

From John and Silvia

Staffing News

Next week we welcome Jenny Robinson back into Room 12 after her year of maternity leave. We thank Alina Meich for being the year 5/6 teacher, Monday to Thursday, during this term in Jenny's absence. We look forward to having Alina back to teach here at Torrensville in the near future.

Our year 6/7's have returned Wednesday afternoon from their Aquatics Camp at Victor Harbor. They had a fantastic time! Many thanks to the staff who supported the students for three days and two nights.

End of term early dismissal

There has been a change to the process of having an early dismissal at the end of each term. For your child to go home an hour earlier at 2:10pm at the end of each term, we are required to obtain consent form parents/guardians. The form is included in this newsletter, however it will also be sent home today. This form only needs to be completed once and will remain active/in place for the duration of your child's enrolment at our school. If you don't return the consent form prior to the last day of this term, your child will remain in class until 3:10pm.

NAPLAN

This week we had some of our students participate in the NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test. The children's tests will not be marked, as the purpose of this exercise was to check that our wi-fi and devices will work effectively when we have NAPLAN early next term. If your child is in Year 3, 5 or 7, and you have concerns regarding their participation in NAPLAN please contact your child's teacher on Class Dojo.

Water Safety Program

Last week our Reception to Year 5 students participated in a Water Safety Program at Thebarton Aquatic Centre. On behalf of all the teachers we would like to say a big thank you to the many parents and carers who gave their time to support the children in walking to and from the centre.



Harmony Day Celebration

Monday, March 29th -Everyone Belongs

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony is one of our School Values and as a School Community we strive for on a daily basis.

Whole School Celebration:

Students are encouraged to wear cultural significant clothing, or something orange for our celebration day. The day will start with a Harmony Day Assembly run by our Student Ambassadors. All classes, either individually or as collaborative classes will share an aspect of their inquiry learning from the term focused on Belonging.

Following the assembly we will guide the students to come outside and weather permitting we will create 3 circles of students, acknowledging the circle symbol as a meeting of people, all people.

We will have our senior choir to support us sing the song "I Am, You Are, We Are Australian", where children and staff will stand from a seated position to join the singing as they recognize their own culture's arrival to our home Australia.

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions we are unable to invite parents join us for the celebrations. We will however take photos and video snippets to share with families on Class Dojo.



Room 3 reflects on Water Safety!



Wednesday 17/3/20

Today at swimming...

We saw Ms. Carey's class and walked down to the Aquatic Centre. When we got there Vicki told us ^{how to} and helped us put life jackets on. We swam to the deep end from the shallow end. We got out and Vicki showed us how to fall safely into the deep end. Then we jumped and fell into the pool. I had HEAPS OF FUN!

I love to see you enjoy it so much Elsie!



Monday 15/3/20

Today at swimming...

We met Ms Carey's class and walked together to the swim centre. Vicki told us the safety rules before we got in the pool he was the instructor in charge.

Our teacher was called Caitlin. She told us she was pregnant. First she wrote our first name and the first letter of our last name.

Second we swam + Caitlin then we glided through a hoop with out kicking. After that we swam to get Sunkies. Finally we did survival swim and then we had a practes evachow ashen. I had fun!



Quotes about swimming

It's really fun and it gets really exercise-y and you get to do all jumps and that - Francesca

Swimming is fun because we always get to do fun things like backstroke and jump in and all of that is fun - Felix

On Friday we did a party. First we did a dance and at the end we had to climb on the mat, and our teacher was pregnant - Max

I like swimming because I can go underwater without my goggles. I learned to go in the hoop under the water - Joycee

Volunteers a recipe for Breakfast Club success!

TPS has the best volunteers & parents in town!

Vincent & Naomi are our Wednesday volunteers from Kick-start for Kids, along with our two amazing parent volunteers Kate and Brett.

Kate brings in a large selection of fruits every week and Brett cooks about 90 pancakes every Wednesday!

Tuesdays along with our Kick-start volunteers from FINSEC, we have parent volunteer Kerry who is super organised.

Without these beautiful parents supporting breakfast club, we would not be able to offer such a great menu.

Please take the time to say "thanks" to our wonderful parents and volunteers at breakfast club.



Elaine
Aboriginal Community
Education Officer



Our sustainable sewers are back!

Our TPS Fruit & Veg produce bags are back in production. Stay tuned for information about when they will be available for purchase!

CONSENT FORM FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPROVED EARLY DISMISSALS

As a parent of:

STUDENT/CHILD'S NAME

I:

PARENT NAME

give my consent for them to be dismissed early under the following conditions:

- up to 1 hour before the normal end of the school day no more than 4 times a year for the purpose of the end of school terms;

Parents will be notified in advance (minimum 1 month) of the reason, time and date of the above early dismissals through the normal communication channels used between the school and parents, including, but not limited to, school newsletters and the schools website.

For early dismissals relating to 'extreme heat' scenarios parents will be notified as soon as possible before students are dismissed.

Agreement

- I agree and acknowledge that my consent (if provided) will remain active/in place for the entire time my child is enrolled and attending at the school unless I withdraw it by notifying the principal (or delegate) either in writing or by telephone.

**This form will be sent home with children today.
Please complete and return to your child's teacher ASAP.**

Signed: _____

Date: / /