



# TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

1-03-2016



Welcome to Week 6.

Last week was filled with many different activities and I'd like to say thanks to all staff and students for their planning, teamwork and participation, which made each of the days a great success.

Safety Day, Harmony and Anti-Bullying Day, Cross Country, Look at Learning and our wonderful Pondee Celebration made up Week 5 of Term 1. A special thanks also to the primary organisers of each event, ensuring that our days ran smoothly.

Safety Day – Miss Pichaloff and team.

Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day – Mrs Doyle and team.

Cross Country – Miss Threlfall, Mr Murphy and team.

Look at Learning – Mrs Lavercombe and team.

Pondee Celebration – Mrs Doyle, Miss Jenny and team.

Congratulations and thanks to you all!

## Asthma Plans

A reminder to all families of children who have asthma to please send in Asthma plans to school as a matter of urgency. We are currently updating our student Health Plans and require these to ensure the safe management of your child's health whilst they are at school.

## Change of Contact Details

Please notify the office if your contact (address / phone numbers / emergency contacts) details have changed at all so we can update our records.

## Drumming Payment

The balance of the Term 1 drumming fee is now overdue. Please send in prompt payment if you have not yet done so.

## Book Packs

Families with outstanding payments for Book Packs have now been invoiced. Please arrange payment as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you would like to organise a payment plan.

## What to do if you have a concern about your child at school

Teachers are always available to support enquiries or concerns that parents / carers have about their children at school.

So that your concern can be dealt with effectively and quickly, please make contact in the first instance with your child's teacher. If the concern is considerable, you may like to request a meeting with your child's teacher and the Assistant Principal, who is responsible for the stage of learning your child is in: Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (Years K-2) – Mrs Lavercombe

Stage 2 and Stage 3 (years 3-6) – Mrs Goss

Support Unit – Mrs McPhee.

Usually, your concerns can be managed and resolved efficiently through these channels.

If your concern or query is not resolved, please phone the office to make an appointment with the Principal.

Many thanks for your support with these procedures.

## Updated TPS School Plan

Our updated 2015 – 2017 (2016 version) School Plan is now available on our website for viewing. This plan outlines our school's strategic directions for the three year period.

Please keep checking our calendar for important dates. Have a safe and happy week everyone.

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

**Student Absences** – We are using the SMS option on our school based system to communicate with parents regarding student absence from school. Each day by 10.30am, a message will be sent to all parents of students absent from school on that day (partial absence and full day absence). This will provide an opportunity for parents to respond via SMS, the reason for the absence. This will streamline our procedures for monitoring student attendance at school. **Once you respond via SMS, you will not be required to send in a written letter of explanation. If you do not respond via SMS, you will be required to send a written explanation (note or email) upon your child's return to school (as per usual).** Parents / caregivers are required to provide an explanation for absence to the school within 7 days from the first period of any absence. The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the Education Act (1990).

To enable us to accurately send the SMS reminders, it is important that we have current contact details for all families. Please notify our office promptly if your contact details change so we can update our records. It is vital to the safety of your children that we have current and accurate contact details on hand.

**Parent Volunteers at School** – All volunteers (classroom reading groups etc, P&C activities, canteen, sport and so on) must complete a copy of the Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors – Working with Children Check. We have copies of these forms at our office. We welcome and value our volunteers and are required by guidelines to ensure we are compliant. Please complete this form along with the required "100 points" documents to be sighted by a staff member, so we can welcome your contribution in our school. Along with this, if you are visiting to assist in school activities, we require you to sign in as a visitor at our office, before you go to the classroom to help. This again, is for safety requirements in the event that we need to evacuate or have an emergency of some sort. We must have an accurate record of all people on our site, at any given time.

## **Article I. 5/6N inquiry computer based learning**

By Jayden and Chloe

5/6N have just started Inquiry, this is computer based learning. Our first topic in Inquiry is on the famous artist Tom Roberts known for his famous paintings depicting early Australia. We researched Tom Roberts's life, past and present, we think that Tom Roberts was an inspiring artist as he represented himself as an incredible painter. We have seen different artworks such as The Shearing of the Sheep, which was his most popular painting. Please come and view our work in the office as it will be a pleasure for everyone to see.

### **The Schoolyard**

Newspaper Article based on the format of an article written by

Tom Roberts

By Chelsie Crowe and Katinka Breese

"If I had been a poet instead of a worker with the brush, I would have described" the schoolyard alive with chatter and children playing like there was no tomorrow, while the steaming cups of coffee were gently being sipped by teachers laughing with amusement at the extravaganza of unique children, while the new kindies were playing with their year 6 buddies. The sound of traffic would decrease and increase at different times of the day roaring like thunder on a stormy night. The gum-covered oval was filled with children laughing and playing to their hearts content while the Kookaburras laughed in the old gum trees "but being circumscribed by my art it was only possible to take one view, to give expression to one portion of all this."

## P & C News

Our first Meal Day for the year will be a Pizza day on Wednesday 9 March. The cost will be \$6.00 which will include a frozen Lipstick ice block. There is also a gluten free Pizza option. Keep your eye out for the Pizza notes. Notes need to be back by Monday 7 March to avoid disappointment. Sorry, there will be no lunch orders on this day, but the canteen will be open for purchases after lunch.

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.

Easter is early this year. The Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 24 March. Your generous support and donations of Easter eggs are greatly appreciated to make this a successful day. We are accepting donations of Easter eggs from Monday 14 March. Each donation will receive an exclusive raffle ticket to go into the draw for an Event Cinemas Pass. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Easter Egg Raffle tickets will be going out on Monday 14 March. There will be one raffle booklet with 10 tickets in it, going home for each child. Extra raffle ticket books are available, if required.

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. We are trying to establish our Canteen Roster for the 2016 year. Your assistance would be appreciated as the canteen cannot operate smoothly without the goodwill of parents. Please support the canteen and help us support the school. If you or someone you know can help in the canteen it is always a great help. Who knows, you may meet some new friends and even have some fun. Call in and see Michelle.

A friendly reminder to please pack spoons and forks in your children's school lunches. Unfortunately, due to regulations, we are unable to heat children's food up that they have brought from home. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

If you require school uniforms for the new school year, please call in and see Sue at the Canteen. We are also selling the old sports shorts and sports shirts for \$5.00 each to make way for our new stock. Please see Sue at the canteen. There are various sizes available.

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.

P & C



Thank you



**New Dance classes @ Toronto High!**  
**Come Try your First week free!**

**Wednesday**  
3:30pm 2-5Yrs Jelly Beans Jazz/Ballet

**Thursday**  
4:00pm 5-12Yrs Jazz Technique  
4:30pm 5-12Yrs Jazz Concert

**Classes from \$5.50!**

**Please go to [www.jbdance.com.au](http://www.jbdance.com.au) to enrol**  
**0401 473 457 / [jessie@jbdance.com.au](mailto:jessie@jbdance.com.au)**

### **Shim Jang Taekwondo**

**Learn Powerful Self Defence**

**FIRST LESSON FREE**

*Your local centres: Toronto & Rathmines run by  
Master Greg Dovey*

Low monthly fee - Unlimited access to all centres  
Ages 5 years and up, Adults & Children all welcome



Phone Greg 0411 155 510  
[www.shimjang.com](http://www.shimjang.com)



## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

These are some dates you will want to add to your calendar for the rest of the school year.

### **TERM 1**

#### **March**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 6 transition to High School Visit
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 7 2017 Info evening for parents at Toronto High School
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Meal day
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information Session-using iPads
14 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Donations can start coming in for the Easter Egg Raffle
15 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Hat Parade
25 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday

#### **April**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 1
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### **TERM 2**

#### **April**

26 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 2 for Teachers
27 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 2 for Students

#### **May**

10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN
24 <sup>th</sup>	A Matters of Seconds Water Safety for Kinder, Yr3 & Yr6
26 <sup>th</sup>	Starstruck rehearsal

#### **June**

15 <sup>th</sup>	Starstruck rehearsal
16 <sup>th</sup>	Starstruck rehearsal
17 <sup>th</sup>	Starstruck rehearsal

### **TERM 3**

#### **July**

18 <sup>th</sup>	Teachers Return
19 <sup>th</sup>	Students Return
19 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup>	NAIDOC Week

#### **September**

19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Great Aussie Bush Camp Years 5 & 6
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## Term 1 calendar



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>					
	Public Holiday	Staff Development Day			
<b>2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
					Swimming Carnival
<b>3</b> Newsletter week	8 <sup>th</sup> Student Leaders Assembly	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Parent/teacher Meet & Greet	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Book pack raffle
<b>4</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> Zone Swimming P&C meeting	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>5</b> Newsletter week	22 <sup>nd</sup> Clean up Australia Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> Safety Day	24 <sup>th</sup> Harmony Day Cross Country	25 <sup>th</sup> Look@Learning Pondee celebration	26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>6</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Young Leaders Day	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>7</b> Newsletter week	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Pizza meal deal day	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Last Book Pack raffle
<b>8</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> P&C AGM P&C meeting	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> International Close the Gap day	18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>9</b> Newsletter week	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Easter Hat Parade & raffle	25 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday
<b>10</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Easter Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>11</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Disco	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>

Changes or additions to this planner will be advertised in the school newsletter and on the school app  
Friday is Sports Day for the whole school – full sports uniform must be worn  
All students are to wear a school hat. No school hat, no play.

# Toronto Public School Canteen Roster Term 1, 2016



Help Needed

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

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>29<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>  Cherie Lisa	<u>1<sup>st</sup> March</u>  Tracey Michelle	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> March</u>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> March</u>  Sue	<u>4<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Tamara Trisha Drew
<u>7<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Cherie Erica	<u>8<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Sandra Michelle	<u>9<sup>th</sup> March</u>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Sue	<u>11<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Tamara Nicole O Donna M
<u>14<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Cherie Lisa	<u>15<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Tamara Nicole	<u>16<sup>th</sup> March</u>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<u>17<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Sue	<u>18<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Tamara Trisha Drew
<u>21<sup>st</sup> March</u>  Cherie Erica	<u>22<sup>nd</sup> March</u>  Sandra Michelle	<u>23<sup>rd</sup> March</u>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<u>24<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Sue	<u>25<sup>th</sup> March</u>  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<u>28<sup>th</sup> March</u>  <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	<u>29<sup>th</sup> March</u>  Tracey Michelle	<u>30<sup>th</sup> March</u>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<u>31<sup>st</sup> March</u>  Sue	<u>1<sup>st</sup> April</u>  Tamara Trisha Drew
<u>4<sup>th</sup> April</u>  Cherie Erica	<u>5<sup>th</sup> April</u>  Sandra Michelle	<u>6<sup>th</sup> April</u>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<u>7<sup>th</sup> April</u>  Sue	<u>8<sup>th</sup> April</u>  Tamara Shannon Donna M

# Toronto Public School Canteen Menu Term 1, 2016

<u>Hot Food</u>	<u>Price</u>
Chicken Nugget	\$0.70
Chicken Tender	\$1.20
Party Pies(low fat)	\$1.60
Sausage Rolls(low fat)	\$2.00
Pizza	\$2.20
Large Pie	\$2.20
Lasagne	\$3.50
Bolognese	\$3.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$3.50
Cheese and Spinach Roll	\$3.00
Sauce	\$0.30

<u>Sandwiches</u>	<u>Price</u>
Vegemite	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.50
Ham	\$2.50
Ham/Tomato	\$3.00
Ham/Cheese	\$3.00
Egg/Lettuce	\$3.00
Cheese/Tomato	\$3.00
Chicken/Lettuce/Mayo	\$3.50
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50
Chicken/Salad	\$4.00
Ham/Salad	\$4.00

<u>Drinks</u>	<u>Price</u>
Small Bottled Water	\$1.20
Large Bottled Water	\$2.00
Juice Sml Orange	\$1.50
Apple	\$1.50
Apple/Bcurrent	\$1.50
Juice Lge Orange	\$2.00
Apple	\$2.00
Apple/Bcurrent	\$2.00
Milk	
French Vanilla	\$1.70
Chocolate	\$1.70
Strawberry	\$1.70

<u>Burgers</u>	<u>Price</u>
Cheeseburger	\$3.20
Chicken Tender Roll	\$2.70
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$3.20
Hamburger with salad	\$4.50
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Salad	\$4.50
Any additional salad added to these items	\$0.30

<u>Salad Tubs</u>	<u>Price</u>
Garden Salad	\$5.00
Add a Warm Char Grilled Chicken Patty	\$1.50
Chicken Salad	\$6.00
Ham Salad	\$6.00
<u>Salad Tub Extras</u>	
Cheese	\$0.50
Egg	\$0.50

<u>Ice Blocks</u>	<u>Price</u>
Jelly Sticks	\$0.25
Icy cup	\$0.50
Lip Stick	\$0.60
Icy Pole	\$1.20
Fandangles	\$1.60
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.60
Lifesavers	\$2.00
Juicees	\$1.10

<u>Chips</u>	<u>Price</u>
JJs	\$1.20
Jumpys	\$1.20
Honey Soy Chicken	\$1.20
Sea Salt	\$1.20

<u>Fruit Break</u>	
All	\$0.50