

# "Tempe Talk"



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## **From the Relieving Principal**

### **Staffing**

Mr Miller will relieve as Principal from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September whilst I am on leave. Mrs Albanakis and Mrs Tonpi will work in the relieving Assistant Principal role during that period.

A warm welcome to Mrs Patricia Sofias. Mrs Sofias will be teaching 3/4A from Mondays to Thursdays for the next 6-8 weeks in Mrs Hitchcox's absence.

### **Come celebrate our Library's First Birthday**

Book week will be celebrated in Week 6 of Term 3, commencing August 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is 'Champions Read'. During book week, the announcement of the books judged to be Books Of The Year is made by the Children's Book Council of Australia in the categories of Books for Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Book and Information Books. All classes have been looking at the books that have been short-listed for the awards this Term 3.

To celebrate the library's first birthday since its refurbishment, the school will host a Book Fair in the library during book week. Parents and children are invited to 'give the library a birthday present' by selecting a book for donation to the library. When parents or students donate a book, a plaque will be inserted at the front of the book to acknowledge the child who donated the book and the year of the donation. After the book has been stamped, accessioned and covered, the child who donated the book will be the very first one to borrow it. There will be a range of books suitable for all ages. Students will have the opportunity to view the books for donation during book week and parents who wish to, may view the books on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons after school during book week and the week after.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August there will be a Book Character Parade. All children are invited to dress up as a character from a book they have read. The Book Character Parade will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

August. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend. More information about the book character parade will follow.

### **SIS Program**

Our Sports in Schools program is up and running again. Each Thursday students are given the opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills and physical fitness under the guidance of qualified PE teachers using a wide variety of fun and motivating equipment.

Thank you to the families who have paid for this PE program promptly. Could I remind those families who have not paid that payment of \$40 per student is now overdue.

Parents can contact the school office to make alternative payment arrangements if a lump sum payment is not possible.

### **On time Arrival to School**

There has been a noticeable improvement in student punctuality this term since the school's 'Early Bird Excursion' initiative has been in place.



Along with the long term reward of an invitation to the Early Bird Excursion at the end of the year, students' efforts to get to school on time are being recognised weekly by the awarding of a school red award to those students who arrive by 8:55 each day. Keep setting those alarms you early birds!

### **Excursion Money Collection Policy**

A reminder to all parents that for organisational reasons; excursion money and permission notes must be received by the school no later than the day before an excursion. The last day for money and note collection is clearly written on all excursion notes. Notes and money will not be accepted on the day of an excursion and the school will not phone parents for verbal permission on the day of an excursion.

In circumstances where it is not possible to return notes and money by the day before an excursion, parents are requested to contact the school to discuss payment arrangements.

### **Kindergarten 2013 Enrolments**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2013 are now being taken. Children who will turn five years of age on or before 31 July 2013 are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten in 2013. If you have a child who is due to begin school next year please contact the school for an enrolment application form if you have not already done so.

Kindergarten 2013 orientation activities will take place during Terms 3 and 4 as detailed below.

**12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012:** Parent information evening and welcome BBQ.

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012:** First orientation visit for 2013 Kindergarten children/ parent workshop.

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2012:** Second orientation visit for 2013 Kindergarten children/ parent workshop.

Community members are kindly asked to pass on the above information to parents who are interested in enrolling their child into Kindergarten at Tempe PS in 2013.

### **Other School News**

#### **Creative Arts Festival**

Tempe PS celebrated Education Week with our Creative Arts Festival on Wednesday 1st August. We showcased a fantastic range of student achievements in a wide variety of artistic pursuits, including drawing and painting, dance, drama, musical performances, photography and film. The exhibits and performances of Tempe PS students were complemented by the participation of practising artists from our local community, an excellent exhibition of artworks by Tempe High School students, and an impressive performance by the Tempe High Concert Band.

We were really pleased to raise over \$1000 towards the school's Creative Arts programs through the purchase of artworks and raffle tickets by parents and friends of the school. Purchased artworks will be distributed during this week. The P&C also raised a significant amount of money through food and drink sales. Student artworks are still available for sale until the end of Term 3. Any unsold artworks will be donated to local nursing homes in Term 4.

Thanks are due to the following people for their contributions to this event:

Jenny Carter for the Kindergarten 2012 and CAPA group photographs;

Marcus Phelan for his work with Mrs McMahon and the Ukulele group;

Janet Rockliffe for her time and materials donated to Mrs Tonpi and the Textiles group;

Julie Evangelinos and Emile Norrish from Tempe High School Creative Arts department;

Amanda Dass and family for their painting demonstrations;

Sieli Kefu for displaying his paintings and T-shirt designs;  
Murray Jackson for playing the saxophone;  
Ivan Smith and Rachel Rothwell for the loan and installation of stage lights;

Lisa Newey, Melissa Collins, Elise Hawthorne, Christine Osmond, JP Vandervaere, Michelle Maconachie, Rochelle Haswell-Miller, Helen Peacock, Pauline Futeran, Katie Holder, Melissa Mekrakis, Cathy Westwood, and any other P&C members who assisted in the canteen;

Michelle Maconachie for the acquisition and donation of the grand raffle prize (a Moet & Chandon hamper, courtesy Sydney Opera House);

Our sponsors who donated prizes: Bai Tong Thai Restaurant, Col Jones Swim Centre, IKEA Tempe, Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club, and Miss McDonald who donated the Taronga Zoo passes;

All the families who donated food, bought raffle tickets and artworks, and came along to support the school;

All the dedicated staff members of Tempe PS for their work preparing the exhibits and performances and running the event.



## Spellathon

The school's annual Spellathon will be held in Term 3. Students will take home a sponsorship card and spelling list on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August and are asked to collect sponsors and learn the spelling words listed on the card. Students will be tested on their words on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August and then asked to collect sponsorship money. Monies raised will go towards the installation of an electronic message board to replace the existing changeable sign on Unwins Bridge Road. This will allow the school to disseminate multiple messages about school activities to the local community daily.

## Peer Support

Our Peer Support program has commenced, with the first of 8 lessons taking place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Year 5 and 6 Peer Leaders and Assistant Leaders are working with groups of K-4 students through a unit on optimism, learning about thinking and acting positively, even when in challenging situations. Peer Support groups will meet every Monday from 2.15 - 3.00 until the completion of the unit.

## Pyramid Auditions for Year 6 Students

Year 6 students have been offered the opportunity to audition for the television game show 'Pyramid'. Auditions will take place at Tempe PS on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. If students wish to audition they must return the two completed and signed notes to their classroom teacher by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Students may ask Miss Layton or Mrs McDougall for a copy of the notes if necessary.

## Create South Auditions

Seven students from Tempe PS nominated to audition for Sydney Region Create South 2012 production 'Be Prepared'. If successful they will take part in a series of workshops over three days and perform in the evening production at Sutherland Entertainment Centre in October. Auditions will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Good luck Alyssa, Teleisia, Lotte, Greer, Patrik, Isabelle and Claire.

## Athletics Carnival

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July Tempe Public School had its yearly athletics carnival at Campbell Oval, Canterbury. Despite the weather being a little chilly there was plenty of sunshine and a great day was had by all. The students participated in their events with great enthusiasm. This year the students also enjoyed taking part in the long jump event on the day. I would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the events on the day.

Thank you to Miss Layton and Mr Holden for their help in organising the carnival. Thank you also to all the staff who worked tirelessly throughout the day to make it a great success and to Cathy Westwood, Michelle McEwen, Melissa Collins, Cemi Oberdorfer and Amelia Meers for organising and running the barbeque. Many thanks also to all the volunteer parents on the day.

Best of luck to the students who will be competing at the Zone carnival on 20<sup>th</sup> August and Hensley Athletic Field

Pagewood. Students who qualify for the zone carnival will be given further information closer to the date.

Mrs Elena Albanakis  
Athletics Carnival Organiser

## Big Aussie Barbeque Fundraiser

The Vice –President of the school P&C, Pat McInerney is organising a fundraiser for Prostate Cancer Research called the "Big Aussie Barbie" which is a National Campaign (<http://bigaussiebarbie.com.au/>) much like the Big Morning Tea for Breast Cancer.

The event will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at Tilman Park from 12 noon til 4pm.

On the day of the event people will be able to purchase sausages on a roll and soft drinks plus take part in in three legged races, egg and spoon races and sack races. All money raised on the day will be donated to Prostate Cancer Research.

All support from our local community for this worthwhile cause would be very much appreciated.

## P & C News

### 2012 Annual General Meeting

At the AGM held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August all executive roles were declared vacant and elections for 2012 -2013 office bearers were held.

Congratulations to the following members on their election:

President: Pauline Futeran

Vice-Presidents: Rod McInerney, Siobhan Hannon

Secretary: Ivan Smith

Treasurer: Melissa Collins

## 2012 DIARY DATES

### Term 3

- 9/08 Pyramid auditions for Year 6
- 13/08 Spellathon sponsor cards go home
- 20/08 -24/08 Book Week
- 22/08 Zone Athletics Carnival
- 27/08 Spellathon sponsor cards returned to school
- 30/08 Spellathon quiz
- 31/08 Term 3 PSSA competition ends
- 4/09 Crown St PS Chinese Cultural Performance
- 5/09 Regional Athletics Carnival
- 10/09 Kindergarten 2013 school visit
- 18/09 Claymation workshop
- 19/09 All spellathon monies returned to school
- 21/09 Last Day Term 3

### Term 4

- 09/10 First day Term 4 – All students return
- 26/10 Summer PSSA competition begins
- 25/11 P&C Artisans' Market
- 28/11 Early Bird excursion
- 03/12-14/12 Yrs 2-6 Intensive Swimming Scheme
- 12/12 End of year reports go home
- 17/12 -21/12 Parent /teacher interview week
- 18/12 Presentation Day
- 19/12 Year 6 Farewell
- 19/12 Summer school holidays begin for students
- 21/12 Last day Term 4 for staff