



# Taylor Primary School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

### 5/6 Camp Cooba

There were lots of smiling, as well as tired faces that returned from camp on Wednesday afternoon last week. The students and the staff had a wonderful time. Thank you again to Miss Wilson for all the organisation of camp and making this happen for the students. Thanks also to Amy Clark, Lee-Anne Turvey and Josh White for being there to support the students to learn and grow. We really appreciate you all taking the time away from your own commitments and families. I look forward to hearing more about camp at the week 9 assembly.

### Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is on next Wednesday 20 March at CISAC in Belconnen. Students will depart school at 9:15am travelling by bus. K-2 (non-competing year 2 students) will return to school at approximately 2:00pm. Year 3-6 students will return at approximately 2:50pm. A reminder that this is a **whole school event**, so **all staff will be at the pool for these times. There will be no additional supervision at school.** If your child does not wish to swim and you have informed the class teacher, they will still attend the swim carnival to cheer on their house mates. Thanks in advance to Mrs Brooke Wood, for all the preparation you have done to date to organise this whole school event.

### Assembly – Preschool to Year 6

The next school assembly will be held in **Week 8 Wednesday 27 March at 9:15am** (preschool to year 6). Year 1 classes will be hosting some items to share the learning they have been doing this term. Following the assembly, the first **Principal Morning Tea** will be held (Preschool to Year 6). Children selected to attend Principal Morning Tea are consistently demonstrating positive behaviours for learning of **safe, respectful, responsible learners**. The names of children selected for the morning tea will be sent home on Wednesday week 7 (next week), as well as children receiving merit certificates. This assembly will be held in week 6 in the coming terms.

### Interim Reports

Interim reports will be sent home to parent and carers next Friday 22 March. This purpose of this report is to provide information about how a child is progressing personally, socially and in core learning areas including English and Mathematics. Class teachers will indicate at the bottom of the report if they would like an interview to discuss the report further with you. Or you may also wish to request an interview. Appointment times can be made by ringing the front office on 6142 3000

### Whole School Learning Showcase

Last week an invitation was sent home to all families inviting you to the whole school learning showcase. All children have been inquiring into 'how do I contribute to a safe community?' This learning forms part of the strategic priority to 'improve growth in student personal and social capabilities' and we are launching this priority as we participate in this Friday's National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. We hope to see many families visit the showcase next Tuesday afternoon 19 March (3-4pm) or Wednesday 20 March (8:30am-9:00am).

**Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learners.**

## ***P&C 2019***

On Wednesday 6 March parents and carers who attended the Special General Meeting voted for the PPA and P&C to amalgamate. There were almost 30 people who attended the meeting which demonstrates what a united community we have at Taylor Primary School. I am confident that moving forward as one P&C that this will only strengthen the community connectedness. Whilst I know that it is difficult to juggle all the commitments outside of school, the P&C welcome all parent/carers to contribute and participate in any way that you can. This may be by opting in to the email list so that as things arrive, and you would like to help, but can't always attend meetings, you will be able to stay in the loop and be aware of events that are coming up.

Regards,

***Belinda Fenn***



## **In-School Guitar Lessons starting Term 2 of 2019**

Celtic Arts Agency will be offering private 1/2 hour music lessons at Taylor Primary School commencing in week 1 of Term 2 in 2019.

We will be offering guitar with experienced teachers during school hours.

Lessons are booked on a per term basis and cost \$340 for the 10 week term.

More information is available on our website: [www.celticartsagency.com](http://www.celticartsagency.com)



Enrolments are being accepted now for the coming term.

Contact Sharon Casey on  
E: [musicfun@jocresswell.com](mailto:musicfun@jocresswell.com) or  
T: 0404 217 528

# What will our Swimming Carnival look like?

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is just over a week until our whole school swimming carnival next Wednesday 20 March at CISAC. We would love as many parents, carers, family and friends to come along and support the students. If you are joining us on the day just a reminder that there is a \$2.50 spectator fee and it does cost for parking (we would hate for anyone to get a ticket).

If you would like to volunteer your time in any way, please contact **brooke.wood@ed.act.edu.au** or leave your name and contact details at the front office.

Below is a brief description of how the day will run and the program of competitive 50m and 100m events.

	Years K-2	Years 3-6 and Competing Yr 2 students
9.15am	Depart School	Depart school
10.00am	Arrive at CISAC	Arrive at CISAC
10:00-10.30am	Fruit break, cheering in house groups	Swimming competency testing and fruit break
10:30am	Structured activities and slide	Competitive races, cheering in house groups, eating recess and lunch
11:30am	Structured activities and slide	
12.00pm	Structured activities and slide	Competitive races finish off and structured activities including 25m and slide
12.30pm-1:30pm	Lunch, changed, onto bus Depart CISAC	
2.00		Students change
2.15pm		Depart CISAC

Competitive Events -Age groups will be combined if necessary although results recorded separately.

50m	Freestyle	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 yrs
50m	Backstroke	10 and under, 11, 12, 13 yrs
50m	Breaststroke	10 and under, 11, 12, 13 yrs
50m	Butterfly	10 and under, 11, 12, 13 yrs
100m	Freestyle	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 yrs
100m	Backstroke	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 yrs
100m	Breaststroke	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 yrs
100m	Butterfly	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 yrs

It is set to be a day full of fun, participation and Taylor Pride so come along and join us in this exciting experience.

Brooke Wood



# From....preschool Stars and Rainbows



The preschool groups have settled in to the preschool year so well. They are soaking up every opportunity to explore the environment and the many experiences on offer, such as different painting and sensory activities, and opportunities for inventing imaginative play scenarios. There has been a lot of interest in the dinosaurs from both groups. Stars are also enjoying other animal play, making dams and digging outside, and rewards of great rail journeys when they work together to design and build the train track. Rainbows love the outside cooking area to make soups, are engaged in a lot of imaginative animal play, and are enjoying Mr McGee stories.

The focus this term is to support the children to feel included and safe, as well as make new friends, get along and become comfortable with the preschool routines and environment.

We have been practising different ways to greet each other and say goodbye as well use names when addressing each other. Many new friendships have already been formed and we are now providing the scaffolding for positive interactions, as the need arises, that will encourage building and maintaining relationships.

We have also been talking about what makes us feel safe/unsafe and exploring ways to express feelings and practise safe behaviours that show that we care about, and value, each other.

Everything mentioned so far is only the tip of the iceberg. There have already been so many other highlights of Term 1, such as our gym activities in the hall. We have seen so many spikes in confidence as children discover that they can balance on the stilts and wobble boards, jump along the ladder or even keep their balloon off the floor after 4 taps!

The Stars can already remember some Japanese words while the Rainbows are learning about magnets in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) but there's more! The amazing pasta (Stars) and watermelon soup (Rainbows) made at preschool, the hard work with Mr Chris collecting tomatoes and eggs for pasta from the school garden, and preparing our preschool gardens so we can plant vegetables and flowering bulbs.

'Til next time

*Preschool Team*







## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten have had a fantastic start to the year. It has been fabulous observing how well the students have settled into new routines.

Some highlights of the term so far:

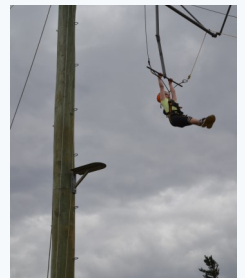
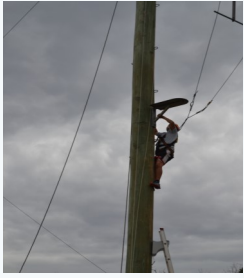
- We had a go at making our name using magnetic letters, beads, modelling clay and chalk
- We have been learning how to read and write numbers 1-10 and what collections of those numbers look like
- We have been participating in shared reading of big books with a focus on letters, words and sentences
- As part of our inquiry unit we have been exploring what makes us special and have been identifying our own skills and strengths
- We visited the garden as part of our plan for looking after the garden beds and chickens.

We are super excited about all the wonderful things that we will continue to investigate, explore and learn throughout this term.

The Kinder Crew







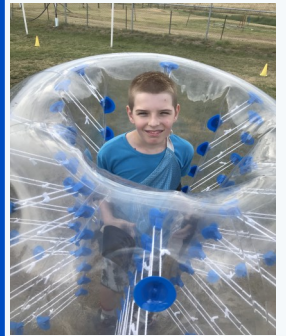
## Year 5/6 Camp to Cooba

What a fantastic experience Camp Cooba was!! All students challenged themselves to their own level which was inspiring to witness. Students completed Team Manoeuvres, Bubble Balls, Leap of Faith, Bikes, Low ropes, Gladiator and Bush Battle. The food was absolutely delicious and filled hungry tummies after long days of fresh air. During the evening, students participated in activities with another Canberra school. Taylor won the balloon battle. On the second night, we were busy playing trivia when a huge lightening and thunderstorm rolled through. We lost power briefly but kept on playing and all fell asleep to the refreshing sound of rain.

All students demonstrated Taylor values and the staff of Cooba commented on the students behaviour.

Stay tuned for more individual photos on Seesaw. Thanks for a great camp 5/6 and for taking on the 'no regrets' attitudes.

Ms Clark, Ms Turvey, Miss Wilson and Josh





# Japanese News

We have had a very good start to the year in Japanese.

In kindergarten we are learning greetings, feelings and how to ask what someone's name is. Also, we have started to recognise the hiragana letters.

In the older grades we have talked about New Year's in Japan, the animal zodiac year which this year is the Year of the Boar and we have started our new unit about fruit.

Students really enjoyed playing a New Year's game called 'Fukuwarai' which literally translates as Lucky Laugh. In this game students are blindfolded and have to stick features onto a face then they can see the funny face which they have made.



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	18 February	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February School Assembly 9.15am
4	25 February 3-6 Cyber Bullying	26 February	27 February Year 1 - Excursion Jerrabomberra Wet-lands Year 5 / 6 - Boys Si-	28 February	1 March Schools Clean Up Day (Clean Up Australia Day)
5	4 March Year 5 / 6 Camp Cooba	5 March Year 5 / 6 Camp Cooba	6 March Year 5/ 6 Camp Cooba School Photos	7 March Year 3/4/5/6 Rugby 7's	8 March
6	11 March Canberra Day Public Holiday	12 March Strategic Plan Parent Session	13 March School Photos (Preschool, 5 / 6 & Siblings) Questacon Incursion Year 4 - Excursion AIS	14 March	15 March Bullying No Way
7	18 March Hockey Clinics K-6	19 March Hockey Clinics K-6	20 March Taylor Swimming Carnival (K-6	21 March Harmony Day	22 March
8	25 March Hockey Clinics K-6	26 March Hockey Clinics K-6	27 March School Assembly 9.15am (Year 1 Hosting) * Note change from Friday	28 March	29 March
9	1 April	2 April	3 April	4 April	5 April School Assembly
10	8 April	9 April	10 April ANZAC Day Ceremo-ny	11 April	12 April