



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Connecting our community and our school through newsletters, photos and information.

www.toronto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

From Our Principal

Welcome to Week 6.

Students in years 1-6 started the Spelling Mastery program last week and have been working hard in their new groups. To assist in the success of this program, please organise the purchase of your child's workbook (at the office) as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

2015 Class Structures

Creating class structures at the beginning of each year is a big task and one where decisions are made based on many factors. Firstly, we are bound by enrolment numbers and class size averages. This year, we have had to form composite classes right through from K/1 to 5/6. This is because our enrolment numbers in each grade don't "fit" with straight grade class sizes.

Classes have been established this year after lengthy consultation amongst teaching staff. All children have been placed with some friends and there is an even spread of academic ability throughout all classes. Where possible, we have also kept gender as equitable as possible in all classes. Please be assured that students at TPS will be catered for in whichever class they have been placed.

Regardless of whether they are in the older or younger year group in the class, all students will have curriculum delivered to them at their level of need.

If you need further clarification about this, please make an appointment to see me.

Student Bathrooms

We respectfully request that parents and visitors to our school refrain from using the student toilets. In order to keep our school safe, these bathrooms are for student use only. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Toddlers and Younger Siblings

It is lovely to see so many brothers and sisters of our students at school each morning and afternoon. Please help us to keep these little people safe, by supporting the use of our quiet zone drop off and pick up area. We have had a couple of toddlers knocked over in our playground before school, while they have been with older siblings. Please keep toddlers safely away from stairs, balconies and the open playground.

Monday Morning Assemblies

Please join us for our weekly Monday morning assembly. This is an opportunity to hear what's happening throughout

the week and to see our children receive merit awards. There are seats available and the kids love having mums, dads and friends there. All welcome!

Morning supervision of students

We have had a number of students arriving very early to school. Please also note that students should not be at school before 8.35am. **Teachers are on duty in the playground from 8.35am.** If you require care for your children before school, please contact YMCA Lake Macquarie OOSH on 4959 4444 or 0459 988 196. Please help us to keep our kids safe.

Tell Them From Me Survey

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 6 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember – *"Together everyone achieves more" - Chambless*

T – Together

E – Everyone

A – Achieves

M – More

Mrs Van Egmond ©

From the Support Unit.

The beginning of the year has seen K/6M & K/6C work on routines to make the school day more enjoyable and organised for all. We have also had lots of fun learning our letter sounds.

Integration starts today with our year 6 students heading to Toronto High School for activities. We look forward to hearing positive reports from our students.

Julie McPhee

Assistant Principal



Star Student Awards

Week 5 & 6

KL:Lukus Brown-focus and improvement in handwriting. Havaniah Morris-always doing the 6L's. Jessica Xing-becoming a confident class member, Jack Martin-speedy responses during literacy warm-ups.

K/1P:Jake Lundy-neat & quality work, Brianna McEwan-learning to read with expression. Kittani

O'Brien-being a caring & helpful class member, Michael Moran-working hard in reading
1/2G: Taj Wright- great reading, Max Buttsworth-working hard in maths
2/3B: Anna Williams-fantastic reading, Lachlan Walters- being a kind class member
3/4D : Ellie Garde-very eager participant in group discussions. Kaylah Callaghan- always setting a positive example for her peers. Mia Plant- exciting and detailed power sentences, Georgia Pittman- exciting and detailed power sentences.
4/5C: Chelsie Crowe- excellent effort in writing. Joshua Moran-excellent effort in writing. Rohan Barrett- trying hard in ninja groups, Phoebe Andrews- always setting a good example in class.
5/6Y: Mia Tuhakaraina- fantastic effort in power sentence writing. Shanaye Mallory- focused learning efforts in class activities. Kasey Turner- focused effort in maths Well Done!,Samantha Vagi- always being a respectful class member.
5/6M: Nathan Fallon-excellent time connectives in his power sentences. Maddison Sullivan- settling in well to a new school. Liam Andrews- always trying his best in class, Kynan harding-working well in maths groups.
K/6C: Addison Montague- excellent effort in reading. Cameron Harsh- excellent writing
K/6M: Zac Riggs: being a good friend, Joseph Toneguzzi- excellent effort in writing
Supervised Games Sportmanship Awards: Daniel Iruista – Showing great sportsmanship.

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

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

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.

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*



Coal Point Physical Culture Club

Be Fit, Be Flexible, Have Fun

Classes for girls & ladies aged 3 to 103

Thursdays from 4pm

Multi Purpose Centre

Thorne Street


Toronto

Call Carolyn 0416080995

Jo 0402435569

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.



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@core8ingrowth.com.au or call 0414 496 493 Seniors - 17+ To find out more information about the Seniors competition please contact Pete 0411 183 145 or Joe 0439 697 062
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Toronto Junior Baseball Team

Toronto Junior Girl Guides

invite you to
Come and Try Guides!

Wednesday, 11th March 6pm-7.30pm

For girls aged 7-10 years

Come for a night of fun! Make new friends!

Toronto Guide Hall ,11A William St Toronto.

**Please call Rebecca Hale on 0422 553 324 to
register for this free event.**

**Or to find out more visit our website
www.girlguides-nswact.org.au**



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL **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 or a payment can be made over the phone.
- 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