Kindy Concert

Speech Night
Tuesday 8 December 2015
6:30pm

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Principal’s Message

What a great week! The TCN night was outstanding. The students have really demonstrated the skills and learning that this process has developed. Then to see our school in the Newcastle Herald and on the website. Good news is great to share!!

I think it is appropriate that we share Joyfulness as our final value for the year. As the Xmas lights start appearing on homes we can take time to reflect. ‘Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognise how good things really are.’ –M Williamson

It has been said that if we have a shirt on our back, know where our next meal is coming from and where we will sleep tonight we are rich indeed. It has been suggested that joy is thankfulness, and when we are joyful, that is the best expression of thanks we can offer.

As we close the year and enjoy our final newsletter for the year, thank you for your support and interest in the lives of the children at Toronto School. Thank you for supporting the projects and fun.

We look forward to celebrating together next Tuesday.

See you then!

Dr David Faull
Principal

General News

Mufti Day
Tuesday 8 December is the last day of school for the year and it is also Mufti Day. For the privilege of wearing mufti we are asking students to bring a gold coin donation to school for Muru, the boy we sponsor through Asian Aid. We are sure he will appreciate our support.

Enrolments
Our marketing was discussed at School Council and it still has its best results when positive word of mouth from parents is active. Please tell your friends about our great school. Our Learning Program is providing students with positive progress. The gardens program is outstanding. Next year we are adding more iPads for student use at all levels. Please talk up Toronto Adventist so people know about our school.

Thank you
A huge thank you to all our volunteers who assist our school in so many ways. We really appreciate your support and interest in the children. The adage “many hands makes light work” could not be more true with the team at Toronto. To all our volunteers we say “Thank You”!

Timetable 2016
This is early news for planning for 2016. The timetable will change and school classes will conclude at 3.10pm. The learning program just does not allow sufficient quality time. The change will bring the campus into line with Avondale School and most other primary schools in the area. We thank you for noting this change.

School Fees
You may think that $300 or $500 is not much to owe and the school can ‘carry it’. The reality is our budget for school and especially Pre-Kindy depends on having the fees paid so we can meet our invoice payments and wages especially over holidays. Please see Mrs Bennett to settle your account.

Speech Night
Please plan to support our Speech Night on Tuesday 8 December at 6:30pm ready for a 7pm start in the church complex. K-2 students need to wear their regular summer uniform to this event and Pre-Kindy students need to wear their sports uniform. We look forward to seeing you at Speech Night.

We Value Joyfulness

Awards

Students of the Week
Pre-Kindy - Katie
K-2 - Darius
3-6 - Cassie

Kindness Award
Pre-Kindy - Ebony
K-2 - Daniel
3-6 - Grace

Values Award
Pre-Kindy - Brody
K-2 - Riley
3-6 - Benjamin
Kindy Concert

SPEECH NIGHT - TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER, 7PM
Hasn’t the year flown by? It is so hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for 2015! I want to thank all my Pre-Kindy parents for the wonderful support you have given me this year. I have always had fantastic parents (and grandparents and aunts and caregivers) at Toronto, and this year has been no exception. You supported your children and made my job easier as a result. Thank you so much for all your help along the way.

This week we have been focusing on our Presentation Night practice. We have a bell item, a class item, and we will be singing in two whole school items, so we have needed to keep the practices going. We have also been making some Christmas crafts.

On Wednesday we had our Pre-Kindy class photo. Thank you to parents who brought their children in especially for the photo. A very BIG thank you to Felicity Thomson who took our photo and has worked her magic to make it extra special.

May God bless you as you travel through the school years ahead. I look forward to seeing you as the years roll by, and watching your little one grow.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Presentation Night on Tuesday night. Stay safe.

It has been such a wonderful week for our class. On Sunday night we came to school because it was Awards Night for our TCN program. It was great to be able to celebrate our achievements. A BIG thank you to Mrs Thompson for organising this great event and to our parents for taking the time to come and find out all about our TCN work.

On Monday we had a visit from the Newcastle Herald and we were able to share our TCN program with them. Benjamin and Cassie were even able to interview Ms Gregory from the Herald. She was very impressed with our TCN program. By Tuesday morning there was much excitement at our school because a half page article about TCN had gone into the newspaper. There were also articles on the Newcastle Herald’s website. We hope you got to see them!

A BIG thank you to Mrs Thompson for all her hard work with TCN. We are just so proud of our TCN program and also the new website we now have to showcase our hard work.

Our week has been busy with singing practice for the Kindy concert and Speech Nights. There have been many hours of practice going into these events and the children have been particularly well behaved, understanding the significance of each event.

The Kindy Concert was a magnificent program with our Kindy class performing as the animals that were in the stable on the night that Jesus was born. We have some fantastic singers in our class and they performed so well. Darius and Tyler were the black cats, Arsalaan was the donkey, Georgia and Isobel were cute chickens, Kayden and Seth were brown spotted cows, and Daniel was a field mouse. They were especially cute. Well done, Kindy class.

Mrs Martin took her final LOTE class for us and we will miss her. She has a job in Newcastle next year so we look forward to meeting our new LOTE teacher. This week we practised using chopsticks and eating marshmallows. What a creative time we had using our new eating instruments. We also had fun trying to pop bubbles with them.

Our class ‘end of year’ party is on Friday and we are looking forward to the fun day we will be having. We are off to swimming as well, so we are in for a super day.
Lights, camera, action. The TCN news team donned their best formal wear to walk on the red carpet at the recent TCN Awards Night. Family and friends were treated to a look behind the scenes at TCN, the latest edition of the news, the new website, the awards ceremony, and the highly sort after, never seen before bloopers of 2015!! A big well done to the TCN news team. You need to be congratulated for all your hard work.
We harvested some tomatoes and cucumbers from our garden and we will be making a salad for our K-2 class party. What a wonderful way to celebrate and eat the blessings that God has gifted us with. Mr Drury, you are a legend.

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Prayer Requests
We would like to encourage our school community to come together in prayer.

If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to let the staff know, so that we can include your request in our prayers.

Office Hours
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday: 8:30pm - 1:30pm
Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Uniform Shop Hours (Cooranbong Campus)
Monday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Calendar - Term 4
Swimming Lesson.........................................................December 4
K-2 Class Party.............................................................December 4
Years 3-6 Class Party....................................................December 4
Last day of school for 2015............................................December 8
Pre-Kindy Class Party..................................................December 8
Speech Night ..............................................................December 8

School Term Dates 2016
Term 1: Wednesday, January 27 - Friday, April 8
Term 2: Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1
Term 3: Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23
Term 4: Monday, October 10 - Tuesday, December 13