

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
13.2.19	Meet and Greet	Family picnic under the COLA followed by a visit to classrooms
22.2.19	Assembly (K-6)	School and House Captain presentation - FRIDAY 9:15am in the hall
4.3.19 – 6.3.19	5/6 Camp	Camp Cooba
20.3.19	Swimming Carnival (K-6)	Whole school swimming carnival at CISAC
22.3.19	Progress Reports Home	Term 1 student learning progress report sent home
27.3.19	Assembly (P-6)	Year 1 Assembly – WEDNESDAY 9:15am in the hall
5.4.19	Assembly (K-6)	Year 5/6 Assembly – FRIDAY 9:15am in the hall
10.4.19	ANZAC Day Ceremony (P-6)	ANZAC Day Ceremony – WEDNESDAY 9:15am in the hall

Principal Message

Dear families,

Welcome back to what is going to be a fabulous year of learning and collaboration between staff, children and families. It was wonderful to see the whole school back together on Tuesday morning, and I look forward to welcoming our Rainbows preschool class on Thursday this week. I'm writing to the community today, prior to the full newsletter in week 3, to provide some information about some upcoming events over the next few weeks and some general information.

I am excited to share that this year we have some new learning opportunities. These include a specialist PE program for students in year 3-6, with leadership training for our senior students. We will also be welcoming back the school choir. Please see the note that is coming home today (yrs. 1-6) and return as soon as possible. This will be a before school commitment and I thank the Mrs Sheils and Mrs Raats for providing this wonderful opportunity for children. Year 5 students will have the opportunity to join the Instrumental Band Program - Ukulele. Kulture Break (Dance Nation) will also be returning this year.

School Improvement Plan

As you may already be aware this year we are launching the school strategic plan for 2019-2023. I would like to invite parents and carers to a parent information session in the school library to provide an overview of the key improvement priorities for the next five years. The session will be on Tuesday 12 March from 5:30-6:30pm. If you can attend

this workshop, please RSVP to Sharyn Widdowson at the front office or via email; Sharyn.widdowson@ed.act.edu.au by Monday 11 March 2019.

School Board

I would like to call for nominations for 2 parent representative positions on the School Board, as this year will mark the end of the two year term for our current parent reps Sandra Cook and Rob de Light. If you have questions regarding these roles, please contact Sharyn Widdowson, Business Manager at the school or via email; sharyn.widdowson@ed.act.edu.au.

Nominations close on Monday 18 February. The School Board is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in the school business at a strategic and financial level. Melanie Selems is our current Board Chair and I know she will be happy to answer any questions that interested parents may have; melsryder@hotmail.com .

Meet and Greet - Wednesday 13 February 5:30-6:30pm

Our annual Meet and Greet picnic will take place next Wednesday evening. For those families new to the Taylor community this involves families meeting under the COLA where you bring a picnic dinner followed by an opportunity to walk through classrooms and meet your child's class teacher/s. Term overviews will be distributed by each team that outline the key learning focus for the term as well as other special events and excursions involved in each grade level. This is always a well-attended event and I look forward to meeting and chatting with many families next Wednesday evening.

Staffing

I'd like to take this opportunity to once again welcome all new staff and returning staff. I know that our community will make all new staff feel very welcome. I thank all staff for the preparation they have done in their transition to their new roles at Taylor. Below is a list of staff and their roles for 2019. Your child's classroom teacher is always the best first contact, however we welcome parents and carers to make an appointment with any member of the leadership team via the front office on 61423000.

Preschool

Monday-Wed (Stars)
Helen Thomson
Wed - Friday (Rainbows)
Jackie Ingram

Year 3

Kirstin Kobus
Buddie Henry

K6L

Rhys Langley
Teaghan Smith

Kindergarten

Elizabeth Sheils
Annette Raats
Catherine Fellows

Year 4

Heather White
Byron Moore

Specialist Teaching Team

Luisa Bornholm Learning Support
Femke Matthews STEM and Year 5/6
Melissa Ishihara Japanese: Tues - Thur
Brooke Wood PE (Years 3-6) Mon-Wed

Year 1

Jenny Lambert
Helena Vrkcic
Monique Swinbourne

Year 5 /6

Amy Clark
Lee-Anne Turvey

Administrative Team and Learning Support Staff

Bec Golding - Learning Support (P-6)
Emma Cashmere - (Front office)
Deb Putt - Preschool and Kindergarten
Rita Southwell - Year 5/6 (Mon/Tues/Fri)
Joshua White (K6W and Student Wellbeing)
Jesse Dent (5/6 and playground support)
Chris Cowie (Mr Chris) - Building Services Officer
Kirsty Terracini - Front Office / Communications
Sharyn Widdowson - Business Manger

Year 2

Melissa Beckmann
Madison Samuels
Kate Foster-Lomas

K6W

Toni Wallington
Joshua White(Monday)
Emily Mayberry(Tuesday)
Hannah Bailey (Wed - Fri)

Leadership Team

Annie McAppion - School Leader (Preschool - Year 1)
Leanne Davis - School Leader (Years 2 - 4)
Helen Wilson - School Leader (Year 5/6, K6W, K6L and Specialist team)
School Psychologist – Ellen Sheridan (Mon, Tues and Wed PM)
Alison Williams - Deputy Principal: alison.williams@ed.act.edu.au
Belinda Fenn - Principal: belinda.fenn@ed.act.edu.au

Kind regards

Belinda Fenn
Principal