



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Quality and Excellence.....Learning Together"

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

John Fleming Visit

Last Monday John Fleming spent the morning at our school. He spoke at our assembly and visited all classrooms to observe the teaching and learning that is taking place at TPS.

We have been working with John for six months now on Explicit Direct Instruction and his feedback indicates that our teachers are doing an excellent job with their Literacy and Maths warm-ups and their delivery of explicit lessons.

The main area for improvement at TPS as identified by John is on raising the academic expectations of our children. This will be our focus for the next term and we will seek John's feedback when he next visits.

John's address at our assembly will be uploaded to our school website shortly.

Toronto Learning Community Awards Night

This annual event was held last Tuesday night at Toronto High School. Once again, this was attended by many family members and friends and the THS hall was overflowing!

Our aerobics team "Pocket Rockets" also performed on this night and did our school proud. Thank you to the parents of these students for supporting their participation at this event.

Our school was showcased brilliantly with our introduction movie and I'd like to acknowledge Miss Pichaloff for her work in putting together this footage. Congratulations also, to all students and staff who featured in this production. The comments from members of other schools were very complimentary.

Congratulations to the following students from our school who were recognised by their teachers for demonstrating Quality and Excellence:

CLASS	NAME
KL	Havaniah Morris
KL	Layla Loken-Parker
K/1P	Kittani O'Brien
K/1P	Jake Lundy
1/2G	Rylan Briggs
1/2G	Noah Bell
2/3B	Carl Doroja
2/3B	Sabora-Lee Berrell
3/4D	Ellie Watts
3/4D	Jamie-lee Dodds
4/5C	Hayley Jacob-Harju
4/5C	Dominic Wilson
5/6M	Noah Williams
5/6M	Teah McAlpine
5/6N	Howell Azas
5/6N	Mia Tuhakaraina
K/6C	Cara McDonald
K/6M	Jesse Kinsela

Funding Review

At TPS we are committed to ensuring that school funding is spent in ways that maximises student impact. As a result, we are seeking your feedback through an online survey. This was communicated on Monday via our Skoolbag app.

Please click on the link via our school website (link below) or our app (in events) and spend a few minutes sharing your opinions. This survey is completely anonymous.

There are paper copies available at the office also.

<http://www.toronto-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/community-survey>

NAPLAN results for years 3 and 5 are being sent home today.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember

– "Teaching is a work of heart"  – Unknown

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

Public Speaking

Congratulations to the students who represented Toronto at the Booragul Public Speaking Competition. It is not easy for some to get up and talk in front of a room full of people, but these students got up and spoke with confidence giving it their best. Well done to Baylee Hastings (KL) Lillian Walmsley (2/3B) Anna Williams (2/3B) and Steven Brady (5/6N). We are very proud of you all.

Mrs Nilson

2/3B EXPLORERS

As part of our History unit 'Charting Unknown Lands' 2/3B has been developing their mapping skills. We landed our 'ship' at an unknown land, known only as 'school'. We had never heard of this strange place before. We had a fun time discovering weird and wonderful objects while looking for shelter, water and food. We then drew a map of this new and exciting place we had discovered!



Netball 2015

Students from years 3-6 at Toronto Public School have enjoyed learning the skills needed to participate in the Westlakes junior and senior netball gala days at Wangi netball courts. These days were a great opportunity for our students to improve their team-work skills, and all students had a great time being physically active. The students represented our school with a lot of pride. Congratulations to all students for

setting a fine example for Toronto Public School. Thank you to parents and caregivers for driving students to and from the venue.

Taylor Threlfall

P & C NEWS

Our school disco was another hit with the kids. Thank you to all our helpers and teachers for braving the cold weather.

Remember to have a look at the 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 15th September. If you would like to know more about what is happening in the school, please come along and join us. We welcome all ideas.

Your children should have received the 125th Birthday-a-Thon sponsorship forms. Your child can collect sponsorship for participating in the 125th Birthday-a-Thon which will be held on Friday 11th September. Your child can then choose prizes up to the value of sponsorship collected. If your note did not make it home they are available at the office.

In the next couple of weeks we will be sending each family a book of raffle tickets for our 125th Anniversary celebrations. We have some great prizes.

Our Father's Day stall will be on Friday 4th September. There will be presents to buy from \$3.00 to \$6.00. We will need some dedicated helpers to wrap these presents after the children have purchased them. If you can spare some time on Friday after 9.00am please drop into the library.

As part of the schools 125th Birthday Celebrations there will be a Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) night on Wednesday 9th September. The P&C will be running a Camel Fundraiser. Your child's artwork will be displayed on CAPA night. Order forms will be available for your child's artwork to be turned into a 2016 calendar, iPhone case or 2016 notebook/diary. The artwork will also be displayed on Friday 11th September at the 125th Birthday-a-Thon.

We are always 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.



Uniform Shop Sport Short Clearance

We are clearing out stock of our old style sport shorts for \$5 each.

Send your money in an envelope with your child's name, class and size to the Office or come and see the ladies in the Canteen.

Thanks
Janelle

Catholic Sacramental Programme: Forming our children in Faith

St Joseph's Parish, Toronto is now taking applications for the 2015/2016 Sacramental Programme for children in Year 2 or higher to prepare for their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you would like your child to take part in this programme, you may collect a letter and enrolment form from the school office or St Joseph's Parish Office. For more information contact Sr Anne Moylan on 4959 2777.

Our school is participating in the Earn & Learn sticker collection from Woolworths again this year.

Please collect your stickers from woollies when you do your shopping, bring them in and put them in the box in our foyer.

Our school was able to obtain additional educational equipment the last time we participated in this great incentive so everyone start collecting and we can get some great extra resources again.



Thank
You!

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.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!!!

August
September

- 4th Father's Day Breakfast
- 4th Father's Day Stall
- 11th Grandparents Day



"JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATIONS - Toronto Workers District Cricket registrations will be held at **Toronto Workers Club** on Sunday 16 August from 10am to noon, Wednesday 19 August from 4pm to 6pm and at the **Entrance to Coles at Bonnells Bay** on Saturday 22 August from noon to 3pm.

The club caters for junior cricketers, both boys and girls, aged 5 to 17 years. Fees, depending on age, must be paid at registration. New players must bring proof of age. Players new to the club (not In2Cricket and T20 Blast) will receive 4 items of cricket clothing.

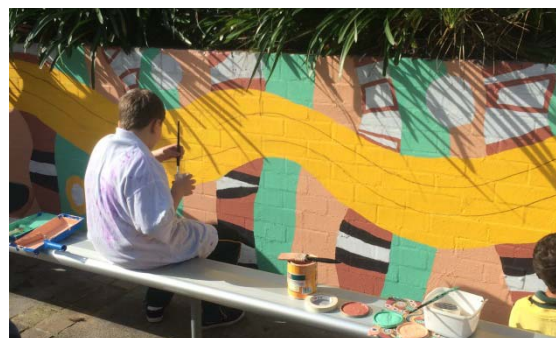
Contact cricket@southernlakes@gmail.com or Robert on 0458 505488."



PONDEE NEWS

Our wall art in Red Zone is looking amazing! We are so excited to see this amazing project coming to life. We continue to paint during Pondee Kids and CAPA groups and the students are so proud of their work. They are really doing a great job!

Mrs Jenny and Mrs Doyle





CREATIVE AND capa Expo PERFORMING ARTS



Please come and join us at Toronto Public School to celebrate our
Creative and Performing Arts Expo.

Every student has contributed their own unique piece of art to create
this visual spectacular. Mini movie screenings will take place
throughout the night showcasing student's creativity and imagination.

Wednesday 9th September, 2015
5:30pm – 7:30pm



*A selection of each student's art will be on display which can be ordered in the form of
calendars, notebooks, iphone cases etc as part of the P & C Fundraiser.*



Tell Them From Me

Parent Survey

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey is now OPEN!!!!

We would like to try and get every single family participate in this survey.

This is another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Our school survey link is

: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17287&j_password=Tor3247

We will be opening our computer room each morning from 8.30 – 9am, and again in the afternoons from 3- 3.15pm for families who may not have access at home. Every family that completes the survey will receive a raffle ticket which will go into a box. The winning raffle ticket will receive a \$20 voucher to spend in the canteen. If you complete the survey at home, please direct your child to the office where they can collect a raffle ticket.

Our Year 6 Prefects will assist you to log in and complete the survey.

Our computer room will be open each day next week for families who would like to use our computers.

This survey is not the survey mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter. There are two surveys, seeking your feedback on different aspects of our school. We would very much appreciate your participation in both.

Thanks

Amanda Lavercombe

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

Leader of Learning

Toronto Public School