



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

24-11-2015



Welcome to Week 8.

There are 16 school days left this year, which means there are only 30 days until Christmas! These last few weeks are absolutely flying by.

Please keep check of the following dates as we don't want anyone to miss our end of year events:

25/11 – Final Kindergarten transition visit (and BBQ) for 2016 kinder kids.

26/11 - League Tag Gala Day at Wangi.

3/12 – John Fleming visiting our school and working with teachers.

7/12 – Combined Christmas Scripture

9/12 – Presentation Day

9/12 – Reports home

9/12 - Year 6 Farewell at Toronto Yacht Club

10/12 – Kinder Celebration

11/12 – K-2 Movie Day

14/12 – Pool Fun day 3-6 and Water Day (at school) K-2

15/12 – PBL reward day

16/12 – Toronto's Got Talent and LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2015.

Please note that additional information will be provided about these events as required.

Bushfire Season

We are well and truly into our annual bushfire season. As the weather continues to heat up, we are mindful that we need to be prepared if a bushfire were to occur within our close proximity.

In the event that we ever need to evacuate our site due to bushfire (or for any other reason) our plan outlines transporting students to a number of possible venues. These are outlined in our Emergency Evacuation Plan and our Bushfire Evacuation Plan on our website.

Please note that communication during such an event would occur through one or more of the following modes;

- Skoolbag App
- P&C Facebook Page
- Local radio station 1233 ABC
- Department of Education website

2016

If your children will not be returning to Toronto Public School next year for any reason, please notify the office as soon as possible. Class formations and staffing allocations depend on our student enrolment numbers. Our job is made much easier, and classes can be formed earlier when we know exactly who will be returning, and who will not. We thank you for your support with this.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember –

"Every day is an opportunity to change things for the better." – Michael Pivec

Mrs Van Egmond

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 (note or email) upon your child's return to school (as per usual). Parents / caregivers are required to provide an explanation for absence to the school within 7 days from the first period of any absence. The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the Education Act (1990).

To enable us to accurately send the SMS reminders, it is important that we have current contact details for all families. Please notify our office promptly if your contact details change 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.

Parent Volunteers at School – All volunteers (classroom reading groups etc, P&C activities, canteen, sport and so on) must complete a copy of the Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors – Working with Children Check. We have copies of these forms at our office. We welcome and value our volunteers and are required by guidelines to ensure we are compliant. Please complete this form 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.

Swim School

Swim School for 2015 has sadly come to an end, however I am sure that there will be lots of confident swimmers having a great time over Summer using their new skills! At the beginning lots of children were feeling very nervous though after only a few days they were splashing, smiling and swimming like Olympic athletes. It was incredible to see the difference in the confidence levels of our swimmers. I hope everyone continues to practise their skills over Summer. Thank you to Mrs Doyle, Mr Steve, Miss Johnson and Miss Probert for accompanying us over the past two weeks. A big thank you to all students and parents for being so prepared each day with their swimming gear!

Miss Booth

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

Our school is currently updating our students health care plans. If your child or children have an allergy could you please complete Appendix 1, students with allergies form (attached). Please return the form to the front office as soon as possible.

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

P & C News

The last day for canteen will be Friday 11 December. Renovations on the canteen will commence on Monday 14 December. The **bad** news is, as we will not have a canteen, school lunches will not be available. The **good** news is, in Term 1 the school will have a fresh new canteen. We apologise for any inconvenience.

We hope everyone was happy with their Crazy Camel orders. They will make wonderful Christmas presents.

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.

Our last P&C meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 15 December. 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.

REMEMBER FRIDAYS ARE SNO CONE FRIDAYS - \$2.00

P & C



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

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

November

25th Kinder Transition 9.15-10.30am

December

9th Presentation Day

9th Year 6 farewell

10th Kinder celebration

14th Pool Fun day Yrs3-6, Morisset Pool

14th Infants water day, at school

16th LAST DAY OF TERM 4

January 2016

28th First day of Term 1, 2016 for students in years 1 to 6.

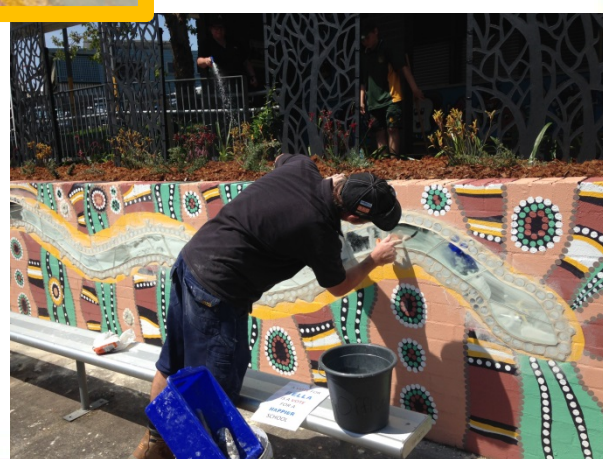
PONDEE NEWS



Hello sunshine! Last week during CAPA groups and Pondee Kids the sun graced us with her presence so we were lucky enough to get in the garden and finish it! It looks amazing and Pondee kids are very proud of the end result. If you haven't seen it you must come and have a look for yourself. Mr Lavercombe was very generous with his time and came back to help us with the grouting. The serpent is now protected and ready for the final touches and it too will be complete.

Term 1 next year we will have an event to celebrate this achievement so watch this space for details!

Mrs Jenny and Mrs Doyle



Pedestrian safety



Help your child to

STOP
LOOK
LISTEN
THINK

anytime they cross a road –

STOP one step away from the kerb

- LOOK** both ways,
- LISTEN** for any cars, and
- THINK** about the safest time to cross.

ADVANCE ACADEMY OF GYMNASTICS TORONTO

SUMMER GYM CAMPS

January school holidays.

8am to 4pm

Plus 2hr hour and 4 hour Clinics

Enquiries 4959- 9333

email:aagatoronto@gmail.com

Our School App

We now have a new school App. If you 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



Bluey says...

We wear our uniform with respect

The last few weeks of Term 4 we are encouraging every student to wear full school uniform every day. Each student who is in full school uniform each day is given a ticket into a weekly draw. The students in the class with the most tickets at the end of each week win an ice-block each. The winning class also go into a drawer for one student to win a new backpack full of school essentials. All tickets then go into a whole school draw for another backpack.

This will happen every week until week 10 where all tickets will be consolidated and a bike will be drawn as the major prize.

Last week K/1P won the weekly draw with almost every single student wearing perfect school uniform every day. The students each enjoyed an ice block today. The backpack winner in K/1P for last week was Jai Lonsdale. The whole school back pack award was won by Samantha Elford in 1/2G. Well done to these students for wearing their school uniform with pride and respect.

Community Engagement Officer

Tracy Marsland



KEEP YOUR CHILD **SAFE**

IT'S THE LAW THAT PEOPLE WHO WORK
WITH YOUR CHILDREN MUST HAVE A
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.

Download a free parent's brochure from our website:

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check



APPENDIX 1

Students with allergies

This form is to be completed by the parent /carer of a student with an allergy and returned to the principal or delegated executive staff. The school will complete the first three fields. The purpose of collecting this information is to identify students who are at risk of a severe allergic reaction. Information provided on this form will be used to assist the school in determining what action needs to be taken in relation to a student with an allergy.

Dear _____

You have identified _____

as having an allergy/allergies to _____

Please complete the questions below and return to the principal or delegated executive staff.

1. A doctor has diagnosed my child with an allergy to:

☐ Insect sting/bite _____ (specify)

☐ Medication _____ (specify)

☐ Food:

- Peanuts Y/N
- Nuts. Please specify: _____ Y/N
- Fish Y/N
- Shellfish Y/N
- Soy Y/N
- Sesame Y/N
- Wheat Y/N
- Milk Y/N
- Egg Y/N
- Other. Please specify: _____ Y/N

☐ Latex _____

☐ Other. Please specify: _____

2. My child has been hospitalised with a severe allergic reaction Y/N

3. My child has been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector (EpiPen® or Anapen®) Y/N

4. My child has an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis⁶ Y/N
(please attach this and return the form)

Completed by _____ / /
Parent/Carer (please print) date

Signature: _____

⁶ Each time your child is prescribed a new adrenaline autoinjector the doctor will issue an updated ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis. It is important that this is the plan provided to the school