



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

16/06/2016



Welcome to Week 8.

Look at Learning

It was great to see so many family and friends last Friday at our Look at Learning morning and special assembly. We love having you all visit our school to see the outstanding work going on and to help celebrate the wonderful achievements of our kids. Toronto Public School is a great place to be!

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This week we went "live" on our new system. So far, so good! Thank you for your support whilst we undergo many changes to our student management, wellbeing and finance systems.

Aerobics

Congratulations to our teams the Toronto Tornadoes and the Toronto Trouble Makers for their success on the weekend at the FISAF State Championships competition. Both teams competed brilliantly, winning gold medals and qualifying for the National Championships next month in Brisbane. What a bunch of superstars! Thanks to Miss Johnson, Mrs Lavercombe and Mrs Marsland for their support of these teams.

Star Struck

Our Star Struck team is working really hard this week at rehearsals before they perform this Friday and Saturday. Once again, many hours of practise will culminate in the magnificent Star Struck shows at the end of the week. Congratulations to all performers and thanks to Miss Pichaloff and Mrs Pollock for their hours of time and enthusiasm to make this opportunity possible. Good luck team!

Important Dates

Please keep checking the calendar to ensure you are aware of upcoming events at our school. Please note the following changes:

Presentation Day – Tuesday 7 December.

Year 6 Farewell - Wednesday 8 December.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember –

"It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us" Jackie Mutcheson

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

Systems Leadership Study

Our teachers have been involved in a partnership with Booragul PS, Barnsley PS, Cooranbong PS and Charlestown South PS. The teachers have been observing lessons and providing feedback to other teachers regarding their lesson delivery. The aim of this is to build networks of teachers who support each other in delivering the best possible lessons they can.

Teachers have been very excited to demonstrate their quality lessons and seek feedback on ways they can improve. If your child comes home and says they had other teachers in their class, this is what they are talking about!

2017 Kinder Parent Meeting dates and Kinder Orientation Dates

We are holding a meeting on Tuesday 28th July at 6pm for prospective families who may be enrolling their child at TPS in 2017. This meeting will showcase the fantastic things we do at TPS and our wonderful achievements. If you know anyone who may be shopping around for a school in 2017, please let them know about this session. All current families with a child starting Kinder in 2017 are also welcome to attend.

We will be running our 2017 Kindergarten parent Information sessions on 1st September 2016. We will run a session at 9am and a session at 6pm. These sessions will have exactly the same information presented at both. Families can choose which time best suits them.

Our Orientation dates are 25th October 2-3pm, 1st November 2-3pm, 7th November 9-10.30am, 16th November 9-10.30am, and the 24th November 9-11.45am. Please jot these dates into your diary ☺

Amanda Lavercombe

Drumming Program

A small number of students have been participating in the school drumming program run by Col Hatchman (former Screaming Jets drummer) since early Term 1. The students have been learning about rhythms, various drumming techniques and are learning to build their self-confidence. They are well on their way to becoming future rock stars!



Hunt for Huntington's Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all of the students donated money towards the Hunt for Huntington's Fundraiser. We managed to raise approximately \$140! Your donation is greatly appreciated, and the money raised will help fund research to find a cure for this disease.



FISAF

On the weekend our two teams from Toronto, The Toronto Tornadoes and the Toronto Trouble Makers performed at the Griffith Duncan Theatre for their FISAF state competition. The Toronto Tornadoes were the only ones in their section, yet still did an amazing job. We are very proud of them. The Toronto Trouble Makers were in two sections; they won the first one and came fourth in the second one. We are very proud of both teams that are off to nationals in Queensland on the 29th, 30th and 31st of July.

By Lily Greig 5/6N



P & C News

Thank you to all the children who attended the disco and made it such a fabulous night. Our glow products were a huge success. A big thank you goes out to all our helpers. Without your valuable help we could not make our disco nights the success that they are.



The Look @ Learning Day BBQ was also a great day. Thank you to everyone who ordered a sausage sandwich. A big thank you goes to Mr. Steve for cooking the sausage sizzle. "Thanks, Mr. Steve". Thank you to all our volunteers too.

A huge thank you to DKS Butchery of Toronto for their generous donation of sausages for our disco and Look @ Learning Day. Call in and say Hi to Dave and Ben.

Congratulations to the Toronto Tornados and the Toronto Trouble Makers Aerobics Teams. Both teams won Gold medals at the FISAF NSW State Finals. Awesome job! Congratulations also go to Charli Rooker and her partner Callie winning a Silver medal in their pair's routine. Fabulous! Lily Greig placed 1st in the 10-13 year Cadet Section winning a Gold medal also. Well done Lily!. We definitely have some talented students.

We have noticed that some children are wearing non-uniform clothing to school. We take pride in our children wearing their full school uniform to represent our school.

As the weather is getting cooler, winter uniforms are available for purchase. Children are permitted to wear a white or black long sleeved skivvy under their school shirts for extra warmth.

Our survey for the new warmer school jumper proved popular. We have now ordered the new bottle green polar fleece jumper. We are hoping that they will arrive before the end of Term. We will keep you posted on their arrival.

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.

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

A FRIENDLY REMINDER that school photos will be taken on Tuesday 26 July. This is the second week of Term 3.



P & C

Thank you & have a nice day ☺

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.

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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**.

NAIDOC WEEK 2016 7-a-side Cricket



\$CASH PRIZES



Where - Cardiff Cobras Oval

When - Sunday 3rd July

Team Fee - \$100 (Competition needs 8 teams to run)

Rego - 8.00am Start - 9.00am

Winners Comp 1st Prize: \$500 & Runners up: \$100

Losers Comp 1st Prize: \$100

Proceeds raised will support Survival Day 2017

Contact Amos to register: 0402 742 153

Canteen will be open on the day

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C I N E M A S



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to enjoy all forms of fruit & veg.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are an essential part of a healthy diet.

But did you know frozen, chilled, canned and dried fruit and veg also count towards your daily number of serves? (Aim for 2 serves of fruit and 5 of veg.)



These alternatives are a great option:

- when fresh is in short supply;
- for convenience (storage, time saving);
- to stock the fridge, freezer and cupboard, so you'll always have fruit and veg on hand!

Top tips:

- Choose "no added salt" or "salt reduced" canned veg and fruit in "natural juice" not syrup.
- Limit dried fruit to no more than one serve a day (approx. 30g) as too much can lead to excess weight gain and tooth decay.

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PONDEE NEWS

RED ZONE



Pondee Kids take great pride in maintaining our garden that was planted last year. Pondee Kids water and tend to the well-established plants.

We have started the next section in Red Zone. We cleared the garden and have started the painting. Watch this space for updates!



SAVE THE DATE: NAIDOC WEEK

We will celebrate NAIDOC Week in Term 3 Week 1. We have a variety of activities and performances planned. More details soon.



Bluey says,
"T2 Wk7 Assembly
The award goes to..."



Weekly Merit Awards



Class Award 3/4-M



Athletics Awards



100% Attendance Awards

We are safe, respectful learners!



Bluey says,
"We loved our
special
performances!"

Toronto Tornadoes

Pondee kids

Toronto Troublemakers

Persuasive speeches

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