



# TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

06/04/2017



From the Principal's desk.

Wow. What a term we have had. As I reflect on the term we have had I cannot believe the many things that Toronto Public School students have been able to achieve. The growth data truly reflects hard work on account of all students and staff at Toronto. Looking into the future, the Spelling Mastery program will begin week 1 next term, NAPLAN preparation will continue as well as other fun PBL days, athletics carnival and other school events. In preparation for the new term I recommend lots of Easter Eggs and hot cross buns. Thank you for a great term and enjoy the break.

## Staffing.

**Principal Role.** The principal role is still being filled so Mr Metcalf will remain at Toronto PS until at least week 5 next term.

**Mrs Sarah McDonell.** Mrs McDonell has been transferred into the library position at Jewels PS, on behalf of all the staff and community we wish her all the best with both the new position and the birth of her fourth child.

**Mrs Goss.** Due to further rehabilitation Mrs Goss is unable to return to Toronto PS in a full time capacity in the near future. Mrs Carter will move away from the Bump it Up program and teach 3-4 with the support of Mrs Alison Tolmie. When Mrs Goss returns she will support students in smaller group work activities.

Mrs Sandra Cupples is the new SLSO working 3-4 and we welcome her to our staff.

## **Canberra Excursion.**

A note went home yesterday explaining that Toronto Public School will be attending Canberra with Charlestown East Public School. By joining together it makes the trip possible. We are taking Expression of Interest with only a limited number of seats available. The first 20 students to return notes and deposit will have a place.



## **P & C NEWS**

Our first disco for the year was a great success. It was a very hot night, but that didn't stop the kids from dancing their feet off. We raised \$835.00 for the night. We thank the children for their energetic dancing and hope they enjoyed the night.

We thank you for all your generous Easter egg donations. Our raffle prizes have been wrapped ready for the draw. Please make sure that you have all your raffle tickets in by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April so you don't miss out. A big thank you to our Easter egg wrappers.

Please also remember to have your orders back for the Easter Hat Parade Burger Meal Deal.

The P&C would like to send a big thank you, in advance, to all our helpers at our Burger Meal Deal. Without your continued support, we would not be able to provide these wonderful days for students and parents.

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.

A friendly reminder that all school uniforms must be purchased from the school as they have the school emblem on them. We take pride in our school being noticed and identified. If you require any winter uniforms, please call in and see Michelle at the Canteen.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase the prices of some of our uniform items. A copy of our new uniform prices has been included in the newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting of the Toronto Public School Parents and Citizens Association was postponed until our May meeting. All officer positions will be declared vacant. This is a perfect opportunity to get involved and get to know your P&C members. The P&C is one small part of the school but it does make significant contributions throughout the year in the terms of fundraising and trying to foster a positive community spirit. We hope to meet you soon.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY  
FROM THE P&C**

# *Spelling Mastery will begin for all students at the beginning of next term!*

## **What is Spelling Mastery?**

Spelling Mastery teaches students dependable spelling skills according to each students' skill development. Students are placed in classes according to results from a placement test and therefore work in a large group of similar ability. The program provides straightforward lessons allowing teachers to effectively teach the spelling skills students need to become proficient writers. Spelling Mastery lessons make spelling logical and easier to learn. This will be the third year that this program has been in place at TPS. Our students are very keen to begin once again!

*Each student requires a Spelling Mastery "student workbook" to effectively do their work each day and to complete all lessons. These are purchased as part of the school "book packs".*

Mrs Pollock

## *Payment for Spelling Mastery 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

### **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.**
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### **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE NECESSARY BOOKS**

Families who are experiencing hardship may make an appointment to speak with Mr Metcalf.  
All payments are to be made by the first week of Term 2



### TERM 1 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	26	27 Look at Learning Family picnic lunch Harmony Day	28 AECG meeting @ Nikinpa Aboriginal & Child Care Centre	29	30 9am Cross Country + Out of Uniform Day. Expression of Interest for Yr7 placement 2018 at THS due today.
10	27	28	29 5:30pm Term 1 Disco	30 LEAP testing	31 2pm Pondee afternoon tea
11	3 April	4	5	6 PBL Fun Day	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 AGM	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 3-4 Aerobics State Comp
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
Holidays	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14

### TERM 3 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	17 First day of Term 3 Staff Development Day	18 NAIDOC Week	19	20	21
2	24	25	26	27	28
3	31 Education week	1 August	2 AECG meeting @ Nikinpa Aboriginal & Child Care Centre	3	4
4	7	8	9	10	11
5	14	15	16	17	18
6	21	22 GATS Challenge Day	23 Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp (Stage 3)	24	25
7	28 Grandparents Day Book Parade	29	30	31	1 September Father's Day Breakfast





## 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!



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## PARKING RULES AROUND SCHOOLS

What do these signs mean?



Hours of operation may apply to some signs.  
This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.

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Come join the under 8's and 9's play a great game of football with  
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Training day's are Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:30pm pending  
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**We are safe, respectful learners!**





Bluey says, "Check  
out our cross  
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# Early action for success

We are going great guns with our K-2 reading achievements. Students are engaging in daily guided, modelled and independent reading and writing activities. The graphs below show how much progress the students are making so far this year.

During Week 10 and 11, all classroom teachers engaged in Planning Days. The purpose of these days is for teachers to collaboratively plan for the next 5 weeks teaching and learning. We had a focus on 'Working Smarter, Not Harder'. Teachers shared the planning loads and devised ways to collect evidence of student achievement. We engaged in Data analysis, setting Goals for student achievement and how we deliver assistance for students that require extra help to gain concepts.

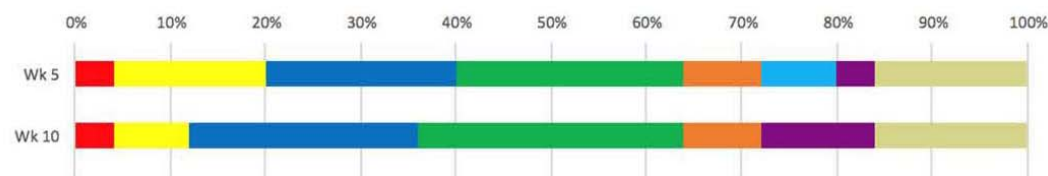
You can be assured that your child is receiving a high quality, data focused, individualised education. We have high expectations for teachers to deliver engaging and instructional lessons resulting in students knowing what they have been taught. Planning Days allow for teachers to engage in professional learning that is directly related to improving the achievement of every single student at TPS.

Text Reading Level
Levels 1-2
Levels 3-5
Levels 6-8
Levels 9-11
Levels 12-14
Levels 15-16
Levels 17-18
Levels 19-20
Levels 21-22+

## Text Reading Levels - K



## Text Reading Levels - Year 1



## Text Reading Levels - Year 2



Our 3-6 students are also making pleasing progress with their reading. All classes are now participating in daily reading groups. We are very proud of the hard work our students and teachers engage in to make every day count for every student.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or myself.

Mrs Amanda Lavercombe