



Taylor Primary School

Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter- March 2023

Hello Taylor families

It was wonderful to see so many families at our **Welcome BBQ** in week 2. Special thanks to the P&C for providing the food and drink items and cooking the BBQ and serving the food to the community. We hope that families had an opportunity to meet the teacher/s and see where your child's classroom is located. We look forward to many more community events this year.



As I write this newsletter, I am reflecting on a fantastic **year 5/6 camp to Cooba**, Monday to Wednesday this week. It was fabulous to attend and build our year 5/6 community whilst spending time watching them challenge themselves, work collaboratively in teams and have fun with their friends. Special thanks to the staff who gave up their family time to ensure year 5/6 camp was a great success. Thanks to Kirsty Kobus (5/6 team leader) for the diligent organisation and to Heather White, Toni Wallington, Rhys Langley and Byron Moore for attending, encouraging and caring for all students at camp. Thanks also to the students for making camp a pleasurable experience for the staff and thanks to all the families who supported their children to attend camp and trusted staff to support them whilst away from their families.



We are looking forward to our **school swimming carnival** (year 3-6 and competitive year 2 students) on Monday 6 March at CISAC in Belconnen and **mini-olympics day for P-2 students** to be held at school and run by the class teachers. Thank you to Mrs Wood, Mrs Raats and Miss Buddie for their organisation of these whole school activities.

NAPLAN

All year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy in Week 7 and 8 of this term. This online assessment is administered to all year 3 and 5 students nationally and consists of 4 assessments in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. During week 6, all year 3 and 5 students will have a practice of a NAPLAN style short assessment mainly to test the log on and passwords for all students. A timetable for the assessments will be shared with year 3 and 5 families at the beginning of week 7.

Assemblies

Thank you to parents/carers for joining us at our first whole school assembly in week 3. It was wonderful to see so many families hear the fabulous musical performances after only 2 or 3 lessons with Mrs Robinson (Performing Arts). As mentioned in the previous newsletter we will host 3 assemblies each term, a whole school assembly, senior and junior assembly. The whole school assemblies will be outside under the COLA and senior and junior assemblies in the Hall. **Please note the change of date for the next assembly - due to many of our host students being at the Netball Gala Day in week 6 - therefore the change to week 7.**

TERM 1- ASSEMBLIES		
Friday 17 March (week 7)	Senior (3-6)	Year 5/6 H & 5/6M
Friday 31 March (week 9)	Junior (P-2)	Year 2

Assessment and Reporting

At Taylor Primary School we have a number of ways we report on student achievement. Each of these strategies are aimed at providing families with clear feedback and an accurate understanding of their child's learning and wellbeing progress against the curriculum. Parents and carers are most welcome to make an appointment to see their child's teacher at any time throughout the year.

Method	Time	Description
SeeSaw	Ongoing	An online platform with weekly posts by teachers to share classroom program for the week ahead. Posts of student work, work samples, photos and videos include teacher comments linked to student learning goals and achievement. We encourage families to interact and engage with their child's work by <i>liking</i> and <i>commenting</i> on posts.
Parent communication form	Term 1 weeks 1-2	A form for parents/carers to share key information about their child with the teacher. Form is shared with families in hard copy and returned directly to the class teacher.
Progress meetings	Week 9 End of term 1	Parent/teacher meeting to share student progress, academic and wellbeing. The meetings will be face to face and made through a booking system. Arrangements can also be made for online and phone meetings. All families are encouraged to attend the meetings that will be scheduled both before and after school.
Academic reports	Twice a year End of term 2 and 4	Kindergarten to year 6 receive a written report against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards on a 5-point scale. This also includes an A-E grade in each curriculum area for years 1-6. The report is emailed home and includes a general comment. Preschool students also receive a written report against the Early Years Learning Framework outcomes.
Celebration of Learning	Term 3 Week 10	Students share their learning with parents/carers during a scheduled time in the classroom, either before or after school. Students and teachers work together to share aspects of their learning that show progress across the learning areas.
Teacher / family communication	Ongoing	Regular communication regarding learning and wellbeing via email, phone or face-to-face at pick up /drop off. This also includes in person meetings where required.
Targeted meetings and communication	Ongoing	Specific meetings and communication focused on learning/wellbeing plans such as Individual Learning Plans (ILP), behaviour plans etc. An ILP is developed in consultation with parents, teachers and other support staff to establish learning goals.

P&C AGM

Please join us for the P&C AGM next week on **Wednesday 8 March** at 6.30pm in the Library. Entry through the front entrance. It would be fabulous to have new and existing Taylor parents come along.



Bike Track

It has been fantastic to have our bike track up and running and many students riding both their own bikes and our school bikes each lunch time. Our senior students contributed to the PBL posters displayed at the track to support all riders and spectators. All riding on the bike track is supervised and daily checking of bikes and helmets is also a priority.

Today Taylor Primary students and staff participated in **Clean up Australia Day** to help keep our environment tidy. It was fabulous to see everyone involved. Caring for our environment is important to us.



Calendar dates for the remainder of term 1

Monday 6 March: Swimming Carnival (year 3-6 and competitive year 2 students turning 8 in 2023)

Wednesday 8 and Friday 10 March: Netball gala days (3/4 - 8 March and 5/6 - 10 March)

Wednesday 8 March: Preschool and siblings school photographs

Monday 13 March: Public Holiday (Canberra Day)

Wednesday 15 March: Kindy to Year 6 school photographs (and sibling photographs)

Wednesday 15 - Friday 27 March - NAPLAN - year 3 and 5

Tuesday 21 March - Year 1 excursion 9.30-12.30

Monday 27 March - Thursday 30 March - Parent /teacher Student Progress meetings

Community partnerships are very important to Taylor Primary School and mostly recently these businesses have supported and continue to support us.

Massive thanks to Woolworths Kambah who will kindly donate fruit to Taylor Primary on a weekly basis. Having fresh fruit available for students helps keep our kids healthy and ready for learning.



Thank you to Wade at Autobarn Tuggeranong who has generously donated an air compressor for our PE storeroom. Having this item available in the store room allows us to make sure our equipment is always ready for play.

Also we have had a business donate several cricket sets to the school and as a result, each class will now have access to their own cricket set, thanks to Trader Electrical.



As always your feedback is always welcome. Please contact us via email admin@taylorps.act.edu.au or on 6142 3000.

Kind regards,

Linda Francis – Principal

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