

# Tempe Talk



*Quality teaching with exceptional opportunities in a diverse and caring learning environment for your child.*

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## From the Principal

Welcome to all of our new families who have joined us this term and to those who will be joining us in 2012 and are receiving this edition of Tempe Talk. Each edition of Tempe Talk is available on the school website as well as the hard copy which arrives via your child's bag.

Throughout 2010, Tempe Public School underwent some extensive renovations due to significant funding from the Australian federal Government under the Building the Education Revolution program.

The culmination of this program will be the Launch of our new Library at 2:30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All parents are welcome to attend the unveiling of the plaque.

A number of significant events are planned for the last few weeks of the school term:

1. **Presentation Day K-6** at 1pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This important assembly recognises the academic, artistic and sporting achievements of the students throughout 2011. All parents are welcome to attend.
2. **Year 6 Farewell** at 6-8pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Stella Inn, Tempe. Only year 6 students and staff attend this special dinner to say farewell to all year 6 students and wish them well as they head off to high school.
3. **Picnic Day** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at school. Kindergarten will attend a puppet show in the hall while all other classes will have an end of year celebration with their teacher. This is the last day of the 2011 school year for all students.

A few students and parents have asked about riding bikes to school. We now have new bike racks that will be installed on the southern wall of the canteen during the Christmas break.

Any student wanting to ride to school **MUST** wear a helmet and supply their own lock and chain to secure their bike during the day.



## Staffing News

Next year we will have a couple of changes to our staff.

- Ms Baker has accepted a position in Newcastle (where her family lives) and her replacement is currently being sought.
- Ms Christy Ko will be joining our staff as our new Reading Recovery and Support Teacher.
- Mrs Ros Thatcher will be returning to class teaching next year.
- Mrs Maree Hitchcox will be working Mondays through Thursdays and her class will be taken on Fridays by Mrs Maria Kolovos.
- Mr Hugh Miller will be working with all students as a Support Teacher in 2012.
- Mrs Son Tu-Hoa, our Vietnamese Studies teacher will not be returning in 2012 and a new teacher will soon be known for this program
- Mrs Claudia Seijas has needed to fly home to Argentina urgently due to a serious family illness. She will be returning in 2012.
- I will be retiring at the end of term 1 and Mrs Carole Priday will be relieving as principal for terms 2, 3 and 4 in 2012.
- Ms Sonia Layton will be relieving as assistant principal for terms 2, 3 and 4 in 2012

## IMPORTANT - Changes to 2012 school hours

Please note that in order to expand our Creative and Performing Arts programs next year we will be extending the school day. The times, beginning 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012, are:

- |       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 8:40  | Students arrive at school    |
| 8:55  | Assembly and daily messages  |
| 9:00  | <b>Session One Classes</b>   |
| 11:00 | Munch and Crunch Eating time |
| 11:10 | Playtime                     |
| 12:00 | <b>Session Two Classes</b>   |
| 2:00  | Recess                       |
| 2:15  | <b>Session Three Classes</b> |
| 3:00  | School finishes              |

# Love Kids ?

A childcare opportunity exists for a seven year old during December 2011 and January 2012, mostly on Saturdays and Sundays and an occasional weekday in Wolli Creek area.

Please contact Noreen directly on 0433 133 325.

## 2012 Book Packs

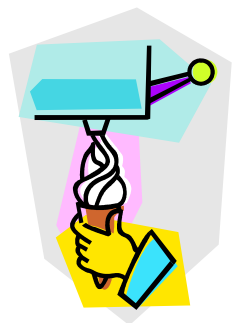
Book Packs for all students are currently available from the school office at 2010 prices. Before the Christmas break they are available through the front office - Kindergarten, years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are \$15, while years 5 and 6 are \$25.

In 2012 they will be available through your child's class teacher. Please keep your receipts from the book packs as they can be claimed on your 2012 tax return as educational expenses.



## Mr Whippy

I have received a number of complaints regarding the ice-cream van which parks in Brooklyn Street at 3pm. I have asked him to make sure that he obeys the parking regulations to ensure that the children can leave school safely however I cannot ask him to stop selling his ice creams.



Should the van park illegally in a No Stopping zone, it is most important that you do not buy his product. If you do not wish your child to have ice cream at that time, say NO.

As long as the ice-cream man knows that there are parents who will give their children ice-cream after school, he will continue to legally ply his business.

## UNICEF

On 24<sup>th</sup> October, Ms Seijas held a fund raising event to support the Unicef Day For Change. Congratulations to the students and families at Tempe on raising over \$204 to support the children of East Timor.

## Holiday Program at Tempe Public School

An exciting holiday play program will operate in the hall and grounds of Tempe PS from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

If you would like your child to attend contact Glenn Dunstan directly on 0424 821 721.

Places are limited so get in early.

## 2011 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a *Gold Award* for completing the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 4 years in a row.

Shakib Ahmed, Alexander Boskovski, Alison Chang, Jacob Deathe, Emel Erdogan, Celena Galea, Shereen Hallig, James Hawthorne, Sieli Kefu, Louis Kosta, Jasper Kumar, Chanel Lu, Lachlan McEwen, Solomon McGuire, Zara McGuire, Dylan Mickovski, Kyle Peacock, Zoe Pentecost, Andrew Pham, Angela Priftis, Alex Tan, Jaycee Tanchiatco, Cindy Tran, Michael Tsie, Joe Wilks

These children will receive their Certificates on Presentation Day. Every child who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year will receive a newspaper supplement from the Sun-Herald.

Mrs Trish McMahon  
Teacher Librarian

## School Website Update

New videos have been added to the website. To view these go to: [www.tempe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.tempe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Thank You Parents !

Once again many parents offered their time across the year to assist in their child's class and last week we held a thank you afternoon tea to celebrate the ending of the school year.

The class teachers would like the following parents acknowledged for the time they have donated to supporting the children of Tempe:

Lisa Bassett-Waldock, Wendy Baird, Tori Sainsbury, Melissa Collins, Andy Collins, Christine Osmond, Tina Mickovska, Kate Reid, Rochelle Miller, Cathy Westwood, Patricia Corcoran, Helen Peacock, Michelle Maconachie, Janet Rockliffe, Siobhan Hannan, Francisca Van Wel, Lisa Newey, Cimi Oberdorfer, Leonie Kosta, Kate Deacock, Helen Knowles, Anne Purcell, Pauline Futeran, Rachel Rothwell, Celeste Arthur, Helen Pentecost, Michelle McEwen, Janelle Wright, Melissa Mekrizis



Parents and staff at the Thank You Afternoon Tea

# Halloween Disco

Another successful disco was held at the end of October with plenty of scary decorations in the hall.

Thanks to the following parents for help in supplying cakes, setting and cleaning up:

Amie Meers, Melenaite Polota, Christine Osmond, Helen Peacock, Michelle McCarron, Elise and David Hawthorne, Leonie Rockliffe, Janet Rockliffe, Ivan Smith, Vern Hutchinson, Luciana Stonoga, Lisa Bassett-Waldock, Vanessa Dibble, Bronwyn Causley-Todd, Bill Vlandis, Kate Deacock, Stu Newton, Roberta Walsh, Cemi Oberdorfer, Melissa Mekrizis, Helen Pentecost, Carminba Templeton, Michelle McEwen, Geoff Miller, Rochelle Haswell-Miller, Anne Purcell, Pat McInerney, Wendy Baird, Stephan Whelan, Lisa and Nick Newey, Bill Hi, Tori Sainsbury, Francisca Van Wel, Doreen Kontgiorgis, Selina Martin, Siobhan Hannan, Thu Hien Pham and Hilda Stehlin.

## Kindergarten 2012

Any students who turn 5 before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten. Please advise any friend and family that have a child who qualifies that they can enrol directly through the school office.

## Garden Working Bee



Abbey's Garden was overtaken by some very industrious parents on the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Huge thanks to the following parents and families:

Helen Knowles, Melissa and Andy Collins, Marcus Phelan, Jenni Carter, Logan Metcalfe, Celeste Arthur, Ivan Smith,

Rachel Rothwell, Lisa Newey, Anne Purcell, Christine Osmond, Tori Sainsbury and Kate Reid.

A 2012 date has been set for our next garden working bee and that is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9am-12noon.

## From the Library

Thank you to all families who supported our recent Book Fair.

Books to the value of \$1466 were purchased by families which translated into a 30% commission for the school. This commission has been spent on re-supplying our Book Prize cupboard.

We are now starting to plan for our official Library Launch that is set for 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Mrs Trish McMahon  
Teacher Librarian

## 2011 Diary Dates

*Please note that as dates become available they will be added to this list.*

07/12 Semester 2 reports sent home  
07/12 Ukulele performance by Miranda PS  
09/12 Official Launch of TPS Library  
09/12 Sports in Schools K-6  
12/12 Semester 2 Interview week begins  
13/12 Tillman Park visit  
15/12 2011 Presentation Day begins 1pm  
15/12 Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6-8pm  
16/12 Picnic Day  
16/12 Tillman Park visit  
16/12 Kindergarten Puppet Show  
**16/12 Last day Term 4 – all students**

## 2011 Diary Dates

30/01 All students return to school  
03/02 Parent Picnic @ Tillman Park  
06/02 P&C meeting  
14/02 Scripture classes begin  
15/02 Creative @ Performing Arts groups begin  
19/02 P&C Working Bee  
01/03 2013 Selective HS Test location centres advised  
05/03 P&C meeting  
12/03 School Photographs  
15/03 2013 Selective HS Test day  
30/03 P&C Movie Night  
02/04 P&C Meeting  
**05/04 Last day term 1**  
**24/04 First day term 2 – All students return**  
25/04 ANZAC Day public holiday  
15/05 NAPLAN Test day years 3 & 5  
16/05 NAPLAN Test day years 3 & 5  
17/05 NAPLAN Test day years 3 & 5  
22/05 UNSW Computer Skills Test @ \$7.70  
06/06 UNSW Science Test @ \$7.70  
11/06 Queen's Birthday public holiday  
18/06 UNSW Writing Test @ \$16.50  
19/06 UNSW Spelling Test @ \$11.00  
**29/06 Last day term 2**  
**17/07 First day term 3 – All students return**  
17/07 2013 Selective HS test results to families  
27/07 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony  
31/07 UNSW English Test @ \$7.70  
12/08 2012 Olympic Games Closing Ceremony  
14/08 UNSW Maths Test @ \$7.70  
**21/08 Last Day term 3**  
**09/10 First day term 4 – All students return**  
16/11 Primary Choral Recital @ Opera House – TBC  
**19/12 Last day term 4**  
20/12 School holidays – first day



Judha and Solomone opening the Showcase





## Things To Do To Keep your Child Entertained Over This Summer.

For those with children at school, the holiday break can be great fun and a well-earned rest. It can also be a time when so much of what was taught at school goes swiftly out of mind!

Here are some simple things that you can do throughout the holidays that aren't boring and will keep them motivated, will help them to remember what they have learned throughout the school year and continue to stimulate their growing brains.

### 1. Keep a holiday diary

Have a 'Holiday Book' where each day (or every few days) your children can write what they've been doing and draw a picture or stick in some memorabilia from the day. Diary writing is a great thing to encourage young children to be able to do so they can learn to reflect on their day with gratitude, express their emotions and have something fun to look back on in years to come.

### 2. Re-use old books for revision

On the last day of school all of the books will come home from school that your child used that year. There is likely to be some unused pages somewhere in there. You can work through them whenever your child says the inevitable, "I'm bored!"

### 3. Practice trouble areas

There are many worksheets that you can download for your children online. If you know that they're having trouble with a particular area like time, measurement, fractions etc. Type it into google e.g. 'Year 3 fractions worksheet' and some links will pop up that you'll be able to print off and practice during the holidays. 10 minutes a day is an ideal scenario for practicing and retaining knowledge like times tables and other concepts. Though if your child is more reluctant, half an hour every 3 days may be more achievable and pleasant.

### 4. Use technology favourably

A lot of children have some form of electronic device like an iPod or iPad. If your child has one of these, consider getting an app or game that is educational. They have come up with some brilliant games that children actually enjoy!

### 5. Have a 'Bored Box'

Make a box of things you have around the house that can be kept in one handy place. Put in there things like board games, puzzles etc. Board games are a great way to sit outside and have some family time on a summer evening instead of watching TV. They have great educational qualities too! Monopoly is fantastic for Maths skills.

### 6. Craft activities

Some children are crafty and some aren't. If you have a crafty one, spend some time on some big projects. They

can find something they want to make, organise the materials and then work on it over the course of a few weeks. Some great activities can be found at the Disney Family Fun site: <http://familyfun.go.com/>

### 7. Cooking dinner

Getting your children to cook dinner has the benefit of empowering them with fun responsibility and giving you the night off. The food may not be as perfect as you would make it, but the kids generally love it. Pick something that's appropriate to the age of your children. At the beginning of the holidays, break the weeks up and ask your child to pick one night a week to cook dinner. Ask them to pick what they're going to cook, let them write a shopping list for ingredients, go to the supermarket to get the ingredients, add up the cost and then prepare the meal.

### 8. Job list

Children can learn how to be self-sufficient and to understand what goes into keeping them happy, healthy and living in a clean environment. There's putting the rubbish out in the big bin, sweeping/vacuuming the floor, putting away washed dishes, cleaning rooms, making beds etc. [Click here for a job list template.](#) This teaches children life skills, you get paid for what work you do and they can choose to earn as little or as much as they like.

### 9. Budget

This goes very well with the job list. Holidays can be EXPENSIVE. There are so many activities on offer and it's easy to spend a small fortune in the Christmas break. At the beginning of the holidays, sit down with your children and talk about what they want to do and how much they will need each week. Agree on the things that you will pay for and choose some of their desired activities that if they want to do, they have to pay for themselves. They can then earn this money by completing their job list each week.

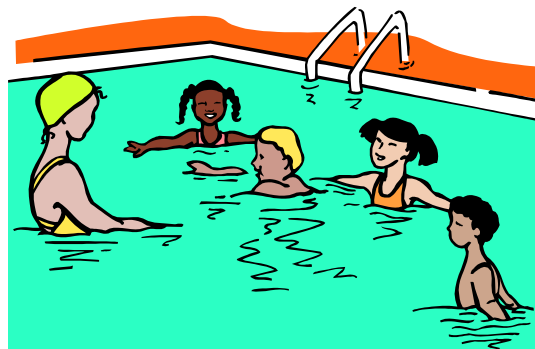
### 10. Enrol in a holiday program

Many holiday programs run during the January break. Investigate what is on offer through local councils and YMCAs and Police Citizens Youth Clubs.

### 11. Learn To Swim

Use this time for your child to learn how to swim or to consolidate your child's swimming skills.

But above all – **ENJOY** your child's company !



# Tempe Idol

On Friday 25th November the Student Representative Council (SRC) staged a highly successful talent show called Tempe Idol.

25 acts entered the show, consisting of 39 students from Years 2-6. Performances included singing and dancing in a wonderful variety of styles and genres.

The judge was Miss Connie Severino, a professional musician and performer in training from the Australian Institute of Music. She was highly impressed by the diversity, enthusiasm and talent on display throughout the show.

Congratulations to the winners and to all participants !

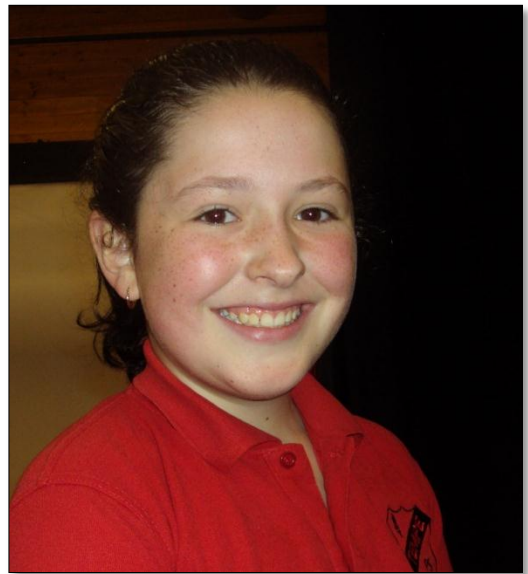


1st Place: Mieke van Wel singing *Nkosi Sikelele Afrika*  
Mieke's winning performance is available to view on the school website at:

[www.tempe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.tempe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



2nd Place: Patrik Borlandelli dancing *Pat Jackson: Tribute to Michael*



- 3rd Place: Taylor Pentecost dancing *Runaway Baby*



Highly Commended acts



# Showcase 2011

On Wednesday 21st September we staged our performing arts showcase concert, Great Southern Land.

Students, staff and community members were all highly engaged in the production and presentation of the show. The matinee and evening performances were well attended and were thoroughly enjoyed by performers and audience alike.

Once again, many thanks to all the parents and community member who volunteered their time and expertise and contributed to costs and materials, and well done to all students and staff on producing and performing such entertaining items.

Looking forward to our increased programs in Creative and Performing Arts across the whole school in 2012.

Mr Hugh Miller  
Showcase Coordinator



# Contributions from Students

## 5/6B SPORT Poems

Sports by Alison

active, fun,  
running, playing, throwing  
Tiring, fit, lazy, quiet  
Boring, stretching, sleeping  
lay, read  
relax

Sport by Aecean 5/6B  
fun, active  
kicking, running, passing  
netball, tennis, house, t.v.  
sitting, sleeping, eating  
couch, bed  
Lazy



Sports by Amy Wong  
active fun  
running throwing catching  
get fit and healthy  
cricket



Sport by Danielle Camilet

Tiring Active  
Running Catching Throwing  
It Makes You Sweaty  
Swimming



Sport by Felicity Bryder

fun fit  
dancing playing jumping  
running and playing forever  
exercise



Sport by Isabella Pham

Fun good  
Puffing exciting sweating  
Its good exercise  
Swimming



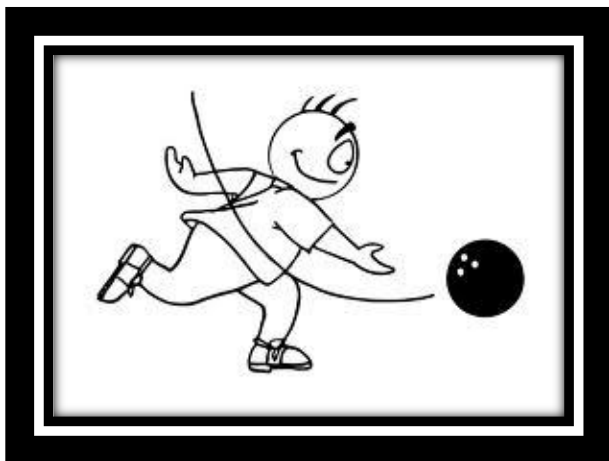
**Netball by Jodie Ha**  
**fun awesome**  
**running throwing shooting**  
**the best sport ever**  
**exercise**



# Bowling

**By Lachlan McEwen,**  
**5/6B**

**Bowling**  
**Fun and sporty**  
**It is easy to play**  
**I normally play it on wii**  
**Sport**



**Softball by Tori Lucas 5/6B**  
**Game, fun**  
**Playing, batting, scoring**  
**It's a fun game**  
**Baseball**



**Sports By Zara McGuire**

**active adrenaline**  
**sweating tiring rushing**  
**physical healthy boring**  
**unhealthy**  
**sleeping lying relaxing**  
**snoozing unfit**  
**lazy**

