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Welcome to Term 3.

Aside from the extremely cold weather, we have had a positive start to our school term. Students have come back to school refreshed, ready to learn and looking fabulous in their winter uniforms.

We have, as always, busy times ahead. Please refer to the calendar to ensure all dates for the following events, are safely recorded in your diaries. More information about these events will be provided in due course.

21.07.15: P&C Meeting 7pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome.

27.07.15: This week is Education Week.

27.07.15 – 2.08.15: Book Fair. Notes home today regarding this.

30.07.15: 9am Look at Learning Literacy. Please come and see the wonderful work your children are doing in their classrooms.

3.08.15 – 5.08.15: Stage 2 Camp at Morisset

3.08.15: TADPOLES for 2015 begins. If you have a child starting next year, or know someone who does, please let them know about our wonderful Tadpoles program and come along for some fun school readiness activities. Contact the office for more information.

12.08.15: Disco

14.08.15 and 17.-8.15: Zone Athletics

4.09.15: Father's Day breakfast

9.09.15: CAPA expo

11.09.15: Grandparent's Day

14.09.15 – 17.09.15: Stage 3 Camp to Canberra

Staff news

The following staff changes are in place:

- Mrs Nilsen is teaching for 5/6N (was 5/6Y) for the remainder of the year.
- Miss Threlfall will be running our release from face to face teaching program for the remainder of the year.
- Miss Booth is the Relieving Assistant Principal for stage 2 and 3 (replacing Mrs Herbert whilst she continues her role at Blackalls Park PS).

A reminder that any concerns regarding your children and their learning, are best addressed at the classroom teacher level in the first instance. If required, appointments with the Assistant Principal of the appropriate stage, are also available.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – Mrs Goss

Stage 2 and Stage 3 – Miss Booth

Support Unit- Mrs McPhee

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. If you have a child turning 5 or 6 next year, or know someone who has, please come and collect an expression of interest form from the office. If you are unsure about sending your child to school next year and would like to discuss your concerns and options, please make an appointment to come and talk to either myself, Mrs Lavercombe or Mrs Goss.

Our Tadpoles program will be beginning shortly, and this is an excellent opportunity for our potential 2016 Kinder students, to come and experience some fun "big school" activities.

Early collection of students Please be aware that our school procedures for the early pick up of students are as follows:

- Parents / caregivers are to go to the school office to sign out their child / children. A slip of paper with details will be provided for parents / care givers, to hand to the teacher.
- Teachers will not release students from their care, without this slip of paper. There will be no exceptions to this process.

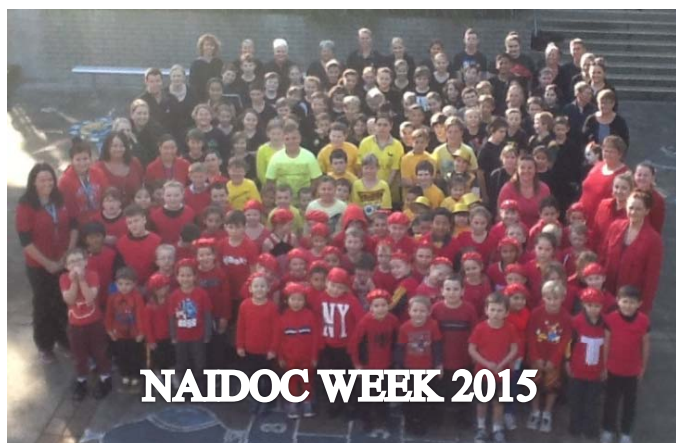
To ensure the safety of all students at our school, these procedures are in place. Whilst we understand that sometimes an emergency situation requires a quick pick up, we respectfully request that you ring ahead, inform the office staff that you are on the way so that the paperwork can be ready. We still require you to collect the slip, before you go to your child's classroom to collect them.

We look forward to seeing many of you sharing these exciting times with your children at our upcoming events this term.

Have a safe and happy everyone and remember –

"Be yourself, everybody else is already taken" Oscar Wilde

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



News from the Support Unit Notes have gone home for Mid-year review meetings. Your teacher will be in contact with you shortly to organise the review of your child's IEP. Your input is greatly valued.

This term is looking to be an exciting one for excursions. Notes will go home soon for a CARES bike day. The CARES bike program is located on the Central Coast at

Palmdale and is run by NSW Police. On the excursions students will have opportunities to learn about road and bike safety in a hands-on manner. The program allows students to ride bikes in a safe manner, on a purposefully built riding area. Students will also have the opportunity to ride modified bikes. It is a fun day.

This term in Science and English we will be looking at living things and their needs for survival. To complement learning in this area we will be organising a BBQ at Blackbutt Nature Reserve and a trip to Sydney Aquarium with mainstream classes. All students will thoroughly enjoy these experiences.

Julie McPhee

Assistant Principal.

NEWS FROM K-2

It is fantastic to see our students back to Term 3 excited to be learning new concepts and ideas. They are busy engaging in high quality learning.

Welcome to Miss Kristy Meredith who is working in KL this term. She is a fourth year student from the University of Newcastle.

This week, in Mathematics, the students in KL are learning about position. We are excited because Mrs Lavercombe will be giving a demonstration lesson on position.

Students in K-1 are busy learning about money. It would be wonderful if parents/carers could support learning about money by engaging them in simple money activities. An example would be helping them count the money in your purse or wallet. Another example is counting in fives and tens using five and ten cent coins.

Students in 1/2G are learning about number patterns to 1000 and are challenging their own learning each day by seeking to practise harder counting patterns.

If you have any concerns please feel free to contact the school and make an appointment with your teacher.

Nerolie Goss

Assistant Principal

Library News The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

It will run from Monday 27th July to Thursday 30th July, in our school library.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this literary fundraiser helps us to continue purchasing new books and resources for our library and school.

The fair will be open before school Monday-Thursday (8.20am-8.45am) and Thursday afternoon (1-3pm).

Mrs Gayler

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE This year the theme for education week is 'Celebrating Local Heroes'. As part of our celebration at Toronto Public School, all students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or local hero on Thursday 30th July to participate in the parade. Family and friends are welcome to come and watch this exciting event and stay for a BBQ lunch.

Cupcake fundraiser for the Pocket Rocket aerobics team! The Pocket Rockets are heading to Brisbane and we need to help them raise some money to cover the upcoming expenses. During our School Book Parade on **Thursday the 30th July** the girls will be selling cupcakes. The cost of the cupcakes will be \$1.00-\$2.00. Please buy a cupcake and help out our aerobics girls! Mrs Nilson



Sporting Ribbons

Our sport stars have been presented with their ribbons from our school athletics carnival held last term. Congratulations to all who participated and especially to those who received ribbons.



P & C NEWS

Welcome back to all the students and teachers to Term 3.

Please have a look at the new 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.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 21 July. If you would like to know more about what is happening in the school, please come along and join us. We welcome all ideas.

The School canteen is the P&C Associations major source of funds. All of these funds are redirected into improvements at our school which directly help our kids. Please support the canteen and help us support the school. If you or someone you know can help in the canteen it would be greatly appreciated. Who knows, you may meet some new friends and even have some fun. Call in and see Michelle ☺

Just a reminder that ALL money or unsold chocolates from the P&C Cadbury Chocolate Drive are to be returned to the school office ASAP. Thank You.

Please keep an eye out for notes regarding the Sausage Sizzle which will be held after the Education Week Book Parade on Thursday 30 July.

The next school disco will be on Wednesday 12 August. Unfortunately, our last school disco had to be cancelled due to low numbers. Our discos are a great time for the kids, so please keep an eye out for the disco note in August.

As the weather is getting cooler, winter uniforms are available for purchase. For all your school uniform needs please call into the canteen and see Sue.

We are 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.

P & C



Star Students

KL: Layla Loken-Parker-being mature & responsible class member. Aria Tuhakaraina-taking pride in her bookwork

K1/P: Jesse Kinsella-settling well into K/1P.

Jack Tonks-adjectives in writing AA sentences

1/2G: Rylan Briggs-always find ways to be helpful. Cheyenne Boswell-great counting in fives.

2/3B: Aysha Tuhakaraina-neat handwriting & presentation of work. Lachlan Walters-neat handwriting.

3/4D: Adam Muir Downton-great start to TPS.

Flynn Radcliffe-great start to TPS.

4/5C: Kira Faulkner-positive attitude to learning.

Ethan Cochrane-helping other class members.

5/6M: Teah McAlpine-always displaying a positive attitude in the classroom. Jake Morris-a great effort when researching & writing an informative text.

5/6N: Jackson Radcliffe-welcome to 5/6N.

Lachlan Robinson-focused learning in all class activities.

K/6C: Cameron Harsh-independent creative writing.

K/6M: Jesse Kinsella-settling well into K/1P.

Sportsmanship Award: Mia PLant

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!!!

July

13th Teachers return

14th Students return for Term 3

27th Education Week

30th Book Parade & BBQ lunch

August

3rd-5th Stage 2 Camp-Morriset

3rd Tadpoles Begins

5th Public Speaking-Booragul PS

12th Disco

14th Zone Athletics

17th Zone Athletics

September

4th Father's Day Breakfast

4th Father's Day Stall

11th Grandparents Day

Our 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.



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

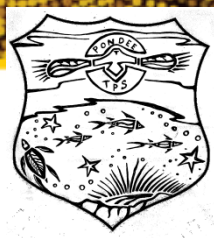
Community Notices



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Is a proud sponsor of our School Aerobics Team!

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



PONDEE NEWS

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS at TPS

During the last week of Term 2, TPS participated in a number of cultural activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. We certainly celebrated our Aboriginal culture! It was an amazing opportunity for all staff and students to celebrate and recognise the rich cultural history that makes Australia unique.

What did we do?

- shared Dreaming Stories
- Booragul Public School Dancers performed for us
- Pondee Kids saw the Possum Skin cloak and put on a performance
- Nikinpa PreSchool came to visit
- shared some bush tucker
- took a photo in the design of the Aboriginal flag
- Mr Des from the local AECG helped us play some Traditional Indigenous Sports.

Mrs Jenny and Mrs Doyle



**We all Stand on
Sacred Ground:**

Learn, Respect & Celebrate

5 – 12 JULY 2015



July 2015

Start of early work at Cary Street, Toronto, from Sunday 26 July

The NSW Government is providing \$5.5 million in 2015/16 for the Cary Street safety and traffic flow improvements between The Boulevarde and Bay Street.

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out the early work, which includes geotechnical investigations, installing road work signage and surveying the footpaths and travel lanes on Cary Street.

We will be working **Monday to Saturday** between **6.30am and 5.30pm** and **Sunday to Thursday** at night between **6.30pm and 4.30am** and expect to complete the early work in **three weeks**, weather permitting.

This work is in preparation for utility relocations which are expected to start in August and be completed in the first half of 2016, weather permitting. Following completion of the utility relocations, major construction activities are expected to start to widen the western side of Cary Street and install traffic lights at the Cary Street, Donnelly Avenue and James Street intersection.

How will the work affect you?

We will make every effort to minimise noise and obstructions to driveways.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to make sure the work zone is safe. A temporary 40km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours.

Lane closures may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App for iPhone, iPad and Android.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this work please contact Project Engineer Luke Skelton on (02) 4968 5213 during business hours.

Thank you for your patience during this important work