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Term 1 Week 2

STAFFING FOR 2013

CLASSES & CLASS TEACHERS

KR - Mrs Kristie Redmond
KT - Ms Ros Thatcher
K/1M - Ms Kate McDonald
1/2T - Mrs Dianne Tonpi
1/2K - Mrs Christy Ko
2/3H - Mr Mark Holden
3/4A - Mrs Chrissa Panigiris (M- Th)/Ms Maria Kolovos (F)
4/5M - Mrs Edwina MacDougall
5/6W - Mr Barton Williams
5/6L - Ms Sonia Layton- Marshall

SPECIALIST CLASS TEACHERS

Library - Ms Patricia Sofias
ESL - Mrs Elena Albanakis
LaST - Ms Carole Priday
Reading Recovery - Mr Hugh Miller
CL (Vietnamese) - Ms Catherine Nguyen
CL (Pacific Islanders) - Ms Kilisitina Vaitaki
CL (Asian Studies) - Ms Eva O'Rourke
SLSO - Mrs Gail Cotterill

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

P&C Meeting

Last evening I was fortunate to attend the first P&C meeting for 2013. It was fantastic to see large numbers of parents and to hear about their great plans to support the school and host fun events for families throughout the year.

Thank you to all for making me so welcome.

2013 School Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6

Last Friday 1st February many excited students from our school attended the annual swimming carnival at Canterbury Aquatic Centre.

From all accounts a great time was had by all. Congratulations to all participants and their supportive

peers for cheering them on and creating a fabulous atmosphere.

Special thanks to Ms Carole Priday and Mrs Elena Albanakis for their organisation and also the teachers that made the day such a great success.

Carnival results will be in the newsletter as soon as possible.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 1

08/02 Summer PSSA begins
27/02 Zone swimming carnival
04/03 P&C Meeting
1/03 School Clean Up Australia Day
3/03 Clean Up Australia Day
07/03 Regional swimming carnival
08/03 Disco Pasifika
11/03 School photos
14/03 Stage 2/3 excursion
14/03 Yr 7 2014 Selective high school placement test
19/03 Harmony Week
29/03 Good Friday public holiday
01/04 Easter Monday public holiday
08/04 P&C Meeting
12/04 Last day Term 1

Term 2

29/04 School Development Day 2 (staff return)
30/04 School Development Day 3
01/04 All students return Term 2
06/05 School X Country carnival
06/05 P&C Meeting
14/05-16/05 Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
20/05 Zone X Country
03/06 P&C Meeting
10/06 Queen's Birthday public holiday
14/06 Regional X Country
28/06 Last day Term 2

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Reverse Parent Teacher Interviews

Reverse parent/ teacher interview evenings will take place from 3pm to 6pm on Wednesday 13/2/13 and Thursday 14/2/13. Class teachers will make themselves available for interviews on one or both of these evenings. A note containing further details will be sent home shortly.

School Assemblies

A whole school assembly will be held every Friday at 2:15 in the school hall. Class merit awards, sport awards and book awards are presented at this time. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Uniform Ted and Munch n Crunch

Each Friday at school assembly beginning Friday 15/2, classes which have the greatest percentage of students wearing the correct school uniform and having some fresh fruit or vegetable in their lunch on any selected day during the week will be presented with the Uniform Ted or Munch n Crunch award. These awards are greatly prized by our students and help to encourage the wearing of correct school uniform and the bringing to school of healthy lunches.

School Leaders Induction

Our 2013 school captains, vice captains and prefects, sporting house captains and vice captains and our Year 2-3 Student Representative Council representatives will be inducted into their leadership roles at the school assembly on Friday 15/2 at 2:15 in the school hall.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL Open Day.

Please be advised that the Open Day for Year 6 moving into Year 7 2014 will be held on Wednesday 13th February at 6pm. All welcome.

School Photographs

The School Photographer envelopes will be sent home with each student at the start of Week 5 this term.

School Photo Day will be Monday 11 March. Each student is required to bring a completed envelope on the day. These will be handed directly to the photographer.

Ms Carole Priday and Mr Hugh Miller

Insights by Michael Grose

"It's Not okay to be away nor to be late to school"

Following is an excerpt that outlines the importance of students attending school. Please take a moment to read it.

"When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work, they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound the issues of social isolation and low self- esteem."

To read more visit [parenting ideas.com.au](http://parentingideas.com.au)

Pedestrian Safety for Children

Very few children younger than 10 years old can deal safely with traffic. These children are at risk because:

- They are impulsive and tend to do things without thinking first.
- They believe that if they can see a driver, the driver can see them.
- They believe cars can stop instantly.
- Few can judge the speed of traffic or distances.
- A child's field of vision is one-third of an adult's.
- They do not recognize or react to unsafe situations.

The best advice is for parents to be examples for their children. Younger children are at the greatest risk of being involved in an accident because they have not yet developed a sense of danger.

Before letting children cross streets alone, it is important for parents to cross the streets hundreds of times with them. Children develop skills through repetition and positive reinforcement.

Parents should practice the following safety skills with their children:

- Do not allow a child younger than age 10 to cross the street alone.
- Learn to read and understand traffic signals and signs.
- Be alert to potential hazards.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing roadways.
- Stop at the curb or edge of the road before crossing the street.
- Never run into the street.
- Never play in the street.
- Once a street is clear, it usually is safe to cross. However, keep looking for oncoming traffic until the street has been crossed safely.



- Always try to walk on paths or sidewalks. If paths or sidewalks are not available, walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Always cross streets at designated crosswalks.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- When walking at dusk or during evening hours, make sure to wear bright clothes.
- Do not walk alone at night.

Parents should supervise children at all times until they prove they are safe pedestrians, even when distracted. It also is important for parents to structure their child's play areas in locations away from any type of traffic.

Children need to learn to be safe pedestrians.

Drivers also should slow down in residential and school areas and should always remember that children are impulsive and tend not to think before they act.

For more information visit

http://www.bluekids.org/parentsandcaregivers/pap_pedestriansafety.asp

SPORT NEWS

3-6 School Sport

School sport will begin for all students in Years 3-6 this Friday 8/2. All students are asked to wear their sports uniform and sports shoes every Friday.

Our junior and senior softball teams will begin their Term 1 competition on Friday 8/2. A reminder that all soft ballers will need to be at school no later than 8:40 every Friday of the competition so they can board an early bus.

Swimming Carnival Ribbons

Students who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd according to best the times in each event across all heats will be awarded their ribbons at this Friday's assembly.

P&C NEWS

Welcome all new parents to Tempe Public School.

The Parents and Citizens Association works together with the school to create a better learning environment for our children.

We achieve this through supplying educational materials for the students, running the canteen and generally helping out where we can. To nurture our community and make money we hold regular fundraising activities where families have a huge amount of fun.

Last year we had an Outdoor Movie Night, ran Mother's Day, Father's Day and Election Day Stalls, Halloween Disco, and a Summer's Eve Fiesta amongst other things.

Your P&C executive members are:

President: Pauline Futeran

Treasurer: Melissa Collins

Vice-President: Patrick MacInerney

Vice-President: Siobhan Hannan

Secretary: Ivan Smith

Please contact us through our email address which is: tempep-c@hotmail.com.

Please also join our Facebook page which is: Tempe Public School Parents and Citizens.

We meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7pm. We had our first meeting last Monday and it was great to see some new faces. Please feel welcome to come along to the next one which is 7pm Monday March 4th.

Our first event, in 4 weeks time, will be a Pacific Island Themed Outdoor Disco on Friday 8th March. Anyone interested in helping us please contact any of us either via Facebook or our email. Everyone is welcome.

This year celebrates the school's 150th birthday and together with the school community we are planning several large events to be held in 3rd term.

Our major project this year is to build a new playground which will be situated alongside the existing one. "Architects of Arcadia" have been contracted to consult with the staff and children and design it for us over the next 2 months.

We are looking forward to having a lot of fun with the you and the kids this year.

Ivan