

"Tempe Talk"



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From the Relieving Principal

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to school to all Tempe PS staff, students, parents and community members. I trust you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break with your families and you are now refuelled and ready for another busy term.

Mrs Redmond is currently on leave and will return on Wednesday 1st August. Ms Seijas is taking K/1R in her absence.

Mrs Katrina Stucki has taken over Pacific Island Studies classes during Weeks 1-3.

Joanna Misomikes will return from leave on Wednesday 25th July. Thank you to Mrs Lynda Ingham for doing such a wonderful job whilst relieving in her position.

Parent Concerns

At times situations may arise in a school where parents feel concerned about their child's interactions with other students. I would like to remind parents that the appropriate way to deal with such matters is to raise their concerns directly with the class teacher initially, or the school principal if further action is seen to be required. At no time should an individual student's behaviour be discussed in an open forum and at no time should parents approach individual students to reprimand them for alleged behaviours.

Notes Home

Students are provided with notes about upcoming school activities and excursions on a regular basis, sometimes these notes go missing or are not given to parents. This can lead to students missing out on, or not being sufficiently prepared for a school activity. In the case of very young students parents may need to check their children's schoolbags for notes regularly. As students get older they may simply need to be asked by their parent whether they have any notes to give them.

If notes do go missing parents can go to the school website at www.tempe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to download and print the note.

Simply select 'curriculum and activities' tab at the top of the home page, scroll down the left menu and select 'notes for activities'.

In the event that the note you are looking for is not available you or your child can collect one from their teacher or the office.

School Group Photo Re-Order

The following school group photos will be on display at the school office, and may be ordered by completing a Re-Order envelope.

Year 6
Year 6 FUN
Sports Leaders
School Leaders
Cricket
Senior Softball
Junior Softball
Whole School(maxi) \$20.00

The photos cost \$14.00 each, 2 for \$26.00, 3 for \$36.00, 4 for \$44.00 or 5 for \$50.00. Any additional photos over 5 photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order. Maxi sized photos which are A3 in size are \$20.00 each (whole school only)

Payment can be made by cash (exact amount) or cheque. Credit card payments can be made online through the website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au, please enter your ORDER NUMBER on the envelope and return to the office by 16th August 2012.

Mandarin Classes for Stage 3 Asian Studies Class

It is my pleasure to inform parents that Miss Lily Sun and Miss Claire Wang, language teachers from Tempe High School will be working with Ms Heron and her Stage 3 Asian Studies class each Tuesday from 9-10am in Semester 2. This initiative allows our senior students to build on the Mandarin language skills they developed whilst working with Mr Scott Smith in 2011 and Term 1 of this year.

Other School News

Creative Arts Festival

Our Creative Arts Festival will be held on Wednesday 1st August from 6pm. Students will be showcasing the wonderful work they have been doing in CAPA groups during Semester 2. Please refer to information note for further details. As this festival is the school's major creative arts evening for the year and its 2012 Education Week activity, it is expected that all students and their families will support the school by their attendance. I look forward to seeing everyone there on the wonderful night.

Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival will be held on Monday 30th July at Campbell Field, Canterbury.

Could all notes and money be sent to school by Friday 27th July. Please note that in line with school policy no money will be accepted on the day of the carnival.

Peer Support

Our Peer Support program is back up and running! In Week 1, Year 5 and 6 students completed a 2 day Peer Support Leader Training course. The students learned leadership and communication skills, built relationships, collaborated in teams to achieve goals and practised leading their peers in a learning activity. After the course they were allocated roles as Peer Leaders and Assistant Leaders of a Peer Support group. They will lead nine K - 4 students through a course themed around optimism. Peer Support groups will meet every Monday afternoon from 6th August, until early Term 4.



Clayamation Workshop

The second Clayamation workshop will be held on Tuesday 18th September for those students who paid last term but missed out on the first workshop.

Unicef Day for Change

Tempe PS raised \$204 for the world's most vulnerable children through its fund raising efforts in the 2011 Unicef Day for Change. I would like to thank Mrs Seijas for organising the fundraising and all the staff, students and community members who contributed.

2011 Sports for Schools Program

Thank you to all the families that collected vouchers for the 2011 Sports for Schools program. The following sports equipment was ordered –bucket of tennis balls, foam polo hockey kit, wrist band kit, 3 leg race band kit, soccer training cones.

After School Programs

The following programs are available to parents and students at Tempe PS after school hours. If you are interested in your child taking part please contact the providers directly.

Karate – Monday and Thursday evenings. Contact Doug Turnbull on 0414 600 439

Imagination Theatre Drama –contact Annerose de Jong on 0425 290 095

(website) www.imaginationtheatre.com.au

Keyboard lessons –Contact Melissa on 0403 893 969

P & C News

Tempe P&C AGM

The next P&C Meeting to be held on Monday 6th August will begin with the Annual General Meeting scheduled to start at 7pm. All executive positions will be declared vacant at this meeting and elections for executive roles will take place. A description of the roles and responsibilities follow. The regular monthly P&C meeting will take place at the conclusion of the AGM.

Roles and Responsibilities of the President

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts
- Chairing meetings but, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas. The Secretary is required to attend every association meeting and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting. (In the absence of the Secretary the meeting should elect a person to take the Minutes, this person should be identified in the Minutes.) Further, the position includes receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate. The Secretary also issues notice of all meetings and maintains official records of the P&C Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasurer

Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer's primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer presents a report

in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement for each and every P&C meeting.

The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C. This includes the canteen and any other P&C committees. This does not mean that the Treasurer must undertake the actual bookkeeping themselves but they must ensure that the various sub-committee financial records have been kept to the Treasurer's satisfaction. The Treasurer is a signatory on the P&C accounts and should not delegate this responsibility.

The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C finances. The Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association.

2012 DIARY DATES

Term 3

- 25/07 OC Placement test
- 27/07 Opening Ceremony London Olympics
- 30/7 -3/08 Education Week
- 30/07 Athletics Carnival
- 30/07 Term 3 Monday AASCP begins –Olympic Games
- 31/07 UNSW English Competition
- 31/07 Term 3 Tuesday AASCP begins -Cricket
- 1/08 Creative Arts Festival
- 2/08 Peer Support lessons begin
- 20/08 -24/08 Book Week
- 22/08 Zone Athletics Carnival
- 6/08 P&C Meeting
- 6/08 Kindergarten 2013 school visit
- 9/08 Pyramid audition for Year 6
- 27/08 Opening London Olympics
- 31/08 Term 3 PSSA competition ends
- 5/09 Regional Athletics Carnival
- 10/09 Kindergarten 2013 school visit
- 18/09 Claymation workshop
- 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