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Week 3 Term 2
Thursday, 16 May 2019

Remember:

* **Fri 17 May -**



- * **Fri 17 May -** Junior Superstar Awards Assembly 12.15 pm
- * **Mon 20 May -** TPS Walkathon
- * **Mon 20 May** (Week 4) - Talent Quest heats begin
- * **Tues 21 May -** Yr 6 Combined Band Practice at Hughes PS
- * **Wed 22 May - Fri 24 May -** Yr 4 Camp
- * **Tues 28 May -** Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival
- * **Tues 4 June -** Yr 5 Combined Band Practice at TPS

More dates and latest news: www.torrensp.s.act.edu.au

Things due:

- * **Fri 17 May -** Yr 6 Combined Band Practice at Hughes PS permission
- * **Fri 17 May -** Yr 3 Birrigai Camp expression of interest
- * **Fri 24 May -** Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival permission & medical
- * **Don't forget -**



WALKATHON 2019

It's on this **Monday, 20 May** at school from **11.30am-1.00pm**. Don't worry about sending in sponsorship cards and money until **after** the day. If you can assist on the day, please let the Front Office know.

Enrolments for Preschool and Year 7 2020 are now open. The online enrolment application and further information about enrolment are available on the [Education Directorate website](#).

From the Principal

Naplan

This week, as our Year 3's and 5's sit the NAPLAN standardised tests along with students across Australia, there is something very important for them to know:

These tests do not assess all of what makes each of your children exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests do not know that some of your children love to sing, are good at drawing, can play an instrument or can teach others how to code a computer program. They have not seen the way our students can dance at the Canberra Theatre or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that friends count on your children to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that our young people participate in sports, help out their parents and play with their little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that our students ran their hearts out at last week's Cross Country, that they are team players and are tolerant, caring, thoughtful and that every day they do their best. They do not know how much hope and time your child has put into preparing for the Talent Quest. These attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how they did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They cannot tell you that your child has improved in something they once found difficult. They cannot tell you that your child brightens up their teacher's day. They cannot tell you how amazingly special your children are.

So, we are proud that each child came to school this week ready to do their best on the NAPLAN test. But just remember there is no one way to 'test' all the wonderful things that make your child special.

Staffing Update

Please join me in congratulating Mrs Robyn Strangward on being appointed Principal of Lyons Early Childhood School. Robyn joined us as Deputy Principal in Term 2 last year and quickly built relationships with students and families. Robyn only found out she had won the Principal position in Week 1 this term, and took up the appointment last Monday.

Whilst I advertise for a new Deputy Principal to join us, Mrs Belinda Bacon will act as Deputy Principal. Congratulations to Mrs Emma Thomas and Ms Kelly Knox who will each act as a School Leader to back fill Belinda's position. Emma will act as School Leader until the end of Week 6 this term. Kelly will act as School Leader for the final four weeks of term. In any other profession, having the opportunity of Higher Duties is a cause for celebration. We acknowledge that this is not always what parents feel if it is their child's class teacher who is acting! I am hoping you will look past this to make it a positive experience for both Emma and Kelly.

Rachel Matthews

SRC update

This year in SRC things are being run a bit differently! We have set up three new committees:

SRC Committee		What does it do?
Fundraising Committee		decides which charity SRC will fundraise for and organises fundraising activities
Environment Committee		comes up with ideas on how to improve our school environment
Public Relations Committee		messaging, posters and newsletter articles

So far this term, the Environment Committee has created and conducted a survey of classes to find out how the school wants to improve the environment. The Fundraising Committee has chosen to fundraise for the RSPCA in week 10. Stay tuned for more information. The Public Relations Committee will begin spreading information about the RSPCA fundraising event soon!

Ebony, Zy and Sebi

Have Your Say in Shaping National Disability Policy for 2020 and Beyond. The Australian community is invited to take part in the national consultation to shape disability policy for 2020 and beyond. A new framework is being developed to replace the existing [National Disability Strategy 2010-2020](#). Click the link below to have your say.

[NDS beyond 2020 – Easy Read Community Consultation Information and Survey](#)  (1Mb)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Late Arrivals and absences

If your child is arriving at school after 9.30am, please ask them to enter the school **via the Front Office** so that their attendance can be recorded, avoiding an automatic SMS being sent to you in error. Please **only** call the Front Office or send an email to admin@torrensp.s.act.edu.au to report your child's absences. Please **do not** report absences via Seesaw or by direct email to your child's teacher.



ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

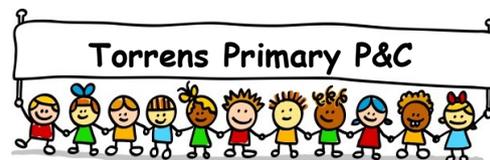
The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

Parents' Corner

Every parent and carer is part of the P&C!



Key dates:

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Second Hand Uniform Shop – Friday 31 May (Week 5)

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 11 June (Week 7)

Book Club Orders online by Friday 14 June (Week 7)

Second Hand Uniform Shop – Friday 21 June (Week 8)

Parking around the School

Firstly we would like to thank all the parents not only for parking safely and legally but for making the effort to make sure that all our kids are safe around the school for drop off and pick up times.

There is a lot less illegal and dangerous parking around the school. Your extra effort has been noticed by all and is greatly appreciated.

Also remember that the parking inspectors and the parking video van will be randomly blitzing our school. Avoid paying constant fines and keep up the good work.

School Disco

The disco last Friday was a success. A huge thank you to our volunteers, as without you we would not be able to put on this event.

Thank you also to Lachlan Wood, who has once more successfully coordinated the disco.

Keep informed

If you would like to be kept up to date with P&C happenings, Like our Facebook page (Torrens Primary School Parents and Citizens' Association) or sign up to our distribution list by emailing torrenspnc@gmail.com.

Lost at Disco

The coat pictured was lost at last Friday's disco. Please check if this was brought home to yours by mistake. The owner of the coat would dearly like to have it returned. Thank you.

