

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Turner Primary School supports social enterprise helping those who are marginalised**

Fetes are an important event for school fund raising and for the community to come together. This year Turner Primary School are extending the community spirit by supporting Paperworks, a local social enterprise who facilitate the social inclusion of people marginalised by either their abilities or circumstances.

One of the unique products Paperworks manufacture is a seed tile. A square piece off handmade paper with a seed embedded making planting into a pot or straight into the garden so much easier.

#### **Helen Bell, Turner P & C President**

- This year our Plant Stall is teaming up with Paperworks to sell their seed tiles. We came across this product earlier in the year via The Snow Foundation and the background of social inclusion and kids' activities tied in well with our values.
- The Turner School P&C purchased seed tiles to sell at our fete. They were so popular that some were sold pre-fete.
- Turner Primary School Fete will be held on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 2pm at 32 Condamine Street Turner.
- There are more than 20 stalls, all staffed with parents, carers and children. It's a fun day, where we celebrate the SCAARF values of our school – support, cooperation, acceptance, respect, friendliness and fun.
- The fete has over 20 stalls a "Hand full of fun" children can purchase for \$8 which entitles them to a ride, a sausage sizzle, a drink, a lucky dip, face painting or crazy hair and a piece of fruit. This year the P&C purchased many hands from the fete committee for the school principal, Jo Padgham, to pass on to families who might not otherwise have attended the fete.
- We are hoping to raise around \$20,000 from the fete. The money raised goes back to the school. The Student Representative Council (SRC) make a list of items the students would like to purchase and we provide them with a large donation (\$5,000 over the last two years). We also support Turner children who participate in the Pegasus Riding program. We provide funding to families who have children representing the school at national tournaments (sport, chess, tournament of the minds) to help with the cost of travel. This year we had more than twenty children who each received \$250 towards their travel expenses. We have a family support fund which we use to provide assistance to those who are not as fortunate.
- We have provided money towards additional resources for Indonesian, the school gardens, the music program, the choir and the school grounds. Together we are working towards making Turner an even better place, while having fun and building social connections with each other and our community.

#### **Susanna Pieterse, CEO, Paperworks**

- Our seed tiles are perfect for school fund raising because seed tiles make planting so much easier and make a great gift for the avid gardener or little people starting in the garden.
- We have 6 different mixes ranging from beautiful flowers to healthy vegetable mixes.
- Some of the other products Paperworks make are dried flower covered notebooks and cards

- All Paperworks Inc products are proudly produced in Canberra by artisans that are excluded from mainstream employment

### **Snow Foundation**

- Began supporting Paperworks in 2013-14
- Paperworks were one of the four enterprises who pitched at the inaugural The Funding Network event in Canberra
- Is continuing to support Paperworks through marketing and identifying opportunities to sell their products i.e. schools

More information on Paperworks can be found at <http://www.paperworks.org.au/>

More information on the Snow Foundation can be found at: [www.snowfoundation.org.au](http://www.snowfoundation.org.au)

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