

# THE TAYLOR TIMES



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
12 <sup>th</sup> August	SHAZART	Art workshop K-6 students
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug / 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Dance Kids	Preschool dance program
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug / 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Dance2bfit	K-6 Dance Program
21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Assembly	5/6S Assembly
27 August	Walk to School Day	Rug up and walk to school with an adult.

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a week it has been at school with most days hardly reaching above 10 degrees outside. We are lucky to have a well heated school building at Taylor to offer some warmth especially after the week of sport that it has been.

Our P-6 Athletics Carnival held on Friday of Week 2 was a huge success! Students had lots of fun trying their best and doing their best. We were well supported by the biggest group of parent helpers I think I have ever seen at a Taylor Primary Athletics Carnival. Parents timed events, measured distances and prepared hearty special lunch orders. Lake Tuggeranong students were assistants on the day and were a great representation of our local college. The day ended with most of us feeling a little dry from the sun and light breeze. And then the weather turned to Week 3!

K-6 participated in Raider's Clinics Monday and Tuesday. Oztag filled the calendar Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday's competition saw a devoted band of parents transport the 5/6 Girls Team over to Kaleen where the girls had a fantastic day of competition coached by Mr Frankcom despite the weather being almost blizzard like! Thursday's competition had three teams competing with several of our girls playing as well, transported again by

parents and grandparents. All teams tried their best and displayed excellent sportsmanship on the day with one of the senior teams winning their competition for the second year in a row. Mrs Murray provided us with a full wrap up and acknowledgement of the students at today's assembly.

Lockington Patching represented the school at the annual Inter-schools Ski Competition last week as well- an event where you actually want the weather to be almost blizzard like! Lockington had a fantastic few days of completion placing 29<sup>th</sup> in the Alpine event and 30<sup>th</sup> in the Ski Across event- these are with fields of over one hundred competitors, so a really impressive result. Congratulations Lockington!

Year 2 Aquasafe enrolments end at the end of next week (August 14<sup>th</sup>). This is a very different swimming program from what has been offered previously. This program is part of a partnership between our directorate and the Royal Life Saving Society hence the subsidy towards it. The program is \$50 for ten sessions and will be accompanied with five teacher instructed lessons at school on water safety. Our nearby school Richardson Primary is currently participating in the program and if you are Facebook user can I suggest you have a look at their school page for some photos that will give you a good impression of the elements of the program.

Information about our annual School Satisfaction Survey will be sent home early next week. This survey provided important feedback to our school about how we are travelling as a school and as a community. I'd like to encourage as many families as possible to complete the survey and remind everyone that you need to actually complete a separate survey for every child you have in the school.

There was standing room only in our school assembly hall this morning. Kinder assembly certainly draws a crowd! What a lovely assembly where you really get an idea of how much our five year olds grow in one year. SRC for semester 2 were presented their badges, year 6 students were acknowledged for their participation in a writer's workshop in partnership with Namadgi School, NAIDOC Day was showcased in a mini movie, senior buddies accompanied their kinder buddies in song and there was a special message beamed in from Mr Muir currently holidaying in England. A great way to end the week!

Enjoy your weekend everyone, remember hats are back on and we are collecting Woolworth's Earn and Learn stickers in the front foyer if you happen to do a little shopping.

Alison

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students who have a birthday coming in the next 2 weeks!!!

**Preschool** – Emily, Max, Francine, George **Kindergarten** – Alex, Uzair, Caitlin, Chloe **1 / 2** – Abby, Chloe **3 / 4** – Allen, Jack, Olivia, Georgia **5 / 6** – Zak, Taliah, Seth, Gemma

# Parents and Citizens Association Update

The P&C had another great meeting last week. Here are some of the exciting things that are happening this term:

- Firstly a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the P&C Athletics Carnival raffle. Thank you also to those families who supported the P&C by ordering a special lunch order on carnival day. Both were very successful fundraisers!
- A new initiative that the P&C are starting this year is the Taylor Business Directory. It gives past and present Taylor parents the opportunity to promote their business or workplace to the school community. It's all about keeping it local and encouraging parents to support other parents in our amazing school community. Please keep an eye out for more information in the next couple of weeks
- Another thing to look forward to is the P&C Bulb Fundraiser which will also be happening during term three. Catalogues will be coming home soon!
- This week sees the start of the Year 6 students volunteering in the canteen during lunch and recess. All students will receive a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the school Principal
- If you are able to donate any food items to the school canteen, it would be much appreciated! We welcome donations of baking ingredients such as flour, sugar and baking powder as well as cling wrap, foil, sandwich bags, plastic spoons/forks and plastic storage containers. Other items that are always appreciated are chicken stock, popcorn, mixed herbs and cleaning products
- If you have any suggestions or feedback for the P&C, please feel free to contact me at [melanie.selems@act.gov.au](mailto:melanie.selems@act.gov.au).

Thank you for your support,

Melanie  
P&C President

# SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

## Parenting Quotes For You to Reflect on and Enjoy

I love how a few well-crafted words of wisdom or humour can convey a feeling; invoke reflection; spark some action or just get you thinking. Great quotes should be shared so that ideas and wisdom spreads. With this thought in mind here are 15 of my favourite parenting quotes that I believe are worth sharing:

1. "Character, like good soup, is made at home." Unknown
2. "A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary." Dorothy Canfield Fisher
3. "Correction does much, but encouragement does more." Goethe
4. "In practice to love people equally you have to treat them differently. Any wise parent knows this." Tim Costello
5. "Just do as we say Dad, and no one will get hurt." Two daughters to their father
6. "A father is someone who plays with you even though he has someone his own age to play with." Six-year-old boy
7. "One of the reasons that parents should look like they are having fun is to give kids a reason to grow up." Patch Adams
8. "Never do regularly for a child the things they can do for him or herself." Maurice Balson
9. "Children are a small percentage of the population but 100% of our future." Unknown
10. "There must be many fathers around the country who have experienced the cruelest, most crushing rejection of all: their children have ended up supporting the wrong team." Nick Hornby
11. "Children need love especially when they don't deserve it." Harold S. Hulbert
12. "Mothers always know." Oprah Winfrey
13. "Becoming responsible adults is no longer a matter of whether children hang up their pyjamas or put dirty towels in the hamper, but whether they care about themselves and others- and whether they see chores as related to how we treat the planet." Eda Lesban
14. "Don't tell your children to TRY, tell them to DO, you and they will have much better success" Yoda – Star Wars
15. "Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said." Unknown

Kind regards

Sandy Francois

# Preschool News

**Another busy fortnight in the preschool rooms!** The Stars and Comets are really enjoying their Dance Kids program involving everything to do with dinosaurs. The Rainbows have learnt so much about bees and their habits. Everyone is looking forward to the dance presentation that each group will do for their families. A note and/or email will be coming home soon to give us an idea of our audience numbers.

After completing the construction of the garden beds the children were eager to fill them with soil ready for planting. Mr Hellessey (Rhonda's husband) kindly donated his time and the finances to purchase and deliver the soil and the children busily filled the beds. Toby, Rhonda's dog, was a big hit attached to the trailer. What will we plant?

The Rainbows have met a new Buddy Class – the Teal Seals from Malkara School. Four students came on the school bus with their three teachers to join us on our playground. We were very welcoming and learnt all their names. The Teal Seals will be back next week. Yipee!

On Friday the Rainbows had the opportunity to join the whole school down at the oval for the Taylor School Athletics Carnival. We walked to the venue. Thank you to those parents who were able to walk there and back with us. The Pre-schoolers enjoyed rotations with the Kinders - Over and Under, Egg and Spoon Race, Parachute Games and Kicking Skills. How exhausting, but we did have fun!

We have all had a practise Fire Drill so now we know what to do in an emergency. Everyone was very cooperative. Most important is to "Listen to the Teacher"!



# KINDERGARTEN

It has been a busy time sports wise with rugby clinics, dance2bfit, gross motor and the Athletics Carnival. Thanks to the parents who came along to help at the carnival. Here are some photos from the rugby clinics.



Regards Angela Arblaster & Kathryn Hope

# YEAR 1 / 2

## AQUASAFE – YEAR 2 - Water Safety and Awareness Program

The program, AQUASAFE is the product of a partnership between the ACT Government Education and Training Directorate and Royal Life Saving ACT. It aims to instill vital water safety skills in all Year 2 public school students. We are offering this program at Taylor in week 7 and 8. How to enrol and the cost has been sent home to children in Year 2. If you have not received this information or are having difficulty with the online enrolment services please contact the school for support. This is a great program to keep our kids safe in all water environments and we are encouraging all children to attend.

This term the year 1 / 2 classes are busy learning about how things grow. As part of this unit we have been learning what it means when we talk about living and non-living things.

This week the students have used playdo to create their own living things from what we have learnt. See if you can guess what the students have created. 😊



# 3 / 4

The 3/4 Unit has had a busy start to the term with lots of activities including Rugby League Clinics, dance2bfit lessons, Athletics Carnival and OzTag days. Most students are also participating in the Active Kids Challenges that started last week. We are very active kids in years 3 and 4.

This term our integrated unit focus is on history as we explore the First Fleet and the impact they had on the Aboriginal People. We look forward to sharing our learning about this through out the term.

It's hat season again! We ask that children have their wide-brimmed hats on when they go outside. We also have a number of jumpers that are left lying around. Please ensure that all items of clothing have your child's name on it so it can be returned to them.



# 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](mailto: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.

## **CANTEEN**

Canteen is open  
Thursday and Friday  
For lunch orders and  
over the counter sales.

Woolworths  
Earn & Learn sticker  
sheets are available  
at the front office

***Polo Shirts \$15***

***Hats \$10***

***School Jackets \$25***

*\*Please label all of your  
Childrens Clothing and  
hats*

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Is your child interested in playing t-ball or baseball???

Eagles Baseball has been operating in Canberra for over 40 years and welcomes all comers to the game. Eagles home ground is located at Kambah No2 Oval, off Laidlaw Place in Kambah.

All u 8-12s games are played at Narrabundah Ballpark with all training held at Kambah home ground. We have teams from u 8 – u16s as well as senior grades.

Eagles will be holding a registration day on 30 August 2014 at Kambah Village Shops between 11am and 3pm. Come along and say g'day, meet some of the players and enjoy the sausage sizzle.

If you have any questions feel free to contact either one of the following Club Members or visit the following websites:

<http://www.acteagles.baseball.com.au>

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