



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From Our Principal

Welcome to week 4!

It was terrific to see so many parents attend our "Meet and Greet the Teacher" afternoon last Friday. We had 53% of our students represented which is a fantastic achievement! Many thanks to our wonderful kids and teachers who worked together to prepare classrooms, work samples and a lovely informal environment to welcome our families to the 2015 school year. We look forward to sharing many more school opportunities with you all throughout the year.

High School Students

We always welcome our ex students back to TPS and really enjoy hearing about their high school experiences. We respectfully request that any high school students coming to visit teachers or pick up younger siblings, please wait in the quiet zone until the bell goes at 2.55pm. This will minimise disruption to learning. Thank you for your support with this.

Road Safety

Toward the end of last year, we introduced a system to ensure better supervision of students as they exit the school at the end of the day. Included in these procedures is the expectation that **students who are waiting for parents to collect them from the Renwick St gate**, will sit in our quiet zone until parents arrive at school to collect them. Students will be escorted by teachers to ALL exit points of the school. We want all students to remain safe and will direct students to wait inside school grounds (rather than on the footpath outside the gate). Once again, we thank you in advance for supporting the safety of our students.

K-2 Health Screening

Next week the Audiologist will begin hearing assessments with our K-2 students. If you haven't yet returned permission notes for this, please do so as soon as possible.

Combined Permission Notes

Last week we sent home a combined permission note for all students K-6 (local excursions / walking, internet usage, photos etc). Please ensure these are returned so that we have a clear record of permissions for all students.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for this year is tonight at 7pm (staffroom). Please come along to discuss our future directions, meet new people and help the wonderful group of our hard working parents make our great school even better.

P&C AGM

Our annual P&C AGM will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th March. If you are interested in holding a position on our P&C for 2015, please come along tonight for more information.

Have a wonderful week everyone and remember - *"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."* --Henry Ford

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

Julie McPhee – Staff Profile

My name is Julie McPhee and my role is Assistant Principal, Special Education. In this role I coordinate programs in the support unit, including transition and IEP meetings and excursions. Other roles I take across the school include leading the PBL team to analyse systems across the school, making improvements based on our students' needs and, with Amanda Lavercombe coordinate the Learning Support Team.

Weekends usually find me outdoors, in winter I'm at our local netball courts where I coach my daughter's team and umpire for a little fitness. In summer I love nothing better than swimming either at the beach or in the lake. My other interests include spending time with my family, travelling to less touristy destinations and walking.



Pondee

The team at Toronto Public School are excited about the new school year! The team is preparing for a busy cultural year, which will include Personalised Learning and Support Plans (PLSPs), numerous cultural activities and Pondee Kids. Jenny Ryan and Teresa Doyle are your contact people in 2015.

1. Personalised Learning Plans

Classroom teachers will work with you and your child to write Personalised Learning and Support Plans (PLSPs), assisting your child to achieve their personal best. Jenny or Teresa will contact families to schedule a time in the coming weeks to generate your child's PLSP.

2. Cultural Activities

Toronto Public School participates in cultural activities such as NAIDOC week and Close the Gap. We welcome parents and family members who are keen to share their skills with the students in 2015. If you can donate your time to help in any way in any of the following areas please let the school know.

- * Having a yarn with the children - dreamtime stories, local area knowledge, local history, talks about artefacts.

- * Traditional dance or music.

- * Art

- * Providing an extra pair of hands at school during Pondee time.

3. Pondee Kids

Pondee is the Awabakal word for the place on Lake Macquarie where Toronto is situated. This is why our students thought it would be a great name to identify who they are. Pondee kids meet once a fortnight, giving them a chance to get to know other Indigenous students in our school and participate in cultural activities. Please talk to your children about Pondee Kids and encourage them to come along! Once all PLSPs are completed, Pondee Kids will commence.

Together we can make a happy and culturally enriching school year!

Mrs Teresa Doyle

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has made a fantastic start to school and all children have settled well into school life. During the first week we were busy learning our classroom and school rules and expectations, Learning, Safety and Respect. We are beginning to become responsible and independent learners; we know where all of the supplies are in our classroom and we are getting the hang of the 'Daily 5'!

During our literacy sessions we have begun learning our sounds and started our Term 1 sight words. Next week we will be sending these words home to practise each night as homework. Each day is a new and exciting adventure in KL and K/1P as we learn, grow, make new friends and begin to make our classrooms our own special place with photos and artworks displayed around the room.

Miss Lord and Miss Pichaloff

KL and K/1P Classroom Teachers

Assemblies in 2015

We welcome all parents and friends to attend our regular Monday morning Assemblies. These are held in our school hall for all our students to receive awards, hear announcements and listen to our 'PBL' (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus for the week. These assemblies will run from 9am and should conclude by 9.30am. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible join us to celebrate our weekly successes.

We will have a larger, more formal assembly on the Mondays of Weeks 5 and 10 each term. There will be a performance from one or two classes each time and parents of those classes are strongly encouraged to attend. We will celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students in regards to our three school rules - Respect, Safety and Learning. These assemblies will be starting at 9am in our hall and may run longer than our usual weekly assembly. Again, we welcome as many parents and friends to attend these assemblies to celebrate our students' wonderful achievements. Please see the table below for the classes performing at our major assemblies.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Week 5	K-1P and Starstruck	2-3B	5-6Y K-6M	5-6M K-6C
Week 10	4-5C	1-2G	3-4D	KL

We look forward to seeing you at our next assembly.

P & C NEWS

The P&C would like to welcome back all students and families and also welcome new students and families to the 2015 year.

A big welcome to our new staff members also. We look forward to getting to know you all.

School uniforms are now to be purchased from the canteen. If you require uniforms, please call in and see Sue.

Please make note that our next P&C meeting will be held (tonight) 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. Please come along and join in some of the decision making for our school and students. We welcome all ideas.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!!!

FEBRUARY

17th Zone swimming carnival

MARCH

12th Cross Country
18th Parent Teacher Interviews
20th Harmony Day
23rd National Young Leaders 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

Aerobics News

Due to Mrs Te Moananui leaving our school at the end of 2014, Mrs Nilson is now co-coaching our 2 aerobics teams with me. Our new teams are doing a terrific job learning their new routines. They are working very hard. We currently train every Monday after school and on a Wednesday during CAPA groups. We would love to share our routines at an assembly closer to the end of term.

Tracy Marsland

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 2.30am 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.

Community Advertising

Would you like to get back into tennis? Maybe you would like to learn how to play tennis..

Bolton Point Tennis Club is holding a **FREE** Tennis day on Sunday 1st March for anyone of any age or ability.

A professional coach will be in attendance and you don't need a tennis racquet. Tennis shoes or joggers without ripple soles are necessary. Free giveaways on the day. Please phone Barbara on **49591160** for a time slot. There are limited spots throughout the day.

STUDENT
PICK UP
AND
DROP OFF
AREA

LAKE MACQUARIE DOCKERS AFL CLUB



Tulkaba Oval, York St Teralba

2015 Registrations are open now at Tulkaba Oval

Thursday's 5.30pm - 6.30pm

NAB Auskick - 4 Years to 8 Years
\$70 (Includes 2015 Auskick Pack)


Juniors - 8 Years to 17 Years
\$140 (Includes club polo shirt. No weekly fees)

Youth Girls - 12 Years to 16 Years
\$100 (Includes club polo shirt. No weekly fees)

Come along on a Thursday and have a try.


Games are played on Sundays

*For further information please contact Dean Job
on 0424 505 492*



TORONTO JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB

Play Baseball

History Toronto Junior Baseball Club was formed in 1972. We are located on the western side of Lake Macquarie with our home ground is Waterboard Oval, Fennell Crescent, Blackalls Park. We provide a range of baseball activities for boys and girls with age groups between five and 16 years of age.	About the Game Baseball is a winter sport in our area. The season commences in April and finishes in September. Tee ball for kids from five to nine years of age and Baseball for kids, from 10 to 16 years, is played on Saturday mornings.	Registration Details Juniors - 5 - 16 yrs To find out more information about the junior competition and or to register, please contact Ian Mackey on ian@crelingrowth.com.au or call 0414 496 493
 <p>Toronto Junior Baseball Team</p>		Seniors - 17+ To find out more information about the Seniors competition please contact Pete 0411 183 145 or Joe 0439 897 082

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.