

TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL **Ritchie Street TORRENS ACT 2607**  
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**Week 4 Term 2**  
**Thursday, 23 May 2019**

## Remember:

- \* **Fri 24 May** - Y2 2 Assembly 12.15 pm
- \* **Fri 24 May** - Yr 4 Berry Camp returns approx. 4pm
- \* **Mon 27 May** - Reconciliation Day holiday
- \* **Week 5** - Talent Quest heats continue
- \* **Tues 28 May** - Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival
- \* **Tues 28 May** - TPS Board 6pm
- \* **Fri 31 May** - Sports Awards Assembly 12pm
- \* **Tues 4 June** - Yr 5 Combined Band Practice at TPS
- \* **Fri 7 June** - Yr 2 Blundell's Cottage and walk around Lake Burley Griffin
- \* **Mon 10 June** - Queen's Birthday holiday
- \* **Wed 12 June** - Yr 5 UNSW Aviation
- \* **Thur 13, 20 & 27 June and 4 July** - K-2 Gymnastics

More dates and latest news: [www.torrensp.s.act.edu.au](http://www.torrensp.s.act.edu.au)

## Things due:

- \* **Fri 24 May** - Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival permission & medical
- \* **Fri 31 May** - Yr 2 Blundell's Cottage and Lake walk
- \* **Wed 5 June** - Yr 5 UNSW Aviation
- \* **Fri 7 June** - K-2 Gymnastics
- \* **Walkathon Sponsorship** - cards and money
- \* **Tues 25 June**



## Walkathon 2019



**We had lovely weather for our walk on Monday. Many thanks to those parents and carers who helped on the day on checkpoints or walking with classes.**

**It is now time to collect sponsors and money towards this year's fundraising effort - our teaching kitchen.**

**Please place all money in a clearly marked, secure envelope and return to the Front Office together with your orange sponsor card. This will ensure your child receives the correct allocation of tickets in our prize raffle. Students will receive one ticket in the raffle for every \$5 raised.**

**Additional sponsorship cards can be downloaded from the [website](#).**

## TTC Transport Canberra

Canberra Transport's new timetable has now been in force for four weeks and it would like you to know about the following changes and information:

- Following feedback regarding pedestrian safety for students at the Athllon Drive and Beasley Street intersection, signal crossing times during peak periods have been increased. This should help to reduce the time students need to wait adjacent to Athllon Drive.
- The month's free travel period comes to an end on Sunday, 26 May 2019. With paid services starting next week, students are reminded to top up their MyWay cards or purchase tickets to avoid fines of up to \$181 for fare evasion.
- Students need to **ensure they tap on and off with their My Way card** now. This will provide Transport Canberra with accurate data to plan and review services in the future. See over the page for a Q & A about the MyWay card.
- More info: [www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools/schools-a-z-listing](http://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools/schools-a-z-listing). Or you can email [kyliea.smith@act.gov.au](mailto:kyliea.smith@act.gov.au) for assistance .



## Enrolments for Preschool and Year 7 2020

Enrolments for the 2020 school year opened on 29 April 2019. The online enrolment application and further information about enrolment are available on the [Education Directorate website](#).

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to Year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take 'out of area enrolments. These schools have been identified as 'Category A' schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website.

You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school's priority enrolment area (ie the school's geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing. To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate's website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.



Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5 and 6 students,

### Melrose High School Parent Engagement Session

We welcome you to our third Parent Engagement Session for the year on Monday, 20 May 2019 from 5-7 pm in the Melrose library. The focus of this session will be Literacy and Numeracy:

**5 - 5:15 pm:** Meet & Greet and Acknowledgement

**5:15 - 5:45pm:** Keynote Presenter - Jack Heath (Author), including Q & A

**5:45 - 7:00 pm:** Workshops and Presentations

- Read & Write Google – How this application can be used to help students;
- Response to Intervention (RTI) – What programs we have at Melrose and how they can benefit your young person;
- Literacy and Numeracy in each Faculty.

We really hope you can join us for what will be a very informative session.

**Shannon Carnovale - Deputy Principal, Melrose HS**



<p>Where can I get a MyWay card?</p>	<p>A select number of newsagencies, post offices, and Access Canberra outlets. For the full list visit: <a href="https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents">https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents</a></p>
<p>I'm a student, how much does it cost?</p>	<p>A MyWay card is \$2.50, and then you'll need to top it up for travel.</p> <p><b>Concession:</b></p> <p>Tertiary: \$1.61</p> <p>School student – school day: \$1.22</p> <p>School student – non-school day: \$1.61</p> <p>Weekday cap: \$4.80</p> <p>Weekend/public holiday cap: \$2.17</p>
<p>I want to catch a bus and light rail – will it cost me two tickets?</p>	<p>All MyWay fares include a free 90-minute transfer period so you can connect to a different bus or light rail service or commence your return journey using the same ticket within 90 minutes of purchase. Daily tickets are valid until midnight on the day of purchase.</p>
<p>What if I forget to tap on/off?</p>	<p>If you don't tap on, you could be fined up to \$181.</p> <p>If you don't tap off after a trip, you'll be charged a default fare.</p>
<p>My balance is low, how do I recharge?</p>	<p>You can instantly top up your card at a recharge agent, set up an autoloan direct debit online, or top up at a ticket vending machine at all light rail platforms and major bus stations.</p>

### Protect yourself and your family from the flu

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent your family getting the flu this winter. The flu vaccine can save a child's life.

The vaccine is safe, and everyone 6 months of age and over, including pregnant women and young children, should get the vaccination.

Children are more likely to contract the flu, spread it around, and are at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick. The flu is highly contagious and is spread easily through childcare centres and schools.

The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- people 65 years of age and older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older, and
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma, heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems.



#### Where to get your flu vaccination

Everyone can get a flu vaccine from their GP or immunisation provider.

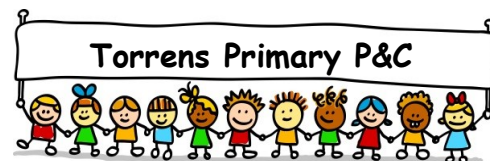
People over 16 years of age can also get a vaccine at some pharmacies.

ACT Government Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics provide a free flu vaccination for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. To book an appointment, call Community Health Intake on 02 5124 9977.

Learn more about influenza and where to get your vaccination at [health.act.gov.au/flu](http://health.act.gov.au/flu)

# 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)

## Late Arrivals and reporting 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 you can send an email to [admin@torrenspns.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@torrenspns.act.edu.au) to report your child's absences. Please **do not** report absences via the P & C email address.

### 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)

## Keeping informed

If you would like to be kept informed of the latest P&C activities, Like our Facebook page (Torrens Primary School Parents and Citizens' Association) and sign up to our distribution list by emailing [torrenspnc@gmail.com](mailto:torrenspnc@gmail.com)



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: <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>