

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
14 th May	BBQ Bunnings Tuggeranong	Come along and buy a sausage. Volunteers needed
16 th May	Cross Country	Regional Cross Country Carnival Stromlo
17 th May	1/2 Incursion	Year 1 /2 Qwestacon Incursion
17 th May	Namadgi School	Year 5/6 visit to Namadgi School
17 th May	Namadgi Open Night	Namadgi Open Night
20 th May	KH Assembly	KH Assembly 9.10am
20 th May	GeoScience	Excursion to GeoScience

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it would appear that our lingering summer is finally over and we have had our first lot of chilly weather, inside play, wet weather duties as well as a rush on the purchase of new polar fleece jackets. Hats are still on for outside activity and it is not until then end of May that we enter our hats off period.

Year 3 and 5 students have participated in NAPLAN testing this week. Three days of testing across Literacy and Numeracy. The process involves four assessments being completed by students. I was impressed with the attitude of students as they approached these tasks. Students tried their best and persevered with each session. Well done to everyone. Year 3 and 5 students were also invited to breakfast each morning where apparently Ros and I make the best milo. Thanks to Ros also for organising all of the supplies for breakfast- watermelon and fruit loaf an extra treat greatly appreciated by students.

Simon and I hosted what was our third preschool tour last week. Interest and enrolment in our preschool for 2017 has been quite high and it has been interesting to experience how busy this enrolment period is. I would like to let 2016 preschool parents know that it is not necessary to complete the enrolment process for kindergarten 2017 as your enrolment here to Taylor Primary is automatic. You will be sent a communication, later in the year where you are asked to indicate your intention of joining us at Taylor Primary for kinder 2017. If you are seeking another school for 2017 then you need to follow the normal enrolment process.

At the other end of the primary school, parents of year 6 students also need to be completing the online enrolment process for their students entering high school for 2017.

Year 5 and 6 will spend the day at Namadgi School on Tuesday of next week. Namadgi as our feeder high school have invited our senior students and teachers to enjoy a day of high school curriculum with a taste of specialist subjects. Students will also enjoy a BBQ lunch. Namdagi's Open Night follows that evening and there is information regarding that event included in this newsletter. Year 6 students are very excited about visiting again and are keenly spreading the word with Year 5 that it was a great day last year.

Any year 6 parents who would like to chat about their options for their children for Year 7 2017 or be supported through this process please don't hesitate to make contact with us.

The link for the enrolment can be found at:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

Our P&C are running a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings this Saturday. If you have an hour or two to spare on the stall or even feel like a sausage sandwich while you're there shopping then drop on by or contact our P&C President Mel for the relevant details.

Good luck to our cross country competitors who are off to the regional carnival on Monday. Remember to pack warm clothes, take plenty to eat and drink and have fun!

Regards,

Alison Williams
Deputy Principal

TIPS TO HELP ANXIOUS CHILDREN COPE

For those with no personal experience of anxiety it can be hard to understand how debilitating it can be. “*Come on, get on with it,*” seems so obvious. Of course, this response is nowhere near adequate.

Most kids experience some anxious moments or have fearful thoughts and feelings from time to time about certain events. These thoughts and feelings prompt them to proceed with caution.

But anxiety and fear can be paralysing. Some kids simply can't stop their 'bad thoughts and feelings'. They can't silence the voice of fear that whispers to them continually.

Anxiety is a normal part of life and can be managed, but it takes time. It's also contagious so it's the job of parents to stay calm, think clearly and role model confidence when kids get anxious.

Calm is created through your words, voice and facial expression. When children become anxious, help them recognise what's happening. Some kids get angry, some become upset and others withdraw. Work out the pattern for your child and help them recognise when they are anxious.

Accept your child's anxious feelings. Your child needs to trust that you are with them, and then they will be more willing to let you help them cope. It's hard sometimes to differentiate between what may be a bad case of negative thinking and true anxiety.

Is a child being negative when she doesn't want to join a new club because she thinks no one will like her, or is there something more going on? Try to confirm whether there is any validity in their fears. If not, point out diplomatically, that they may be catastrophizing. If you feel there is reason for concern, help them to overcome their anxiety.

Challenge the validity of your child's fears and anxiety, using logic and rational thinking. Don't allow kids to wallow in self-pity. Move their thoughts towards the future rather than allow them to mope around.

Encourage your child to overcome their anxiety through action.

Anxiety is normal, and part of everyday life. However, it can be debilitating unless it's managed. Anxiety management takes time for kids to learn, but it's one of those valuable life skills that parents can teach their kids.

Warm regards and smiles from your friendly school psychologists,

Alison Hatcher and Sandy Francois

P&C Update

Due to the efforts of the P & C committee and the support of the school community, the P&C were recently able to allocate the following funds;

- \$500 toward the chicken pen in the school garden
- \$2000 toward the senior school bike program
- \$2000 toward the junior school bike program
- \$500 toward a junior school incursion

It is both incredibly exciting and rewarding to be in a position to give back to the school community. We hope to continue to fund different projects and programs throughout the year. Please feel free to contact me or come along to the next meeting if you have an idea you would like the P&C to support. The Mother's Day stall held last week in the hall was a great success. Thank you to the year 6 students who volunteered their time to wrap gifts. A big THANK YOU also to Sam, Kyleigh, Gill, Kylie, and Lucy for their help on the stall.

The P& C will be hosting a Bunnings fundraising BBQ on Saturday 14th May. If you can spare an hour or two to help out, it would be much appreciated. If you are unable to come along but would like to contribute, donations of cans of soft drink would be wonderful! Please leave them with Linda at the front office.

Boxes of Cadbury's fundraising chocolates are now available to pick up from the front office. The due date for the money (or unsold chocolates) is Friday 27th May. Just let us know if you require more time to get through the whole box!

Remember you can keep up to date with all things P & C on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/taylorpandc/>

Thanks,
Melanie (President)

**NAMADGI
SCHOOL
OPEN NIGHT
17TH MAY 2016
6-8 PM**

PRESCHOOL NEWS

So far this term the children have been busy settling back into class, working on their Mother's Day gifts, participating in the school Cross Country and beginning their classroom inquiries and investigations. The Rainbows are finding and exploring patterns in nature, music and speech, the Stars are learning about their bodies and the jobs associated with health care, and the Comets have been focusing on building friendships and learning about dinosaurs.

Comets Dinosaur Play



Our next upcoming event is in week 5, The Nutrition Magician will be visiting each class to perform 'Mind Your Manners' a fun and engaging magic show where the children learn valuable lessons around manners, respect, sharing and co-operation.

Did you know???

Singing has lifelong physical, emotional and social benefits and can help to improve happiness, confidence and overall well-being. We encourage you to enjoy singing with your child at home. You could sing some of your own favourites or songs that your child sings at school, such as 'Aeroplane Jelly' a well-known favourite that the whole family can sing – including grandparents.

COMETS, STARS, RAINBOWS and the Preschool Teaching Team

GARDEN NEWS

Do you have any spare clean jars with lids?

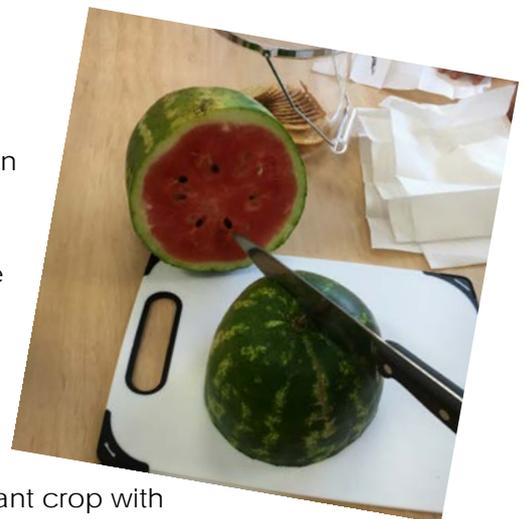
We are looking at bottling our worm wee for our gardens and since we have added the whole school to our composting, our worms have been working super hard. If you have any to spare, please see Ms Clark or leave them at the little shed at the garden. We have recently built a new compost area to use. We are working towards a more sustainable school and the students have embraced our new composting system that has been put into place. If anyone has a worm farm they are no longer using, we would happily take it off your hands.

This week, we nearly fed the whole school with our last watermelon. It was our best one yet!! Juicy, red and delicious!!!

As the cooler months set in, we have been busy planting our frost resistant crop with lots of spinach and peas. Next week we will be picking a little bit of our spinach and making our own spinach and ricotta triangles.

Ms Clark recently visited Kambah Woolworths where they had lots of seedlings on special. Explaining what we do at Taylor and the fantastic programs we have in place, we were able to buy two trays of seedlings that needed a good garden bed to grow in, for minimal cost. Thank you Woolworths Kambah.

We have recently purchased some aprons to use when we are cooking, saving our uniforms and making us look more the part. Mr Smith had special visitors at school last week so some students were busy making Banana Bread muffins for the guests. From all accounts, they smelt and tasted delicious. Some students from 3/4 and 5/6 have been working towards obtaining their cooking knife license. There are many steps to keep us safe when using cooking knives. When a student gets their license, the sense of accomplishment is



huge!!! It is a huge responsibility to have one. If anyone would like any of the recipes, please come and see Ms Clark or the pin board near the LSC.

SPORTS NEWS

Still a few different sports are being offered at trials this term. If you are interested in trying out for any, please come and see the sports board near the LSC. This is generally only offered to students in years 5 and 6 (sometimes they will accept year 4 depending on age).

On Mondays, we have been having Oztag clinics run through the Oztag Association. This is a three week program offered to schools.

Amy

Amy Clark | LSC Classroom Teacher



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It has been a busy start to Term 2. As a conclusion to the Fabulous Families Unit of work, the children planned and designed shelters. We now move on to a unit of work about the weather and how it affects us.

You can help by discussing the weather forecast for the day and by watching a weather forecast on the televised news programs.

The children enjoyed the Cross Country last week. They had trial runs beforehand with their 5/6 buddies. Last Friday we enjoyed the community Mother's Day breakfast. We hope all mums and grandmas were spoilt on their special day.



Regards,
Angela Arblaster, Melissa Beckmann
& Kathryn Hope.

1/2 NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2.

The children have had a great start to the term. We were very impressed by the speed and endurance of all those who participated in the cross country. They did themselves and their houses very proud. We will be continuing our focus on skills and fitness with OZTag clinics throughout the term.

Our topic for the term is, 'ALL MIXED UP!' We are focussing on how we can mix every day materials in a variety of ways. We will be looking at chemical reactions and hope to complete a number of fun and interesting experiments. A note has been sent home about an incursion. Rather than us going to Questacon, Questacon are coming to us. Please return notes as soon as possible ready for Tuesday May 17th.

The children have been focussing on poetry and have enjoyed exploring the different ways we can use words to describe and entertain. Our next writing focus will be on writing procedures. We are also focussing on money this term. We will be exploring the notes and coins and their value. Please encourage your child to practise skip counting in 2, 5 and 10 as well as their fast recall of number facts. Ask them how far they have soared in their Rocket Maths. As the weather gets cooler please ensure all jumpers are clearly labelled so they can be returned to their rightful owner as quickly as possible. Please encourage your child to return their home reader frequently. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher.

The 1/2 Team

5/6 Newsletter

Back to school for all the kids in 5/6

We have had the best holiday ever and are all rested and ready to learn! This term our focuses are Light Shows and Catching on Early. In Light Shows we are looking at the effects that light give with different materials. In Catching on Early we are learning about the changes and transitions that come with puberty. So that is what is new this term in 5/6 at Taylor.

Cross Country

This Thursday 5th of May was our CROSS COUNTRY carnival. We got out our running shoes and got pumped! Everyone wore their team colours to support their team. We all had a great day and looking forward to seeing who represents Taylor Primary at the regionals.

ANZAC

In week 1 the amazing SRCs ran a strong assembly on the ANZACs in honour of the brave men and women who fell and died for our country. We did a lot of fun activities in memory of them as well.

Oz-Tag

Everyone at Taylor Primary School had a go at Oztag, had fun and gave it their all. Even the little kids had a kick and a catch. We can't wait for the Oz-Tag Gala day for the big kids!

Ella V, Liam B, Ella O and Emilia J

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

Taylor Primary Snowsports Team

**Kindy – Year 2 – Year 6
Skiers wanted**

Contact
Helen Hesse-Patching
0422337578
patching@y7mail.com

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**To all our lovely
students**

Zac KB,

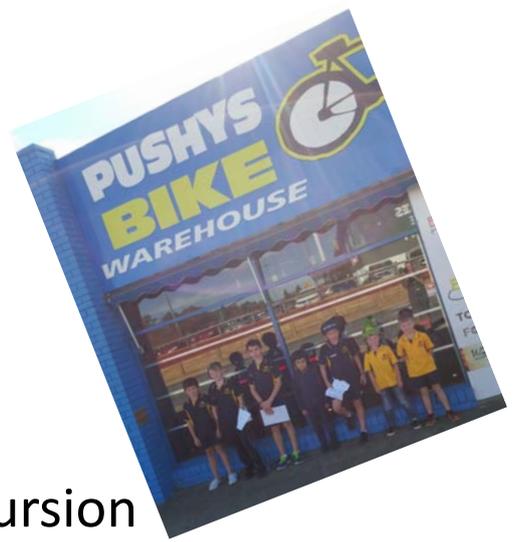
Kaitlyn KA, Tyler RAINBOWS,

Maya KA, Ella 5/6M,

Oenone STARS,

Jordyn 1/2D, Benjamin
KB, Thanadon KB,

Alex STARS, Sophie 5/6M,
Sophie KH



Bike Shopping Excursion

A handful of senior and junior students went shopping to some bike shops to check out some bikes and equipment to add to our current supply of bikes. We sized some new bikes and helmets for our K-2 students and checked out what was on offer for the seniors.

We even managed to squeeze in some afternoon tea – after all shopping is tiring, hungry business.



Thanks to **JAWS Automotive** for the vehicle loan to transport students to the shops.

JAWS have also donated a tool box fully equipped with quality tools for our bike workshop crew.

If you have any automotive needs, see **JAWS**.



K-2 WHEELIES – WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME

Our school has been conducting a Bike program for Year 3-6 during PE as well as a lunch time /recess program for various groups.

Last week we held our first K-2 wheelies lunchtime. Students could ride their own bike or scooter – or a school bike once they were assessed. The K-2 wheelies will continue each Wednesday lunch time.

The emphasis on our school program is about having fun and being safe. The program is building awareness, safety, appropriate risk taking, and other pro-social skills.

