

Reporting student achievement

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. Opportunities to meet with your child's teacher are offered throughout the year, however parents and carers are most welcome to make an appointment to see their child's teacher at any time. Contact the front office via the email admin@taylorps.act.edu.au or via phone 6142 3000. Alternatively, you can email your child's teacher directly.

ACT public schools are expected to provide a written report to parents and carers of students from Preschool to Year 12, twice a year. These reports form part of the suite of relevant and purposeful opportunities schools use to communicate student learning to families throughout the year. Written reports for Semester 1 will include a general comment and will be emailed to families on Thursday 29 June (week 10).

2024 school year enrolment reminder

Have you remembered to enrol for the 2024 school year? (Preschool, Year 7, and Year 11) If you apply by midnight 2 June, you will receive an offer from 24 July 2023. Applications received after 2 June may receive an offer later in the year. Enrolments are open for students from preschool through to year 12 in ACT government schools. Apply online at <https://bit.ly/3Zqhoj9> Need help or have a question? Call the Enrolments Helpline on 6205 5429 or email education.enrolment@act.gov.au

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 has been distributed to confirm arrangements for kindergarten in 2024. Please contact the front office if you need the survey emailed again.

Taylor Garden Project

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who attended our first working Bee in April. The before and after photos are amazing. Thanks to Justine and Jaimi for the planning and design work; and Adam and Steve for their invaluable guidance and machinery to support the garden project.

The before and current photos certainly show what a difference many hands can make over a small number of hours.

How can I be involved I hear you say? Our next working bee is scheduled for **Saturday 2 June from 10am-12pm**. It will involve moving crushed granite and soil, completing our gravel pathways, shifting our upcycled wicking beds into place.

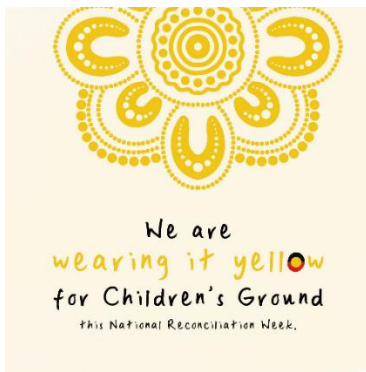


What to bring: Hat, water bottle, gloves, covered sturdy shoes - if you have a wheelbarrow and shovel please bring them along! Snacks will be provided throughout the morning. Please contact catherine.fellows@ed.act.edu.au to express your interest. Information regarding the working bee has been emailed to families and posted on SeeSaw.

Rostrum Public Speaking

On Monday, 12 of our 5/6 students presented their speeches in the Taylor Rostrum final, a public speaking competition hosted by Rostrum ACT. Congratulations to all speakers, the standard was very high. Abigail from year 6 was the winner with Alma from year 5 the runner up. Abi will contest the Quarter Finals at Torrens Primary in late July.





Reconciliation Week

Next week is Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3) and at Taylor we are encouraging all students and teachers to take part in a yellow-themed casual dress day on Wednesday 31 May, to raise funds for a First Nations organisation, Children's Ground. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2023 is 'Be a voice for generations.' This theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and play. That is why our school has chosen to participate in Children's Ground's 'Wear It Yellow' day. As part of 'Wear It Yellow Day', students will engage with National Reconciliation Week

learning materials and have discussions about First Nations culture and history. We encourage students/families to donate a gold coin donation on the day. For more information on Children's Ground, head to <https://childrensground.org.au/>

School Sport

This term has been full of sporting action. In week 1 the year 3-6 students kicked off the term with some engaging Oztag clinics run by ACT Oztag. Students participated in a two-week program with an introduction to the skills, rules and game play.

In week 2 we had our annual 2023 Taylor Primary School Cross Country Carnival and after the fog lifted, the sun shone over all our wonderful students running, cheering and demonstrating the wonderful Taylor values.



In week 3 some year 3/4 boys and girls used their skills developed from the Oztag clinics to participate in a Southside Primary Gala Day. On both days we were blessed with beautiful autumn weather and students were positive sports people on and off the field. We had three boys' teams and all teams had some wins, draws or even losses, however fun was had by all students.



Congratulations to our year 3/4 girls' Oztag team. They certainly developed as the day went on. They worked well as a team and made it to the grand final. They were runners up in a very close match.





On Tuesday 9 May Hamish, Izzy and Vincent represented the Tuggeranong Region and Taylor at the **ACT Swimming Championships** at the AIS. Congratulations and well done on some exceptional swimming results.



In Week 4 some of our 5/6 students participated in a Buroinjin Gala Day at Deakin Playing fields. Another day full of learning experiences and growth as teams played and represented Taylor with sportsmanship. Students enjoyed developing and improving their skills in a new Indigenous game they have been learning about and having fun whilst being active.

38 students from year 2-6 were selected to represent Taylor at The Tuggeranong Regional Cross Country at Stromlo Forest Park on Tuesday 23 May (term 2, week 5). It was a cold start and all Taylor students represented Taylor with Pride finishing their race. Congratulations to the students that have progressed through to the ACT Championships on 15 June.



activities for Preschool, Kindergarten and year 1. More information to follow next term.

In term 3 we look forward to holding our Taylor Primary School Track and Field Carnival at Woden Park for our year 2-6 students and a day of fun

Calendar dates for the remainder of Term 2

- Week 6 – Monday 29 May – Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 30 & Wednesday 31 May - Kindergarten Health Checks
- Wednesday 31 May – Wear It Yellow Day
- Friday 2 June - Senior assembly (3-6) 9:15-9:45 hosted by year 4
- Week 7 – Tuesday 6 June Constable Kenny Koala - Stay OK on the road - Stars and KL
- Thursday 8 June Constable Kenny Koala - Stay OK on the road- Rainbows and KF
- Week 8 – Monday 12 June – Public Holiday
- Wednesday 14 June -Kindergarten excursion to Birrigai
- Friday 16 June – P&C Special lunch day
- Week 9 - Tuesday 20 June - Year 5 puberty workshop #1
- Wednesday 21 June – Year 6 puberty workshop #1
- Friday 23 June Junior assembly (P-2) - 9:15-9:45 - hosted by Year 1
- Week 10 -Tuesday 27 June 5/6H and 5/6M puberty workshop #2
- Wednesday 28 June - 5/6L and 5/6W puberty workshop #2
- Year 6 group photo day

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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P&C News

Mother's Day Stall

The **Mother's Day Stall** on the 10 May saw plenty of very excited shoppers! Thank you to all the volunteers who were on deck to help select the perfect gifts on Wednesday and again on the Friday morning.

The P&Cs Taylor Craft Collective was established to bring together our school community and create locally made and more sustainable gifts. Wow! It was fun and what a success. Huge thank you to all involved in the Craft Collective who got together to produce over 500 gorgeous gifts.

Many talented makers in our community so generously donated their time, skills and supplies, including the following businesses. Check out their websites and follow their socials – buy from our community next time you need a gift.



- Byanne handmade soap (<https://byanne.com.au/>)
- Jen & Bec's Crafty Basket (www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088435370211)
- SweetPnViolets (www.etsy.com/au/shop/SweetpnViolets)
- Jesstyle Macrame (www.facebook.com/jesstylemacrame)
- Littlelite Creations (www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086565976891)
- Knotting Studio (www.knottingstudio.com)
- MWL gifts & more (www.facebook.com/MWLgiftsandmore)
- The Markets Wanniasa (www.themarketswanniasa.com)
- Crafty Frog (www.craftyfrog.com.au)

Next up Father's Day! If you want to join in, or just want to check out what the Taylor Craft Collective is all about, join the group on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/taylorcraftcollective).

Special lunch

The P&C will host a **special lunch on Friday 16 June**. Stay tuned for details and link to purchase.

We would love some volunteers to help on the day, if you are free between 9am and 12 noon, we would love to hear from you taylor.pac.act@gmail.com

School crossing safety

The P&C has recently written to the ACT Government and our local representatives to raise **safety concerns about the school crossing** and seek improvements. A number of parents and carers in our community have reported witnessing cars failing to give way to children on the crossing. If you experience any issues or have any views about the crossing, please let us know via email taylor.pac.act@gmail.com so that we can include these in any discussions.



Taylor Primary

Community Garden Project 2023

Saturday Working Bee

We are holding our second Working Bee in our school garden! We are excited about our progress so far and look forward to completing our garden paths and preparing our garden beds.

When: Saturday 3rd June (Week 6)

Time: 10am - 12 noon

Where: Taylor Primary School garden (enter via side gate on Lascelles Cct)

What to bring: Hat, water bottle, gloves, covered sturdy shoes - if you have a wheelbarrow and shovel please bring it along!

Snacks will be provided throughout the morning.

Tasks include: moving crushed granite and soil, completing our gravel pathways, shifting our upcycled wicking beds into place.



Please let us know if you would like to attend our Working Bee by emailing Catherine.Fellows@ed.act.edu.au before Wednesday 31st May