



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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09/02/2017



Welcome to the new school year.

To start this new newsletter I wish to introduce myself, my name is Richard Metcalf, I am the substantive principal from Teralba Public School. At the end of 2016 when Mrs Van Egmond was successful in gaining the principal position at Maryland Public School I was asked to fill in for term 1. I have been principal since 2010 leading Teralba PS, Fennell Bay PS and Marks Point PS.

Since coming here to Toronto Public School I have been honoured to meet with teachers and observe some brilliant teaching from all the staff. Watching as an observer I can see the great systems that have been established to get the most out of all of your children. Toronto Public School has made great progress and as a staff we will continue to offer world class learning programs.

As principal I always set high expectations for my staff and all students. This includes showing respect to each other, communicating well and trying as hard as they can. My aim is to get all people with whom I lead reaching their full potential.

Principal Position - Mrs Louise Gallagher, Director Public Schools, Lake Macquarie West, will be convening a panel to find a replacement for Mrs Van Egmond. It is anticipated that the school community will know the successful candidate by the end of this term, ready to start the beginning of term 2.

Kindergarten - Welcome to our beautiful kindergarten students and their families. I hope the start of your schooling experience has been positive and not too daunting for your child. It is so important to remember that big school is long and very tiring and that your child gets the rest that they need to sustain them during the week. Spend quality time with your children on the weekend and come and chat to the staff if you are ever unsure about anything. No question is too silly.

Lunch Routine - This term Toronto Public School are trialling a new eating routine. All students will go out to play prior to eating their lunch. This allows children the time to calm down after play, prior to going into class. Please be patient with us as we experiment with the timing, our priority is ensuring that all students are focused in class. Remind your child they can go to the canteen (Mon, Tue, Thu Fri) during play time.

Richard Metcalf

Office News

Welcome back to school our existing families and welcome to our new families. Just a few reminders for the start of 2017.

- All notes, money etc that are to be returned to the office should be in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name, class, what it's for and the amount. These envelopes can then be put into the letterbox outside which is in the wall under the office window. All notes and money that is to be returned to the office can be returned this way.
- As we bank regularly, we do not keep change in the office. It would be appreciated if everyone had the correct money when paying.
- Our school offers EFTPOS facilities in the office. If you are a busy parent, please remember that you can ring the office and we can process a credit card payment over the phone and then send the permission notes in with your child.
- The Department of Education now have a new financial system in place. It is extremely important that everyone pays for excursions etc by the due date that is written on the note as it would be very upsetting for students to miss out on the wonderful activities provided at our school. All finances must be finalised a few days before the excursion/activity actually takes place.
- Notes/phone calls must be provided for all student absences as this is a legal requirement of the department.

Thank you

Aerobics 2017

We have started training for our 2017 teams. We are training Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch times.

If athletes have not yet done so, could they please pay \$10 ASAP in order to receive their thumb drive with the routine on it. This \$10 is your first deposit towards hire of the outfits.

We need to finalise the team members and I need to register them with FISAF in the next two weeks. Each athlete must be registered with FISAF in order for them to enter the competitions. The school will pay the athletes registration with FISAF. We will need to begin organising the leotards, tracksuits and shoes for the teams also. Total cost for the hire of these for 2017 will be \$150 per athlete.

We are requesting every athlete who wishes to participate in the aerobics competition squad to pay \$100 before TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2017.

There will be a further \$50 due by 14th MARCH 2017.

These commitments were outlined in 2016 when all parents signed a permission slip for their child to participate.

Our first competition is on SUNDAY 7th April in Coffs Harbour. Parents are responsible for organising travel to and from the venue.

Volunteer Morning Tea – 9.00am 14th February

The participation of volunteers in school activities is greatly valued at Toronto Public School. As a school community we encourage parent assistance in classrooms as effective volunteer programs assist school- home relationships and enhance children's learning.

TPS is holding an information morning tea at 9.00am on Tuesday 14th February, for parent volunteers. We will discuss the types of jobs that are available and current Working with Children Check requirements for volunteers. If you are interested in doing some volunteer work at TPS please come along and see what it's all about. If you cannot attend the morning tea and you would like further information please contact Alena Carter.

2017 Book Packs

In 2017, all families will be invoiced for their children's school books.

WE WILL NOT BE ASKING FOR VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Book pack includes;

- Spelling Mastery text book
- Protex English Book x2
- Protex Maths Book x2
- Protex Maths Grid Book x1
- Protex Science/PDHPE Book x1
- Protex Inquiry Book x1
- Protex Handwriting Book
- Whiteboard markers for classroom use
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Average cost for all of these books is **\$45**. The school will be invoicing individual students for this amount.

If families have **2 children at the school, the cost will be \$80**. For families with **3 or more children at the school it is will \$120**.

Families who are experiencing hardship may make an appointment to speak with Mr Metcalf.

We anticipate using these books starting Monday Week 3 Term 1 2017. Prompt payment would be much appreciated and is expected.

Students who have paid their fees will go into the draw to win a fun prize.

All payments are to be received by Friday 17th February.

Student Equipment to be provided by families for each child

ALL STUDENTS	YEAR 1 & 2	YEARS 3,4,5,6
1 box of tissues	Pencil case	Pencil case
4 glue sticks (1 per term)	Lead pencils	Lead pencils
	sharpener	Blue pens
	eraser	Red pens
	Coloured pencils	Black pens
	textas	3 different coloured highlighters
		ruler
		eraser
		Coloured pencils
		textas
		sharpener
PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME		

P & C NEWS

A VERY BIG WELCOME to our Acting Principal Mr Richard Metcalf. We hope you have enjoyed your first weeks with our school and getting to know our lovely staff and children.

The P&C would also like to welcome back all students and families and welcome all our new students and families to the 2017 year.

Also, welcome back to all our staff and also a big welcome to all new staff members. We look forward to getting to know you all. Please call in and introduce yourself to our lovely canteen ladies.

The school is trying out new bell times which have changed the way your children eat their lunch. For your information the new bell times are:-

- 10.55am children come to canteen to buy ice blocks, chips, drinks etc. During play time.
- 11.23am children go to bags to collect their lunch
- 11.25am children eat their lunch
- 11.35am children back to class

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 21st February at 6.30pm. Meetings are held in the school staffroom. If you would like to know more about what is happening in the school, please come along and join us. We welcome all ideas.

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.

If you require school uniforms for the new school year, please call in and see Michelle at the Canteen.

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.

The canteen roster will be posted in the Newsletter. We are in desperate need of parent helpers for the 2017 roster. Please take a look and see if you can help. Thank You.

HAVE A FABULOUS YEAR ☺

P & C

TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1, 2017

Help Needed

If you are able to fill one of these days, please contact the canteen



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>30 Jan</u>	<u>31 Jan</u>	<u>1 Feb</u> CLOSED	<u>2 Feb</u>	<u>3 Feb</u>
<u>5 Feb</u>	<u>7 Feb</u> Tracey B Michelle	<u>8 Feb</u> CLOSED	<u>9 Feb</u> Lisa Trish	<u>10 Feb</u> Tamara Erica
<u>13 Feb</u>	<u>14 Feb</u> Sue Cooke	<u>15 Feb</u> CLOSED	<u>16 Feb</u> Lisa Trish	<u>17 Feb</u> Tamara
<u>20 Feb</u> Sandra Michelle	<u>21 Feb</u>	<u>22 Feb</u> CLOSED	<u>23 Feb</u> Lisa Trish	<u>24 Feb</u> Tamara Erica
<u>27 Feb</u>	<u>28 Feb</u> Sue Cooke	<u>1 March</u> CLOSED	<u>2 March</u> Lisa Trish	<u>3 March</u> Tamara Erica
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Learn more about the origins of their parenting style and how it can be more effective...

A six session program for parents and carers at Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centres in the grounds of Fennell Bay Public School

Starting on WEDNESDAY 22nd February for 6 weeks 10.00am - 12.00pm

There is no cost for this course AND there is FREE child minding available

To secure your place in this fantastic course or to find out more contact Jen at Nar-un-bah 4959 6140 OR Julie from The Canopy on 4954 5277

Learn:

- About the importance of building self-esteem in children
- To discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it
- To understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and how they do this
- To develop strategies to manage their parenting approach despite the mounting pressures on your time and role

What people are saying...

Where else do you get time to think about why you parent in the way you do?

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- Mobility Parking (Permit holders are allowed to park for up to 5 minutes).

NO STOPPING

- You cannot stop here.
- You cannot drop off or pick up your child here.

BUS ZONE

- You cannot stop here.
- Unless driving a bus.
- You cannot stop or pick up your child here.

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- Stimulation:** All vital systems, mind/body awareness....
- Relaxation:** improved sleep patterns, reduction of stress levels....
- Relief:** colic, constipation, teething discomfort....

This 5 week course offers you a wonderful opportunity to meet new parents and spend time with your baby in a relaxing and supportive environment.

Group starting:
Monday 27th February 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue:
Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre
In the grounds of Fennell Bay Public School,
Bay Road, Fennell Bay 2283

Bookings Essential: To secure your place contact Jen 4959 6140

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