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From Our Principal

Welcome to 2015.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say welcome back to all our returning students and families and a very happy Toronto welcome, to all new students and families for this year.

I will also take this opportunity to formally introduce our new staff members for 2015.

Mrs Amanda Lavercombe – Leader of Learning. Mrs Lavercombe will be working across the school with both students and staff, to support Literacy and Numeracy programs.

Mr Brett Youngberry – Relieving Assistant Principal and teaching 5/6Y.

Mrs Teresa Doyle – Permanent appointment teaching 3/4D.

Mr Andrew Cooper – Permanent appointment teaching K/6C.

We know that all four teachers will love being a part of the Toronto school community.

Bell Times

We have had a slight change to our daily bell times in order to support the introduction of the Spelling Mastery program for years 1-6. Our start and finish times remain unchanged, but our lunch eating time, is now ten minutes earlier. The bell times are as follows:

8.55am (Class time)

10.45am – Lunch eating time (10 mins)

10.55am - First half lunch (playtime)

11.15am - Second half lunch (playtime)

11.35am – End lunch (Spelling Mastery program for years 1-6 Mon – Thurs)

12.05pm – End Spelling Mastery

1.35pm – Recess

1.55pm – End recess

2.55pm School day finishes.

Please also note that students should not be at school before 8.35am. **Teachers are on duty in the playground from 8.35am.**

Thank you for your support with this.

Electronic Sign

We finally have some good news regarding our electronic sign, which has been turned off since May 2013.

Last Friday, I met with representatives from both RMS and Lake Macquarie City Council, and we are able to relocate the sign along Carey St.

This will be done as soon as possible. Support from a local Electrician, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school if you know anyone who may be able to assist.

Important Events

On Friday our annual swimming carnival will be held at Morisset Pool. This is considered a usual school day for all students in years 3-6 and we expect that all will be in attendance. Even if your child is not a competitive swimmer, there will be fun novelty events for them to participate in. Students in year 2, turning 8 years old this year, are also invited to attend if they are able to swim 50m competently. We look forward to another fantastic day with lots of family support. See you there!

Next Monday February 9 we are having our Student Leader Induction Assembly. This will take place in the hall at 9am. All welcome.

Friday 13 February, we are having a "Meet and Greet the Teachers" afternoon at 3pm- 4.30pm. More information about this afternoon will follow.

Notes

There will be lots of notes coming home over next couple of weeks as is usual for the beginning of a school year. Please be aware that any YELLOW notes should be returned to school as soon as possible after you complete them.

School Uniform

We are proud of our school, our students and our school uniform. Please continue to work with us to make our great school even better, by ensuring all students are in full school uniform every day.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember:

"Your day will go the way the corners of your mouth turn" – Unknown

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



Amanda

Brett

Andrew

Teresa

Mrs Amanda Lavercombe

I am thrilled to be working in such a lovely school. The students are gorgeous, the staff are amazing and I'm enjoying starting to get to know our families. My role this year is 'Leader of Learning' and we have already started our journey of improving student achievement. I will be working in classrooms and am enjoying the challenge of learning all our student's names!

I have had the pleasure of working in several local schools in leadership roles and am looking forward to working closely with staff and students during the year.

Please come and introduce yourself when you see me around our beautiful school.

Teresa Doyle

Hello my name is Teresa Doyle. I am excited to be joining the team and community at TPS. I have worked in a number of schools in Sydney since I graduated in 1999 and I was fortunate enough to teach at an International School in the Middle East for a couple of years as well. I really enjoy CAPA and Sport and one of my favourite things to do is to bake cupcakes. Not sure how I will work that into the curriculum yet?!

Andrew Cooper

Hi, I am Andrew Cooper.

I am thrilled to take a position at Toronto Public School within the Support Unit and look forward to getting to know the parents and students of the school.

I have grown up living in The Hunter Valley with my family originating from Western Lake Macquarie.

I have always enjoyed working with young people, especially children with special needs, spending the last six years working with children and adults with disabilities in a variety of educational, community and home based settings.

I enjoy a large range of sports that include swimming, cycling and running, regularly competing in running and triathlon festivals.

I feel privileged to be part of Toronto Public School community, surrounded by supportive, dedicated and talented teachers.

Thank you.

Brett Youngberry

Hi everyone my name is Brett Youngberry and I am very fortunate to be working here at Toronto Public School this year. I have come here from Valentine PS where I have

been working for the past eight years. I am a local to the Toronto area and am very much looking forward to working with the children and families of my community. I love sport and still play baseball every winter. Mrs Y works for Camp Quality and my two teenage kids are at high school. We also have a dog called "Dave". Looking forward to a great year.

Meet and greet the Teachers

We would like to welcome all our families into our classrooms on Friday 13th March after school.

It will be a very informal afternoon session with your child bringing their families into their classroom to show them how it all works! Parents will be able to meet their child's teacher and will receive a handout. Students will be sending home a personal invitation early this week.

Rooms will be open from 3- 4.30pm so please save this date

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 7pm. The meeting will be held in our school staffroom, all members of our school community are more than welcome to attend so please come along and join in some of the decision making for our school and students.

We have a new **canteen pricelist** which is attached to this newsletter. You may notice that there have been some increases to our prices, this is the first increase we have had to our prices for three years and in order for our canteen to remain viable we must move with the times and cover our costs.

News from the Support Unit

2015 has begun in a whirl of organisation, assessment and communication. The support unit is a very very busy place. We welcome Andrew Cooper to our support unit. He thoroughly enjoys working at TPS, feeling privileged to teach in such a wonderful learning environment and we are very pleased to have him. We also welcome three new students into K/6M, Ben D, Emma and Joseph, K/6C welcomes Addy, Ben P and Ben F and our early intervention class has a new case load of pre-school students.

While students have been busily learning new routines and re-familiarising themselves with old ones they have also started on their academic programs.

All students have returned to school very settled and ready to learn.

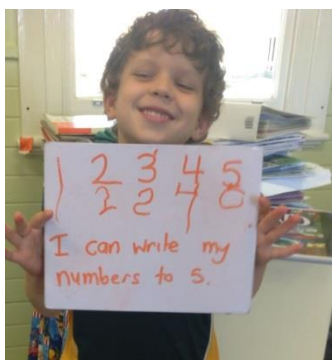
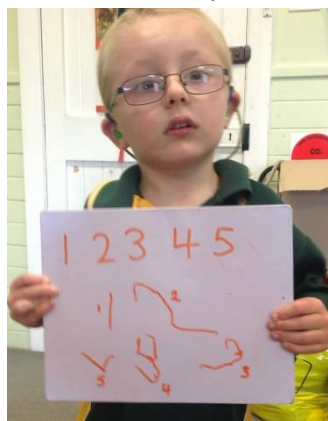
Organisation has begun for transition to high school. Parents who have students in years 5 and 6 will soon receive a time to meet with Heather Hern, Kerri McCarthy, our School Counsellor and myself to discuss high school placements. It is imperative that parents attend these meetings so that your child receives a placement for high school.

It is expected that all students attend school on Friday for the swimming carnival. If your child cannot swim 50 metres, alternative activities will be provided.

Arrangements for your child to stay at school, should they not be able to go to the carnival will also be made. The swimming carnival is a fun day that is an imperative part of your child's school program.

Julie McPhee

Assistant Principal



Please Note*

SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONE

The area out the front of the school in Renwick Street is a "Drop off Zone" between 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Drivers are permitted to drop off and pick up student only during these times; they are not permitted to park.

The Ranger from Lake Macquarie City Council regularly patrols this area and drivers will be fined if they park in this area during these times.



Our New Website

Please check out our new website at www.toronto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. The website contains up to date information from the Department of Education and Communities and more specifically from our school. News articles, events, notes and photographs can all be found on the site. We are quite excited

about the site and would like your feedback. If you have suggestions about how the site can be improved please talk to or telephone Mrs McPhee.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!!!

FEBRUARY

- 6th Swimming Carnival - Yrs 3 to 6
- 6th **SCHOOL CANTEEN IS CLOSED**
- 9th Student Leader Assembly-9am
- 13th 3 - 4.30pm Meet & greet the teacher
- 17th Zone swimming carnival

MARCH

- 12th Cross Country
- 18th Parent Teacher Interviews
- 20th Harmony Day
- 24th Zone cross country

APRIL

- 2nd Easter hat parade
- 2nd **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**
- 2nd -21st **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- 21st **STUDENTS FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**

SHIMJANG TAEKWONDO

Self-defence –join now for mums, dads and the whole family. Please let us know if you are interested in a morning class for parents (after school starts). For full details see our website www.shimjang.com or call Greg on 0411 155 510. Have fun, gain confidence and meet new friends.

