



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 1 Wednesday 2nd May 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

10 May Year 2 Cross Country @ Turner School
16 May School Photos
23 May Assembly
24 May School Board Meeting 7.45am
25 May P&C General Meeting 3.15pm

NOTES SENT HOME

School Photo envelope
Year 2 Turner School information
Year 2 Cross country Permission

Community Singing Friday 2.30pm in Redgum - All welcome

Welcome to term 2

It is great to be back and see the students all engaged in quality learning this week. I trust you all enjoyed the break and the delightful weather. Autumn is certainly a splendid time of year.

Several staff attended professional learning sessions and meetings during the break and all were busy preparing the learning for term 2, spending time here at school on various days.

On our return on Monday morning we all gathered in Redgum for our ANZAC commemoration. Being the 100th anniversary of The Battle on the Somme, Jenny shared the story of her visit to Villers-Bretonneux and her great grandfather, who is buried in a Commonwealth war cemetery at Heilly Station. Ask your child about the bugle!



School Photos

School photos will be taken by [The School Photographer](#) in week 3 on Wednesday 16th May from 9.00am. All children are asked to wear a school shirt or polar fleece and dark pants, skirt or leggings on the day. This week a school photo envelope outlining the available packages has been sent home with your child. **Please ensure you access [The School Photographer](#) online to order and pay for your child's photos using the unique code on your child's envelope.** Please record your payment receipt on the envelope in the box provided and return it to the Front Office.

Assembly dates for Term 2

Our timetable for assemblies for term 2 is as follows

Week 1	Monday 30 April	Anzac Commemoration
Week 4	Wednesday 23 May	Year 1
Week 6	Wednesday 6 June	Preschool
Week 8	Wednesday 20 June	Year 2
Week 10	Wednesday 4 July	Kindergarten

Information for families of children enrolling in Preschool or transitioning from year 2 to year 3 in 2019

The ACT Education and Training Directorate enrolment / transfer period for 2019 opened online at 6.00am on Monday 30 April 2018. Enrolment applications must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>.

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from preschool through to college. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school.

If you are applying to enrol in preschool, year 7 or year 11 we ask that you submit your application by 4 June 2018 to support timely processing and school planning. From 30 June 2018, after the application has been processed, parents/carers will commence receiving advice from the school on the enrolment. Please note, that the order in which applications are received is not a factor in schools determining places and as a result, there is no requirement to submit your application form on the first day applications open.

All year 2 families need to do an online enrolment for your child in your local area school for year 3 2019.

2019 P-6 Turner School Information Session

<http://www.turners.act.edu.au>

Parents and carers of prospective students are invited to an information session on **Wednesday 16 May at 6:00pm** in the school hall.
Please visit the Turner School website for further information.

Open sessions will take place on
Friday 25 May 9.30-11.00am and
Monday 4 June 30-11.00am.

A separate flyer has been sent home with year 2 students .

Enrol now for Preschool 2019

Do you know any family, neighbours or friends who have a child turning 4 years of age before 30 April 2019?

Enrolments for preschool across the ACT opened online on Monday 30th April 2018.

Please refer families to the following websites

<http://www.coop.act.edu.au/>

http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

for information or invite them to contact the school on 6142 0345 to make an appointment with school executive.

Regards *Jenny*

Finance

Thank you to those families who have made a voluntary contribution to our school. If you are yet to do so and would like your donation to be tax deductible, please advise Michelle that you would like your contribution to be donated to our library fund. Voluntary contributions for 2018 have been set at \$110.



Thank you to those families who have also paid the bulk book pack contribution of \$90. Our stationery is purchased in bulk at the beginning of the year to ensure all students are able to access stationery supplies as they need them throughout the year.

Preferred method of payment is electronic funds transfer and details are as follows:

BSB: 032-777

Account number: 001172

Account name: O'Connor Cooperative School

If you have collected a school jumper or T shirt and are yet to pay, these bank details should be used. Please note the purchase type in the reference section eg. Billy B Vol Con; or Lalor Jacket. Receipts will be issued on payment. If you are unsure if you have paid for the voluntary contributions, the book pack contribution or for school clothing, please contact Michelle.



ParentLink is a universally targeted parenting education program from birth to teenage years and provides parents, carers, teachers etc. with information aiming to increase confidence and skills while also providing links to local resources and services. The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides and useful local information. ParentLink guides cover a variety of topics, such as Starting School, More than reading and writing, Optimism and Cyber Safety. The information available via ParentLink can be of value for teachers, parents and students themselves.

Further information on the ParentLink resources can be found at:

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

General information for all families

School starts at 9.00 am

Families are asked to make sure children are at school by **9.00am each day**. We appreciate your efforts to ensure that the learning for your child and others in their class can start promptly at 9.00am. Supporting the teachers and valuing the start of the day means every child has access to the outline of the learning to take place. ***On the rare occasion you may be late, please sign the register at the front office and collect a late slip for your child to hand to their teacher.***

School Gates

Please ensure that gates are closed as you enter and exit the school grounds and encourage any older siblings to remember to close the gates as well. We ask that children do not climb the gates to locate the opener, as this leads to the gates becoming unstable and requiring repair.

Please do not let children out of the gates if they are not in your care.

Anaphylactic friendly school

In the interests of all children's safety, we ask that all nuts and nut products are kept out of the school grounds: This includes any food containing nuts or nut products. There are also several students in the

school with allergies to various foods, including nuts, eggs and certain fruits including kiwi fruit and mango.

- If you are supplying a birthday cake or treat for the class, please check with your child's class teacher to see if there are children with allergies.
- If your child has an allergy you may wish to provide an alternative food which can be kept in the freezer at school for such occasions.

Administration of Prescribed Medication

The Directorate is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students. While school staff have a duty of care to students to provide first aid assistance when required, parents will be aware that schools cannot be responsible for the general management of medical conditions.

In special circumstances, staff may be able to assist with the administration of medication. In these cases, directorate policy requires principals to ensure that a comprehensive written authority is obtained from the student's parents and also seek from them a written statement from the student's doctor authorising a member of staff to administer the prescribed medication.

In these cases medications must be clearly marked with the child's name and dosage requirements and handed to the front office. The medication **must** remain in the office, where it will be administered to the child.

Student Injury, Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

Being a Volunteer at School - Working With Vulnerable People Act

Volunteers who regularly work with children in classrooms or regularly make contact with children during other school activities need to be registered. This means applying for a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. This is a fairly simple process involving taking identification and completing a form at any ACT Government Shopfront. There is no cost for volunteers. Becoming registered is a positive action and all parents and carers are encouraged to consider registering so that you are readily available to assist the children of our school. Without registration people are not able to assist children.

Some volunteers may choose not to register but to continue supporting the school by reducing the number of days on which they work so as to avoid exceeding statutory limits. If you are unsure whether you need to be registered, please contact the school.

ALL volunteers must sign in and out each day they assist at O'Connor School. We are strengthening protection for children, but we depend on our volunteers in a variety of ways and look forward to your continued support in whatever capacity you choose.

Staff Carpark

The staff car park has limited spaces as you know and it is important that parents do not use the staff carpark during the day - especially during pick up and drop off times.

Whilst there may, on rare occasions, be a vacant spot we have many part time staff, visiting staff and Directorate representatives who also need to use our car park. Crossing the footpath during drop off and pick up times can also be dangerous as children are hastily making their way to school.

In the interest of safety for all and especially our children, I would ask you to please park in the street and walk into the school grounds.

School Fete Thank you

Details of the fete will be published in the week 2 newsletter. Come along to our P&C meeting in week 4 to share your thought on how we should spend the money raised.

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