



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Principal of Toronto Public School. I feel like I am on a very steep learning curve, but feel very happy and welcome in the TPS environment. I am putting most of my energy into getting to know our kids and developing my understanding of how things work in classrooms, on the playground and in the management of the school. I am a strong believer in school and community partnership so I will do my very best to be approachable and provide opportunities for you to engage with us at school and share your thoughts and ideas.

I really enjoyed the P&C meeting on Tuesday evening. P&C is a great way to share your voice and contribute to the direction of the school. We had two new parents come along this week and would love to continue to see new faces – you will be very welcome. My big take away message from the meeting was 'better communication' and will work with staff to ensure that our organisation allows this to happen.

The term began beautifully with a focus on Aboriginal Education through the celebration of NAIDOC week. I extend a huge thank you to Mrs Doyle and Miss Jenny for all of their work planning and coordinating the events for the week. We are also placing a big emphasis on being safe, respectful learners to ensure that our classroom and playground environments are happy and rewarding for everyone.

I apologise for the late notice regarding our Education Week activities. I will look forward to meeting family and friends who can join us. Please save the date for our DUGS Day (Dads, Uncles, Grandads, Someone Special) and Book Week parade on September 1st. Let's make it a fantastic day!

Kind regards
Kim Witt



PBL Focus

Our Week 2 focus is

'Be Polite'

Students at Toronto have been trying to use their manners and show respect at all times.

Our week 3 focus is

'Be Prepared'

It's important that all students come to class prepared and ready to learn. They will learn exactly what this looks like in the coming weeks.

P & C NEWS

The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms Kim Witt, our new Principal, "Welcome to TPS".

On Monday the 31st of July the school is providing a free BBQ lunch for all students and their families. The canteen will not be catering for lunch orders on that day, however, we will be open for all other purchases.

A reminder that TPS school uniforms are available from the school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We are also able to offer a limited range of second hand uniforms. Please see our wonderful helpers in the canteen.

Thank you
Tamara
P&C President

Toronto School Musical Calling all helpers!!!!!!!!!!

This year the Toronto School Musical will be held in Week 3, Term 4 (24th October – 25th October 2017). The School Musical will showcase student talents and provide a special opportunity for parents and the community to gather to celebrate Performing Arts.

We would like to bring together a committee of interested parents and community members who would like to be involved in coordinating this special event. We know there are many parents who have particular skills or experience in dance, drama, singing, costume making and props and we would be grateful for any contribution. If you have a passion for Creative and Performing Arts, or just want to lend a hand we would love you to be involved!

Please come along to the library at 8:40am Monday, 31st July for a quick meeting prior to the Education Week Assembly. Alternatively, if you are interested in being involved but cannot attend the meeting please contact Mrs Carter or Mrs Gayler on 4959 1571 or email alena.carter@det.nsw.edu.au. We look forward to seeing you there!



Education Week 2017

Education Week is a state-wide, annual event to celebrate public education in NSW. This year it will be held from 31st July to 4th August. The week highlights the achievements of public education and local schools, putting the spotlight on our students, our educators and the communities that support them.

This year's theme is ***I Learn, We Learn***. It is a celebration of our schools' commitment to ensuring:

- ✓ System-wide improvement – every student, every teacher, every leader and every school will improve every year.
- ✓ High expectations for all – a culture of high expectations for our students and our educators set high standards, which leads to high achievement.
- ✓ Personalised student learning – by teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential.
- ✓ Wellbeing – every student will be known, cared for and respected.
- ✓ Creating stronger ties with local community – parents and carers are our schools' partners in the education and wellbeing of each student. Partnerships with local businesses and industry create opportunities for our students to contribute to and thrive in society.

We are going to participate in a number of activities next week during Education Week such as having guest speakers at assembly, a Parade of Careers, community BBQ, Recycling workshop, Careers workshop, and Stage 3 students making a presentation.



Parents as teachers and classroom helpers (PaTCH)

At TPS, we are very lucky to have 3 parents volunteers to develop their skills in assisting students in classrooms. We are very thankful for their time so far and look forward to their positive impact. Thank you to Nicole Williams – 1-2M, Trish Walsley – 1-2T and Lisa Murdoch – KG for volunteering for this program.

Many families are unaware of the valuable role they play in apprenticing their children into literacy and numeracy learning. In this regard it is critical that teachers and school leaders help parents and caregivers understand the important role they play in their children's education.

In Early Action for Success, the Department's strategy to improve students' performance in literacy and numeracy in the early years, school communities have developed the capacity of parents and carers to work in classrooms in support of early literacy and numeracy.

What:

Parents as teachers and classroom helpers (PaTCH) is a program to train and accredit volunteers to support children in developing literacy and numeracy in classrooms. PaTCH provides parents and community volunteers with the skills to work in supporting the teaching of reading, writing and early number.

In particular, participants:

- Develop their understanding of how children learn.
- Consider how children learn to talk, read and write.
- Explore the importance of speaking and listening to developing literacy and numeracy.
- Gain skill in assisting children by listening to children and talking with them about books being read and stories being written.
- Understand the need for children to be able to express quantity with words and numeric symbols in day-to-day experiences.

When:

Volunteers undertake a 10 week course involving:

- Participation in 5 training sessions totalling 10 hours of tuition.
- A minimum of 15 hours practicum in an early years' classroom, completing between session tasks. Every second week they have an opportunity to practice what they have learnt in classrooms, and to get feedback themselves from the classroom teachers and course organisers.

Where:

In Early Action for Success schools seeking to strengthen parents' involvement in K-2 classrooms. Participants:

- Collect samples of work using a learning journal. The collection includes samples of resources, photographs or recordings of activities, short summaries of activities and reflections of practice.
- Are observed and supported by the classroom teacher and the school's instructional leader during the practicum experience.
- Engage in regular interviews related to session content with the school's instructional leader.

Why:

For parents –

- To increase the confidence of parents and care-givers in being able to help children to learn at home and in school.
- To increase the skill set of parents and care-givers providing them with greater employment opportunities.

For students –

- Increased one-to-one time to receive feedback.
- Seeing parents in a responsible shared teaching role in school.

Numeracy at Home K-2

We are very excited to be getting 'Numeracy at Home' started in the next few weeks. This program aims to encourage families to support what is taught in the classroom, whilst also having fun and enjoying their child's company.

Students will bring home a pack containing the instructions to a game as well as all resources. Students will have these packs for a week and will be able to play the game many times with their family and friends. Parents will be asked to fill in the recording sheet and ensure all parts are in the pack when returning it.

Our PaTCH parents will be operating this program in conjunction with Mrs Pollock, the class teachers and Mrs Lavercombe. Thank you very much for your support of this amazing program. There will be more information coming shortly.

Mrs Lavercombe



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.

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*playtime *story time
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*school readiness activities

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Please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea.

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WHY DOES OUR SCHOOL HAVE HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS?

Good nutrition and physical activity improves students'
concentration and behaviour and boosts school
performance.

Below are some examples of strategies schools are
implementing to promote healthy eating and physical
activity:

- Crunch&Sip® – a daily fruit, vegetable and water program
- NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy – revised canteen strategy replacing Fresh Tastes @ School
- PE lessons have a focus on developing students fundamental movement skills
- Students have access to physical activity equipment during breaks
- Teachers have been trained in the Live Life Well @ School Program
- Teachers are regularly incorporating healthy eating and physical activity into their lessons



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Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017. Anyone can help Toronto Public School earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from the 26th July. Anyone from the community – staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends - who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers for our school. This year, Woolworths is partnering Modern Teaching Aids, Australia's biggest supplier of educational equipment. This means Toronto Public School will be able to choose resources based on our needs across every category possible including: S.T.E.M, Science. Mathematics, English, Sport and Arts and Craft.

Simply collect your Earn & Learn stickers every time you shop, stick them on a sticker sheet (available at school or your local Woolworths) and drop the sticker sheet into the collection box at school or Toronto Woolworths.

Thank you for your support!



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