



Taylor Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Meet and Greet

It was lovely to see families who came along to Meet and Greet last week. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the letters that each class teacher had written. I trust that the term overviews are of value and capture all the important pieces of information for the term in each grade level.

Instrumental Music Program (Ukulele)

It has been an exciting week with students participating in the year 4 and year 5 Ukulele Instrumental Music Program receiving their instruments. I look forward to watching the students learn how to play and perform for the school throughout the year.

Developing a Culture of Feedback

One of the key strategies to improve learning and build capacity in adults and children is to provide feedback. This includes; teacher to teacher, teacher to students and students to teacher. Over the coming years as we enact the strategic plan (2019-2023) we will be developing a culture of feedback. Before school commenced this year, staff participated in professional learning about the direction we are heading to embed a culture of feedback. Following this learning, the leadership team worked with Steve Francis (education and leadership consultant) to discuss and create the plan for the feedback strategy over the next few years. The plan will begin next week, with all staff being involved in the feedback cycle. I look forward to sharing more of this work as we progress with this strategy.

Staffing updates

From time to time class teachers may be away from the school due to personal leave, professional learning off site, or other professional responsibilities. Employing casual relief staff has become increasingly challenging, as the pool has become smaller. Whilst we will always do our best to staff a class if the teacher is absent, there may be times where children will need to be in another class for the day. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

I would like to take this opportunity also to announce that Luisa Bornholm has accepted a temporary transfer to Monash Primary School. Luisa will be joining the Response to Intervention team and I know that she will be a great asset to the team at Monash. Luisa has taken on many different roles during her time at Taylor; including LOTE (Italian), Classroom Teacher (Years 1-6) and most recently a student learning support role. Please join me in wishing Luisa all the very best in her new role at Monash.

Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learners.

PPA and P&C Special General Meeting

On Wednesday 6 March at 6:30pm we invite all parents/carers from preschool to year 6 (existing and new PPA and P&C members) to attend a special general meeting. This meeting is to discuss and vote on PPA and P&C Amalgamation for 2019. I will present all available information, discuss identified issues and outline the preferred model and what may work best for Taylor Primary School. Following this we will vote on the proposal to amalgamate and wind down procedures for the PPA to become a P-6 P&C with the proposed model of a PPA sub-committee. We will capture all discussions to inform a new MOU, that will detail what was agreed on. If the vote passes, we will then close the Special General Meeting and hold the AGM (Annual General Meeting) to elect new positions for the P&C (P-6). We look forward to seeing as many people as possible on the evening. If you have any questions and/or cannot attend on the evening, I am very happy to speak with you and answer your queries.

School Board

I can now announce the School Board representatives for 2019-2020:

Sandy Morris – Community Representative	Sara Pike – Parent Representative
Tamara Bursell – Parent Representative	Jenny Lambert – Teacher Representative
Byron Moore – Teacher Representative	Melanie Selems – Board Chair (continuing)

I thank all our new members for their interest and I welcome you to the Taylor Primary School Board. Sharyn Widdowson will be in contact this week to set the date for our first meeting.

Belinda Fenn

Principal

20/2/19

The following students will receive a merit award at this Friday's assembly.

KF	KR	KS	K6W
Charlotte Pike	Portia Tricker	Arthur Padovan	Thomas Burns
Alexander Doust	Joseph Clarke	Amelia Nicholls	K6L
			Jack Davidson
1L	1S	1V	2B
Amara Doyle-Dunnet	Dean Crooks	Zoe Osborne	Imogen Hansen
Elliott McCarthy	Jesse Abel	Theo Lambert	Isaac Shelley
2L	2S	3H	3K
Dominic Kesby	Charli Thomas	Caitlin Melton	Emily McCarthy
Lacey Milahaske	William Pentland		Blake Evans
4M	4W	5/6C	5/6T
Benji Price	Sophia Bannerman	Ella McClenahan	Holly Barnes
Charlie Lansdown McCulloch	Zane Cossill		Issey Rajic

Introducing our new school psychologist ...

My name is Ellen Sheridan, and I am the school psychologist at Taylor Primary School for 2019. I work Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday mornings. My background is in teaching, in Victoria, and I am currently in my third year of working for the ACT Education Directorate as a school psychologist.



We have had a very productive and engaging start to the year in year one.

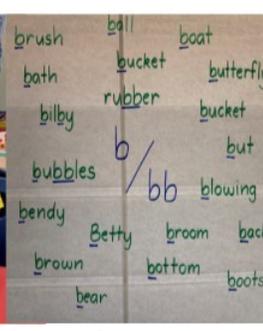
We have been learning about the b/bb sound and have been word detectives by searching for the b/bb sound in books and items around the room.

Year one have participated in many fun fitness activities. We have been working on developing core fundamental motor skills, such as skipping, side stepping and star jumping. We have already seen a huge improvement in the students' skills. Year one have also participated in gross motor sessions with Mrs Thomson and sports rotations with students from Lake Tuggeranong College.

Year one students have been exploring different visual art techniques and mediums. They have created self-portraits using paper collaging techniques and have used oil pastels and watercolour paints to create letters of the alphabet.

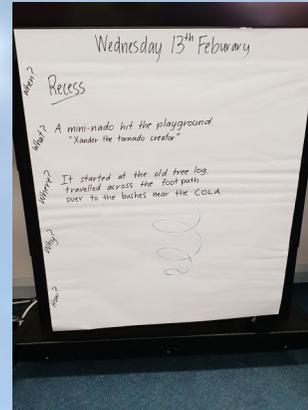
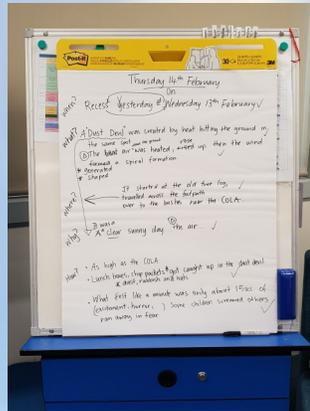
We are really excited to explore our unit of inquiry about living and non living things further on our excursion to the Jerrabomberra Wetlands next week.

We are feeling very positive about the year ahead and we know that year one are going to 'knock your socks off' by achieving their personal goals.



YEAR 3

The Year 3 cohort have been active learners over the first 2 weeks of school observing and asking questions about their school community. We collaborated to construct this informative text about an exciting weather event in the school last week. Students brainstormed and planned to write this collaborative text.



It was a clear sunny day at recess on Wednesday the 13th of February, with the children playing around the school grounds.

Everything felt normal and then a “Dust Devil” was spotted. It started at the old tree log and travelled across the footpath. It twisted and turned over to the bush near the COLA. It was created by heat hitting the ground in the same spot. The air above the ground was heated. It rose up and then the wind generated a spiral formation.

What felt like a minute was only about 15 seconds of excitement and horror. Some children screamed and others ran away in fear. Lunch boxes, chip packets, dust, rubbish and hats all got pulled into the dust devil.

Then suddenly just as everyone was about to go inside it disappeared in a blink of an eye. All that it had collected was dropped on the ground. The dust devil might be gone but we are still talking about it.

Written by 3K and 3H

Thoughts and theories:

Mikayla thought her brother Xander created the tornado by running around in circles in the dirt.

James, Isobella, Caitlin, Ben, Zac, Evelyn S, Acuoth, Benny, Kaidyn, Aisha, Lily, Summer, Melinda, Lexi, Evelyn T, Morgan, Ethan and Amani all thought it was a “Mini-nado”.

Thomas, Chris, Koen and Ryan all thought it was a “Dust-nado”.

Swirly wind by Karma, Emily F, Georgia, Dean and Hailey-Rose.

Miniature tornado by Maya, Jaxson, Kaylee and Isabelle.

Francine thought it was a lot of wind.