



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

22/09/2016



Welcome to Week 10.

Yesterday afternoon we welcomed back our senior students who have enjoyed the Great Aussie Bush Camp over the past three days. Reports from camp were that Toronto students (and staff) participated enthusiastically and learnt new skills whilst enjoying a range of challenging activities.

I'd like to congratulate all students for making the most of this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to hearing many camp stories over the next couple of days.

Thanks to our fabulous parents and care givers for supporting this excursion and a huge thanks to our outstanding staff for going above and beyond to ensure our students had the best experience possible. Three cheers for Mr Murphy, Mrs McPhee and Mrs Robertson!

We got some exciting news today from the Department of Education Secretary, Mark Scott, with the announcement of the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy for 2017-2020. NSW Premier Mike Baird said the new Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017-2020 will also deliver extra support to students from Kindergarten until they complete their HSC. "This \$340 million investment will help us meet that target by ensuring students have the support they need to succeed." As part of this strategy, Toronto Public School will have an additional staffing allocation beginning next year, specifically to support literacy and numeracy in years K-2. We are thrilled with this news!

Please ensure all students are wearing a school hat every day. Beanies are no longer required as the weather has started to warm up. Students without a school hat will be required to play in the shade (COLA areas).

There are a number of activities / programs scheduled for next term so please keep your eye on our calendar and also on notes that have been / will be sent home. Some notes and payments are now due / overdue.

- "Dance to be Fit" program for Stage 3 students is due to begin in week 1 next term. This program is in preparation for the Year 6 Farewell and all students attending the year 6 Farewell should participate. Please return notes and money as soon as possible.
- Drumming – Please send in Term 4 fees as per the payment schedule. Overdue fees will be invoiced this week. Parents / caregivers of all students in the drumming program made a commitment in term 1, to fulfil the fee requirements for the year.

Coming up.....

- P&C Meeting – 18 October at 6.30pm
- Kinder Orientation (2017 Kinder students) – 25 October 2-3pm, 1 November 2-3pm and 24 November 9-10.45am.
- Support Unit excursion to Shark and Ray Centre 15 November.
- Intensive Swimming program – 21 November to 2 December.
- Combined Scripture Service – 5 December
- Presentation Day – 6 December 9.30am
- Year 6 Farewell – 7 December
- 2016 Kindergarten Graduation – 8 December
- Movie Day – 9 December
- Pool Day / Water Day – 12 December
- CAROLS ON THE GREEN – 14 December

As these events draw nearer, more information will be available.

Please help to keep our school safe in the holidays by reporting any security incidents or suspicious activity to 1300 880 021.

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday everyone. See you in Term 4!

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

We are safe, respectful learners!

P & C NEWS

A big "Congratulations" to Miss Pichaloff on her position as permanent teacher at Glendale East next year. It is great news and we wish Miss P all the best in her new position. You will be sadly missed. Glendale East is gaining an exceptional teacher.

By all the posts on the P&C Facebook page Year 5 & 6 are having a fabulous time at camp. The weather has held out and they are doing some great activities. Mrs McPhee, Mrs Robertson and Mr Murphy look like they are enjoying themselves too.

Unfortunately we have had to close the canteen for the last week of Term. A note was sent out and it was also posted. We apologise if you did not receive these notices. Due to Year 5 & 6 being away at camp and also being short of volunteers to help, that was our only alternative. We are still 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 or phone Michelle, our canteen supervisor if you can help. We wouldn't like to have to close the canteen due to no helpers.

We were hoping that the Olymp-a-thon prizes would be back this week for the children. It looks like they will arrive in Term 4. Sorry for the delay. We shall keep you posted when the children can pick their prizes up.

All your uniform needs are available at the canteen. With the weather getting warmer and children starting school next year, please call in to the canteen to be fitted for sizes.

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.

Our next P&C meeting for Term 4 will be on Tuesday 18th October. Please come along and join us. We welcome all ideas.

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY

P & C



Toronto Public School Garden Club News



The veggie Patch is producing some delicious and funny looking produce this week. 4 months ago we planted Carrot seeds and have taken great Care of them by watering and weeding around them. Here is what our hard work looks like! Lillian and Sophie get to take these beauties home!





Circle of Security PARENTING SERIES

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child's behaviours and develop an understanding of how to meet their child's underlying needs they are expressing. Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, so we can give them the emotional security they need.

Come along and join Jen from Nar-un-bah and Louise from Wesley Mission in this 7 week group where you will get the chance to meet other parents.

When: Commences Wednesday 19th October 2016. Runs for 7 weeks!

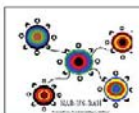
Time: 9.30 am – 11.30 pm

Where: Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centres
Fennell Bay Public School Bay Road, Fennell Bay

Childcare: Limited spaces available – Booking essential

Bookings: Please phone Jen on 4959 6140 or Louise on 4950 5479 –

Booking Essential



Circle of Security
INTERNATIONAL
Early Intervention Program for Parents of Children



The simplest way

...to protect your eyes.

Did you know?

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause both short- and long-term eye issues. Long periods of UV radiation exposure can cause serious eye damage, including cataracts and various cancers.



Choosing the right sunglasses

Sunglasses (even cheap ones!) can protect you if they fulfil these requirements:

- ✓ They are wrap-around, close fitting, with large lenses.
 - ✓ They meet the Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067:2003. The standard has five categories of sun protection, from 0 (the lowest UV protection) to 4 (the highest). Choose sunglasses of category 2 or higher, as these absorb 95% of UV radiation.
 - ✓ They have an Eye Protection Factor (EPF) of 9 or 10, which blocks out almost all UV radiation.
- Don't forget your sun-safe hat to further protect your eyes.

Eye protection at the snow

Snow reflects sunlight so wear goggles or sunglasses which meet the Australian standard AS/NZS 1067:2003. This will avoid 'snow blindness' (sunburn on the eyes' surface) which is painful and can contribute to long-term damage, such as cataracts.

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



PONDEE NEWS

RED ZONE GARDEN

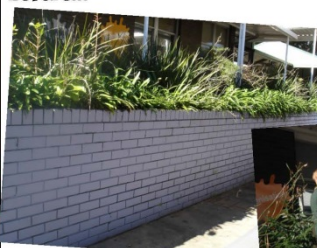
We were on a mission last week to get the dirt and flowers in Red Zone's garden bed and have them established before Term 3 ended. Our Pondée Kids and friends did an outstanding job on this project. Miss Jenny and I are very proud of all of them! We would like to thank Mrs Lavercombe as well for the use of her trailer.



PONDEE NEWS

THE FINAL PRODUCT!!!

Before...



and after...





PONDEE NEWS

ABORIGINAL ART

Australian Indigenous art is the oldest ongoing tradition of art in the world. Initial forms of artistic Aboriginal expression were rock carvings, body painting and ground designs, which date back more than 30,000 years.

The quality and variety of Australian Indigenous art produced today reflects the richness and diversity of Indigenous culture and the distinct differences between tribes, languages, dialects and geographic landscapes. Art has always been an important part of Aboriginal life, connecting past and present, the people and the land, and the supernatural and reality.

Indigenous art ranges across a wide variety of mediums from works on paper and canvas to fibre and glass. Introduced media such as printmaking, fabric printing, ceramics and glassware now complement traditional arts and crafts.

<http://www.australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/australian-indigenous-art>

One rainy Thursday afternoon in Pondee Kids we spend some time studying the platypus and fish. We looked at how Aboriginal artist may portray these animals in artwork. Siblings, cousins and friends then spent time carefully planning their design and colouring their animals.



Transport
for NSW

School Travel Update 2017 Applications

School Student Transport Scheme Applications open 10 October 2016

From Monday 10 October 2016 parents, guardians and students over 16 years, will be able to apply for 2017 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass by visiting www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Information for parents and students

School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:

- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

A new application is required when:

- applying for an SSTS pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information on planning your school travel, visit www.transportnsw.info or contact your local operator.

Passes for 2017 travel

Opal network: Please remind ALL your students to keep their School Opal cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one. Current School Opal card can be updated with changes of school, home address or operator.

Rural and regional travel: Student's travelling with operator issued passes will receive a new pass in the new school year.

Transport for NSW Tel: 8202 2200 Fax: 8202 2209
18 Lee Street, Chippendale NSW 2008 | PO Box 9558, Haymarket NSW 1240

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FREE



EAT SMART, LIVE WELL –

COOKING GROUP

*Come along, have a coffee and meet friends while you prepare healthy, nutritious and easy to cook meals and get a grocery box of ingredients to cook at home.
Children welcome!*

- **Fridays 10.00am–1.00pm**
- **Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre**
(located inside school grounds at Fennell Bay Public School)
- **Commences Term 4 – 21st October 2016**

Interested? Bookings essential

Call Jen on 4959 6140 or Allison on 49 507 215

A partnership between Samaritans and Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre



Dates to For Your Calendar

23 rd	September Last Day of Term 3
10 th 25 th	October First Day of Term 4 Kinder Orientation 2pm-3pm
1 st 7 th 10.30am 10 th 10.30am 21 st to 1 st Dec 24 th	November Kinder Orientation 2pm-3pm Kinder Orientation 9am- Kinder Orientation 9am- Intensive Swimming Scheme Kinder Orientation & BBQ 9am-11.45am
30 th	John Fleming Visit
6 th 7 th 8 th 9 th 14 th	December Presentation Day Year 6 Farewell Kinder 2016 Graduation Infants Movie Day Carols on the Green