



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

17/11/2016



Welcome to Week 6.

Last week Miss Jenny, Mrs Jones and I were incredibly fortunate to attend "Stronger Smarter" Leadership training up at Kurri Kurri.

In the late 1990s, Dr Chris Sarra became the first Aboriginal principal of Cherbourg State School where he made significant changes to the way that Indigenous students experienced education.

Dr Sarra challenged the whole school community to have high expectations of Indigenous students and fostered the 'strong and smart' approach which embraced a strong and positive sense of what it means to be Aboriginal in contemporary Australian society.

The Stronger Smarter philosophy honours a positive sense of cultural identity, and acknowledges and embraces positive community leadership, enabling innovative and dynamic approaches and processes that are anchored by high expectations relationships.

High expectations relationships honour the humanity of others, and in so doing, acknowledge one's strengths, capacity and human right to emancipatory opportunity.

Our Kindergarten Orientation program concludes next week with a barbecue lunch for our 2017 Kindergarten students, their families and their buddies. It has been wonderful to see so many attending our sessions here at school over the past few weeks and to see how excited they are about attending our great school next year. Thanks to our year 5 buddies for their terrific support and to our outstanding staff who worked so hard to make this program a great success.

The Intensive Swimming program will run over the next two weeks. If your child is attending, please ensure they have all swimming items as requested so that they may participate and enjoy the experience as much as possible. Please send any outstanding payments in by tomorrow.

We are considering some bell time changes to our regular timetable for 2017. These changes will not affect our start and finish times at school. A consultation note will be forwarded home next week so that you may consider the options and give us some feedback regarding your views.

As we head toward the end of the 2016 school year, it is really important for future planning that we know if your child / children will not be returning to TPS next year. If you are moving or intend on changing schools, please advise the office on 4959 1571. Thanks for your support with this.

We have some staffing updates as we head into 2017. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we are receiving funding next year in the way of staffing allocation for an Instructional Leader (Deputy Principal) position at our school. Mrs Lavercombe has been the successful candidate through the staffing process and we are thrilled to announce that she will remain a member of our staff for the next three years. Many other schools have also been fortunate to come onto the Early Action for Success program as well. As a result of this, Mrs Sara Metse has also been successful in gaining an Instructional Leader (Deputy Principal) position. Whilst we are sad to see Sara move on, we are absolutely thrilled for her and congratulate her on a well-deserved promotion. Lucky Morisset and Speers Point Public Schools!

Mrs Narelle Herbert has advised that she will not be returning to Toronto Public School as she is retiring. We wish her all the very best for a healthy and happy life beyond school. We will have a relieving Assistant Principal for Term 1 next year until her position is filled.

Once again, I urge you to check the dates on the calendar as we have a busy end to the year planned.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember -

"...if we believe in young children, we give them licence to believe in themselves. And when young children believe they can be stronger and smarter, that brightens the future in very honourable ways." – Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

We are safe, respectful learners!

Dates to For Your Calendar

	November
21 st to 1 st Dec	Intensive Swimming Scheme
24 th	Kinder Orientation & BBQ 9am-11.45am
30 th	John Fleming Visit
	December
6 th	Presentation Day
7 th	Year 6 Farewell
8 th	Kinder 2016 Graduation
9 th	Infants Movie Day
12 th	Primary Pool Day Yrs 3 to 6
12 th	Infants water Day, here at school
14 th	Carols on the Green
16 th	Last Day of School

Cyber Safety Talk

Please note that on Monday 21st November at 9am, parents are welcome to attend our assembly to listen to some key messages about Cyber Safety and Social Media.

Did you know?

- ▣ 13 yrs is the minimum age to have an account on social media sites such as Instagram and Snapchat;
- ▣ Children need to be careful about the images and words they are posting;
- ▣ Privacy settings should be adjusted so it is known who is viewing their content;
- ▣ About posting images of yourself in your school uniform as it allows others to know your location;
- ▣ Police in our area are dealing with inappropriate use and abuse of social media on a daily basis;

At 9.30am, Constable Dana Steel will meet with Stage 2 and 3 students and their parents, as well as any other interested parents to further explore issues around internet safety.

A note went home regarding this on Wednesday 9.11.16. Please return your note so we can ensure we can provide enough seats for people.

Thank you,

Mrs Lavercombe





PONDET NEWS

WHAT DO HANDS REPRESENT IN ABORIGINAL CULTURE?

In the Aboriginal culture, hands are a symbol of belonging. For example, we do not own the land; rather we belong to the land. That is why you will see hand prints on cave paintings because it is a symbol of belonging to that land. Check out <https://youtu.be/YZQfpBfg8I> for more information.

Earlier this year, Miss Jenny and I traced the hand of every student and staff member in our school. Everyone was able to choose their piece of material. We had a variety of colours and patterns to symbolise how different we all are. We then enlisted the help of Miss Jenny's mum, Rell, to sew our hands together and make a wall hanging. We had a vision of what we wanted but the result is beyond our expectations! We love that this wall hanging is a symbol of us all belonging to this land and this amazing school.

Special thanks to Rell for her labour of love in getting this project finished for us. Make sure you come in and check it out. It is displayed proudly in the hall.

Mrs Doyle



P & C NEWS



Our next meal day will be on Monday 21st November. We will be having a burger day. Children can pick from a chicken burger or hamburger and receive an ice-block too. Please remember notes need to be in by Friday 18th November. The children in the Intensive Swimming Program will still be able to purchase their Meal Deal burgers.

This term is going fast. We are looking for parent helpers for stalls the P&C will be running at Carols on the Green on Wednesday 14th December. It will be the last big fundraiser for the Term. Please help support this wonderful event. If you can help, that would be great.

Raffle tickets for Carols on the Green will be sent out quite soon. There are some fabulous entertainment packages and gift cards to be won. There will be one raffle booklet with 10 tickets going home for each child. Extra raffle ticket books are available, if required.

The last full day for canteen will be Friday 1st December. Monday 5th December and Tuesday 6th December the canteen will be opened for drinks and ice-creams by a dedicated team of volunteers. **From Wednesday 7th December until Friday 16th December the canteen will be closed for cleaning.**

The canteen roster has been posted in the Newsletter. We will be in need of parent helpers for the 2017 roster. Please take a look and see if you can help. Thank You.

Our Canteen Supervisor, Michelle will be away from Monday 21st November until 2017, for a much deserved break. All helpers need to make sure they let the school know if they cannot make their rostered day on. Alternative arrangements will have to be made. Tamara Parsons will be taking on the Supervising role while Michelle is away.

Term 4 is going to be a busy one. 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. Also, take a look on the Noticeboard as notes are always placed in there too.



Attention Swimmers

Burger Meal Day

On Monday 21 November, 2016 the P&C will be holding a Burger Meal Day.

It has come to our attention that this day coincides with the Intensive Swimming program.

The children in the Intensive Swimming Program will still be able to purchase their Meal Deal burgers.

The children will receive their ice-block at recess.

Please make sure you get your orders in by Friday so you don't miss out.

Sorry to cause any confusion.

Thank You
P&C

Toronto Public School Canteen Roster Term 4, 2016



Help Needed

If you are able to fill one of our days please contact the canteen.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>14 Nov</u> Trish Lisa	<u>15 Nov</u> Sandra Michelle	<u>16 Nov</u> CLOSED	<u>17 Nov</u> Tracey S Michelle D	<u>18 Nov</u> Tamara Shannon
<u>21 Nov</u> Erica Cherie	<u>22 Nov</u> Tracey B Tamara (filling in)	<u>23 Nov</u> CLOSED	<u>24 Nov</u> Tamara Pat	<u>25 Nov</u> Trish Lisa
<u>28 Nov</u> Lisa Trish	<u>29 Nov</u> Tracy B Tamara (filling in)	<u>30 Nov</u> CLOSED	<u>1 Dec</u> Tracey S Michelle D	<u>2 Dec</u> Tamara Pat
<u>5 Dec</u> Lisa Trish	<u>6 Dec</u> Lisa Trish	<u>7 Dec</u> CLOSED	<u>8 Dec</u> CLOSED	<u>9 Dec</u> CLOSED
<u>12 Dec</u> CLOSED	<u>13 Dec</u> CLOSED	<u>14 Dec</u> CLOSED	<u>15 Dec</u> CLOSED	<u>16 Dec</u> CLOSED

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to slice up a citrus salad.

Ingredients

Salad: 1 avocado; 1 orange; 1 grapefruit; 3 cups baby spinach leaves.

Dressing: ¼ tsp pepper; 1 tsp canola oil; ½ tsp Dijon mustard; 1 tbs balsamic vinegar.

Decoration (optional): 1 orange, finely sliced; 1 grapefruit, finely sliced; 1 cup bean sprouts.

Method: Chop avocado into one-centimetre cubes. Segment orange and grapefruit. Toss in a bowl with baby spinach. In a small bowl or glass, whisk together pepper, canola oil, mustard, and balsamic vinegar. Serve dressing on top of salad or as a side. Arrange orange and grapefruit slices around the serving plate. Top with bean sprouts.

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What do these signs mean?

You can park here for **2 MINUTES ONLY!**

- You can drop off or pick up your child here but you must either stay in your vehicle or within 3 metres of your vehicle.
- Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to 5 minutes.

NO STOPPING

You **CANNOT** stop here!

- You cannot drop off or pick up your child here.

BUS ZONE

You **CANNOT** stop here! Unless driving a bus

- You cannot drop off or pick up your child here.

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