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From Our Principal

Welcome to week 6.

On Saturday 9 August, our TPS aerobics team, the Emeralds participated at Nationals on the Gold Coast. We are extremely proud of their third placing and the way they represented our school with pride, sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the entire team, parents and teachers on your combined success. We are very proud!

GOT IT

Thank you to all parents who returned the questionnaires sent home for this program. Our K-2 teachers have been interviewed by the GOT IT team, and they are now shortlisting for possible participants in the program. Families who may be involved will be contacted shortly.

Travel to and from school

A reminder to all students that whilst travelling to and from school, it is important our values of Respect, Safety and Learning are represented at all times. Whether walking, riding or travelling by bus, you are recognisable by your school uniform and you have a responsibility to help maintain our excellent reputation in the community. Well done to all students who do this consistently.

Safe entry to school

We have witnessed lately a number of students entering the school grounds in the mornings via the car parks, rather than the through the gates. Please have a conversation with your children about the safety risk this presents. Car parks are busy traffic areas in the mornings and are not a safe entry point for our students. All students should enter the grounds via the gates and pathways provided for pedestrians. Please help to keep to our kids safe.

Enrol for 2015

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If you have a child turning five by 31 July 2015, please come to the office to collect an enrolment pack. Knowing our student numbers assists with planning and staffing arrangements.

Court Orders

Please bring in copies of any court orders currently pertaining to TPS students, even if previously provided. We are currently updating our records and require these as a matter of urgency.

Student Attendance

An effective attendance network is an essential part of a school welfare policy and plays an important part in the overall tone and morale of the school.

In regards to this policy and the Education Act, we all have roles to ensure students attend school. Parents or caregivers of children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. This means all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 are legally required to attend school.

Section 22 of the Education Act (1990) states that it is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school. **Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school.**

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility. **This includes contacting parents / caregivers if a student's attendance rate falls below 80%. When an absence has not been explained for 2 days the teacher must notify parents or caregivers either by phone or letter. If the student has returned, the teacher may give the letter to the child to take home; otherwise the letter must be posted.**

Failure to comply with the Education Act and the Compulsory School Attendance policy may lead to a referral to the Home School Liaison Officer and possible legal action.

We encourage you to work in partnership with us to ensure all students at Toronto PS access the quality education they are entitled to.

Enjoy the week everyone and remember –

“If you see a friend without a smile; give him one of yours” – Proverb

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

Assistant Principal

Well, many people say that the best thing a parent can give to their children is a few minutes of their time each day, having said that I would really like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to the many parents and carer's that are able to help out at school. Your time is valuable and we are a better school community when we work together.

We have been spoilt with our winter weather this term and our playgrounds have been flooded with sunlight and heat. Needless to say that the 'no hat, no play' rule is still in effect throughout winter. If your child does not have a hat they stay undercover throughout lunch and recess.

I want to ensure that our school community is aware of the role of our Learning Support Team. The school Learning Support Team (4-6 staff from across the school) meet weekly to discuss many students and their individual needs. Students are referred to the Learning Support Team by the class teacher. If you have any concerns, or feel your child could benefit from the intervention, please arrange to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the possibility of referral.

On another note, I had the great privilege of attending “The great Aussie Bush Camp” with our Year 5 & 6 students last week. We had laughs, adventures, thrills, beautiful sunshine, swimming in the freezing ocean (madness), new friendships and well-earned complete exhaustion. We knew how good our students are but it was lovely to spend time supporting, encouraging and building each other up like that. Our students' exemplified teamwork and all the positive qualities associated.

Finally, I realise this has been mentioned before, but we have serious concerns regarding the amount of parents and students that are using the car park gate to enter and exit the school. Please don't use this access point as it is used for the taxis, or the paid transportation cars, used by our students with disabilities. We have had families and children run in front of the transport. Again we would respectfully ask that this gate is not to be used for any other students as it is not safe.

Thankyou
Tania Dever
Assistant Principal Special Education (rel.)

Assistant Principal

Class/Student Blogs

This year classes are working on Blogs. Blogs are online work spaces where students can display their work and express their opinions. All entries on the Blog are sent to the class teacher who approves them before they appear online. To access the Blog you must have the username and password of a member of that particular class.



Parents can access their child's Blog by going in through the DEC portal and entering their child's username and password. The website for the portal is student.dec.nsw.edu.au. You then click on the Blogged + icon and the appropriate link. If your child is not sure of their details please contact your child's teacher.

On the Blog you will find photos and work samples from children in the class. Children thoroughly enjoy using the Blog as a learning tool. It would be really great if parents could leave a positive comment when visiting so that the children know you are interested.

We thank you for your support.
Julie McPhee
Assistant Principal
Technology

IMPORTANT DATES **TO REMEMBER!!!!!!**

September

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| 1st | Debating gala @ Wangi |
| 5th | Father's Day Breakfast BBQ & Father's Day stall |
| 9th-11th | School Musical |
| | 9th -Dress Rehearsal |
| | 10th -Day performance & night performance |
| | 11th -Night performance |
| 17th | Debating Gala @ Wangi |
| 19th | Last Day of Term 3 |

Week 4 Home Reading Awards

25 nights

Victoria Jamieson – 1/2B

50 nights

Dean Brady – KL

75 nights

Emily Dodds – KL

Kane Oakley - KL

100 nights

Kane Oakley – KL

Kittani O'Brien – KL

Jackson Buttsworth – 5B

200 nights

Bella Davidson-Taig – 3/4W

300 nights

Howell Azas – 5B

Week 5 Home Reading Awards

25 nights

Joelene Gentleman – K/1G

75 nights

Elouise Engwirda – K/1G

100 nights

Noah Murdoch – 1/2B

150 nights

Jacob Chan – 2P

200 nights

Anna Williams – 1/2B

Star Student Awards



KL: Havaniah Morris- Welcome to Toronto, Lukeira Hubbuck- Amazing effort in literacy

1/2B: Ella Bussey- Always giving her best in class, Ben Morris- A great effort in improving his behavior in class

2P: Ellie Watts- consistently being a helpful class member, Ruby Rose- Trying hard with her reading

3/4M: Mia Tuhakaraina- Consistently working hard in the classroom, Bradley Jennings- Working hard to improve his handwriting

3/4W: Ella Hughes- Persevering in math's, Harry Wong- Huge improvement in reading and writing

5B: Logan Olsen- Making an effort in class, Braiden Micek- Improved behavior

6L: Abby Rooker- Having an awesome attitude towards all aspects of school life, Adam Bicanic- Having an awesome attitude towards all aspects of school life

K/6D: Mason Barber- Excellent leadership in Math

K/6G: Mark Brennan- Great improvement in reading

SUPERVISED GAMES: Jayd Vagi of 3/4W

MUSIC: Chelsea Crowe- dedication to our class dance, Angus Ping- Excellent listening and concentration in Marimbas.

Westlakes Athletic Club Inc.

Registrations: Friday 22nd and 29th August 2014

Venue: Wangi Oval

Time: 5pm to 7pm

New registrations need to bring birth identification when registering. Enter online, print out form and bring with you, your payment.

Phone: 49754584 or 0421244890

Website: www.westlakeslac.org.au

Tim Lewis

P & C News

Congratulations to The Emeralds for their 3rd placing at the National School Aerobics in Queensland. What a wonderful team to represent our school. Fantastic result. Congratulations also go to your committed families and trainers.

The P&C Cadbury Chocolate Drive has been successful. We thank you for your participation. Could you please help us by making sure that **ALL** money or unsold chocolates are returned to the school office ASAP. Thank You.

Our next Pizza Meal Day will be on Wednesday, 20th August. The price is \$5.50 which includes a drink.

A reminder to please return your Father's Day mug note and money in a clearly labelled envelope to the office by 22nd August.

Please note, the Canteen's policy is that we are unable to cut up food for the children, fruit etc. We are also not allowed to reheat meals brought from home.

We have new juices and billabongs at the canteen. The flavours are:-

JUICIES \$1.00

- Orange
- Wild berry
- Tropical
- Lemonade

FAN DAN GLES (Billabong ice-creams)

\$1.50

- Choc Shmallow
- Caramel popcorn
- Fairy floss

The Canteen is always looking for a helping hand. If you have some spare time, call in and say hi to Michelle. A couple of hours in the morning once a month would be a great help.

The **Father's Day Stall** will be on Friday 5th of September. There will be presents to buy from \$1.00 up to \$6.00. Please keep an eye out for the Father's Day Stall note.

We will also need some helpers on the day to wrap these presents after the children have purchased them. If you can spare some time on Friday 5th September after 9.00am, please drop into the library.

Remember the uniform shop is open Monday and Friday from 8.40am to 9.00am for all your uniform needs. We are restocked with winter uniforms. Call over and see Sue.



Community Noticeboard

Toronto Tadpoles

We are already half way through Term 3 and our tadpoles group is growing each week. It's so great to see all the children forming friendships and making bonds that will carry on throughout their school years at Toronto Primary School.

We would like to introduce our Tadpoles to the school routines. Some of the things we will be doing over the next few weeks are listed below. We hope this helps with what you need to bring each week.

Week 7 – 25th August; for those who purchased Fathers' Day mugs, we will decorate them today. We will also be visiting the kindergarten rooms for fruit break. (Please bring your own fresh fruit today)

Week 8 – 1st September; this week craft will be based around Fathers' Day. We will be making a Fathers' Day card and bookmark. We would also like the children to join us for lunch today. Please bring a packed lunch for your child to enjoy with the rest of infants.

It is great to get the children in the routine of bringing a drink bottle with water and their fruit each week.

Aerobics Nationals

Last weekend I had the pleasure of travelling to Queensland with Sara Lord and our senior aerobics team. I would like to congratulate our girls for an amazing performance. I would also like to mention the commitment of the parents that travelled with the girls. Without them, we would not of been able to compete.

Stage 3 camp

I was lucky enough to attend the stage 3 camp to Great Aussie Bush Camp for 3 days. It was great to witness the children explore new things and enjoy experiences they may never get again. Some of my favourites were the dual flying fox, damper making and commando.

Your Community Engagement Officer
Tracy Marsland

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform should be worn at all times. The uniform is distinctive and attractive; students are encouraged to wear it with pride. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with the child's name. A school hat is also included in the uniform.

Girls, Summer

TPS bottle green skorts, TPS green & gold polo shirt, white socks, black shoes and school hat (cap or bucket hat).

Girls, Winter

TPS track suit, TPS green & gold polo shirt, white socks, black shoes and school hat (cap or bucket hat). A long sleeved white or black t-shirt type shirt may be worn underneath the polo shirt in cold weather.

Boys, Summer

TPS bottle green cargo shorts, TPS green & gold polo shirt, white socks, black shoes and school hat (cap or bucket hat).

Boys, Winter

TPS track suit, TPS green & gold polo shirt, white socks, black shoes and school hat (cap or bucket hat). A long sleeved white or black t-shirt type shirt may be worn underneath the polo shirt in cold weather.

Sports Uniform

TPS sport polo shirt, TPS sport shorts or tracksuit, white socks, joggers, school hat (cap or bucket hat).
(Taken from the TPS information booklet)

Macquarie Shores Swimming Club Inc.

(Affiliated with the Coast and Valley Swimming Assoc. Inc. and NSW Swimming Assoc. Inc.)

Toronto Indoor Swim Centre, Toronto
Cnr Awaba Rd & Carleton St

Postal Address: PO Box 868 Toronto NSW 2283

MACQUARIE SHORES SWIMMING CLUB INC.

At Toronto Indoor Swim Centre – is now taking registrations for 2014/15.

We are a family friendly club where your children can improve their swimming skills and fitness levels in a competitive, yet FUN environment.

We will help your children to develop good sportsmanship with their friends, motivate them to achieve personal best times, and maybe even find that swimming star within!!

We race each Friday night during school term, at 6pm. Summer season begins Friday 17th October 2014. First two nights are FREE!!

For more information contact Kirstin on 0437 140 775 or email kirstinstreet@bigpond.com

ROBBIE O'DAVIS

Outdoor Fitness

SMARTER Fitness &

\$\$Change 4 Change BootyCamp

Toronto Public School Change 4 Change is on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6-7pm.

The small fee of \$5 holds you accountable.

What to bring:

Towel

Drink Bottle

Positive Attitude

Clear Mind

\$5 in change please

Check out my website

www.smarterfitness.com.au/change-4-change

FUN AT THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

