behaviour that's likely to impact significantly on your child's well-being or learning during the year. Don't leave it to June to tell a teacher that you think your child may have some mental health issues. Such concerns need to be raised at the start of the year so your child's teacher can factor this in to their teaching.

10. Follow-up with a thank you phone call or email

Cement your relationship by being one of the few parents that follow-up parent-teacher meetings with phone call or emails of gratitude for the way the meeting was conducted or even the interest the teacher showed in you and your child.

Research supports the fact that a strong parent-teacher partnership is one of the main keys to your child's success at school. This meeting hopefully will be the start of a fruitful and happy relationship with your child's teacher over the coming year.

We hope you find this helpful! With care and positive regard from your friendly School Psychologists
Alison Hatcher and Sandy Francois. 😊 😊

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students that have a birthday coming up very soon.

Preschool – Josh, Rory ***Kindergarten*** – Isobella, Evelyn, Ryan

1 / 2 – Leonard, Cody, Alexander, Sophia, **3 / 4** – Catherine, Ella

5 / 6 – Kizzy

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The pre-schoolers had a blast at the water fun day last week! We couldn't have asked for nicer weather which made the day all the more enjoyable. It's such a nice way to participate in the school swimming carnival. Throughout the morning the children had a range of water play stations to visit and explore, the most popular being Mr Archimedes bath, the water slide and edicol dye ice cube painting!



The children reflected on their morning play, illustrating a picture of the things they enjoyed most. Some of the children's work is already up on display in the classrooms so make sure you come in and have a look, we know the children are keen to share their work with you.

The children are continuing to familiarise themselves with the children in their class by learning the names of their peers, and sharing their likes and interests. As the children further explore 'feelings' they will be supported to relate this to friendships and building a positive class community.

We look forward to seeing you at our ***Welcome picnic lunch*** on ***Wednesday March 9 from 11:15am to 12:15pm***- all three classes will be together! Please bring a picnic rug or fold out chair, lunch and drinks with you. Tea and coffee will be available in the Preschool kitchen.



SCHOOL PHOTOS: Preschool Photos will be taken on the following days.

STARS and COMETS Tuesday 22nd March **RAINBOWS:**

Thursday 24th March



STARS, COMETS, RAINBOWS and Preschool Teaching Team



Kindergarten News

To kick-start our integrated unit on families and our community, we went on a walk with our 5/6 buddies. The older students helped the Kindergarten students look for natural and built features within the community. They had a checklist to tick off when they saw things like a footpath, a bus shelter and our beautiful Brindabella Mountains.



The children enjoyed the Water Fun Day on a very hot day. The activities helped cool us all off.



Regards, Angela Arblaster, Melissa Beckmann and Kathryn Hope.

1 / 2 News

The 1/2s have been very busy this fortnight learning about the differences between the past and the present. We have been busy comparing toys our parents and grandparents played with and the toys we play with today. We have noticed that some toys are the same. It turns out that Lego has been around for quite a while! We have discovered that while some toys are very similar, they have changed slightly as technology has changed. Our bikes, for example, look a little different now. There are also lots of toys and things we use that our grandparents would never have dreamed of having (or even existing!).

We have enjoyed staying very active participating in special sports rotations, gross motor activities in the Hall, Swimming Carnival last Thursday and the Ride-to School Day today.

1/2 P have been very excited about their Assembly today!

3/4 NEWS

This fortnight the 3/4 unit have been working hard on their science and HASS units. They have been looking at the pollination process of plants which is part of the Primary Connections unit Friends or Foes?

Students have also been looking at how laws have affected people, past and present? Some interesting discussions are happening in both classrooms.

The 3/4 unit is familiarising themselves with the Google Drive platform and students have used it for assessment and learning tasks already. They are all doing a fantastic job!

Kind regards, The 3/4 team☺

Sports Update

Busy term ahead in sport!

During week 6 and 7, there will be multi trials held at Trinity Christian College in Wanniasa for students wishing to participate in sports outside of school hours. These sports generally require you to be a part of a team already and have a general knowledge and skill for the game. Coming up are boys and girls softball, AFL and Rugby League. There is a new registration process through ACT School Sports but it is yet to be released. If you would like to try out for any of these sports, please see Ms Clark for a registration form.

We also had some special guests come last week and give a presentation on Wellness. Thank you to the Canberra Raiders for sharing this session with us.

On March 23rd, a selection of 3-6 students will be representing Taylor Primary at a Brumbies Gala day, held in Bruce. The students have begun trials and training at school and notes will be coming home soon.

Thank you to all the parent helpers for the swimming carnival last Thursday. Great events such as these take a lot of organising and having parents helping on the day, really demonstrates what a fantastic community we have here at Taylor.

Thanks Amy Clark

Is your child interested in learning how to play Netball?

ANZ NetSetGO has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation. ANZ NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants. The Arawang Netball Association is open for registrations for the next season starting on Saturday 2 April. Visit <http://netsetgo.asn.au/> for more information.

What's news in the Garden???

What a productive few weeks we have had in our garden. We have harvested tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, sweet capsicum and dwarf sunflowers. The students are enjoying eating the produce coming from their gardens, particularly the cucumbers!!

We have started 2 compost bins where we are currently using the scraps from our garden to sustain it. We are looking at the best options for using our classroom scraps without it being too smelly!!

We also had a worm farm donated by Roz Burge and her partner, Adrian. Many of the students are bringing their scraps from home in and adding to the farm to feed the worms. This is great to see and listen to their conversations about what is happening in the farm. They are careful with what the worms can and can not eat.

Lots of exciting things are starting to happen in the garden area with the LSC students writing some persuasive letters to Mr Smith outlining why they think having chickens at Taylor is a great idea. A few of the students are excited about collecting and eating the eggs!!!

Soon we will be running a naming competition for our garden area so please stay tuned!!

If anyone has any special interest in gardening and would like to share some time with us in the garden, please speak with Amy Clark.

The Taylor Gardeners

The school board is a formal mechanism for parents, carers and staff to participate in school decision-making. There are two meetings each term held on a Wednesday night at 6:00pm. If you would be interested in filling a position please contact Roselyne Burge for further information. Please note that in the situation of more than one applicant the decision will go to a school vote.

Nominations open 11am Monday 7 March 2016 and close 11am 21 March.

P&C Update

Special Lunch Order Day

The P&C held its first Special Lunch Order Day today! A big thank you to Kylie, Gill, Erin, Allison, Lucy and David for preparing 170 hot dogs and milkshakes for our students to enjoy! Every student who ordered a special lunch order will go into the draw for two Limelight movie vouchers. These will be drawn on Monday morning at lines.

Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites Program

School Banking is a fun and engaging way to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their [Youthsaver](#) account through the program earn Dollarmites tokens which they can redeem for exciting rewards. If you would like more information about school banking please contact Tammy at tammy.adams@achievecorp.com.au.

Southern Cross Club Canberra's Community Reward Program

The Southern Cross Club Canberra's Community Reward Program donates 10% of member's food purchases to their nominated P&C. If you are a member of the Southern Cross Club visit:

<https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/q87v1ci00l0bhc/> and enter your name and membership number **OR** next time you visit the Southern Cross Club speak to someone at the reception about joining the Community Reward Program. Then swipe your card when you order food at any Southern Cross Club and 10% of your purchase price will be sent to the P&C!

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM is on Monday at 7.30pm in the school board room. All executive positions will be declared open and parents/carers will have the opportunity to put their hand up for a role on the committee. We would love to see you there! If you would like any more information about the P&C please feel free to email me at melanie.selems@act.gov.au.

Thanks

Melanie

President

SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

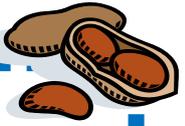
On-line payment facilities are available at Taylor for the payment of excursions, camps and contributions then send an email to admin@taylorps.act.edu.au

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name: *Taylor Primary School*
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.



UNIFORM PRICES

Polo Top \$20

Zip Jackets \$30

Dresses \$35

Hats \$10



A big thank you to Aaron at
Jordo's Chop Shop for his
ongoing support for Taylor Primary
School.