



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

23/02/2017



What a fortnight we have had. I wish to start by congratulating all of our Zone Swimmers who competed well last week at the Westlakes Zone swimming. Ella Bussey was successful in gaining a spot in the Zone team to go to the regional carnival in 2 weeks.

Classes. As announced on Friday 24th Toronto PS will be opening a new class. This means a restructure for all classes from Year 1 up to Year 6. Looking at the stage breakdown we have been fortunate enough to create two 1-2 classes, two 3-4 classes and two 5-6 classes.

Below is a list of teachers and their classes.

KG- Kindergarten – Mrs Tracey Gayler
K-6C Mr Andrew Cooper
1-2 T Mrs Taylore T
1-2M Mr Michael Murphy
3-4 D Mrs Terresa Doyle
3-4 G Mrs Narelle Goss (Alison T)
5-6 M Mrs Jade Marr
5-6 (?) To be confirmed.

With the new class formation some students and classrooms have been moved, please talk to staff to confirm where your child is. All teaching and learning programs will continue to be supervised by Mrs Lavercombe so a smooth transition takes place.

Car and Child Safety.

Over the past few weeks I have noticed the amount of parents that have parked illegally or completed U turns in front of the school illegally. Road rules around schools keep your children safe. Please be mindful of parking or stopping illegally as well as the spaces that you make U turns. Highway patrol officers are mindful of school safety zones and often monitor specific schools.

P&C Discussion.

At last week's P&C meeting the new eating times were discussed. At this meeting it was decided that at the conclusion of the term a comprehensive parent, child and teacher survey will be conducted. This survey will help determine the most suitable eating times for Toronto PS.

We are safe, respectful learners!



Late in 2016, TPS was informed that they would be included in a state-wide reform known as 'Early Actions for Success'. This is very exciting as it provides TPS with an 'Instructional Leader'.

The Early Action for Success strategy aims to improve students' performance through a targeted approach in the early years in primary schools. The schools are selected from those in the lowest quartile of NAPLAN performance in literacy and numeracy, according to an index of need.

The strategy involves:

- early identification of the level of attainment in literacy and numeracy of each individual child (K-2) and tailoring a specific program of learning to that child's needs
- change in teaching practice from a focus on the whole class to a focus on the needs of the individual student
- on-going, close monitoring of individual student progress against the Literacy and Numeracy continuums
- evidence-based use of tiered interventions in literacy or numeracy according to need.

Instructional Leaders in Early Action for Success work directly with teachers in the early years of school and are often present in classrooms. They contribute to organisational management in planning appropriate support and resources to gain the shift for those students identified as being below grade expectations in literacy and numeracy.

Consequently, Instructional Leaders in Early Action for Success draw upon a strong understanding of and high expertise in quality teaching in literacy and numeracy across Kindergarten to Year 2.

The Instructional Leaders coordinate the identification of the literacy and numeracy achievement of all Kindergarten to Year 2 students against the end of year benchmark expectations to determine which students are 'at risk'. Using this information they work with the school executive to determine the professional learning needs of staff to differentiate instruction and strategically plan appropriate interventions in literacy and numeracy across Kindergarten to Year 2.

The Instructional Leaders lead the professional learning of teachers in effective literacy and numeracy teaching practices. Effective teacher professional development and coaching is classroom based. Teachers develop skills in personalised learning and the use of diagnostic assessment under the direction of the Instructional Leader, working in the classroom with the teacher, and with the children for whom that teacher is responsible.

Teachers at TPS will engage in 2 days professional learning every 5 weeks. Casual teachers will take the classes so teachers can collaborate and reflect on student achievements and set directions for the next 5 weeks. We will try and maintain consistency with staff however, the teachers program will be followed as outlined in order to minimise interruptions to our students learning.

TPS has employed Amanda Lavercombe for the next 3 years to fulfil the role of Instructional Leader. She is very excited to be fulfilling this role and will ensure the students at TPS are receiving the very best teaching and learning opportunities every day.

Families with students in K-2 will receive written feedback from their teacher every 5 weeks regarding their student's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. Students 3-6 will receive this feedback at the end of every term.

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

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

Clean Up Australia Day- Friday 3rd March

Teachers and students will be working together to clean up our school. Participating in Clean Up Australia Day activities allows students to develop respect for their environment.

Students are welcome to bring gloves from home should they wish to wear them when cleaning up.



Library News

The library is open at lunch time on Monday and Tuesday. Come in and play on the computers, read, draw, colour pictures or play with Lego with your friends. You can also borrow some of our lovely new books to take home!

K-2 students will need a library bag

Mrs McDonell



Toronto Public School 'We believe all students can be successful'



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent - Teacher Interviews

We are extending an invitation to discuss your child and how they are settling into school. We would like to meet with you and have you help us set and discuss some goals for your child. We would like to provide you with some feedback about their current literacy and numeracy achievements and some ideas for you to help them at home. All teachers will hold their meeting in the Library on Tuesday 14th March, 2017 (Week 8).

Your child will be bringing a note home for you to select a time to meet. Times will be allocated as the notes are returned – so be quick!

Personalised Learning Pathways Interviews

We are also extending an invitation to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families to discuss, plan and set some goals by writing a Personalised Learning Pathway (PLPs). These plans assist each child to achieve their personal best and ensure their teachers and families support them along the way.

Miss Jenny or Mrs Doyle will make contact soon to set a time to meet with your child and their classroom teacher in the coming weeks.



Aerobics

We need to finalise the team members and I need to register them with FISAF in the next week. 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 28th 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 MAY in Coffs Harbour. (My apologies for making a mistake in the last newsletter). Parents are responsible for organising travel to and from the venue.

We have completed learning the routine and are now about to start our formations. The students are training very hard and the routine is looking very good.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time and held a fundraising BBQ at Aldi last weekend. They managed to raise almost \$900! Well done to all who helped.

Thanks everyone for your support, Mrs Lavercombe



Plate System



Gold Plate
Excellent behaviour

Blue Plate
I am being a role model to my fellow classmates

Green Plate
I am being a safe and respectful learner

Yellow Plate
Reminder to get behaviour back on track

Orange Plate
In class time out to get behaviour back on track

Red Plate
Time out in designated classroom and Sentral notification letter

PBL NEWS

In 2017 we have added a blue plate to our plate system. This has come about due to feedback from both students and the school community about the need to increase the positivity of the system. Students who are consistently on task and following our school rules will be moved to blue plate.

A "happy note" has also been introduced. Students who get on gold plate will receive a happy note home. Both changes have been welcomed wholeheartedly by students.

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
<u>6 March</u> Sandra Michelle	<u>7 March</u> Donna M	<u>8 March</u> CLOSED	<u>9 March</u> Lisa Trish	<u>10 March</u> Tamara Erica
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<u>3 April</u> Sandra Michelle	<u>4 April</u> Tracey B Michelle	<u>5 April</u> CLOSED	<u>6 April Feb</u> Lisa Trish	<u>7 April</u> Tamara Erica



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Term 1 Look at Learning Tuesday 21st March, 2017

On Tuesday 21st March, 2017 you are invited to attend our weekly assembly at 9am and then join us in our classrooms for activities. Our normal Monday assembly will not take place this week.



TPS Poetry Slam

During this assembly our TPS Poetry Grand Slam will take place. A Poetry Slam is a type of competition where people recite poems without props, costumes, or music. It puts a dual emphasis on the written word and performance, encouraging poets/performers to focus on what they're saying and how they're saying it. The poem can be an original (one you have written yourself) or one from another author.

Your child will bring a note home explaining the Poetry Slam and what it will look like. They will need to rehearse at home as well as at school.

At 11am you are invited to join us for lunch.



Harmony Day

Following lunch, all students will participate in Harmony Day activities. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live.

The central message for Harmony Day is that *'everyone belongs'*, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. Harmony Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

We are going to wear something orange on 21st March to show our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



TERM 1 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1					27 January First day of Term 1 Staff Development Day
2	30 First day for students	31	1 February	2	3 Swimming carnival
3	6 Student Leadership Assembly	7	8	9	10
4	13	14 9am Volunteer meeting	15 AECG meeting @ Nikinpa Aboriginal & Child Care Centre	16	17
5	20	21 Zone Swimming carnival P&C Meeting	22	23	24 PLAN Data sent home for K-2
6	27 Scripture to commence	28 Mr Fleming to visit TPS	1 March	2	3 Clean Up Australia Day
7	6	7 Yr6 Orientation Day #1 at Toronto High School	8 Yr7 2018 Parent Information Evening at Toronto High School Hall	9 Selective High School Placement Test	10
8	13 Expression of Interest for Yr7 placement 2018 at THS. LEAP applications close for Yr7 placement 2018 at THS.	14 Parent Teacher Interviews PLAN Data sent home for Yrs 3-6	15	16 Selective High School Placement Test for 2018	17 Easter egg donations for raffle can start to be brought to the office.
9	20	21 Look at Learning Family picnic lunch Harmony Day	22 AECG meeting @ Nikinpa Aboriginal & Child Care Centre	23	24 9am Cross Country + Out of Uniform Day. Expression of Interest for Yr7 placement 2018 at THS due today.
10	27	28	29 Term 1 Disco	30 LEAP testing	31
11	3 April	4	5	6	7 Easter Hat parade 12pm Last day of Term 1
Holidays	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21

TERM 2 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	24 April First day of Term 2 Staff Development Day	25 ANZAC Day (public holiday)	26 First day for students	27	28
2	1 May	2	3	4	5 Mother's Day BBQ 7 Aerobics Comp
3	8	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN	12
4	15	16 School Photos P&C Meeting	17 AECG meeting @ Nikinpa Aboriginal & Child Care Centre	18	19
5	22 Athletics carnival	23	24	25	26
6	29	30	31	1 June	2
7	5	6	7	8	9
8	12	13	14 AECG meeting @ Nikinpa Aboriginal & Child Care Centre	15	16
9	19	20	21	22	23 Mr Fleming to visit TPS
10	26	27	28	29	30 Last day of Term 2



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Thursday afternoon

Time 1.30 – 3.00pm

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*playtime *story time

*craft *games

*school readiness activities

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Please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea.



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- 1kg Beef Mince
- 1kg Crumbed Chicken
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- 1kg Marinated Drumsticks
- 1kg Thick Sausages
- 1 X Carton of Eggs

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- 1kg BBQ Lamb Chops
- 1kg BBQ Pork Chops
- 1kg Beef Mince
- 1kg Crumbed Chicken
- 1kg Crumbed Steak
- 1kg Marinated Drumsticks
- 1kg Rump Steak
- 1kg Thin Sausages
- * 1kg Marinated Wings
- 1 X Carton of Eggs

\$60 BBQ Pack

- 1kg Bacon Packet
- 1kg BBQ Blade Steak
- 1kg Crumbed Chicker
- 1kg Marinated Wings
- 1kg Mixed Risssoles
- 1kg Thin Sausages
- 1 X Carton of Eggs

\$199 Meat Pack

- 1.2kg Chicken Breast
- 1.5kg Crumbed Chick
- 1.5kg Crumbed Steak
- 1.5kg Roasting Piece
- 1kg BBQ Lamb Chops
- 1kg Rump Steak
- 2kg BBQ Blade
- 2kg Beef Mince
- 2kg Marinated Wings
- 2kg Mixed Risssoles
- 2kg Thick Sausages
- 1 X Carton of Eggs

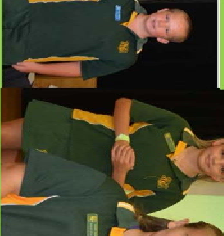
Please Note: Items may be exchanged for same value if not available



Saturday 18th Feb there was a fundraising bbq held outside Aldi Toronto. A huge effort by a group of parents and aerobics girls that on the day were able to raise an amazing \$900 from the bbq and raffle. A big thank you to G.W Meats for donating the sausages, Boulevard Bakery and Bakers Delight for donation of bread and bread rolls, Aldi for the eggs, bacon, sauces and other items and to Miter 10 Toronto for the donation of a raffle prize. For parents of the aerobics team to stay connected to other fundraising activities a group messenger page has been established search messenger for Toronto PS Aerobics and request to be added. Next fundraising activity is planned for Sunday 5th March.



Bluey says,
"Congratulations to our
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- To understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and how they do this
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What people are saying...

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