



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

02/06/2016



Welcome to Week 6.

Athletics Carnival

Last Monday was our annual athletics carnival at Wangi oval. The sun gods were shining and we had a magnificent display of weather which contributed to the overall success of the day. Thanks to the coordinating teachers for ensuring the smooth run of events, thanks to the staff for their organisation and for supporting our students, thanks to the families who came to cheer and help in the canteen and on the BBQ and last of all CONGRATULATIONS to our wonderful students for showing great sportsmanship, effort and enjoyment. Another super successful day!

Lesson Study

Over the next few weeks our teachers will be involved in a Lesson Study project with four other local schools (Barnsley PS, Booragul PS, Charlestown South PS and Cooranbong PS). This project is possible due to a grant of money from the Department of Education which focuses on building leadership capacity across a community of schools. We will have "teams" of teachers from the other schools visit us and observe our great teachers and students participating in Explicit Instruction lessons. Likewise, our teachers will have the same opportunity to observe other teachers in their schools. The focus is on giving and receiving feedback to drive continual improvement. We are really excited by this opportunity and look forward to learning from the experience.

Uniforms

As the colder weather finally starts to settle in, please ensure all students have warm uniforms on / with them at school. Our playground is particularly chilly in the mornings! The P&C are currently investigating the inclusion of a jumper / fleecy jacket to our current winter uniform. There will be more information about this shortly. We expect all Toronto Public School students to wear our designated uniform. This includes wearing BLACK shoes every day other than sports day. Please see our friendly office staff if you require any support with this. We are proud of our students and how they look, wearing our TPS uniform.

Reports

Teachers are busy writing about all the excellent achievements of our students for their semester one reports. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 29 June.

Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to have an appointment to discuss the report.

Local Business Management Reform (LMBR)

A gentle reminder that our new system goes "live" on June 14. We will be unable to take payments for anything at school from June 6 until June 24. Please ensure that all outstanding payments (drumming, aerobics etc) are finalised by the end of this week.

Retaining Wall

At the end of this week, work will begin to repair the retaining wall at the front of the school (Carey St). The first part will be the removal of the remaining gum tress in green zone followed by the repair of the wall. A portion of our playground will be fenced off during the process, reducing our green zone play area. We hope the work will be completed by the end of the term.

Exciting News

Four of our Year 6 students have been accepted into the LEAP class at Toronto High for next Year. Huge congratulations to: Bella Davidson-Taig, Kyla Bussey, Angus ping, Lily Greig. All of their hard work is paying off.

Farewell Mrs Marsland

It is with much sadness that this Friday, we will all say farewell to Mrs Tracy Marsland. Mrs Marsland has been a much loved member of the TPS staff for nine years! She has provided fantastic support to not only the many students she has worked with in her role as School Learning Support Officer, but also to our families in her role as Community Engagement Officer. We will all miss Tracy's energy, organisation and happy smile, but most all her friendship.

Tracy is taking leave whilst she and husband Brad, undertake the task of beginning a new family business. Whilst we will miss her dearly, we all wish them both the very best as they embark on this new and exciting venture!

Goodbye and Good Luck from the TPS family xxxx

An afternoon tea is being held for Tracy on Friday afternoon this week at 2pm. If you are able to pop in to say thanks and farewell to Tracy, we'd love to see you here.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember –

"Together we are always able to accomplish what none of us could achieve alone." – Dan Zadra

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



P & C NEWS

A friendly invitation to come and say a big goodbye to Tracy Marsland. An afternoon tea will be held this Friday, 3 June at 2pm in the hall. We would like to wish Tracy all the best in her exciting new venture with husband, Brad. You will definitely be sadly missed.

Remember our next school disco will be on Wednesday 8 June from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, combined Infants and Primary. Price is \$7 per child. Included in the price is a sausage sizzle.

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on the Look @ Learning Day on Friday 10 June. Order forms will be going home to ensure we are able to cater for everyone on the day. Please return all orders to the canteen no later than Wednesday 8 June. **No lunch orders** will be available on this day. We hope you can join us.

As the weather is getting cooler, winter uniforms are available for purchase. For all your school uniform needs please call into the canteen. Children are permitted to wear a white or black long sleeved skivvy under their school shirts for extra warmth. There are also limited second hand uniforms for sale at the canteen.

We have sourced a warmer school jumper. It is an anti-pill, bottle green polar fleece jumper with a half zip collar. Feel free to call into the office where the jumper will be on display. We will send home a note asking for feedback and also put photos on Facebook.

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.

Canteen helpers are always welcome. A few hours out of your day would help the school immensely. Please call in and see Michelle.

If anyone would have any pavers they do not want, the school is after some to complete the area in Special Ed's garden. All donations greatly received.

P & C



THANK YOU & HAVE A NICE DAY ☺

OFFICE NEWS

Important News Regarding Payments

Dear Parents and Carers

Toronto Public School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **14 June 2016**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **6th June 2016** and **20th June 2016**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **6th June**. From **20th June 2016**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **6th June 2016** and **20th June 2016**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **6th June 2016**. From **20th June 2016**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact **the office**.

Absences and SMS

We now have an SMS system which we use to advise parents of student absences each day. Our system enables us to send out an enquiry text to ask why a student is absent on that day, parents have the convenience of replying via the SMS to inform us of the reason for the student being away from school.

If you receive a text regarding an absence, simply reply with the reason for the student being away from school and that reason is added to our system against the child's name and the explanation is recorded.

If no explanation is returned (either by reply SMS, a note to the teacher or a phone call), the reason for the student being absent is recorded as Unexplained-Unjustified.



Bluey says, "Yr 3 participated in the LMCC Water Safety Awareness Program"



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T2 Wk6 Assembly
The award goes to...



Class Award K/IJ



Weekly Merit Awards



PBL Awards

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PONDEE NEWS

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on 26th May each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

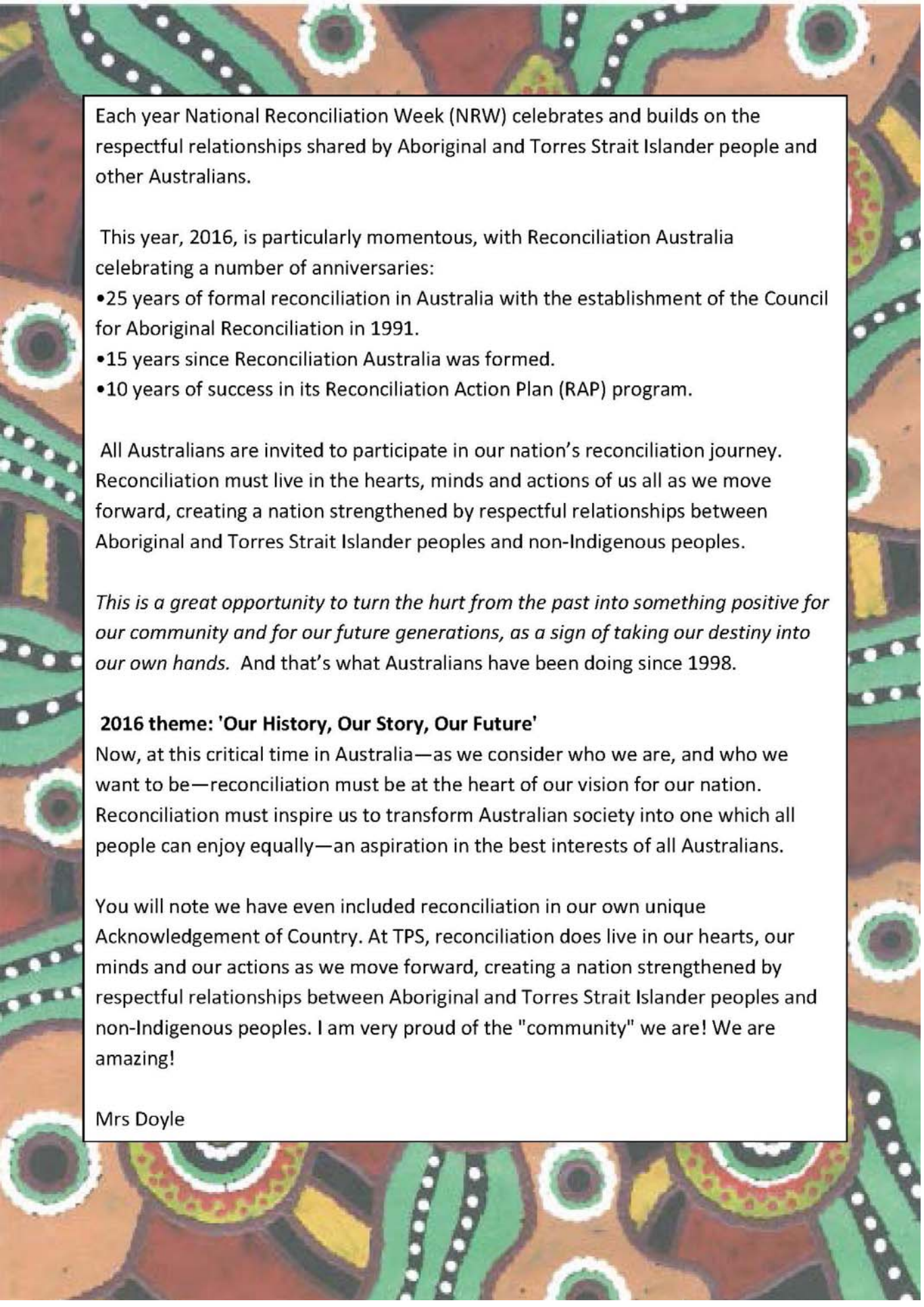
The first National Sorry Day was held on 26th May, 1998, which was one year after the tabling of a report about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. The report, known as Bringing Them Home, acknowledged that Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the early days of European occupation in Australia. Governments and missionaries were responsible for this forced separation.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd tabled a motion in parliament on 13th February, 2008, apologising to Australia's Indigenous people, particularly the Stolen Generations and their families and communities, for the laws and policies that inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss. The apology included a proposal for a policy commission to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in matters such as life expectancy, educational achievement, and economic opportunity. This event is seen by many as a step forward in reconciliation.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK



Speaking of reconciliation, National Reconciliation Week is from 27th May - 3rd June. Reconciliation means lots of different things to different people. In Australia and in our schools reconciliation usually means working to ensure everyone understands and values that we can learn, eat, speak and be in many different ways. A large part of learning about, and working towards reconciliation is learning about and respecting Australia's First Peoples, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

This year, 2016, is particularly momentous, with Reconciliation Australia celebrating a number of anniversaries:

- 25 years of formal reconciliation in Australia with the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 1991.
- 15 years since Reconciliation Australia was formed.
- 10 years of success in its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program.

All Australians are invited to participate in our nation's reconciliation journey. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of us all as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.

This is a great opportunity to turn the hurt from the past into something positive for our community and for our future generations, as a sign of taking our destiny into our own hands. And that's what Australians have been doing since 1998.

2016 theme: 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'

Now, at this critical time in Australia—as we consider who we are, and who we want to be—reconciliation must be at the heart of our vision for our nation. Reconciliation must inspire us to transform Australian society into one which all people can enjoy equally—an aspiration in the best interests of all Australians.

You will note we have even included reconciliation in our own unique Acknowledgement of Country. At TPS, reconciliation does live in our hearts, our minds and our actions as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples. I am very proud of the "community" we are! We are amazing!

Mrs Doyle



Look @ Learning BBQ Order Form



After visiting your child's classroom for Look @ Learning on Friday 10 June, we invite you to join us for a Sausage Sizzle.

Drinks will also be available to purchase on the day from the canteen.

Please return your order form and money to the office in an envelope by Wednesday 8 June, 2016.

SORRY, NO LUNCH ORDERS ON THIS DAY.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.



Child's Lunch Order

Name: _____ Class: _____

	Qty	Total
Sausage Sandwich \$3.00	___	\$___

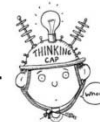
Parent's Lunch Order

Name: _____

	Qty	Total
Sausage Sandwich \$3.00	___	\$___



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



In response to parent's requests for a warmer school jumper we have sourced an anti-pill, bottle green polar fleece jumper with a half zip collar. It also has zipper pockets to keep your hands warm.

This jumper can be worn with our school jacket for added warmth. It will also have our school emblem embroidered on it.

The price would be \$27.00.

We would appreciate your comments as to whether this is something that you would be interested in.

Thank You for your interest.



P & C



YES, I LIKE THE NEW JUMPER ☐

NO, I DO NOT LIKE THE NEW JUMPER ☐



INVITATION

If you would like to come and say goodbye to Tracy Marsand there will be an afternoon tea in the hall next Friday 3rd at 2pm.

Tracy has been at the school for 9 years and has held many positions during that time. She has been involved in the classroom as an SLSO, in the office, the Tadpoles program, member of the P&C and also trained Aerobics teams. In her role as CLO she has been involved in many community events and has made many friends in our school community.

Please come along for a cuppa with Tracy, as I am sure she would love the opportunity to say goodbye to you all.

GOODBYE!



Nerolie Goss



Look @ Learning

**Come & See
your kids in action!**

Classrooms Open

9:00am

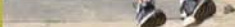
**Sausage
Sizzle!**

**Special
Assembly!**

**Aerobics
Display**

**See what's happening at Toronto Public School
Friday 10th June 9am**





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