



# TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"Quality and Excellence.....Learning Together"*

## OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Connecting our community and our school through newsletters, photos and information.  
[www.toronto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.toronto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Welcome to Term 4!

The holidays are now a distant memory as we work towards the end of another school year.

This afternoon we have an information session at school for the parents / carers of our 2016 Kindergarten students. This will be held in KL room. We look forward to welcoming our new families and also look forward to meeting with some familiar faces too. Even if you have children already attending our great school, we encourage you to come along to find out what's in store for your child beginning Kindergarten next year.

Our Tadpoles program has been a wonderful success this year with many of our 2016 Kinder kids attending over the past two school terms. Next Monday, our Tadpoles graduate, indicating they are more than ready for their Kindergarten adventure to begin. We will be presenting them with their graduation certificates next Monday at our morning assembly. Congratulations to our Tadpoles and thanks to Mrs Marsland for running this terrific program so successfully!

Our school website is constantly being updated to provide our community with current information about our school. Please visit our website at <http://www.toronto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

New / updated documents include; Student Wellbeing procedures, TPS Information Booklet and Enrolment Procedures.

Our fantastic school video is also available for viewing. Please take the time to watch it. Miss Pichaloff has done an amazing job putting this together.

The next school disco will be held on Wednesday 28 October. Please note that the format for this disco is

different with all students K-6 attending from 5.30 – 7pm.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember *"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."* - Beverley Sills.

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

## 2015 Term 4 Toronto Public School Magic Words

### Information for Parents

The Magic Words program has been introduced at Toronto Public School to increase student's skills in sight word recognition and spelling. In order to progress to the next colour level students must read their current list and two previous lists fluently with 100% accuracy. Students also need to be 75% successful in a quick spelling quiz based on the current list.

Please encourage your child to practise these words at home.

## Leader of Learning at Toronto PS - Amanda Lavercombe

After consulting with our Director Public Schools NSW Lake Macquarie West- Mr Steve Harris, Mrs Van Egmond advertised for a Leader of Learning in late 2014. The position required a high level of leadership, ability to build capacity in staff and a deep understanding of Literacy and Numeracy. I was lucky enough to be the successful candidate and started at the beginning of 2015 at TPS.

When I first started at Toronto, I built good relationships with the staff and students and we collaboratively set a course of action. We began with a focus on Numeracy and how to assess students understanding of numeracy skills. This led to professional learning for staff to provide them with skills to assist their students to use more sophisticated and effective strategies for numeracy. We implemented Ninja groups and held a 'Look at Learning' morning to show our community the great work that was occurring in each classroom around numeracy. We continued with a focus on Literacy and

have held lots of planning days to collaboratively evaluate, reflect and plan on the teaching and learning occurring in every classroom in the school.

I am in almost every classroom almost every day, supporting teachers in delivering high quality lessons. We are very lucky to have John Fleming coaching us in Explicit Instruction and the delivery of high quality lessons. Feedback from staff indicates I am having a very positive influence in mentoring and supporting them and our school data is showing great growth. This role is very challenging, complex and different every single day but by far, the best experience! I feel very lucky to work in such a supportive, cohesive school with wonderful staff, students and parents. Please don't hesitate to come and talk to me about any concerns or successes you would like to share. I hope to continue having a positive influence in 2016 at TPS.

### Community Noticeboard

#### Toronto Tadpoles

Sadly, we only have one session left for the year. I have had a great time getting to know each of the children and their parents. I hope that the friendships that have formed amongst the children will help with their transition to school.

We have enjoyed our crafts, sports, library visits, classrooms visits, science and playtimes.

We made our grass heads today and will watch them grow when we take them home next week.

We would love to see everyone come back for this last session to celebrate with us. If you are able to attend please call the office on **49591571**, for catering purposes.

Remember to return your enrolment forms if you haven't already done this. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

#### PBL

This week we are focusing on hats in the playground.

No school hat – play under cover.

Our PBL parent survey is due back at school by next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Community Engagement Officer  
Tracy Marsland

### P&C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4.

A friendly reminder that all Crazy Camel Fundraising orders are due back to the school as soon as possible. Why not have your child's artwork turned into a 2016 calendar, iPhone case or 2016 notebook/diary. With Christmas coming up, what better present. If you require an order form, they are available at the canteen.

The Birthday-A-Thon Fundraiser was a success. The fantastic prizes that your children have picked will be processed and arrive at the school shortly.

Our next disco will be on Wednesday 28 October. It will be a **HALLOWEEN THEMED DISCO**. We are trialing a combined disco with the Infants and Primary. The disco will start at 5.30 and finish at 7pm. The price is \$7.00, which will include a sausage sizzle. Please keep an eye out for the disco notes.

We have noticed the children are coming up to the canteen asking for spoons/forks to eat their lunches. Could you please remember to pack utensils for your children. Also, we are unable to heat children's food up that they have brought from home. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Every Friday until the end of term we are having Sno-Cone Fridays. The cost is \$2.00 and is very popular with the children.

Remember to have a look at the Toronto Public School P&C page on Facebook. We hope this page will keep you up to date with events and information from the P&C.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 20 October. If you would like to know more about what is happening in the school, please come along and join us. We welcome all ideas.

We are always looking for donations of second hand school uniforms. If anyone has uniforms that they would like to donate, please drop them off to the canteen.

P & C



### Our School App

We now have a new school App. If you are still trying to access information through our previous one you will need to delete it from your phone or device and install our new App from Skoolbag app providers. Some instructions are listed below, hopefully they will be helpful but if you have any problems just come into our office and we will guide you through the steps.



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

These are some dates you will want to add to your calendar for the rest of the school year.

### **October**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Tadpole graduation  
28<sup>th</sup> Kinder transition 2-3pm

### **November**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Toronto Cup  
4<sup>th</sup> Kinder transition 2-3pm  
9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Swim School  
9<sup>th</sup> Kinder transition 9.15-10.45  
17<sup>th</sup> Kinder transition 11.45-1.15pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Kinder Transition 9.15-10.30am

### **December**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 farewell  
10<sup>th</sup> Kinder celebration  
14<sup>th</sup> Pool Fun day Yrs3-6, Morisset Pool  
14<sup>th</sup> Infants water day, at school  
16<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM 4

### **January 2016**

- 28<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 1, 2016 for students in years 1 to 6.

## **Star Students Awards**

**KL:** Nicholas Giuffre-increased persistence in all tasks. Shontaye Gray-outstanding attitude towards learning.

**K1/P:** Dean Brady-reading fluently.

Maddison Shanahan-welcome to TPS.

**1/2G:** Rylan Briggs-Fluent reading. Mark Geenan –Sault-Great use of your strategies in maths. Thierry Hall-staying focused on your work.

**2/3B:** Mia Hardy-fantastic effort in writing. Sabora-Lee Berrell-fantastic effort in reading.

**4/5C:** Joshua Moran-your consistent effort and enthusiasm in your work.

Phoebe Andrews-being a caring & thoughtful class member at all times.

**5/6M:** Takia Vagi-an improvement in the presentation of her work. Jayden Faulkner-an improved effort in the settling out of his work.

**5/6N:** Jackson Radcliffe-keeping on top of all his school work. Kayla Rutherford-being a kind & caring class member.

**K/6C:** Harrison Lamborn-fantastic reading.

### Reading with your child

Our school is explicitly teaching Comprehension Skills this term. You can assist your child at home by using this story star with them. After they have read a story, you can ask them some questions to check for their understanding of what they have read. You could use this with Home Readers or with Chapter Books, Newspaper articles, movies, TV shows or magazines.

You may like to ask one or two questions or all of them each night, depending on your child. Encourage a conversation with them about what they have read.

Amanda Lavercombe

**Who was in  
the story?**

**Where did the  
story take  
place?**

**Was there a problem?  
What was it?  
How was it solved?**



**What were the  
most important  
things that  
happened?**

**What did you  
think of the  
story?**