Dear parents and carers,

Thankyou to all families who attended this week’s Parent Information sessions. Over one hundred people participated with some families attending more than one session. Classes are settled and students are comfortable in the routines being established. It’s amazing how quickly our youngest students in preschool and kindergarten get into the swing of things. Lining up, hanging up bags, seeking out friends to play with all becomes part of the day to day routine very quickly.

Today we held our special school captain assembly. Eleven impressive students delivered speeches to the school student community on Tuesday of this week and from that group, six students were voted by students and staff to fulfil the role of school captain or school vice-captain for 2016. We have increased the leadership structure to include four vice captains as the school continues to grow in student size. I’d like to congratulate the eleven students who nominated and praise them for their speeches. Many of their speeches contained elements of what it means to be a ‘Taylor Kid’ and to represent our school values. They talked about what it means to be a friend and how they would help other students. I was proud of their speeches and proud of them for all ‘having a go’. You could feel how much it mattered to them all and I would encourage them all no matter whether they were elected or not, not to be discouraged and to continue to seek out opportunities for student leadership especially as they transition to high school at the end of this year.
Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

**School Captains**
Nicholas Jorgensen  Ella Van Der Meulen

**School Vice Captains**
Tommy Bell  Liam Bornholm
Summar Barratt  Caeley Waugh

The next step is for classes to elect Student representatives to form the S.R.C. These class elections are currently underway and badges for those students elected will be presented in our Week 5 assembly. I wish them luck in this process.

Captains and Vice Captains for sporting houses were also elected this week. They too were presented with their badges at today’s assembly. Congratulations to the following students voted by students to lead our houses in sporting events this year:

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We look forward to the swimming carnival next week and wish all competitors well.

Our Preschool Parent Association held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday night and a new committee for 2016 was elected. I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work last year and I wish the new committee every success. Plans are underway as we speak, for a welcome picnic between the Wednesday preschool sessions as a way of meeting the new committee and families from all three classrooms. Information regarding exact details will follow shortly.

Our school psychologists hosted a coffee-drop in Thursday morning to meet new families and to explain the role of the school psychologist in a primary school. Thanks to everyone who attended. There is a welcome message from Sandy and Alison included in this newsletter this week as well.

Simon has been offsite yesterday and today standing in as principal at Stromlo High. It’s a great opportunity for him to catch up with past students although probably came as a little surprise to the new Year 7 students to see him walking the corridors at their new school. We will wait to hear about his days there with big kids!

Enjoy the weekend,

Alison
Welcome to the first P&C Update for 2016! Here are a few different ways you can get involved in the Taylor Primary School P&C:

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
The Taylor Primary School P&C AGM is being held on Monday 7 March at 7.30pm in the school board room. All executive positions will be declared open. If you would like more information about the different roles in the P&C, please visit: [http://www.actparents.org.au/](http://www.actparents.org.au/).

- **Southern Cross Club Canberra’s Community Reward Program**
The P&C has been invited to join the Southern Cross Club Canberra’s Community Reward Program. This program donates 10% of member’s food purchases to the nominated P&C. If you are a member of the Southern Cross Club visit: [https://csccmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/q87v1ci00l0bhc/](https://csccmarketing.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!

- **Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites Program**
This year’s program is themed Outback Savers and students are invited to join the Dollarmites on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings. Along the way they’ll learn to master smart savings habits and equip themselves with lifelong money skills. This year, participating schools will receive:
  - $5 when a student makes their first School Banking deposit;
  - 5% on every deposit made (up to $10 per individual deposit); and
  - $25 per term when a student makes at least one School Banking deposit.

If you would like more information about the banking program please contact Tammy at tammy.adams@achievecorp.com.au.

- **Facebook**
Keep up to date with all things P&C by visiting our Facebook page at: [https://www.facebook.com/taylorpandc/](https://www.facebook.com/taylorpandc/).

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

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to all the students who have had a birthday since coming back to school, and also to everyone that has a birthday coming up very soon.

**Preschool** – Grace, Madeline, Jessica, **Kindergarten** – Locklan, Lily, Summer Thomas, Mariska, Chris, 1 / 2 – Charlie, Nicola, Gemma, Harmony 3 / 4 – Rylee, Liam, 5 / 6 – Riley, Ericka, Lachlan, Charlotte
What a fantastic start all 3 classes have had to their preschool year.

We have focused our activities on

1. Getting to know our immediate preschool environment
2. Playing games which allow us to become more familiar with the names of friends in our class
3. How to move and behave in the classroom so we all feel safe
4. What do we do if we need help.

Each teacher has planned experiences which connect to the interests of the children in their groups. The STARS have loved the home corner and using collage materials in the art projects. The COMETS have been investigating spiders using the interactive whiteboard to research their characteristics. The RAINBOWS have been looking at what a rainbow is and how the colours can be made by mixing different colours together. All the children have loved the opportunity to use water in our outdoor play area whether it is in the sand, water canal system, painting, waterplay trough or simply making mud pies. We are all looking forward to our Water Fun Day next week.

Each teacher prepares a book which highlights the activities the children have been involved in over the week. Please take the time to look and if you like there are spaces for comments and feedback.

Until next time...The STARS, COMETS, RAINBOWS and the Preschool Teaching Team
Kindergarten News

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students for such a great start to their school careers. Students have settled in well and are learning about the routines at ‘big school.’ The first few weeks have been very busy meeting all the different teachers, discovering all the different places in the school and of course learning about all the different types of learning that we do at Taylor. Here are some photos from our first few days at school.

Angela Arblaster, Melissa Beckmann, and Kathryn Hope

3/4 News

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students and their families back to a new school year. We have had a wonderful three weeks getting to know each other and the students have settled into their classes. We look forward to the year ahead and all the great learning experiences that we will share.

From Lee-Anne, Angela and the 3/4 Unit
Welcome families and friends to 1/2. We have had a great start to the year and have enjoyed getting to know the children. They have been busy learning the routines of their classes and making new friends.

Our inquiry unit for this term is ‘Then and Now’. The children will be looking back at the past and investigating how families have changed over time. Later in the term we hope to visit the National Museum of Australia as well as have an “Antiques Roadshow” event where children can bring in something from the past.

Home readers have been sent home with your child this week. We encourage all children to read to an adult for at least 10-15 minutes daily and change their reader at school each day. Children also have access to the online reading program reading ‘Reading Eggs’ and ‘Mathletics’ and we encourage children to visit these sites regularly.

Thank-you for returning all book packs to school. Please send any remaining materials you have at home to school as soon as possible. We remind all parents and carers to make sure your child has a hat and water bottle each day and that both are clearly labelled.

Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

The 1/2 Team

For those of you who haven’t seen this on the P&C Facebook page, below is a song written by Leonard’s (1/2D) dad, Rod capturing the spirit of Taylor Primary School.

(To the tune of ‘Yellow Submarine’)
We all go to Taylor Primary School
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We all go to Taylor Primary School
All the children here think it’s really cool
Everyone’s equal here
Which is a very good rule
People here come from near and far
To Marconi Crescent
Here in Kambah
From Kindy to Year 6
We have a pretty good mix
We want to be successful
Whatever we do
Including sport
Yellow, red, green or blue
No one’s perfect
But we’ll do our best
And respect other people
And try to pass life’s test.
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.

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

UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

Due to an increase in Manufacturing and shipping costs, there will be an increase in uniform prices, as of 1st March 2016.

Polo Top $20
Zip Jackets $30
Dresses $35
Hats $10