

Tempe Talk



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From the Principal

As we move to our matinee and evening Showcase performances on September 21st, I would like to thank the parents who have thrown their time into helping choreograph, outfit, support technically or just generally help out their child's class.

A reminder that numbered programs (tickets) for the Matinee Showcase at 12noon are still available @ \$5 each. The Evening performance is sold out.

All programs are numbered and issued to purchasers in the order received. Orders can be placed by sending money for the required number of tickets to your child's class teacher. ALL numbered programs will be distributed to families on 19th September.

NAPLAN Results

The Department of Education and Communities has delivered these letters to our school and they will be sent home with students in year 3 and 5 on Monday 19th September.

If you would like to discuss the results with your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the school office on 9558-3780.

A full explanation of the overall results will be available in the 2011 Annual School Report.

Tempe has Deadly Kids



At the recent Sydney Region-wide Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards Taela Douglass in year 4 received the award for Tempe PS recognising her all round efforts at school.

Only one nomination from each school across the whole of Sydney Region is accepted.

Congratulations Taela !

Internet Access At Home



Children today have ready access to many topics via the internet which mostly is a good thing.

However, it has come to my attention that some of our senior students have been discussing internet sites which contain TOTALLY inappropriate content.

Access to these websites can only occur outside of school hours so I am requesting that you take particular notice of the sites that your child visits. Some hints to help at home include:

- regularly check the history tab to see what sites have been accessed
- make sure that the screen is in a visible to you and public place in your home (not in your child's bedroom)
- check that your internet has appropriate filters which can be upgraded

Thank you to those parents who have brought this to my attention – it is a very timely reminder to us all that while we all use the internet as a tool to help us access lots of wonderful information about things we want to find or do, there are others out there who have little or no regard for your child's welfare.

Parking

Parking is available for parents and visitors in the streets surrounding our school. No parent/ visitor is to access the School Car Park at any time.

Parents accessing before and after school care services are able to utilise the car park before 8am and after 5pm.

As the spring holiday break is just around the corner I would like to wish all families a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing the students return on Monday 10th October.

3/4W Enrolment

3/4W has a new enrolment – a beautiful diamond python. Please note that this is a licensed reptile for our school and 3/4 W will be undergoing training in caring and handling of this precious reptile.



Please note the following:

- This is a Diamond Python (non venomous)
- TPS has a licence to house such a reptile.
- Students will not be forced to handle the reptile.
- Students wishing to handle the python will be trained
- Students will help maintain and care for the python which will be housed in 3/4 W's classroom.

SPORTS IN SCHOOLS

This great program will again operate in term 4 for ALL students from K-6. The focus of this specialist program is on developing gross motor and games skills for all students. The visiting teachers are specialist sports and PE teachers and the equipment on offer is different, interesting and not available through the school.

Again, we have been able to keep the cost of this program to a minimum @ \$40 for the 10 weeks. A note is currently being sent home for next term. For term 4, Sports in Schools will operate on Friday mornings:

- K-2 @ 9:30 – 10:15
- 3-6 @ 10:15 – 11:15

Parents and family members are welcome to attend and watch the Sports in Schools sessions.



School Website Update

Currently notes are being uploaded onto the TPS school website to allow families to download their own, if needed.

To find the notes follow the following path:

1. <http://www.tempe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/249743.node>
2. Click on *Curriculum and Activities*
3. On the left side menu bar, click on *Notes For Activities*
4. Select required note

2011 Winter PSSA Wraps Up

Congratulations to both our Junior and Senior Netball and Soccer PSSA representatives. Throughout Terms 2 and 3, all four teams competed extremely well, ending in fantastic results for Tempe! A huge thank you to the P&C for the soccer jerseys – they certainly look professional! Drumroll.....



Junior Soccer - 1st place



Senior Soccer - 3rd place



Junior Netball finished 4th and Senior Netball finished 2nd

Well done boys and girls – we are very proud of you!
PSSA Coaches - Miss Baker and Miss Layton

TPS Athletics Carnival



On Monday, 15th August Tempe PS had its yearly athletics carnival at Mahoney Reserve, Marrickville. It was a great day and the weather was lovely. The students participated in their events with great enthusiasm. The field events for 8 -12 year olds were held at school a week before the carnival.

I would like to thank Mrs Albanakis for her help in



organising the carnival and the parents for their help cooking the barbecue, assisting with the K-2 novelty events and helping out on the track to make sure the relays ran smoothly. Your help is much appreciated.

Ms Sonia Layton
Athletics Carnival Organiser

Zone Athletics Carnival

On August 24th Mrs Albanakis, Miss Baker and myself took 45 students to the South Sydney Zone Carnival at Hensley Park at Pagewood. The students were well behaved and represented their school with pride.

The following students will represent South Sydney Zone at the Sydney East Regional Carnival at Homebush on Wednesday, 7th September:

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| Zara McGuire, | Vanessa Nena, |
| Angela Priftis, | Lyrck Johnson, |
| Solomon Kefu, | Marshall Luke, |
| Johnny Kalitsi, | Michael Deang, |
| Richmond Tahaafe, | Reyaan Ali, |
| Liam Kawa, | Lycolan Bakri, |
| Joe Wilks. | |

Well done to all our athletes for giving it a go and trying hard.

Ms Sonia Layton
Athletics Convenor

Intensive Swimming Scheme

Once again ALL year 2 students will participate in this outstanding and economical swimming program run by NSW Department of Education teachers who also are qualified AUSWIM teachers.



Our 10 day program will be at Enmore Pool from Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November 2011, just in time for summer. Notes are currently being sent home and loaded on the school website.

Please note that the school is allocated only 60 places for this program so older non-swimmers will be offered a place only if an opportunity arises.

Kindergarten 2012

Again we are nearing the time when prospective Kindergarten parents and students seek enrolment for the upcoming year. If you have a child at home who will be 5 years old before 31st July 2012, they can enrol for Kindergarten 2012 now.

As part of our "Head Start" 2012 Kinder Orientation Program, the following activities are planned:

- **6-7pm, Thursday 27th October. Parent Information Evening in the Library.**
Parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, hear about the Kindergarten curriculum and activities and ask questions about Kindergarten expectations. Light refreshments will be available. Please note that there is no child minding service available.
- **9:30 – 11:30am, Wednesday 2nd November. Kindergarten Orientation Morning 1**
During this session your K2012 child will be introduced to their older buddy, will participate in normal kindergarten activities and experience what a normal Kinder day is like. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about how a Kindergarten child learns to read and comprehend as well as learn strategies for helping your child have the best possible start at school.
- **9:30 – 11:30am, Wednesday 9th November. Kindergarten Orientation Morning 2**
This second session continues with those activities and skills from session 1 for both K2012 students and their parents.

Kindergarten's Excursion to Bicentennial Park

On Thursday 4th of August KB and KJ went on an excursion to Bicentennial Park.

We visited the Field Studies Centre to promote our learning on Kid's Care. We caught the train there from Sydenham station, which was very exciting!



We had a wonderful time searching for signs of living things in the forest and were able to find many slugs, bugs and other insects.

We all enjoyed the bug identification task, where the children had to catch and then identify their bugs.



It was a very hot and tiring day but all the children enjoyed themselves immensely and were very well behaved.

A special thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who attended on the day.

A special thanks to those, who on an earlier date, gave up work to attend the excursion that unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the bad weather.

We had so many helpers which made the day a huge success. So a big thankyou to all of you!

Ms Kristie Beard and Mrs Jo Bladwell
Kindergarten teachers

Recounts from the children

Yesterday I went to Bicentennial Park with KJ and KB. I saw a turtle, water bugs and a yabby. We went back on the train and we were back at school. Nathan KJ



On Thursday, we went on an excursion and we found bugs.

Charlotte's Mum and I found a snail.

We ate a picnic. I ate some bread with some Nutella in it.

I had fun on the day!

Renee KB

Yesterday I went to Bicentennial Park with KJ and KB.

I saw a caterpillar and a snail. It was fun.

Qwali KJ

On Thursday the 5th August, we went on an adventure to Bicentennial Park.

I loved it!

We played in the park. I was throwing a Frisbee.

It was a fun, fun day!

Leonard KB



Yesterday I went to Bicentennial Park with KJ and KB.

I saw slugs, a turtle and water bugs.

I was happy.

Tamara KJ

On Thursday morning, we went on an excursion to Bicentennial Park.

We got on a train and went. It was fun!

We went up a big tower!

Sienna KB

Two Teachers in Tonga

Last school holidays, two Tempe PS teachers travelled to Tonga as part of their Professional Development. Mrs McMahon and Mrs Seijas visited the capital city of Tonga, Nuku'alofa, and a small island, Fafá. This is their story...



Tongan teacher in her Year 2 classroom

In Nuku'alofa we had the opportunity to spend a whole morning in a GPS (Government Public School), where we were received by the Principal, dressed in traditional costume.

We enjoyed being in a Tongan classroom. They are so different from ours in Australia! They are very simply decorated, with mats on the floors and hand-made pictures on the walls. They use blackboards and chalk. There was no air conditioning or fans in the classrooms. The only computer in the school was in the Principal's office and it wasn't working. His office also housed the library books and school records.



Mrs McMahon in a Year 6 classroom

There was a big playground decorated with lots of old tyres that have been painted on the outside and had plants growing in them.

But the best of all at the Tongan school were all the welcoming bright smiles and warm enthusiasm we received from all the students and staff.

We spent three days on an island thirty minutes away by boat from Nuku'alofa.

On Fafá island we discovered amazing flora and fauna. We were woken up by lots of different birds singing and a warm sunshine. Walking around the island, we saw lots and lots of coconut palm trees, diverse seashells, crabs and seaweeds along the beach, and even a horse and its foal.

Mrs Seijas went snorkelling for the first time in her life and she was absolutely amazed by the variety and colours of coral, fish and sea plants that she saw under the Pacific Ocean! We tried traditional food, such as Tongan toast, raw fish in coconut milk, a variety of fresh fish and tropical fruits and vegetables, and even kava (but we didn't like it).

One day the uncle of two of our students, Solomone and Lesieli, who lives in Tonga, took us around Tongatapu Island and showed us some traditional places, including Captain Cook's landing place in Tonga. He was a great host, as were all the Tongan people we met.



The Royal Palace of Tonga

One of the highlights of the trip was attending the Sunday service in a Tongan church with the Royal family. The choir of young girls, ladies and men accompanied by a band delighted us with their wonderful voices.

After church, Latu, our Tongan guide took us around the island where we saw the blowholes, flying foxes, the underground caves, lots of coconut palm trees plantations and much more. We had lunch with Latu and his family under their big avocado tree. His wife had set up a table on palm leaves and made a delicious lunch with lots of different traditional dishes, using ingredients that they had grown on their land. We drank chilled fresh coconut juice straight from the coconut. How refreshing!



Mrs Seijas opening a coconut at lunch



Ceiling and walls of a Fale

We learnt so much about the Tongan people, their culture, their traditions and their place.



Coconuts growing everywhere we went

We were very sad to leave these peaceful islands and their beautiful people. We also became used to being on "Tongan Time" and hope to return one day.

Mrs Claudia Seijas and Mrs Trish McMahon

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 9th December.

Mrs Trish McMahon
Teacher Librarian

2011 Diary Dates

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

- 19/09 Showcase programs issued to parents
- 20/09 Showcase Full Dress Rehearsal
- 21/09 Showcase Matinee @ 12noon
- 21/09 Showcase Evening performance @ 7pm
- 23/09 Sports in Schools K-6
- 23/09 Talent Quest Assembly
- 23/09 Last day Term 3 – all students

- 10/10 First day Term 4 – all students return
- 10/10 P&C meeting
- 14/10 Sports in Schools K-6
- 20/10 Guide Dogs Photo comp closes
- 21/10 Sports in Schools K-6
- 23/10 Marrickville Festival @ Marrickville
- 24-4/11 Intensive Swimming Scheme
- 26/10 Guide Dogs Photo comp exhibition
- 27/10 Kinder 2012 Parent Information Evening
- 28/10 Sports in Schools K-6
- 02/11 Kinder 2012 Orientation 'Head Start' 1
- 04/11 Sports in Schools K-6
- 05/11 Arncliffe Public School 150 years celebration
- 05/11 "Love Where You Live" Photography Competition closes
- 07/11 P&C meeting
- 09/11 Kinder 2012 Orientation 'Head Start' 2
- 11/11 Sports in Schools K-6
- 11/11 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 12/11 "Love Where You Live" Photography Exhibition @ Stella Inn
- 18/11 Sports in Schools K-6
- 25/11 Sports in Schools K-6
- 25/11 Schools Spectacular @ Sydney Ent. Centre
- 02/12 Sports in Schools K-6
- 05/12 Year 7 Orientation Day – 2011 yr 6 students
- 05/12 P&C meeting
- 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
- 15/12 2011 Presentation Day
- 15/12 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 16/12 Picnic Day
- 16/12 Last day Term 4 – all students**

SHOWCASE

21st September - Important Info !

- 9:10 School begins
- 11:00 Lunch
- 11:40 Preparation for Matinee
- 12:00 Hall open for ticket holders
- 12:30 **Matinee performance**
- 3:00 School finishes
- 6:15 Students return to school and classes to prepare for Evening performance
- 6:30 Hall open for ticket holders
- 7:00 **Evening performance**
- 8:30 All students collected from classrooms

P&C

Thanks you to the P&C for their support and donation of \$1,500 to the Showcase. Thanks to this support there is no longer a requirement to collect a costume levy from families for this year's performances.

Our 'Vege' Successes

The gardens are producing wonderful results with a number of classes, as well as Before and After School groups, harvesting and enjoying the bounty.



Scratching for answers?

Head lice have been around as long as humans but how do we manage their co-existence with us?

It is important to know that they cannot jump or fly and have to actually crawl from one head of hair to another which means that there has to be contact made between two heads. Because young children come into contact with each other when they play, head lice are more common in younger children.

Head lice do not spread disease and are not life threatening. They cannot live in carpet, hats, jumpers as they must have access to blood to live and without blood will die within 6 hours. Head lice are not selective – they will live on both clean and dirty hair, light or dark coloured, curly or straight. As long as they have access to a blood supply, they are content.

There is no single treatment which 100% kills head lice but an effective method in treating them is to flood the hair with conditioner. The heavy conditioner stuns the lice and stops them from moving around. The conditioner also allows the eggs and the lice to be more easily removed from the hair strand with a very narrow comb.



It is important to re-treat your child's hair each week as head lice eggs take about 7 days to hatch. By re-treating you will be able to remove any lice that were missed in the first treatment.

Also check that all family members are treated and re-treated using the conditioner and comb method and wash all bedclothes and towels on the hot cycle in the washing machine.

Continue checking your child's (and family members' heads) for the next month. If your child has long hair keep it tied back to reduce the possibility of it coming into contact with other children's hair.

According to 2001 Health Regulations, your child is allowed to attend school once the head lice treatment has commenced.

Contributions from Students

This month's topic is "Fathers"

FATHER FATHER



Father is a special person in our family. He is a person who takes care of the family; the man who leads the family. He is our father and he is our hero.

Every time you need help your father will be there for you, every time, and everywhere. Remember you have to trust your father because he is your HERO.

Florencia 5L

Fathers

Father's are supportive when you are sad. They help you with your homework, they play sports with you. But the best thing about having a dad is that he's your friend.

By Alyssa 5L

My Dad

My father is very special because he's very strong and handsome.

His name is John and his name starts with a capital J. He is good at fixing my grandpa's car and his car.

I love my dad because he always brings me something that I really want and he always takes me to school in his car.

My dad takes me to Marrickville Metro and at my bed-time my dad always tells me many stories. He has fishing lessons all the time.

He always wakes up at 4:00am every morning. I love my dad.

By Celena Galea

My dad is really special to me.

He is nice and he takes my family to cool places.

My dad comes from Tonga and he always tells us really funny stories.

What does my dad do?

My dad prints T- shirts and he loves doing it and he is also a truck driver.

I love my dad because he took me on a boat ride under the Harbour Bridge and he is a very cool dad.

By Sieli

The following lyrics are for the song the students learned and sang for our father's day assembly.

The Man in the Picture

The man in the picture didn't fly through the air

He's no super hero, he's sure no millionaire

He didn't walk on the moon; he didn't save the world today

But he's my hero anyway

We all need a hero, someone to follow

Someone to look up to, a good role model

I'm sitting here looking at an old photograph upon my wall

The man in the picture had it all

I'm walking through the backblocks, kids on the street

I wonder why they're angry all the time

Well they're all out searching for something that they just don't find

I guess they need a hero like mine

Happy

Father's day is special for all the children & mums.

All dads are special.

Things that make my
are that I study hard.



dad happy

He loves me and my family.



Each and everyone should greet their dad
day.

happy father's

Respect your father for he brought you to the world.

'Some dads are so funny.

Dads are awesome and epic.



All I can say to my dad is that I

love you...

Rhea 5/6L

You're the best Dad!!!

By: Rheamae David :)

I think that all our dads
our heroes to us all,
because they are there
when we need them,
especially when we are
scared. Dads also
know what to do when
we have problems. For
Father's Day I make
my dad a card, most all
I say to him I love u

