



Toronto Public School Newsletter

Quality and excellence... Learning together

1/03/2018



Dates to remember

- 2/3/18** **Half Term "Showcase" in Hall 9-15am**
P & C meeting in Library after "Showcase"
- 3/3/18** **Park Run** for Running Club
7.50am at Booragul PS
- 6/3/18** **Toronto High School Visit for Yr 6.** Notes due back

Advanced notice

- 13/3/18 P & C AGM 6.30pm in Staff room
- 16/3/18 Paul Harrigan NRL Cup at Windale (for those selected)
- 20/3/18 Cross Country
- 21/3/18 Harmony Day
- 29/3/18 Easter Hat Parade 10am
- 13/4/18 End of Term Showcase in Hall at 9.15am

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my goodness! We are half way through our first term already. Time flies when you are having fun. That is one of our aims this year to make school a fun place to be. We want our children to be happy to come through the gates knowing that good things are going to happen here. TPS is a place where every child has at least one adult who cares about them, who will meet their needs and encourage them to learn in interesting and engaging ways. This underpins our school vision that 'Every child can be successful'.

Through bringing back the fun – art, library lessons, life-skills, PE, technology lessons etc we have found our students are ready to learn when working with their teachers in the classroom. During the first four weeks we have had 29 incidents where children have failed to follow our school values of safety, respect and learning. Whilst there is room for improvement, last year there were 119 incidents in the same four-week period. Together we are creating a school culture that we can all be proud of.

I hope you can join us for our 'Showcase' assembly on Friday. We will be using this opportunity to share the talents, gifts and achievements of our students. We hope these events will become favourites on your calendar and will do all we can to encourage your participation and enjoyment.

We received our first phone call today about the Easter Hat Parade. It will be held on the Thursday before Easter, March 29 at 10am. We will be using the same format as we did in our Book Week parade last year. Preparations will involve assisting your child to create an Easter hat at home and encouraging them to practice their 'cat walk'.

After our Showcase this Friday, we will be holding a P&C meeting in our library. This is in response to the many, many people who have said they would love to be part of our P&C but night meetings are impossible for them. Please come along, share ideas and contribute to our schools continual improvement. If this initiative is successful we will alternate between day and evening meetings each term.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Kind regards

Kim Witt

PBL FOCUS:

Moving around the school in a safe, calm manner.

Introducing Kindergarten 2018

With 10 – 13 years of education ahead of them, we asked the new Kindergarten students what they would like to be when they grow up. Here are their answers!

- Cooper: "A ninja to fight bad guys
- but don't tell because it's a secret."
- Paisley: "A nurse to look after people."
- Soloman: "A sportsman because I love to kick balls."
- Jaxon: "A black ninja because they have swords."
- Kasey: "A doctor so I can fix people."
- Alexis: "A doctor, a swimmer and a teacher. Because they get lots of money."
- Owen: "A policeman because they drive blue cars and I like blue."
- Sarah: "A weather girl so I can change the weather."
- Skye K: "A princess because they have shiny crowns and wear pretty dresses and someone else has to wash them."
- Keira: "A teacher, a veterinarian and a dancer so I can get lots of money so I can go on a holiday."
- Sky M: "A tooth fairy so I can take people's teeth and give them money."
- Patrick: "A train driver so I can blow the horn and scare people."
- Damien: "A truck driver because I like big trucks."
- Luca: "A policeman so I can drive fast cars."
- Nate: "A ninja because they sneak in the night."
- Riley: "A ninja so I fight other ninjas and a dinosaur to scare people."
- Bella: "A princess so I can look pretty."
- Sophie: "A doctor so I can fix dogs and cats and people."
- Amarah: "A teacher so I people on gold plate and read books to kids."
- Mylah: "A princess so I can wear really nice dresses."
- Tyrell: "A racing car driver, so I can drive fast."
- Riley F: "A ninja so I can protect people."
- Kyia: "A hairdresser so I can cut hair."

“Showcase”

In 2018 we are introducing our Showcase events. We will hold 2 per term, one mid-term and one towards the end of the term. The dates will be published well in advance. These events will showcase what is going on in the school and provide opportunities for our kids to shine. Our first Showcase is this Friday at 9.15am. The one later in the term will be on April 6th.

Another special community event will be our

East Hat Parade

on the Thursday before Easter, 29th March.

In all other weeks our class merit awards will be presented at our Friday morning assemblies under the COLA.

Great Writing from Hunter in K/1

If I could be an animal at the zoo
I would be a lion because I want to
roar and scare people.

Do you want to receive the newsletter via email?

Send us an email to:

toronto-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Sizzling Starts

1-2W working on some fantastic sizzling starts this week 😊



Alana: *Pop! The big angry man broke his arm in half.*

Abbie: *Pop! The hairy powerful man twisted his enemy's arm. The man gave him a green tree fracture.*

Myles: *Crack! The man's strong arm broke in the arm wrestle.*



**School Banking
is on Thursdays.**

Volunteering in our school

Have you thought about volunteering in our school? There are many ways you can help – Canteen, reading etc.

Please talk to Tarin in the Canteen (on Wed, Thurs & Fri) about helping in the canteen or your child's teacher about possibility of helping in the classroom.

HOWEVER, you will need a current Working with children check to do so.

To apply for a volunteer WWC online visit:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>

Then you will need to take 100 points of ID to Service NSW to verify your identity.

When your WWC has been approved, bring it to the office and the office staff will look after you.

Cooking with K6C

"We made fruit kebabs. I liked the pineapple the best."

Harry



"I love grapes, strawberries and bananas. Cooking is fun."

Joel

Zone Swimming Carnival

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Battle of the winds and the rain

Toronto swimmers in the water.

Tough day in the water for our lucky students who made the qualifying time to represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Swimmers had to battle the head winds and stinging rain, not to mention the cold or the competitors from other schools, to do their best. Big congratulations go to all our competitors who braved the conditions and gained experience from a tough day.



Our top swimmers from Toronto Public School preparing themselves for cold weather and strong competition and Mr Sharland braving the cold conditions

Book Club

Orders due back by Monday 6th March.

Book Pack Reminder

Our book packs are ready and are being distributed to children. The idea of the pack is for your child to have all the stationery items they require in the classroom, including replacements eg. four glue sticks, four white board markers etc. Teachers have a system to distribute the goods as required and for all items to be labelled.

The cost for each pack is \$30 with a discount for the second, third child etc. This money will be deducted from the \$40 voluntary contribution you are asked to pay each year. It would be ideal for all children to have their book packs ASAP if you would like to have a payment plan please don't hesitate to ring Mrs Witt.

EDI at TPS

Staff at TPS have been busy continuing their professional learning to support the implementation of Explicit Direct Instruction at our school. All classes have been actively refining their Reading Warm Ups and have established excellent routines for learning.

Mr Fleming, our EDI Consultant visited our school on Monday of this week, observing Reading Warm Ups and providing valuable feedback to support our EDI journey.

Here are some staff reflections from Mr Fleming's visit:

Mr West: I was very excited to show Mr Fleming our reading warm up. His feedback was super insightful and 1/2W are so motivated to keep learning!

Miss Martin: Having Mr Fleming come to observe 5/6M was incredibly reassuring. Our hard work is paying off!

Mr Sharland: The kids were so excited to show Mr Fleming what they had learnt and how they had improved.

Mrs Pollock: I was extremely proud of my students. They stepped up to the mark and impressed Mr Fleming with their amazing efforts. His words of praise were empowering and very encouraging.

Mrs Nilson: The students rose to the challenge of having John watch our Reading Warm Up. They were all amazing!

Early Intervention at Toronto Public School

The early intervention class provides a preschool program for children with a confirmed disability from three to school entry. The class enrolls between five to eight children per session.

Central to this program are individual learning plans developed for the child in consultation with the learning support team. Outreach support is provided to Early Childhood centres and local schools in the West Lake Macquarie region.

The program has a strong focus on skill development such as fine & gross motor, social/emotional, communication and school readiness.



Running Club

Running Club is open to students in Yrs3-6. A note is available if your child is interested and has not yet joined. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Doyle.

Opal Cards

As of **Feb 23** if your child does not have an OPAL card they will not be allowed to travel to and from school by bus. Please refer to our face book page for the Opal card link or visit You <https://ssts-apply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS.html>



1st Sat of the Month
8am to 1pm
Toronto Foreshore

SAFETY
around schools

ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES:

Pedestrian crossings
You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.
Maximum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points

Double parking
You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.
Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge
You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).
Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS

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| | <p>You cannot stop here Unless there is a medical or other emergency <i>Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points</i></p> |
| | <p>You cannot stop here You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus. <i>Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points</i></p> |
| | <p>You can stop here for two minutes only You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle. <i>Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points</i></p> |
| | <p>You cannot stop here Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed. <i>\$549 and one demerit point</i></p> |

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WHAT IS SAVER PLUS?

Saver Plus is a free ten-month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you to:

- Build your skills around managing money
- Become a regular saver
- Reach a savings goal.

Once you finish the program, ANZ will match your savings, up to \$500, which goes towards education costs for you or your children including:

- School and sports uniforms
- Computers, tablets and laptops
- TAFE and apprenticeship costs
- Sports fees, dance and music lessons
- Textbooks and school stationery
- And much more.

CAN I JOIN?

Saver Plus is offered across Australia. You may be eligible to join if you:

- Have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Are at least 18 years old
- Have some regular income from work (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work, and
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more, enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au, call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- ☎ Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355*
- ✉ Email saverplus@bsl.org.au
- 💻 Enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au
- 📖 Read more at www.anz.com/saverplus

*Call costs may apply

¹ Terms and Conditions and eligibility criteria apply to Saver Plus. Contact 1300 610 355 for more information. Details correct as of May 2017 and may be changed at any time.

² You should consider if this product is appropriate for you. ANZ recommends that you read the Terms and Conditions before acquiring the product. For more information about the ANZ Progress Saver account, please contact ANZ on 13 13 14.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society, The Smith Family and other local community agencies.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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TORONTO BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

GOD'S TEAM

THE TEAM THAT LASTS FOREVER

HOLIDAY CLUB

APRIL 16th - 19th

WHERE?

Toronto Baptist Church
186-192
The Boulevard

WHEN?

9am to 12:30pm
April 16th - 19th

COST

\$20 per child for K - Y6
(\$50/family)

Includes T-Shirt, all activities, and morning tea each day.

REGO

- Online at torontobaptist.org.au (closes 3rd April)
- OR
- In person at Toronto Baptist Church, Sat 24th March 9:30am - 12:30pm

CONTACT: Kristy 0491 148 238

Are you thinking about becoming a foster carer?

Hunter Child and Family District Unit

Carer Development team

Ph: 40882001

<http://childstory.net.au/>

<http://www.fosteringnsw.com.au/>

It is said, "It takes a community to raise a child".
Your Community needs you!

Across the Hunter we are recruiting for carers of all ages and backgrounds to meet the needs of our resilient, courageous children and young people up to the age of 18!

We are looking for motivated people to open their hearts and homes to children and young people requiring short-term assistance. Foster carers may be individuals, couples or families who are able to provide care on weekends, for a few days in an emergency, or for a few weeks until a more permanent home is available. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. Our Community is in need of passionate caring people especially if you are willing to care for children who are: older than 7, part of a sibling group, have a disability or health needs and or from an Aboriginal or culturally diverse background.

Canteen open Wed, Thurs & Fri only.



Toronto Public School Canteen Menu 2018

Sandwiches

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| Vegemite | \$1.50 |
| Cheese | \$1.50 |
| Ham | \$2.50 |
| Ham and Tomato | \$3.00 |
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| Egg and Lettuce | \$3.00 |
| Cheese and Tomato | \$3.00 |
| Chicken, lettuce and mayo | \$3.50 |
| Ham, cheese and tomato | \$3.50 |
| Salad - lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, Beetroot | \$3.50 |
| Chicken salad - chicken, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot | \$4.00 |
| Ham salad - ham, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot | \$4.00 |
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| Wrap OR Roll | \$0.50 |
| EXTRAS - egg, avocado, cheese | \$0.50 |

Salad Tubs

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| Small Salad - lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot | \$3.50 |
| Small Salad with Chicken OR Ham | \$4.50 |
| Large Salad | \$5.50 |
| Large Salad with Chicken OR Ham | \$7.00 |
| Large Salad with a warm Char Grilled Chicken patty | \$6.50 |
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| EXTRAS - egg, avocado, cheese | \$0.50 |

Burgers and Wraps

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| Cheeseburger meat patty, cheese, sauce | \$3.50 |
| Chicken Tender Roll tender, lettuce, mayo | \$3.00 |
| Flame Grilled Chicken Burger - patty, lettuce, mayo | \$3.50 |
| Hamburger with Salad - lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot | \$4.50 |
| Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Salad | \$4.50 |
| Chicken Tender Wrap 2 tenders, lettuce, mayo | \$4.00 |

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| Additional salad items | \$0.50 |
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Hot Food

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| Chicken Nuggets each | \$0.70 |
| Chicken Tenders each | \$1.20 |
| Chicken Patty | \$1.50 |
| Party Pie (low fat) | \$2.00 |
| Sausage Roll (low fat) | \$2.20 |
| Large Pie (low fat) | \$2.50 |
| Homemade Pizza with a choice of toppings and sauce Sauce: BBQ or Tomato Toppings: Ham, cheese, pineapple | \$2.50 |
| Lasagne | \$3.50 |
| Macaroni and Cheese | \$3.50 |
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| Tomato Sauce | \$0.40 |

Drinks

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| Water | \$2.00 |
| 99% Juice Poppa - apple, orange mango, paradise punch, apple blackcurrant | \$1.50 |
| Milk - chocolate, strawberry | \$2.00 |
| Fruit | \$0.50 |

Ice Blocks

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| Juice Icy cup | \$0.50 |
| Lip Stick | \$0.60 |
| Frozen Yoghurt | \$1.70 |
| Juicees | \$1.20 |
| Moosies | \$1.60 |
| Ice Cream Cup | \$1.20 |

Snacks

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| JJs | \$1.20 |
| Popcorn | \$1.20 |