



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Relieving Principals Message

Our Education Week celebrations made me feel very proud of our staff, students and community. Last Tuesday night, I attended the Toronto Learning Community Awards night and had the pleasure of seeing an outstanding movie played that highlighted the best things about our amazing school. A huge thank you to Miss Pichaloff for her hard work and talent in presenting our school in such a positive manner. It was with great pleasure I presented awards to students from Toronto Public School who were recognised by their classroom teachers for their Quality and Excellence.

Last Thursday, we opened the doors of our classrooms to our community and presented movies made by our students around the Education Week theme; 'shared stories, better learning, stronger communities'. Students and teachers really enjoyed making these movies and they will be hopefully uploaded to our website in the near future. We are also showcasing them at our Monday morning assemblies. Please see the Roster included elsewhere in our newsletter.

We held a large assembly in the Hall and it was very well attended. The talented students showcased drama, dance, story telling, aerobics, public speaking and more. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many diverse talents we have as part of our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We have had a focus on wearing correct uniforms. Students who have worn correct uniform every day for the last two weeks will be rewarded with a sausage sandwich next Wednesday (17th August) for lunch. We look forward to seeing a greater number of students wearing their uniform with pride.

Our three school values – Safety, Respect and Learning are quite simple to follow. We expect all students to behave safely, treat everyone with respect and continue to learn all they can. We support all our students to follow these rules and appreciate that parents support us with the same values. With our shared vision, we can help all our students to be the best they can be.

Our two Toronto PS Aerobics teams travelled to Queensland to compete in the FISAF Nationals. The Toronto Tornado's competed in the Elementary Stream Large teams section and were successful in winning a Gold medal! Our Toronto Troublemakers competed in the Primary Open Schools Only Category and were successful in winning a Gold medal too. Congratulations also to Lily Greig who is the National Cadet Champion! Thank you to the supporters, the fundraisers, the coaches and everyone who helped in any way. Your support is much appreciated.

Congratulations to Mrs Van Egmond on making so many appearances on our televisions during the last few days. Many people have told me how they have watched their first ever soccer games just so they could see Mrs Van Egmond! We wish the Matilda's and all athletes the very best and look forward to celebrating our very own Olympic-a-thon on Friday 19th August.

Today, John Fleming and two teachers from his school in Melbourne, Hailybury College, will visit our school. They are here to coach and mentor us in improving our teaching and improving our student results. John Fleming visits us once a term and is very impressed with how we are striving to make our good school an even better school to be in. We appreciate his input and value what he has to say.

I am really enjoying my time as Relieving Principal of such a fabulous school.

Amanda Lavercombe



We are safe, respectful learners!

Aerobics Meeting Monday 15th August 5pm in Staffroom

All parents with students who may be interested in being part of the TPS Aerobics teams in 2017 are encouraged to attend a meeting. We will discuss the organisation and structure of Aerobics for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. We are looking at forming a team with students in Years 1,2,3 as well as a team in Year 4,5,6. We will discuss commitments, costs, competition dates etc. We would love to have a boys team next year!

Hats and beanies

Our school uniform includes wearing a hat every day. During winter months, students can wear EITHER a school hat or a beanie. Students are to have a school hat every day.

P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Look @ Learning Hotdog Day. The children had a great day showing off their classrooms and sharing a hotdog with family and friends.

Flavoured sipaah straws and milk are still available at the canteen Thursday and Friday. We have some left over from Wednesdays sipaah straw and milk day. Great flavours for the kids to enjoy.

The school is holding an Olymp-a-Thon on Friday the 19 August. This is our major fundraiser for Term 3. All funds raised will be used towards resources for the students. The children should have received their sponsorship fundraising forms showing them their goals to raise towards. If you require a form, please call into the canteen.

Notes for the Olymp-a-Thon meal deal will be going out this week. Please check your child's bag. This day will be full of fun, games, a meal deal and exciting prizes to be won whilst fundraising. Please get your order in for catering purposes. Don't miss out.

Congratulations to the Toronto Tornado's and Toronto Trouble Makers winning Gold at the FISAF Nationals in Queensland. The whole school and community is proud of your achievements. Congratulations to Lilly Greig being FISAF National Champion #1 for singles in Cadet (11-13), 4th pairs Cadet and School aerobics, 4th in Blue Singles section. Congratulations also to Charli Rooker, Gold with the school and enjoying pairs with Callie. Great experience all round for our students. Well done!

We hear Mrs Van Egmond is having a wonderful time with her family at the Rio Olympics. Keep your eye out for her in the crowd with all the Matilda supporters watching them compete.

Our new school beanie is keeping the students heads snugly warm. If you require a beanie, they can be purchased at the canteen for \$10.00.

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.

We are desperately in need of parents for the canteen roster for Thursdays and Fridays. 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. Please call in and see Michelle if you can help. We wouldn't like to have to close the canteen due to no helpers.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 16 August. Please come along and join us. We welcome all ideas.

P & C





Bluey says,
"T3 Wk3 Education
Week Assembly!"



Special Performances



Class Trophy



Banking Awards



Reading Awards



Weekly Merit Awards



Quality and Excellence Awards

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The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

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

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, 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 take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 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>



Education Week

So what is Education Week about? Education Week is a celebration of public education. This year, Education Week was celebrated from 1st – 5th of August. The theme for 2016 was '*Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities.*' Students have engaged in creating iMovies around the Education Week theme. These were presented to our families and friends at our Look @ Learning last Thursday. Our iMovies were such a success we are going to have a viewing each Monday during assembly over the coming weeks to show case the amazing work we are doing.



Week 5 Monday 15th August KP & 5/6M

Week 6 Monday 22nd August KP & 5/6M

Week 7 Monday 29th August K/1J & 5/6G
NB: also Grandparent's Assembly

Week 8 Monday 5th September 2L

Week 9 Monday 12th September 2/3D

Week 10 Monday 19th September 4M





The simplest way

...to get a vitamin D dose in winter.

Did you know that we need some sun exposure to make vitamin D for healthy bones and muscles?

In NSW, UV levels are at their lowest in June and July. In the north and far west, most people need 20-25 minutes of sun exposure during mid-morning or mid-afternoon, and in the south 30-40 minutes in the middle of the day.

This will keep your vitamin D levels topped up during winter. Brave the chill and roll up your sleeves to get some sunlight on your forearms as well as your hands!

But don't risk damaging your skin. UV levels can change from day to day. When UV levels are 3 and above, use sun protection. People who use sunscreen regularly when UV levels are 3 and above do not have lower vitamin D levels than people who don't.

Check UV levels for your local area on the free SunSmart App for smart phones; download it from the App Store or Google Play.



To help keep your kids safe, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



The simplest way

Smoothies are a great way to add a fruit or veg boost to your morning and are a great breakfast on the go.

Banana Smoothie

Serves 2.

Ingredients:

2 cups reduced fat milk
1 ripe banana
1 tsp cinnamon
½ cup natural yoghurt
1 tsp honey (optional)



Method:

Mix in a blender until smooth.

Top tips:

- Store chunks of over-ripe banana in zip-lock bags in the freezer, ready to use when needed in a smoothie.
- Smoothies can be frozen to keep cold and fresh in the lunch box.

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