



Taylor Primary School

Term 1 Week 10 Newsletter- April 2023

Hello Taylor families

It has been a productive term at Taylor Primary School with all students working towards their learning goals and forming connections with their peers. It has been fabulous to work with students across the school this term, both inside and outside the classroom. I also wanted to congratulate our youngest learners and their teachers in preschool and kindergarten as they approach the end of a fabulous term of learning. They have grown so much in their skills and knowledge.

Progress meetings

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the student progress meetings last week. We hope you found these meetings informative and useful in supporting your child in their learning. The partnership between parents and teachers is really important to us and assists your child in their learning journey. Please contact the school if you still require an appointment and we will schedule a time for early in term 2.

NAPLAN

Well done to our year 3 and 5 students who recently completed NAPLAN assessments. The online assessment is administered to all year 3 and 5 students nationally and consists of four assessments, in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Special thanks to Mrs Buckley and Ms Kobus for their work in supporting teachers in year 3 and 5 to complete the assessments.



Harmony Day

Taylor Primary School students and staff celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday 22 March. Harmony Day acknowledges diversity and inclusiveness, two values important to us at Taylor. Our students participated in activities to promote unity and kindness, reading stories and sharing special things about our different identities.

Sustainability

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 also important to us. Another way students at Taylor are sustainable is through riding bikes and scooters to school and therefore minimising the number of cars on the roads. Our walk and ride to school day two weeks ago had a high number of students, parents and staff walking and riding to school. The bike track regularly has riders each day enjoying the outdoors.

The **Taylor Garden Project** is underway with thanks to a small group of parents, staff and students. The plans serve to make our garden easier to maintain with the addition of gravel paths and wicking beds. The plans to install a greenhouse and to create an Indigenous bush tucker garden in consultation with the community, will provide excellent educational opportunities for our students. We look forward to working alongside our P&C in transforming our school garden space into a rich learning environment that is loved by students, nurtures and deepens our understanding of Ngannawal Country, and supports authentic teaching and learning of sustainability.



If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact catherine.fellows@ed.act.edu.au. Our first working bee will be on Friday 28th April (Week 1) Time: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm. It will involve weeding, moving mulch and soil, removing couch grass, creating compacted gravel pathways, shed cleaning etc. Information regarding the working bee has been emailed to families and posted on SeeSaw.



Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming carnival was held at CISAC in early March. Thanks so much to Brooke Wood, students, house and vice captains, staff and parent helpers (Dave, Tania, David, Taryn, Alyce, Melissa, Brooke and Ashleigh). It was a fabulous day and all students participated with enthusiasm.



Tuggeranong Swimming

Congratulations to the 16 students selected to represent Taylor Primary School at the Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival at Stromlo Leisure Centre on Thursday 30 March. All students demonstrated excellent swimming skills with personal best times in many events achieved. Well done for supporting and representing Taylor with pride. A special thank you to Brooke Wood, and all the parents and supporters on the day. Congratulations and good luck to the students that have qualified to now represent the Tuggeranong Region at the ACT State Championships on the 9 May at A.I.S.

Mini Olympics

Students in P-2 also had a fabulous day participating in a Mini-Olympics organised by Mrs Raats and Ms Buddie. Each class created their own country flag and after the 'cauldron' was lit, the games began.



Assemblies

Thank you to parents/carers for joining us for our senior assembly in week 7 and junior assembly in week 9. It's fantastic having families join us for these events. We will continue with whole school, junior and senior assemblies.

TERM 2

Week 3 Friday 12th May	Whole School	Hosts: School leaders/Specialist teachers
Week 6 Friday 2nd June	Senior (3-6)	Hosts: Year 4
Week 9 Friday 23rd June	Junior (P-2)	Hosts: Year 1

Taylor Primary School Board

Thank you to outgoing Board members Sharon Wright (parent) and Kirsten Kobus (staff). Your contributions to the Board over the past two years are greatly appreciated. We are pleased to announce the new Board members Chris Bowley (parent) and Catherine Fellows (staff) and the re appointment of David Hawkins (parent) for 2023/2024.

P&C AGM

Thank you to all P&C members who joined us for the recent AGM. We had a great attendance, and we have a new committee to take us into 2023/4. Thank you and congratulations to the following parents who were elected to the positions.

President – Vic Duffy

Vice presidents – Michael Lynch, Erinn Stenhouse and Kial Stewart

Secretary – Dominic Tarrant

Treasurer- Tania Carr

Assistant Treasurer/s- Shahna Smith and Beth Lewis

Fundraising coordinator and Second-Hand uniforms – Rachel Stokes

Preschool representatives – Kaitlyn Beers and Patrick De Young

Craft Collective Coordinator– Taryn Langdon

I would like to thank the 2022/3 committee for their collaboration and hard work and for their outstanding contributions to our school.



Please contact the P&C via the email address taylorpac@gmail.com if you wish to get in touch. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our meeting in Week 2 next term, Wednesday 3 May @6.30pm in the Library.

Enrolling in an ACT Public School for 2024- Preschool, Kindergarten, year 7 and year 11

Enrolments for the 2024 school year, for students transitioning schools or starting at a school, open 6am on Wednesday 26 April. Families can [apply online](#). Information about the school in your child's Priority Enrolment Area can be found on the Education Directorate website. During the school holidays a list of [school information sessions](#) for prospective students will be published. Alternately you can visit school websites to find out more about your child's new school. Students currently enrolled at Taylor Preschool are not required to reapply for Kindergarten at Taylor unless placement was granted for the preschool year only. A survey to preschool families will be distributed early in Term 2 to confirm arrangements for kindergarten in 2024.

eSafety resources for Families



We have had a number of concerns recently regarding students' online behaviours, particularly on mobile phones. Any student who brings a phone to school must hand the phone in when they arrive at school and collect it at 3pm. Most social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat) require users to be 13 years and older to access. Please be aware of your child's online behaviours and interactions, considering where your children charge their device and how they access it during the day and night.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the Australian Federal Police 'Think U Know' program has websites with the following resources to help families support their child or young person to develop their understanding of issues that can impact them online and to develop help-seeking behaviours if things go wrong.

- Office of the eSafety Commissioner: [eSafety Parent Resources](#)
- Fact sheet: [Hard to have conversation](#)
- Free live: [Webinars for parents and carers | eSafety Commissioner](#)
- Fact sheet: [Resources | ThinkUKnow](#)

Some reminders

- Please ensure students have water in their water bottles rather than other sugary drinks. Water is an essential to a healthy lifestyle and diet.
- Please do not send/ allow your child to bring the energy drink PRIME to school. The label states '*that the drink is not suitable for children under the age of 15*'.
- Pokémon cards are valuable and not something that should be brought to school. Please keep them at home.
- Supervision before school commences at 8.45am. Please arrive at school from 8.45am onwards.
- Rapid Antigen Tests are still available from the front office.

Calendar dates for Term 2 (the calendar will be attached to this newsletter)

WK 1 – Wednesday 26/4 – enrolments open for ACT Public Schools – Pre, K, year 7 and year 11

Wk 2 - Friday 5/5 - Cross Country whole school event at Taylor

Wk 3 - Wed 10/5 - 3/4 boys OzTag and Thurs 11/5- 3/4 Girls Oztag

Wk 4 - Friday 19/5 - 5/6 Burroinjinn

Wk 5 – Wednesday 24/5 Yr 6 Combined bands – Calwell Primary- 12:30-2.00pm

Wk 5 - Thursday 25/5 Yr 5 Combined bands - Theodore Primary- 12:30-2.00pm

Wk 5 – Thursday 25/5 Tuggeranong Region Cross Country

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

Wishing all our Taylor families a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing students and families on 24 April (day 1, term 2) for a fabulous term of learning and fun. Please note that Tuesday 25 April is a Public Holiday, therefore school will not be operating that day.

Have a safe and restful break, and don't eat too much chocolate!!

Kind regards,

Linda Francis – Principal

6 April 2023

