



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

09/03/2017



From the Principal's desk.

As I write this article and reflect on the past two weeks I am blown away by how fast the time is flying. Over the past two weeks we have had a visit from Mr John Flemming, we have opened a new class, all the teachers have had planning and reporting days as well Year 6 have completed a transition day and Zone football trials. Schools are busy places. Along with all the many things I complete in a day, one task is always my highest priority that is to visit classrooms. In visiting these classrooms I have seen some amazing work, in particular looking at the 3 junior classes and the progression each child is making is nothing short of astounding. As an Early Action for Success school, we have been given educational targets to meet, these targets ensure that students in grades Kindergarten to Year 2 are progressing appropriately. The majority of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 have already made their 6 monthly targets 3 months ahead of schedule. This is a testament to the fabulous work that all the staff are putting in and the love of learning these students have. As we continue to monitor their progression I look forward to seeing the journey these students will undertake.

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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.

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What's Happening in Kindergarten!

Well Kindergarten is flying and all students have settled into school life extremely well. We have had a very busy few weeks learning routines, making friends, having fun and of course learning! We are reading books, writing sentences, counting, adding, grouping and subtracting, exploring and growing every single day! No wonder we are exhausted by the end of the day!

Here is some of the fantastic work we have been doing over the last five weeks.



We are learning to write and enjoy working with magnetic letters to build tricky words.



We follow the school rules and walk in red zone, however we love to run in green zone!



Fine motor is one of our favourite activities of the week. We exercise our fingers with lots of playdough, tweezers, scissors, pegs and foam!



We can count to 20 and use concrete materials to represent numbers.

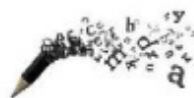




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Term 1 Look at Learning **Tuesday 21st March, 2017**

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.



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I use the High 5 hand if someone is doing something to me that I don't like.

I must always play kindly with my friends.



Toronto Tadpoles

Toronto Public School

Thursday afternoon

Time 1.30 – 3.00pm

Come along and have fun at Toronto Tadpoles. Meet other parents and children in your local area. Suitable for children eligible to start school in 2018. Explore your new school and meet our staff.

It's fun! It's free! It's fantastic!



*playtime *story time

*craft *games

*school readiness activities

All enquiries made to the office on 49591571

Please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea.

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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<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

"Reminder"

Payment for Book Packs is now overdue!!!!

Please pay at the office by cash or EFTPOS.

OR

Send your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child to drop in at the office

OR

Pay over the phone with your Credit Card



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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Toronto Public School Aerobics Program

9.3.17

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you all for supporting the two fundraising activities so far – the BBQ at Aldi and the raffle at Shinnies Pub. The kitty of money to distribute between the girls is more than \$1200 and is a real credit to all the tireless people who organise these events.

Please return all school equipment by this Friday in a clean condition.

Coffs Harbour Super Series is on **Sunday 7th May** and is our first competition. It is held at Sportz Central Coffs Harbour.

The State Championships will be held on either **Saturday 3rd Jun or Sunday 4th March** depending on the program. This even is held at the Griffith Duncan Theatre at Newcastle University.

IF we make it to Nationals, the dates extend from **Thursday 27th July until Sunday 30th July**. We could be scheduled on any one of those days.

The hire of the leotard, shoes, scrunchie, stockings, tracksuit and bag is \$150 per child. This money is due in by 14th March. We do have 3 girls who own their outfits from pervious years and they will not be expected to pay.

We were travelling very well with training 4 times a week until my role got very busy and I have been called away over the last two weeks. This has been unavoidable and I apologise if this has made people upset. Miss T has continued to train the girls at every available opportunity. As from today, my playground duty is aerobics in the hall during lunchtime. As such, we will be able to train every day. However, there will be times where I am called to meetings with staff or parents and may have to cancel. My first priority is the job for which I am employed, Instructional Leader, Deputy Principal and aerobics cannot come before the responsibility I have to this role.

Once I have finalised the numbers of girls, I will finalise the teams. Once this has occurred, I will be able work with formations and the additional choreography. Until then, all athletes can continue on perfecting the routine.

The fundraising team have set up a facebook messenger site. Please see Sally Andrews or Kimberly Moran to ask them to join you up.

The teams at present (those who have paid \$100+ as at 8.3.17)

Senior Team	Intermediate Team	Junior Team
Phoebe Andrews Sierra Blake-Geyer Mia Plant Kira Faulkner Ellie Garde	Lilli Holder Charisma Paterson Amelie Bailey Samantha Elford Aysha Mane Anna Williams Ava Sanusi	Payten Cook Maddelyn Nicholson Indianna Sinclair Ella Stolman Abbey Simpson

Please don't hesitate to come and see me or make contact with me if I can be of assistance.

Thanks, Mrs Lavercombe, Mrs Gayler and Miss T.

Spelling Mastery

Thank you to the families who have paid for their book packs. We understand this is a costly time of year with new uniforms, shoes etc. We have asked families to purchase a book pack for their child/ren. This book pack includes all of their class workbooks as well as the Spelling Mastery textbook. We have been unable to start Spelling Mastery for two reasons;

1. Only half of our students are eligible to get their Spelling Mastery book as they have paid for their book pack.
2. Due to class movements, Spelling Mastery groups are now requiring all teachers across the school to be present. Mrs Pollock is taking long service leave for two weeks before the end of term and I am out of the school quite a few days with school business.

As such, we will not be starting Spelling Mastery until next term. This still allows us plenty of time to complete the program before the end of the year.

2017 Book Packs

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 for one child.**

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 were due by Friday 17th February but we have extended **this due date to Friday the 17th March.**

Early Actions for Success

On Monday 6.3.17, I attended a whole day training day for Instructional Leaders. The opportunity to listen to the very best educators talk about the Early Actions for Success targets, expectations, requirements and best practice in Literacy and Numeracy was invaluable. We have held 2 Planning Days with our teachers over the last two weeks and every teacher is on track to deliver precise teaching and learning opportunities for your children. We are very excited about working hard over the next 5 weeks to deliver on our targets for educational improvement.

Johns Flemings Visit

On Tuesday 1st March, John Fleming visited our beautiful school. Mrs Carter, Mr Metcalfe and I picked his brains about ways to improve our teaching of Writing, Spelling and Grammar. Mrs Carter is working with a select group of students who we believe have the potential to extend themselves and make rapid growth with their Reading, Writing and Numeracy. These target students come from Year 3 and Year 5 as we work towards improving our NAPLAN results, particularly in the top bands. On Thursday, Mrs Carter and Mrs Doyle work with our Aboriginal students to assist them with NAPLAN preparation. Both teachers are very passionate about making a difference and I am confident they will deliver the results we are hoping to see.

Mr Fleming was very happy to meet parents, new staff members and walk through our classrooms greeting our students. He speaks very highly of Toronto PS and the school wide changes we have made to the way we teach. This has involved exceptionally hard work by our teachers over the last 2 years and we are really starting to notice the huge difference explicit instruction has made to our student's depth of understanding. Mr Fleming works across Australia coaching schools and we often host schools who come to see the amazing teaching and learning that is occurring. We really do have the best team at TPS!

Warm regards,

Mrs Amanda Lavercombe

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Instructional Leader EAFS - Deputy Principal **Toronto Public School Ph 49591571**

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