

THE TAYLOR TIMES



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
22 nd -29 th May	Public Education Week	
27 th May	Whole School Reconciliation Week Activity	Years P-6 10.30am
28 th May	Rostrum Finals	Years 5-6 9.10am
28 th May	Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre	Years 3 & 4
28 th May	Questacon Incursion	Years 1 & 2
29 th May	5/6 Assembly	Whole School 9.10am
4 th June	Alexander Bunyip Excursion	Years 5 & 6

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last night's parent workshop facilitated by Justin Purtle was well attended with over thirty parents and carers participating in Justin's thought provoking and relevant presentation. It was wonderful to see so many parents engaged in the workshop. We will let you know soon what our Term 3 Parent Workshop will be but we do know at this stage that we will repeat our Term 1 workshop on Supporting Young Readers.

Simon and I hosted what was our third Preschool tour yesterday. Interest and enrolment in our preschool for 2016 has been quite high and it has been interesting to experience how busy this enrolment period is. I would like to let 2015 preschool parents know that it is not necessary to complete the enrolment process for kindergarten 2016 as your enrolment here to Taylor Primary is automatic. 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 2016.

The link can be found at: http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

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

Our school Facebook page has for the last few years been an effective way of communicating and celebrating events within our community but thanks to our Business Manager Roselynn our school website has been refreshed. You will find on the website our calendar, newsletters and copies of notes for excursions. You can find our website at: <http://www.taylorps.act.edu.au>

Simon will be presenting at an international conference on school design next week in Canberra. It is an extremely high profile conference where Simon has been asked to discuss the process he undertook to not only build a new school facility but to also maintain and develop the existing culture. Delegates from the conference will be 'touring' the school on Monday and Tuesday afternoon so you can imagine how excited we are at having the opportunity to showcase our fabulous school. We wish Simon well for the presentation.

As a proud public school teacher I would like to acknowledge that the upcoming week is Public Education Week. Please feel welcome to visit our school anytime especially next week. We are proud of our school being an ACT Government School and would love to see you at any of our scheduled events (Reconciliation Week Walk, Rostrum Final, Assembly, Breakfast Club) where you will see what it means to celebrate public education.

Kind regards,

Alison

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Happy Reading from your friendly School Psychologist, Sandy ☺

Raising Feisty Five Year Olds +

Five is typically a time for starting school, boundless energy and overcoming obstacles.....and of course, tooth fairies. The five-year-old's world is rapidly expanding: each day they have to negotiate new social situations with new people. If your five-year-old is the eldest then you are entering new territory as well. You need to feel supported and also be open to learning.

1. Support their learning

Support your child's learning by being curious yourself, following up on what his teachers or pre-school teachers recommend and ensuring they get plenty of exercise, and importantly, have fun.

2. Help their language to become more sophisticated

Many children will automatically speak differently to adults than they do to their peers. This is great social etiquette to reinforce as socially skilled children can use different language according to different groups they are in.

3. Be ready to negotiate

Many five year olds like to negotiate with their parents. You may notice that 'because' is one of her favourite words.

4. Introduce family meetings

Five is the ideal age to introduce family meetings as they give you a vehicle to teach your child to argue their point calmly, politely and fairly - a valuable skill.

5. Many become avid collectors

It's fascinating to note that a child who keeps a messy bedroom, will make sure his rock collection is neat, tidy and orderly.

6. Screen the screens

It's also the age to develop your philosophy around digital learning with expert guidance from your child's school. Many five year olds use television as a relaxer after a day at pre- school or school- like staring into the fire - it helps them unwind.

7. It's time for consistency

Kids this age depend on familiar routines and structure, and that applies to understanding your expectations for their behaviour.

8. Sing from the same song-sheet (if there are two parents/caregivers)

It helps if parents/careers are on the same page about household rules and behavioural expectations, so there is no confusion and no playing one adult off against the other.

By Michael Grose

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students who have a birthday coming up this fortnight!!!

Preschool - Eloise, Kaylee, Johnno, Ely Kindergarten - Lucy 1 / 2 - Aiden, Tyler, Saba 3 / 4 - Maxwell, Sophie 5 / 6 – Liam

Taylor Primary P&C Update

The Bunnings BBQ that was hosted by the previous P&C on Saturday 9 May was a huge success! Thank you to all those parents who volunteered their time to help out at the BBQ as well as the Mother's Day stall. The P&C had a great meeting on Monday night. The committee is really excited about the upcoming year and has some great ideas about how we can make the Taylor Primary School experience even better for students as well as parents and teachers.

I would like to encourage families to participate in the Commonwealth Bank's school banking scheme. While it is a great way to teach children about saving, it also benefits the school community. The school receives rewards from Commonwealth Bank based on the amount of money that students deposit into their accounts. This money is spent directly back into the school in various ways.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their slip asking to be put on the P&C mailing list. For those who haven't, it isn't too late! Just email me at melanie.selems@act.gov.au.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 22 June at 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the school. Everyone is welcome to come along!

Kind Regards
Melani



Preschool News.



The weather is definitely changing and with that comes lots of new discussions with our children. Each class has approached this in a different way. The Stars have investigated what seeds are and where they come from. Are all seeds the same? Can you eat them and will they grow inside you?

The Comets have continued looking at nature and have enjoyed their nature walks. Last week they discovered the "Rock Climbing wall". This will be a request for further visits in the future.

Many of our walks provide us with rich language experiences and these are shared with the whole group and are developed into our planned experiences.

The Rainbows have enjoyed discovering what Autumn means and the beautiful variety of Autumn leaves that our Canberra environment showcases. We have loved being able to throw them in the air and watch them flutter down.

Last Friday the Rainbows attended the Kindergarten led assembly. It was wonderful to see so many families in the audience to watch this activity and to see the pre-schoolers perform their first assembly item...**The Echo Song**. They were a little quiet however they thoroughly loved the experience and will show much more confidence next time.

The Preschool Teaching Team

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to watch Kindergarten's first assembly. We had fun presenting it for you. KH has welcomed Miss Natalia Nedic this week. Natalia is a pre-service teacher and will be with us for four weeks.

Now that winter is almost upon us there are many absences when children are sick. Please advise us when your child is away either by a phone call, email or letter. This is a requirement for roll keeping.

Many children are bringing toys to school. This can cause problems if they get lost, dirty or even swapped. Please check that children are not bringing toys to school.

This term we have been learning about road safety. Next Tuesday Kenny Koala is coming to talk to the children about staying ok on the roads.

Regards,

Angela Arblaster, Natalia Nedic and Kathryn Hope.



NEWS FROM 1 / 2

The students in year 1/2 have been busy discovering push and pull. We are excited for our incursion with Questacon coming to visit on Thursday.

In maths we have been busy learning to skip count using 2, 3, 5 and 10 and learning our 2 dimensional shapes and the features of our 3D shapes. We all participated well in Cross Country, giving it our best. Some of the year two students represented Taylor at the Tuggeranong District.





3/4 News



Students in the 3/4 unit have been having fun with Acrostic Poetry and Prose. They have created some stunning imagery using experimentation with language. We have been so impressed with their work and would like to share some of them with you.

Shimmering in the night
The beauty of the darkness
And beautiful near the moon
Running around the night
filled sky

By Allen

Cuddly little fluff balls with really cute
faces

Adorable soft little paws

Their twitchy little whiskers glimmering
in the moonlight

By Sophie

Lighting the sky with its powerful roars
Inspiring babies with fury and learning to
hunt
Ominous stalking of prey
Nurturing and fighting with glee

By Ericka

Volcanic rocks spitting out
Orange and red lava
Launching towards you
Can destroy everything
Always heated
Non stop
On the news

By Mason

Quick scurrying through the trees

Unstoppable eating meat with their
razor teeth

Only stopping to sleep

Leaving their young to defend for
themselves

Striking their prey stealthily and fiercely

By Abi

Harmony elements

Open loving hearts

Racing into the sun set

Super guardians

Emerald flashing man

By Samara

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Taylor Book Fair in week 2.

Through purchases made by our community we were able to obtain

many new books for the library. These include titles such as Minecraft, Frozen, The Very Hungry Bear, Pig the Pug, and many many more.

We are now busy preparing our new titles for shelving and then borrowing!

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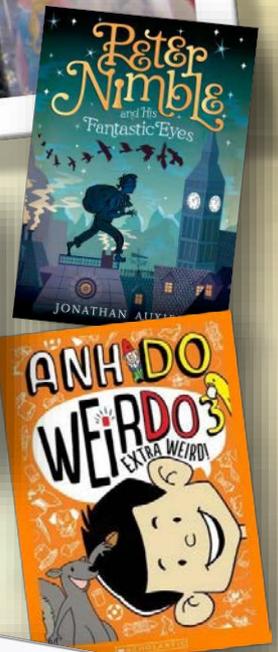
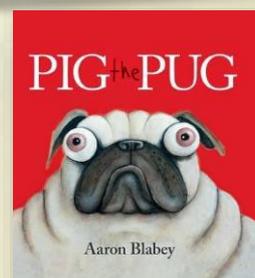
Mrs Allen and Tammie in the Library

LIBRARY NEWS



NEW BOOKS!

Taylor Book Fair



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

BSB: 032-777

Account no: 001818

Reference no: Student name, Class



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.

School Banking

Banking Day is Friday,
Please hand in your bank
books to your teacher or
at the Front Office

Breakfast Club

Come have breakfast
with your friends every
Wednesday morning.

8.15am,
Gold Coin Donation

CANTEEN

Open
9am - 2pm
Thursday & Friday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...
*Even just for an hour,
lunch or recess.*