



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Welcome to week 4.

Selective High School Placement for 2017

If you are interested in applying for selective high school (Parents of our current Year 5 students for Year 7 2017) for your child, please phone the school office on 4959 1571 to request an information package. We will then send home a booklet outlining procedures for applying - Year 7 for 2017.

Important information –

- Parents must apply **online only** at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday March 10, 2016.

School Audit

A number of our school procedures are changing slightly, as a result of the audit conducted last week, and the recommendations put forward to ensure compliance and best practice.

1. Student Absences – We are using the SMS option on our school based system to communicate with parents regarding student absence from school. Each day by 10.30am, a message will be sent to all parents of students absent from school on that day (partial absence and full day absence). This will provide an opportunity for parents to respond via SMS, the reason for the absence. This will streamline our procedures for monitoring student attendance at school. Once you respond via SMS, you will not be required to send in a written letter of explanation. If you do not respond via SMS, you will be required to send a written explanation upon your child's return to school (as per usual).
2. Parent Volunteers at School – Attached in the newsletter today is a declaration form regarding "working with children". All volunteers (classroom reading groups etc, P&C activities, canteen, sport and so on) must complete and return to school a copy of this declaration. We welcome and value our volunteers and are required by guidelines to ensure we are compliant. Please bring this form to the office, along with the required "100 points" documents to be sighted by a staff member, so we can welcome your contribution in our school. Along with this, if you are visiting to assist in school activities, we require you to sign in as a visitor at our office, before you go to the classroom to help. This again, is for safety requirements in the event that we need to evacuate or have an emergency of some sort. We must have an accurate record of all people on our site, at any given time.

We thank you for your support in these matters.

Please ensure your contact details are kept up to date at school. If you change phone numbers, address or there are changes in your emergency contact details, please notify the office so we can update our records. It is vital to the safety of your children that we have current and accurate contact details on hand (update sheet provided in newsletter today).

Disco

Our Halloween disco is on this Wednesday 5.30pm – 7pm. Please return your notes if you haven't already done so. It's going to be fantastic! We look forward to seeing lots of our kids there!

Toronto Elective Program (TEP)

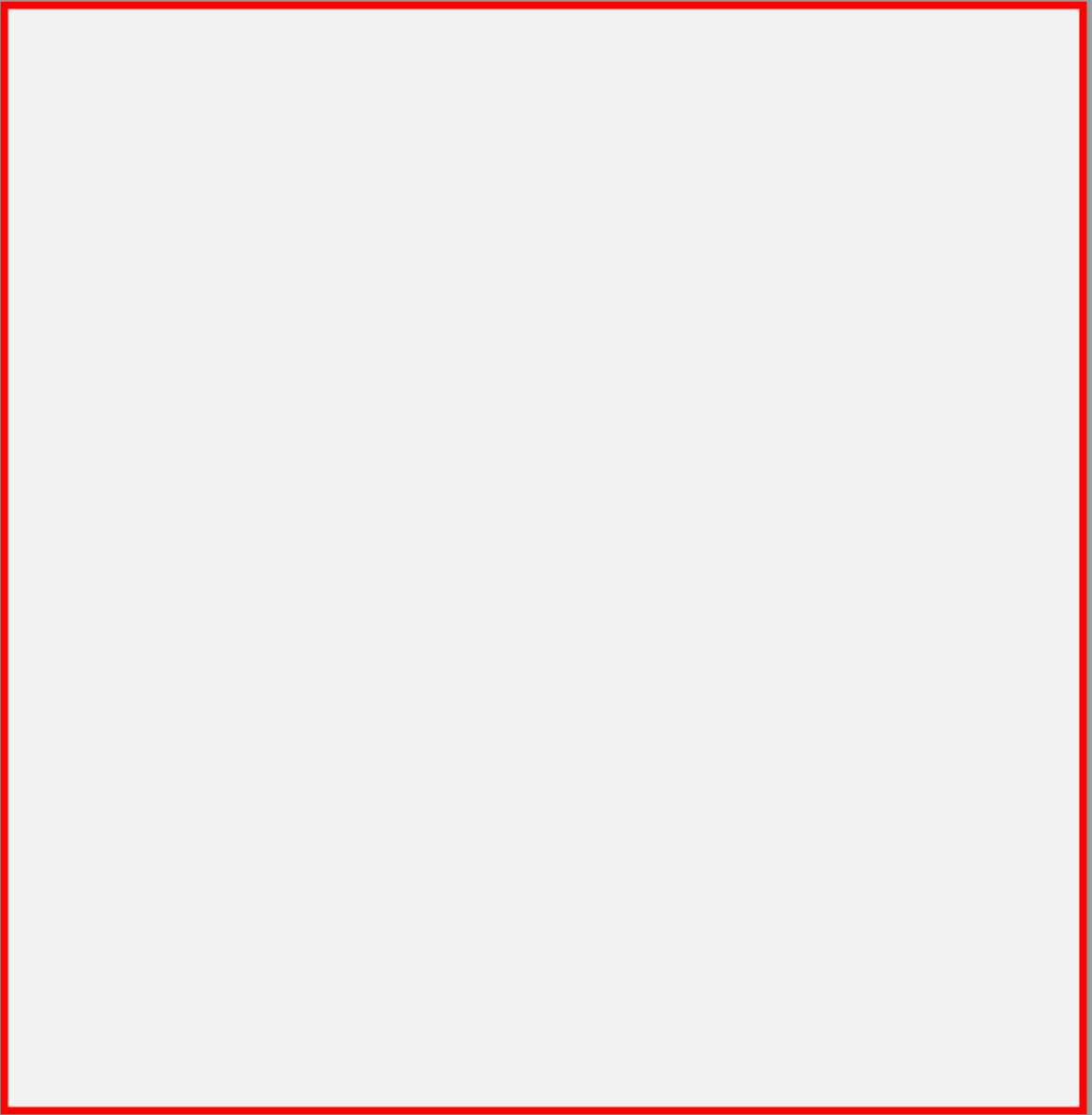
Just a reminder to all Year 6 students heading to THS next year – Your TEP application forms are due back to school tomorrow (Wednesday 28 October). Please complete the form and bring it in.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember – *"Happiness is in the heart, not the circumstance"* Amanda Lavercombe!

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

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.



OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Connecting our community and our school through newsletters, photos and information.
www.toronto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Star Students Awards

KL: Tex Bailey-increased fluency in reading. Havaniah Morris-taking pride in presentation of all work.

K1/P: Kittani O'Brien-fantastic creative writing. Charli Tonks-reading with fluency & expression. Hayden Pittman-using fantastic descriptive words in writing. Deklan Sinclair-writing neatly & clearly in his books.

1/2G: Holly Lougoon-great writing of narratives. Jye Callaghan-great number work. Sybella Jones-read with fluency. Taj Wright-great work in Ninja groups.

2/3B: Bailey Morris-making valuable comments. Anna Williams-being an enthusiastic reader. Aysha Mane-being kind to others. Jada Shephard-neat & beautiful bookwork. Axel Barford-welcome to TPS.

3/4D: Georgia Pittman, Jamie Dodds, Harvey Drew, Ellie Garde, Mia Plant-super summarising skills.

4/5C: Jayd Vagi-fantastic contributions to class discussions. Chelsea Hutchinson-wonderful attitude towards learning. Cruze Shephard, Rohan Barret-terrific improvement in reading. Well done! Kiah Barford-great first week at TPS

5/6M: Gary Simon-working hard on his writing. Casey Hill-McCartin-working well in all maths. Jake Morris-trying his best in all areas. Elijah Parnell-welcome to TPS.

5/6N: Atlanta Hall-improved focus in learning. Jacon Tonks-trying hard & improving in writing. Lily Greig-amazing power sentences. Howell Azas-for completing the times table challenge under three minutes.

K/6C: Mark Brennan-enthusiastic participation in Ninja groups. Ben Lewis-Palmer-contributions in geography lessons.

K/6M: Ben Faint-being a great friend. Gregory Campbell-welcome to TPS

Sportsmanship Award: Toby Morris

PONDEE NEWS

Congratulations to our Caleb Paulson for his participation in 2015 PSSA Athletics State Carnival. We are very proud of you, Caleb!



PONDEE NEWS



The rain put a halt to painting the finishing touches on our wall design so Mrs Richens, Mrs Jenny, and Mrs Doyle spent time gluing on the glass panels for the rainbow serpent. When the sun is shining again we will be able to grout the pieces to protect them. During CAPA and Pondee Kids, we started work on the garden above the wall. Mrs Jenny and Mrs Doyle took the trailer to Oz Landscape Supplies, Toronto, to collect soil. They were very grateful for all the extra hands that helped move the soil and replant some of the plants. Thank you, Mr Rooker and boys from 1/2G!

Mrs Jenny and Mrs Doyle





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OFFICE UPDATES



Dear parents/carers,

Our school office can be a busy place, the following tips will help both the office staff and you, make more efficient use of everyone's time.

- If your child is late for any reason it is important that a parent/carer accompany them to the office for a 'late arrival slip', which explains the reason for being late to school. If no parent signature is obtained then this is recorded as an unexplained partial absence. If you need to collect your child from school early, you will need to get early leavers slip from the office before collecting your child from the classroom.



- It is necessary for any money that is to be paid to the office for excursions be paid no later than the day they are **DUE** (which is usually a couple of days before the excursion date), this allows us to finalise any numbers, payments etc. necessary for the excursion to go ahead.



- Any money that is to be paid to the office should be in an envelope with the child's name and class, what it is for and the amount written clearly on the front. Any permission note should also be included in this envelope. Envelopes are then put through the letter box situated under the office window
- We do not keep money on the premises, it must be banked regularly. This means that **we do not carry change over from day to day**, so please have the exact amount with you when paying for anything at the office.
- We are under no obligation to administer medication during school hours. If the medication is prescribed, we are prepared to administer it, providing it needs to be taken 4 times a day. However if it is to be taken 3 times a day this could be in the morning, after school and at night. If there is no alternative and the medication is to be taken at school then we need a parent/carer to fill out and sign the necessary forms. We are not allowed to administer Panadol/Paracetamol.



- We have EFTPOS facility available at our office for your convenience. We also have Credit Card facilities. Where necessary there will be a payment slip attached to permission notes for the use of Credit Cards.
- Absence explanation notes are available from the office. When your child is absent from school for any reason fill in the name, class, dates and reason on one of these notes and send it to the teacher, (a hand written note is also acceptable).

Thankyou

Meg Davey - School Admin Manager
Bev Lowrie - School Admin Officer

Annette Van Egmond
Principal

Toronto Public School

Updating of Student Contact Information



Toronto Public School is commencing an SMS notification system regarding absences. We need all mobile numbers for parents-first, second and third contacts- to be correct for this to be the most effective. Could you please supply us with any new numbers you may have so you can be contacted easily in the future.

Thank you

Child/Children's Name: _____

Class/Classes: _____

Mum/Carer 1: _____

Mum's mobile Phone Number: _____

Dad/Carer 2: _____

Dad's mobile Phone Number: _____

First Emergency contact

Mobile Number: _____

Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date: _____