

TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL **Ritchie Street TORRENS ACT 2607**
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Week 1 Term 1
Thurs 7 Feb 2019

Dates to remember:

- * **Wed 20 Feb** - Class Info Evening
- * **Wed 27 Feb - Fri 1 Mar** - Yr 5 Cooba Camp
- * **Tues 5 Mar** - Torrens Swimming Carnival (Yr 2-6)

More dates and latest news can be found at: www.torrensp.s.act.edu.au

Things due:

- * **Wed 20 Feb** - Yr 5 Cooba Camp full payment, permission, medical and dietary forms

Class Information Sessions

These will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 20 February. Keep your eye out for times in next week's newsletter and on a note that will be sent home with all students.

INFORMATION SESSION



IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure you have filled out the appropriate form (available from the Front Office or the school [website](#)) and, if necessary, provide an Action Plan and medication to the Front Office.



From the Principal

Welcome back everyone! We have had a wonderful start to the year. Children are happy and excited to begin work for the year. New friendships are being formed and routines are being set.

I would like to welcome all the new Preschool and Kindy children and their families and the 30 new children throughout the higher year levels at school. You have joined an amazing school which is set in a safe, supportive and appealing environment with awesome staff! We look forward to getting to know you.

Welcome also to all of the new teachers who have joined us this year. 2019 classes are listed below for your information.

Chifley Preschool: Kim Shelley, Hazel Tolley

Pearce Preschool: Carolyn Dunphy, Vicky Hasler

Torrens Preschool: Bron Leahy, Liz Foster

Kindergarten: Kerry Rendell, Alex Nicholls, Emma Thomas

Year 1: Caroline Doherty, Sam Hancox, Yasmin Edgerley

Year 2: Sarah Nicholas, Jean Tibballs, Amy Byrne and Rose Gagliardi

Year 3: Roe Audsley and Gen Tischler, Ally Jackson, Paul Swinbourne

Year 4: Colleen Lawless, Mallory Williams, Jodie Stewart, Lee Hodges

Year 5: Luke Manwaring, Kelly Knox, Brittany Woodward,

Year 6: Greg Pickering, Danielle Geeves, Cathy Wyatt

We have Gen Tischler (Science), Christine Hynes (Library), Kirrilee Turner (Performing Arts) and Anita Cope (PE) providing the release roles throughout the school. Chris Murdock is our Chaplain and Kim McFarlane is our Psychologist. Jennifer Pickard is our EALD teacher and Sharon Reece, Louise Zeithofer and Belinda Bacon are coaching and mentoring teachers in literacy and numeracy. Our Learning Support Assistants are Karmen Gottwald, David Gottwald, Ryan Gardner, Hazel Tolley, Vicky Hasler and Nicole Salkeld. Our Business Manager is Ingrid Gaunt who is supported in the Front Office by Carolyn O'Rourke and Andrea Gill and Brett Carr is our BSO.

Please turn the page for important information regarding parking, pick up and drop off rules for Torrens Primary School.

Rachel Matthews - Principal



Parking around school and student pick up

Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) and the Education Directorate consult regularly about issues associated with traffic management around schools as well as parking issues associated with parents and carers dropping off and picking up their children. Unfortunately, some motorists undertake unsafe, inappropriate and risky behaviour leading to concerns for the safety of children and increasing the likelihood of accidents. In addition, some parents are parking illegally around schools.

TCCS requests that you take care in school zones and carparks and are reminded that parking inspectors do visit school sites and surrounding streets and will book drivers parking illegally. While schools can become congested during the peak times, illegal parking cannot be tolerated as it creates an unsafe environment for children. Parents are welcome to park on side streets around schools, but please remember to park legally.

Infringements for parking on nature strips, footpaths, verges, street corners and near children's crossings start from \$114 and go up to \$600.

If you need to drive, park a little further from the school and walk to meet your child, or arrange a meeting point so they can walk to meet you. It's a great way to avoid congestion and is also one of the most time efficient ways to ensure children receive the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

You may have noticed we have traffic wardens supervising the crossing on Beasley Street before and after school. Students wait until the warden stops traffic and blows a whistle before crossing. The wardens are here for our childrens' safety. Please be respectful and supportive of them (on the first day a person abused the warden, drove off, then returned to abuse him again because they were required to slow down to 40km/hr). We are lucky to have them on board!



Arrival at School and Before and After School Care Services

Please ensure your children **do not get to school before 8.45am** as this is when the teachers are on duty in the playground. All children are required to **go straight home after school.**

Woden Community Services (WCS) provides Before and After School Care Services in the grounds of Torrens Primary School should you be unable to care for your child before 8.45am or after 3.15pm. You can contact WCS on (02) 6147 3318 or email them on enrolments@wcs.org.au. You can also apply for government subsidies to help reduce the cost of Out of Hours School Care.



School Board Elections - 2019

The Torrens Primary School Board has three parent vacancies for 2019. These vacancies are all for two-year terms.

Nominations opened on **Monday, 4 February 2019** and close at **11.00am on Monday, 18 February 2019**.

Under the *Education Act (2004)*, the Board has the following responsibilities:

- deciding on school policies, within Directorate guidelines;
- approval of the school budget;
- overall direction of the school curriculum and development of the School Plan; and
- presenting an annual report to the Directorate and community

Nomination forms are available from the Front Office or download one from the [website](#).

Come and learn the funky traditional rhythms of West Africa on Djembe.

This ADULT only opportunity begins on Friday, 15 February (and each Friday morning) from 8:30am - 9:00am in the Performing Arts room. Please make other arrangements for your toddlers and school age children. Drumming is a great way to connect with people, relieve stress, and challenge the brain and the body - all while learning a musical instrument!

Thank you,

Kirrilee Turner - Performing Arts Teacher



CONGRATULATIONS!



At the end of 2018 students in our Year 5 and 6 bands had the opportunity to audition for the Instrumental Music Program (IMP) bands.

The following students have been successful and will be part of the Junior Concert Band for 2019: Abigail L and Ryan R , two of our Year 6 students last year.

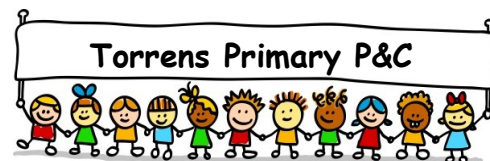
The following students from the 2018 Year 5 band were also successful in their auditions and will be in the Primary Concert Band for 2019: Garth A, Amelia A, Maya L, Catherine B and Thomas C.

Congratulations to you all and for your continued love of music.

Miss Turner

Parents' Corner

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



Key dates:

Second Hand Uniform Shop - Friday 15 February (Week 2) 8.45am
 P&C Meeting - Monday 18 February (Week 3) 7pm
 Second Hand Uniform Shop - Friday 8 March (Week 5) 8.45am
 P&C Meeting - Tuesday 19 March (Week 7) 7pm
 Second Hand Uniform Shop - Friday 29 March (Week 8) 8.45am
 Torrens Autumn Fair - Saturday 30 March (Week 8)

School Banking

School Banking will be back on Friday in Week 2.

For any new bankers who don't know where to start, just walk into a Commonwealth Bank and open a school banking account for your child (you will need their birth certificate) or go online. Just google Commonwealth School Banking, it will take you to the right page.

P&C Committee Executive Positions Available

The P&C will have vacancies for almost all Executive positions this year. If you are interested in any of the following positions just email us at torrenspnc@gmail.com. All positions come with the previous office bearer available to you at all times for any advice and assistance. If you know someone who would be perfect for the job, let us know!

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer

Second Hand Uniform Shop Donations

The second-hand uniform shop is seeking donations, particularly small sizes and summer dresses. Any donations can be left at the Front Office. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Torrens Autumn Fair 2019

The Torrens Primary School Autumn Fair is set for Saturday, 30 March 2019. If you know any companies or local business that would like to support us please let us know. If you have any questions or suggestions at all, contact Nada on 0412111353 or send an email to torrenspnc@gmail.com



Woden Valley Soccer Club

*Incorporating Juniors (U5-18), Mens and Womens State League, and
Womens and Mens Masters Teams in 2019*

Join the largest Junior Soccer Club in ACT!

Registrations for 2019

WVSC OPEN DAY

Saturday 9th February 10am to 1pm

Mawson Playing Fields

To Register:

1. Log into Play Football [Register here](#)
2. Select "Woden Valley SC"
3. Select your age group for 2019 (package)
4. Register and pay

2019 Season

Seniors Commence 6/7th April

Juniors Commence Saturday 4th May

For more details please email admin@wvsc.org.au

Or visit our website www.wvsc.org.au

