



# TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear families,

This is the last week for Term 2 – gosh it has flown! Everyone has worked very hard this term – academically, socially, in sporting ventures and culturally. There is so much to celebrate as the term draws to a close.

Starstuck students performed for our school assembly today and they were a-MAZE-ing! Thank you to Miss P. and Mrs Pollock for all the hard work they have done in preparing, organising and supervising the wonderful group of students. Thank you also to the families who supported their children by organising transport, meals, costumes and fantastic hair-dos! The show was incredible and I know our students had a sensational time.

It is NAIDOC week this week and our school is celebrating Aboriginal and Islander culture in many ways. Mrs Doyle and Miss Jenny have been working tirelessly to organise a wonderful range of activities and experiences for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget Red, Black and Yellow day on Friday!

On the weekend Lily Greig and Kyla Bussey competed at the State Titles for School Aerobics. They won Gold for their Primary Pairs routine and Lily also won Gold for her singles routine. It was an absolute pleasure to see the two routines and celebrate the results from a huge amount of training and preparation. Well done girls and I look forward to seeing you perform at the National competition in August.

We were lucky enough to have Toronto Pre-School visit our assembly on Monday. They brought all children who are going to school next year to see our assembly and spend some time in our playground. Thank you to K-1P for their wonderful hosting of these lovely pre-schoolers. We enjoy showcasing our fabulous school and welcome visitors to see what a wonderful learning environment we have.

Reports went home last week. Please feel free to contact the school to arrange a time to discuss the report in more detail if you feel the need. It was a pleasure to read every report and see how hard our students are working.

We will host another 'Look @ Learning' morning next term. We have planned a day of festivities on 30<sup>th</sup> July including Book Parade, as part of our Education Week Celebrations. Please mark it in your diary now!

I would like to congratulate everyone on the hard work, dedication and kindness shown every day. Toronto Public

School is a great place to be! Have a wonderful, safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward a wonderful Term 3.

**Amanda Lavercombe**

*"Happiness is in the heart, not in the circumstance..."*

**Leader of Learning**

**Toronto Public School**

## Our new 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.



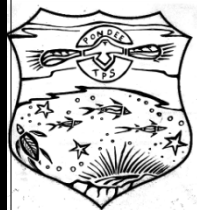
## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!!!**

June

22<sup>nd</sup> NAIDOC week  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

July

13<sup>th</sup> Teachers return  
14<sup>th</sup> Students return for Term 3  
27<sup>th</sup> Education Week  
30<sup>th</sup> Book Parade & BBQ lunch



# PONDEE NEWS

NAIDOC Week 2015 Writing Competition

Congratulations to Hayden Pittman (K/1P) for winning the Infants award and

Mia Tuhakaraina (5/6Y) for winning the Primary award.

Everyone had to create a short but powerful piece of writing that was based on our NAIDOC Week Celebration poster "We all Stand on Sacred Ground." The Prize was tickets to Disney on Ice for Sunday 21.06.2015.



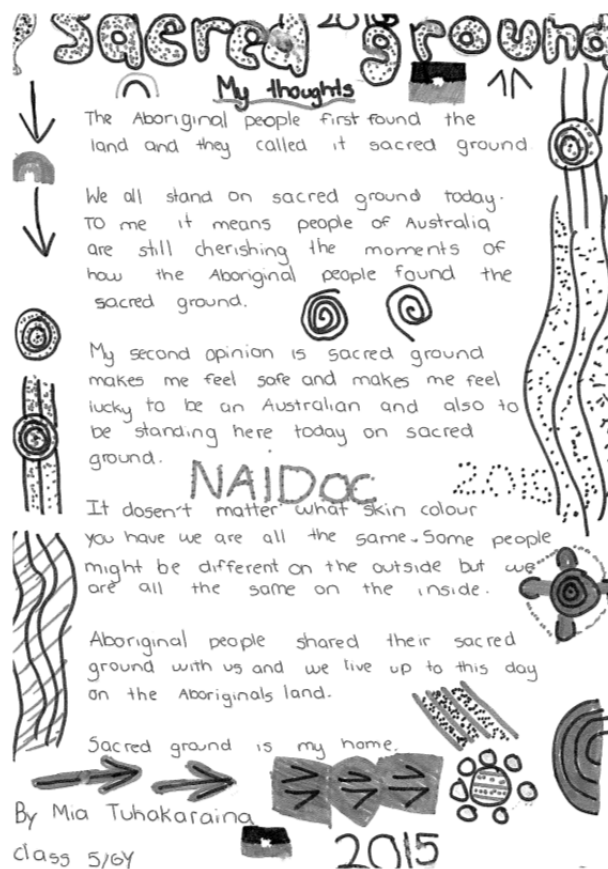
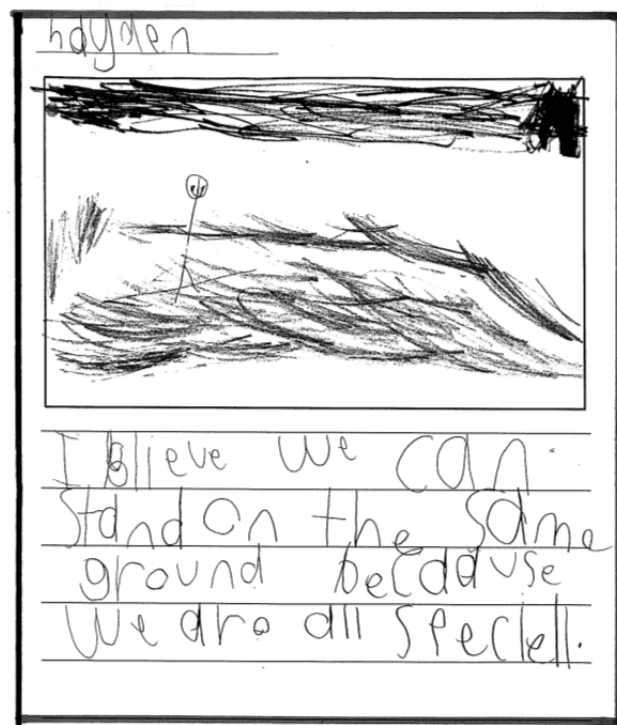
## NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week celebrations are taking place in Week 10 at TPS. Why do we celebrate NAIDOC Week? It's a celebration of Aboriginal culture! It's an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the rich cultural history that makes Australia unique.

Dreaming Stories, Dance, and Bush tucker (sharing a meal) are just a few ways to do this. The following is an overview of our celebrations.

Monday 22.06.2015	Tuesday 23.06.2015	Wednesday 24.06.2015	Thursday 25.06.2015	Friday 26.06.2015
NAIDOC Assembly in hall	Story Time  Booragul Public School Dancers to perform	Pondee Kids Performance in the hall  Nikinpa Preschool visit  10:45am Pondee Kids are hosting a sausage sizzle at lunchtime.	Story Time	Black/Yellow/Red day. Students come to school out of uniform and students and staff are asked to wear the following coloured tops:  Yrs 3-6 to wear black  Pondee kids to wear yellow  K-Yr2 to wear red.  Traditional Indigenous Sports

## Our prize winning writing pieces



## Matter of Seconds: Water Safety program

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May students in Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 6 were treated to a visit from Lake Macquarie life guards who taught us about the dangers of the lake and the beach and gave us tips on how we can stay safe in the water.

We got to have a close look at the flags that are used to help us swim in safe areas and we had a fun time acting out dangerous scenes at the beach using floating devices.

Miss Booth

*'It was really exciting and they told us to swim in the white wash if we are in trouble and that the dark water is deep and dangerous'* Jesse-James Castray

*'If you're in a current look where the white water is and don't swim in the dark water because the white water is shallow'* Lachlan Walters



*'It is dangerous to swim in rips and always swim between the red and yellow flags! Surfers must stay to the side of the black and white checked flags'* Tarni Ryan

*'If you see the red flag the beach is closed and it could be because of sharks!'* Ruby Rose



# Beanie Kids™

## For Nepal

We have had an overwhelming response to our Beanie Kids for Nepal donations! The generous students from Toronto Public, along with staff and their families have donated close to 60 Beanie Kids, with more to come! We have also had generous donations of whiteboard markers for the school children. I cannot wait to get to the hospital in Nepal and hand out these gorgeous bears to the children affected by the earthquakes. Your bears will be flying in the plane on Tuesday morning all the way to Kathmandu airport. Have a look for them up in the sky!

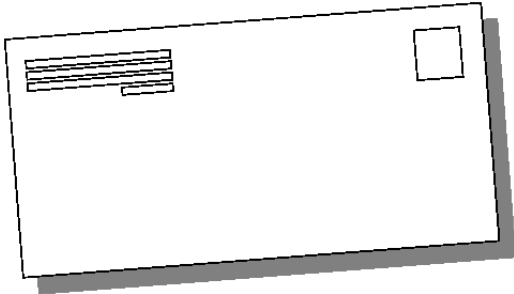


Thank you for your generous donations.

Miss Booth

### Pen-pals in K/1P

This term K/1P has become pen-pals with a Year 1 class from Lavington East Public School in Albury. Every student writes letters and draws pictures about themselves for their pen-pal. They enjoy opening and sending letters by post.



### **WE ARE GOLD MEDALISTS IN AEROBICS!**

On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June Lily and I went to the State school Aerobics Finals. We had lots of fun and our performance was amazing. Lily and I were lucky enough to win a gold medal and we are heading off to the Gold Coast to perform in August.

Kyla Bussey



On the same day I also competed in the School Aerobics State Finals. I was lucky to get FIRST going home with a gold medal. School Aerobics State Finals was awesome and it was an experience that I will remember for a long time. I can't wait to go to Queensland for Nationals it will be amazing. I did my best and that's all that matters to me.

Lily Greig

### **Cooking with K/6C and K/6M**

To finish our week K/6C and K/6M enjoy their cooking time. After shopping for their ingredients earlier in the week, they come together on Fridays to learn essential life skills in preparing basic meals. During this time we learn social skills when gathered around the table, using manners and following directions. Best of all the food tastes great and we enjoy sampling our cooking creations.



Mr Cooper & Mrs Nilson

### **NEW TAXI ZONE!!**

Please take notice that the council has created a **taxi zone** at the front of the school, near the gate entering the teachers car park, directly adjoining the current "drop off/pick up" zone. And a reminder that the area directly in front of the school gate is strictly a drop off & pick up zone. Both of these areas at the front of our school are strictly **NO PARKING** before or after school. Please do not park there to pick up/drop off your child.

It is important for our children's safety that our parents and caregivers follow these rules so that none of our precious students are hurt or injured entering or leaving our school premises.

**Thank you**

# Community Notices



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Is a proud sponsor of our School Aerobics Team!

Thank you Anytime Fitness Toronto for helping our girls achieves their goals.



## TORONTO PUBLIC

## SCHOOL PBL

## All Settings Matrix



Respect	<p>Be an active listener (including 6Ls)</p> <p>Follow instructions</p> <p>Be polite</p> <p>Care for Property and Environment</p>	
Learning	<p>Be a team player</p> <p>Be an Active Participant</p> <p>Be Prepared</p> <p>Achieve your goals</p>	
Safety	<p>Be in the right place at the right time</p> <p>Move Safely</p> <p>High Five / Report to teacher</p> <p>Respect Personal Space</p>	

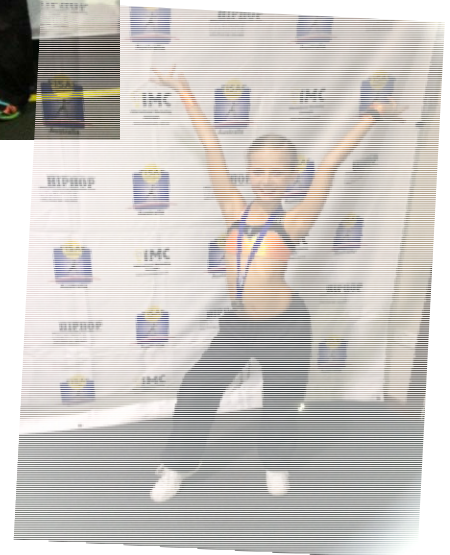
**This weeks' PBL focus is RESPECT PERSONAL SPACE**

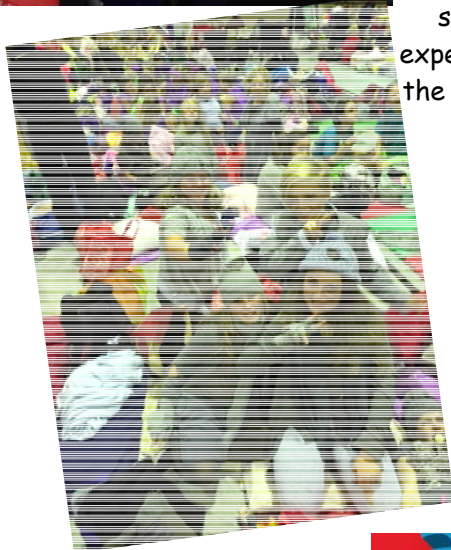
## Little Pocket Rockets win Gold

Last weekend our amazing little Pocket Rockets Aerobics team competed in State Finals and secured an invitation to now compete at Nationals in Brisbane. They excelled in their performance and the Gold medals were very well deserved. Congratulations to Charli Rooker, Ellie Garde, Lilli Holder, Kylie Azas, Mia Plant and Kira Faulkner on your spectacular win!!! As their coach, I could not have been more proud of my team. It was their first year together as an aerobics team and they have trained so hard to get here. I cannot wait to take them all to Brisbane in August to showcase their skills at a National Level.



Congratulations also to Lily Greig. Lily came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mini Advanced Aerobics section. Well done Lily, all your hard work and dedication is worth it. We are all very proud of you.





## Star Struck 2015

This year the theme for Star Struck was 'aMAZEing'.

Since first auditioning for Star Struck, our students rehearsed in their lunch times and during CAPA groups showing commitment, energy and determination to perfect dances to "Streets of Philadelphia", "Uptown Funk" and the finale. This also included travelling to Broadmeadow 5 times to rehearse.

Last week, they performed brilliantly with more than 5000 primary and high school students from the Hunter Region to make it the best Star Struck show yet, with record numbers in the audience at all performances.

Thank you to all parents and staff who supported us. It was a very rewarding experience for everyone involved, especially the students. Lots of fun was had and many new friendships made.

Congratulations Star Struck team!!!!



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Miss Pichaloff & Mrs Pollock