

# "Tempe Talk"



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

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**No. 2**

## **From the Principal**

It has been a very busy start to the new school year and teachers and students both are to be congratulated for getting the year off to a very productive start.

## **Class restructure**

Tempe PS has been allocated an extra classroom teacher position from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February based on increased student enrolment. As a result, a tenth class has been created, making it necessary to place some students into a different class.

The school understands that this will be a somewhat disruptive time for teachers and students alike but this restructure will mean smaller class sizes across the school and more access to teacher time and attention for all students.

Please be assured that all students will access appropriate stage outcomes, regardless of the class they have been placed in. All our staff are trained and experienced in accommodating the various learning needs of all students, and to cater for students in different grade levels in appropriate ways.

Our classes are not academically streamed. They are a diverse blend of students with varying academic and social capabilities. Please do not interpret the placement of your child in a given class as an indication of their ability.

From Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February the classes for the remainder of 2012 will be as follows:

KT – Mrs Ros Thatcher	Rm 1
K/1R – Mrs Kristie Redmond	Rm 15/16
1/2W – Mr Mark Holden	Rm 6
1/2S – Mrs Melissa Spelta	Rm 5
1/2T – Mrs Dianne Tonpi	Rm 2
2/3Z – Miss Ivy Zhou	Rm 9
3/4A – Mrs Maree Hitchcox (Mon – Thurs) and Mrs Maria Kolovos (Fri)	Rm 3
4/5W – Mr Barton Williams	Rm 10
5/6L – Miss Sonia Layton	Rm 11
5/6P – Mrs Carole Priday (T1) Mrs Edwina MacDougall (T2-4)	Rm 13

## **Planned Excursions**

Please note that Years 3-6 students who have already paid for either the Art Gallery or Religions excursions will still attend their previously paid for excursion even if they have now joined a different class.

## **Reverse Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Another successful round of reverse Parent/Teacher interviews was held across the school last Thursday.

Thank you to all the parents who attended. The insights parents are able to give teachers into their child's academic strengths and challenges, social, emotional and health issues are invaluable in providing an overall picture of the students in their class.

Parents seeking an interview with their child's class teacher are invited to make an appointment directly with the teacher or through the school office.

## **Details Update**

Please update your contact details with the school office whenever they change. On several occasions this year parents and emergency contacts have been not been contactable. It can be very distressing for your child is in sick bay and we do not have accurate contact details for you.

## **Payment for School Programs**

Please ensure that payment for the following school programs and supplies has been made.

Book packs: K- 4(\$15) Yrs 5-6 (\$25)  
Sports in Schools- \$40 for 10 week term  
Reading Eggs (K-2) - \$20  
Mathletics (K-6) - \$15  
Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6)- \$14  
People and Beliefs excursion (3/4A 4/5W) - \$20  
Art Gallery excursion (5/6P 5/6L) - \$15  
Bathurst Camp ( Yrs5-6) - \$50 deposit \$270 total

## **Hometime**

A reminder that the school day finishes at 3pm. Students who walk home are to walk directly home at 3pm and not remain playing in the playground.

Students waiting for parents or siblings to collect them after school are to sit on the silver seats under the shade

cloth to wait. Students are not permitted to play handball or other games while waiting. Only students who are being directly supervised by their own parents are permitted to play on the equipment in the afternoon.

### Senior Camp

Expressions of interest and deposits for the Year 5/6 camp to Bathurst are due back at school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This 3 day camp is a wonderful opportunity for our senior students to enhance their understanding of the Australian gold rush and have a lot of fun at the same time. I would encourage all parents to consider this opportunity for their children. Please note that payment plans can be organised through the school office.

### 3-6 Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival for students in Years 3-6 will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February. As this day is an important part of the school's physical education and sports program it is expected that all students in Years 3-6 attend. Novelty events will be held for those swimmers not confident enough to enter competitive races.

### UNSW Competitions for Years 3-6

UNSW competition entries are due back at school by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like your child to participate please complete the form previously sent home with payment by this date. Forms are available at the school office.

### Year 7 Expression of Interest Forms

Students in Year 6 wishing to enrol in a NSW government high school in 2012 must return their expression of interest forms to Tempe PS by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### Newtown Performing Arts High School Selections

Students currently in Year 6 who are seeking entrance into Year 7 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

**Year 7 Audition Dates:** Friday 22nd June – Thursday 28th June 2012

Initial registration for an audition is required online via the website

[www.nhsa.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nhsa.nsw.edu.au)

*Closing date for registration is 1st May 2012*

Our new school leaders attended the Sydney Regional 2012 School Year opening at Angel Place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February.



### School Leaders Induction Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into school leadership roles last Friday.

**Captains:** Alison Chang, James Hawthorne

**Vice-Captains:** Katelyn Liutai, Hugo Carr

**Prefects:** Rissa Bahar, Felicity Bryder, Amy Vagi, Justin Hi

**SRC Reps:** Kylie Nguyen, Claire Oberdorfer, Ruby Vandervaere, Philip Apostolovski, Georgie Andrews, Dylan Mickovski, Lycolan Bakri

**House Captains:** Vanessa Nena, Patrik Borlandelli, Dylan Mickovski, Alyssa Stonoga, Liam Kawa, Shereen Hallig, Joe Wilks, Claire Demetriou, Trung Vu, Florencia Karli, Mikhael Tsie



Lunchbox inspiration

School Leaders

It's easy to fall back on the same tried and tested school lunches, but why not try something new, tasty, easy and healthy?

Quick and scrumptious school lunchbox ideas are available at School A to Z

([www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes))

and the Heart Foundation,

[www.heartfoundation.org.au/recipes](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/recipes) which also offers a wealth of information about maintaining a healthy body weight and, of course, heart health.

### Getting off to a great start

Check out the new School A to Z webcast which features an expert panel answering the most common questions parents have about how they can best support their children at school. Four video chapters cover doing well in class, social life, behaviour and technology. Watch the videos and contribute questions:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start)

### Bullying advice

Schools have a zero tolerance of bullying, but with mobile devices such as phones and laptops, bullying can follow children past the school playground. Get the lowdown on bullying from School A to Z: the signs to look for, what to do if your child is being bullied and how you can help your child. There are expert articles to read and videos to watch. [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour)

## P&C News

### P&C Movie Night Postponement

The P&C Movie Night scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed until Term 2.

### P&C Clean Up Australia Day School Clean Up

The P&C have organised a school clean up working bee for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 9am. If you are able to spare some time to give the school grounds and gardens a face lift, please give your details to the organisers via the form to be sent home with students this week.

### Uniform Shop Volunteers

Volunteers to assist in the school uniform shop which opens on Wednesday and Friday mornings are being sought. If you would like to help on an occasional basis please give your details to the organisers via the form to be sent home with students this week.

### 2012 Diary Dates

*Please continue to check this list of dates because as dates become available they will be added.*

28/02 Tempe Talk #2 distributed

29/02 Tempe PS Swimming Carnival @ Petersham

01/03 Selective HS Test centres advised to parents

01/03 Yr 5/6 Picasso & Colonial Sydney excursion

01/03 Sports in Schools

02/03 Clean Up Australia Day @ Tempe

04/03 Community Clean Up Australia @ Tempe

05/03 P&C meeting

07/03 South Sydney Zone Swimming carnival

08/03 3/4A & 4/5W Religions of the World Excursion

08/03 Sports in Schools

12/03 School Photographs K-6

12/03 Tempe Talk #3 distributed

14/03 Premiers Sporting Challenge Sports Leaders Day @ Wilkins PS

15/03 2013 Selective HS Test day

15/03 Sports In Schools

16/03 Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival

16/03 High School Expressions of interest due

16/03 Term 1 PSSA ends

20/03 5/6 Camp @ Bathurst

21/03 5/6 Camp @ Bathurst

22/03 5/6 Camp @ Bathurst

22/03 Sports in Schools

26/03 Tempe Talk #4 distributed

29/03 Sports in Schools

30/03 Harmony Day observations including assembly

30/03 P&C Movie Night

02/04 P&C Meeting

03/04 K-6 Assembly

05/04 Sports In Schools

05/04 Last day Term 1

### Term 2

24/04 First day term 2 -All students return

27/04 ANZAC Day assembly

3/05 Kinder excursion UNSW School of Optometry

15/05 NAPLAN testing for Yrs 3 and 5

16/05 NAPLAN Yrs 3 and 5

17/05 NAPLAN testing Yrs 3 and 5

22/05 UNSW Computer Competition

30/05 Zone Cross Country Carnival

06/06 UNSW Science Competition

11/06 Queen's birthday public holiday

13/06 Claymation workshop

14/06 Regional cross country carnival

18/06 UNSW Writing competition

19/06 UNSW Spelling competition

20/06 Semester 1 reports sent home

25/06 Parent/Teacher interview week

29/06 Last day Term 2

### Term 3

17/07 First day Term 3 -All students return

17/07 2013 Selective high school results released

27/07 Olympic Games opening

31/07 UNSW English competition

22/08 Zone athletics carnival

05/09 Regional athletics carnival

21/09 Last Day Term 3

### Term 4

09/10 First day Term 4 -All students return

12/12 Semester 2 report sent home

17/12 Parent teacher interview week

19/12 Last day Term 4

20/12 Summer school holidays begin for students