



Toronto Public School Newsletter

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10/05/2018



Dates to remember

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| 11/5/18 | Mothers' Day Breakfast
7.30 am – 9am |
| 16/05/18 | Book Club orders due |
| 18/5/18 | Week 3 - Friday
P & C Daytime meeting
9.15am in the Library |
| 22/05/18 | SCHOOL PHOTO DAY |

Advanced notice

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| 1/6/18 | Half term Showcase Assembly |
| 5/6/18 | Week 6 –Tuesday
P & C evening meeting in the
Staff Room 6.30pm |
| 15/6/18 | Athletics Carnival |
| 29/6/18 | Week 9 - Friday
P & C Daytime meeting
9.15am in the Library |

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. TPS is such a busy place and we have lots to share with you.

Last Friday, Mr Murphy and I attended the 'Wellbeing in Schools' conference in Sydney. It was really worthwhile and has given us lots to think about. We are focused on making TPS a safe, happy place for all of our students. We aim to provide opportunities for all children to learn, grow and shine. To make the most of opportunities children need to attend school, on time, every day. We are going to explore new ways of encouraging great attendance but if you have concerns regarding your child's willingness to come to school or if something is impacting on your child's enjoyment of school, we would like to hear from you. We are very keen to support every child to be their best.

We have had a classroom swap. It's a big deal asking teachers to relocate to new rooms especially when they have put lots of work in to personalising their workspace for their students. As of next week our Kinder and K/1 students will be upstairs, in the rooms Kinder and Year 1 were in last year. 4/5 CN and 3 /4 S will be moving downstairs. I appreciate this can be a little disruptive but the decision has been made to meet our students' needs. I extend enormous thanks to our very flexible teachers and their teams of co-operative, hardworking kids. It's amazing how much work can be done when there's hot chips at the finish line!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to a very special member of our community today. Bev McKay (our resident Pom) has been working at TPS for the last five years. She has consistently been a ray of sunshine – supporting our kids and our staff. We have loved having Bev as an integral part of our team and wish her all the best for her TAFE career. She will be missed but not forgotten.

We look forward to celebrating a Mother's Day breakfast with all of the special women in our community- (Mothers, Aunts, Grandmothers, Someone Special) this Friday morning from 7.30am. We hope you will join us.

Kim Witt
Principal



MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Mothers, Grandparents and Carers, please join us for a special Mother's day breakfast on Friday morning May 11th from 7.30am to 9am.

Enjoy breakfast with your children.



"Love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark ... to have been loved so deeply .. will give us some protection forever."

—J.K. Rowling

KADIA JEWELLERY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Joelene Gentlemen who is a semi -finalist in the Kadia Jewellery Mothers' Day competition. Students were invited to design a piece of jewellery for mum.

" I chose to design a horse necklace because my mother used to ride horses when she was little and they are her favourite animal. I quite like horses too because they are just a unicorn without a horn or a Pegasus without wings and I love magical creatures. "

Jump on to Kadia Jewellery's Facebook page to vote for Joelene's design. Click "like" on her drawing

<https://www.facebook.com/kadajewellery1>

TPS IS A FAMILY AND CHILD FRIENDLY ZONE

You may notice the sign in our quiet zone/ parent pick up area. Our school environment has a 'G' rating.

Please consider your conversations, if the language or content isn't in a G rated movie, it's not appropriate for our setting. We would appreciate your cooperation



We are taking a new approach to teaching History, Geography and Science. All classes will be working on integrated units on a common concept. This Term's concept for all classes is Sustainability. The lessons are meaningful and engaging. There are lots of facets to sustainability; it's a great topic for a conversation at home.

P & C NEWS

Thank you to our volunteers who have assisted in today's Mother's day stall. All the children were excited to shop for special presents for their mums, grandparent and s

Coming up this term we will be holding our first disco for the year. Permission notes will be sent home with children closer to the date.

Winter uniform stock has arrived is available for purchase every morning from 8.30 in the cottage. If you require an alternate time please call the office and a suitable time can be arranged.

Our next P&C meeting is Friday week 3 straight after assembly in the library.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The uniform shop has a variety of second hand school uniforms at much reduced prices that have been donated by families who are no longer at our school.

If you would like to purchase some of these, please see Lisa in the quiet area each morning.

Not all sizes are available.

First in, best dressed.

Shirts, shorts and skorts - \$5-00

Jacket and track pants - \$10-00

SMOKING NEAR SCHOOL

The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free. Smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building in NSW. This law is called the '4 metre law'.

health.nsw.gov.au/smokefree.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Thank you to our students who braved the rain to participate in the Toronto ANZAC Day March. Unfortunately, the march was cancelled, but the students attended the service at Toronto Diggers. The students represented our school beautifully and Mrs Witt, Mr Murphy & Mrs Robertson were extremely proud.



Rear: Corbyn X, Hayden W, Shaylea S, Lillian W & Cooper C

Front: Abby S, Nick G, Neveah A & Charli R

Not in photo but attended: Layla LP, Ethan LP, Holly L, Emily H and Skye M

ART DONATION REQUEST

from Miss Leah

If you have any spare plastic containers, plastic bottle lids (plastic) and buttons, Miss Leah would love them for the ART ROOM please.



Year 3 and 5 have been working with teachers this week to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN process. NAPLAN takes place in Week 3 of Term 2 in all schools every year. It is designed to give parents and educators a snapshot of how individual children and their peers are performing in literacy and numeracy.

At TPS we do not teach to the test. We do not put undue pressure or stress on children to perform in NAPLAN. We endeavour to create a calm environment for our children to participate and give their best. It will slot in to our regular school routine. By creating hype around NAPLAN we can cause unnecessary anxiety and no one wants this. We value NAPLAN because it allows us to evaluate our current practices and plan for future teaching. Literacy and numeracy is important, but it needs to be balanced with other rich and rewarding school experiences that will contribute to our students becoming confident, creative and productive citizens.

NAPLAN will take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday will be a catch up day for students who have been away. If you wish to discuss NAPLAN or the process, don't hesitate to give us a call.

SPORTING PROFILE

Quick on his feet



Jesse-James Castray (aka Jack rabbit) represented Toronto Public School to try out for the Westlakes Touch Football Team. After a gruelling test of his skills, Jesse was chosen in the Westlakes Touch Football team and will now progress to try out for the Hunter team.



TADPOLES

Our Kinder transition program has commenced on Friday mornings from 9.00-11.00am in our Early Intervention classroom.



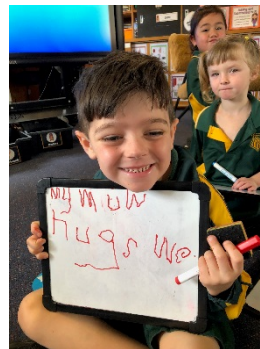
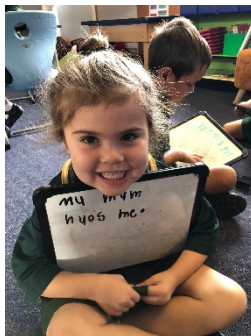
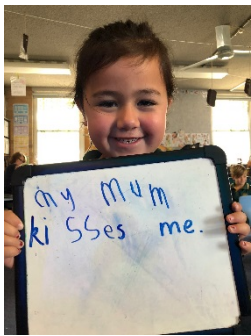
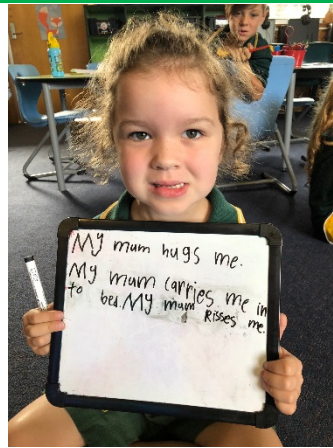
This program is for children beginning Kinder in 2019. Parents do not need to stay. Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.



Everyone had a great time at our first Tadpole's group.

What has been happening in the classrooms

KG are getting ready for Mothers' Day with their writing lessons



We
love our
mums



K/1T

Love Math

Kinder have been doing quick recognition of dot patterns on dice and dominoes and year 1 have been doing place value.





1/2W love their Scope IT every
Wednesday



ART WITH MISS LEAH

2/3D



It's fun because we got to do lots of different stuff

-Ty

It's relaxing and we get to be creative - Kyarra

We get to be creative all together as a class

- Abbey

I love that we got to paint

- Axle

I like painting and we get to create our own art work

- Emily



Painting is my favourite thing and Miss Leah must have known - Lukus



*"Every child is an artist.
The problem is how to
remain an artist once he
grows up."*

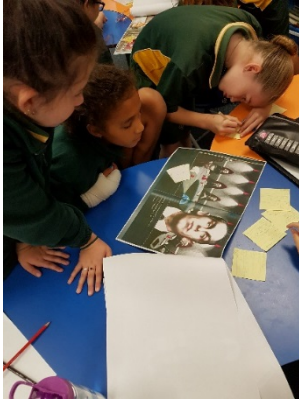
Pablo Picasso

4/5CN

Have used their visual literacy skills to find meaning on every page of Gary Crew's text *Beneath the Surface*. Every page and picture had messages that couldn't be gained from the text of the book. The students felt like detectives as they searched every page to understand the full meaning of the book.

"I like visual literacy because you can have your own opinion and spot details you might normally miss." -Lilly

"I love visual literacy because it leaves you guessing." -Leila



"I enjoy doing visual literacy because you get to talk about what you see in your mind and you can draw it" - Aysha

"I loved the book because I got to think deeply and it was adventurous." - Kayla

"It was mysterious." -Joelene

5/6M does PBL!

A fantastic start to Term 2 from all students in 5/6M. We began our week by revising our class matrix, which we all created together at the beginning of Term 1. It is expected that everyone follows our class matrix.

WELCOME TO 5/6M Our Classroom Matrix		
Respect	Follow instructions PROPERLY! Answer politely Listen to others BE A ROLE MODEL! Raise your hand and wait MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS	
Learning	Just do it! Talk less, work more Encourage and help others Do your best work	
Safety	Move sensibly and calmly around the room Be safe on the furniture Keep my hands and feet to yourself	

We have also been practising Bluey's 5 School rules to get us back in routine - especially working quietly.

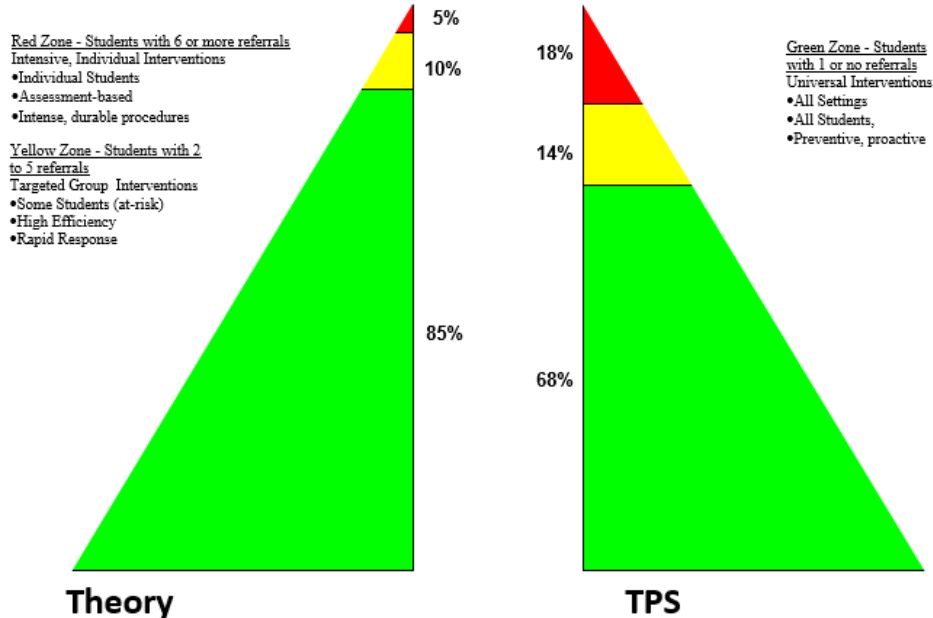


In our class we have also been talking about the importance of owning our actions, and how to fix the problem to move on. 5/M are always using our values of **Respect**, **Learning** and **Safety** to have a fantastic day and prepare us for the future!

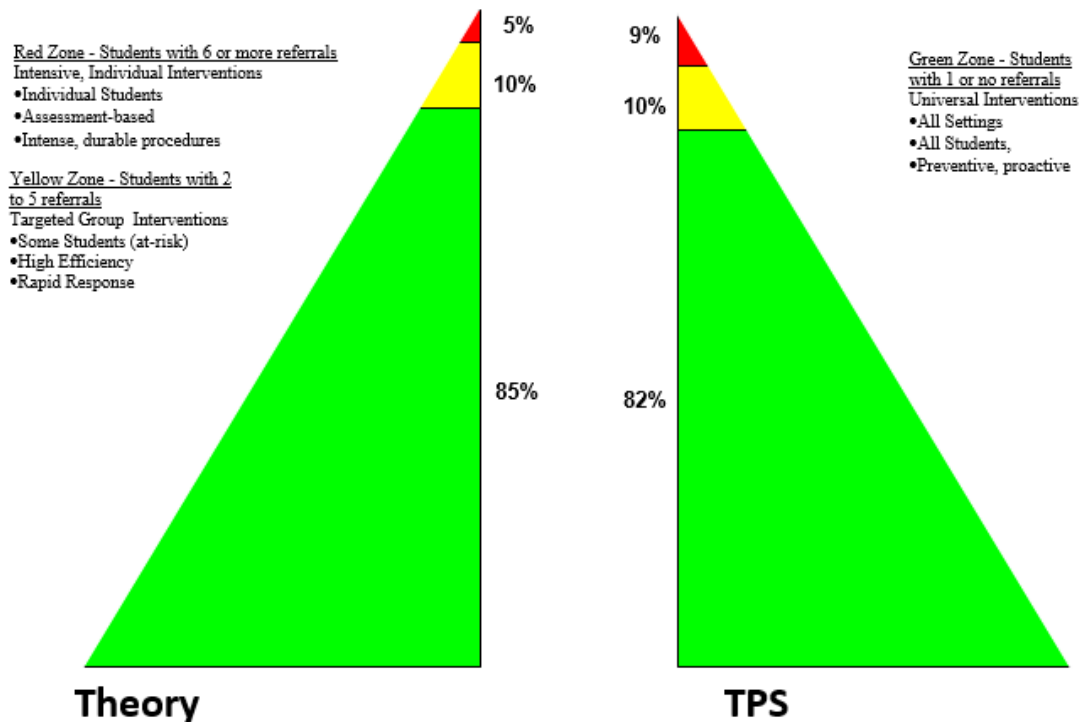
PBL

Below is our PBL data from Term 4 last year and from Term 1 this year. The data reflects the percentage of students who have a certain number of negative incidents for the term. The triangle of the left indicates the theory and where we aim to be. The triangle on the right is TPS data. We are sharing this data to celebrate how far we have come as a school this year. Our green students have increased from 68% to 82%.

Triangle of Student Referrals, Term 4 2017



Triangle of Student Referrals, Term 1 2018



PBL STUDENT SURVEYS

At the end of Term 1 we survey 18 students across 6 classes to check their knowledge of our changes to PBL this year. They were surveyed about the plate system and the ladder of success.

- ✓ 83% of students could confidently explain what each plate stands for and what happens when you get to a certain plate.
- ✓ 89% of students could explain the process of purple plate.
- ✓ 89% of students understood the ladder of success and could explain how you get the PBL reward day.

Here are the questions asked to students and some of their responses.

Can you tell me what each coloured plate on our system means?	Tell me what can happen if you are on purple plate?	What is the ladder of success?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold is excellent, green means ready to learn, purple means time to think, orange means if you come back from chill out and you are still naughty, red means if you physically hurt or harm someone. - Layla 3/4S - Gold is excellent and fab, green is great way to start the day, purple is silly, orange is bad, red is really super bad - Keira KG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A warning, chill zone and then buddy chill - Abbie 1/2W - You get a verbal warning to fix it, in class chill to calm down and then out of class chill to calm down. - Lillian 4/5CN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ladder is like a reward system. If you get 10 you get a reward. Your teacher encourages you to stay on green and have good behaviour - Aysha 4/5CN - Each week if you don't have an incident on Sentral, you go up for rewards day- Shaylee 5/6M

Some kids are **SMARTER** than you
 Some kids have **cooler** clothes than you
 Some kids are better at **sports** than you

IT DOESN'T MATTER

You have **your** thing too.

Be the kid who can **get along**

Be the kid who is **generous**

Be the kid who is **happy** for others

Be the kid who does the right thing

Be the nice kid.



say cheese

School Photo Day is

22 May 2018

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Give Mum an Entertainment Membership this Mother's Day and she can enjoy more than 12 months of valuable dining, shopping and travel offers! Buy from us today and you'll also be supporting our fundraising. Hurry, they're selling fast!



Only \$ 65.00

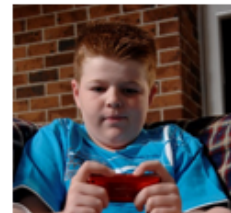
Good for Kids good for life

7 REASONS TO LIMIT SMALL SCREENS

Nearly half of all children aged between 5-15 years spend more than 2 hours every day on small screen entertainment such as TV, smartphones and tablets.

Children who spend more than 2 hours on screen time per day are more likely to:

- Have an unbalanced diet.
- Be less physically active.
- Have sleep problems.
- Drink more sugary drinks.
- Snack on foods high in sugar, salt and fat.
- Have fewer social interactions.
- Develop poor posture.



Setting up good habits while children are young can make all the difference to their habits and health in later life.

Source: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to whip up a healthy dip or sauce.

Whether you're lunch box prepping over the weekend or looking for the perfect healthy snack for entertaining, our Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au has quick and easy sauce and dip recipes.

Try our minty yoghurt dip, kale and basil pesto, hummus or tasty guacamole for a tasty snack or sandwich spread.

Minty Yoghurt Dip recipe

Ingredients

8 tbsp plain reduced-fat yoghurt
1 lemon, juiced
½ clove garlic, crushed
¼ bunch mint leaves, finely chopped
Pinch of salt



Method

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix together. Variation – add finely diced cucumber for a refreshing crunch.

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