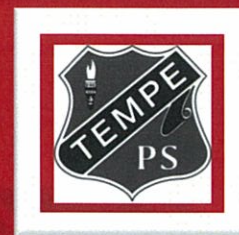


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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Term 1 Week 3

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

### **CREATE East**

Sydney Region schools are invited to nominate students to take part in Create East's 2013 production "JUNKYARD GARDEN".

This regional initiative is a three-day workshop, culminating in an integrated, high quality performance. We invite students from Years 4, 5 and 6 who are gifted & talented in Band, Choir, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts & Film Production.

Information packages are available from the front office.

### **Sport at Tempe Public School**

Congratulations to all students who participated in class sport, primary sport and our PSSA representatives last week.

It was fantastic to see all students not only fully participating but showing great sportsmanship. Special congratulations to our softballers who were acknowledged for their spectacular behaviour by staff members from another school.

I look forward to hearing many more sporting success stories.

To conclude, remember to have a look at the swimming carnival results published on page 4. Great job!

### **Traffic**

It is timely as we are now into our third week of term to remind everyone who drives to school to please be mindful of the parking and traffic conditions. If everyone obeys the signage and drives to the rules it will be safer for all involved. Where at all possible, walking is the best solution.

Ms Karen Sinclair

## 2013 DIARY DATES

### Term 1

18/02	After School Sport (Mrs Layton- Marshall)
19/02	After School Sport (Mrs McDougall)
25/02	After School Sport (Mrs Panigiris)
26/02	After School Sport (Ms Sofias)
27/02	Zone swimming carnival
1/03	School Clean Up Australia Day
3/03	Clean Up Australia Day
04/03	After School Sport (Mrs Tonpi)
04/03	P&C Meeting
05/03	After School Sport (Mrs Vaitaiki)
07/03	Regional swimming carnival
08/03	Summer PSSA ends
11/03	School photos
11/03	After School Sport (Mrs Layton- Marshall)
12/03	After School Sport (Mrs Redmond)
14/03	Stage 2/3 excursion
14/03	Yr 7 2014 Selective high school placement test
18/03	After School Sport (Mrs Panigiris)
19/03	After School Sport (Mrs McDougall))
19/03	Harmony Week
25/03	After School Sport (Mrs Tonpi)
26/03	After School Sport (Ms Sofias)
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	Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
15/05	Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
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 Interview Reminder**

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. Notes have been sent home with all students this week. Please contact your child's class teacher if you did not receive a note.

### **Student Leaders' Induction Assembly**

The Student Leaders Induction ceremony will take place at our school assembly on Friday 15th February at 2:15 in the school hall. Our newly elected student leaders as listed below will be inducted into their roles at this assembly. All parents and friends of Tempe PS are invited to attend.

### **School Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects**

Captains: Harry Andrews, Skye McKinnon

Vice-Captains: Greer Newey, Joe Wilks

Prefects: Vichaya Phanna, Isabelle Kocsis, Chanel Lu, Calvin Lu

### **Student Representative Council**

Tamara Maconachie, Freya Ingleton, Karl van Wel, Calvin McKinnon, Sieli Kefu, Jacob Deathe, Shereen Hallig

### **Sporting house Leaders**

Captains: Nicholas Evdjic, Teleisia Fainu, Billy McGrath, Lauren Krkovski, Brandon Mickovski, Sieli Kefu

Vice- Captains: Sateki Polota, Taela Douglass, Bruno Cruz, Tori Luu, Liam Tonpi, Shinique Fifita

### **TIME TO START SCHOOL – Family Guide to Starting**

**Kindergarten** (NSW Department of Education and Training,)

The first weeks of school:

- *School will let you know when to pack items for activities such as sport, art or library.*
- *Children are often very tired in the first weeks of school. Your child will need lots of sleep.*
- *Give your child a healthy breakfast.*
- *Make sure your child always knows who will be picking them up.*
- *Check your child's bag each night.*
- *Try to establish regular morning routines.*
- *Be early for the afternoon pick-up.*
- *Start a home reading routine each afternoon.*
- *Talk to the teacher about helping in the classroom.*
- *Chat to your child about their day at school.*
- *It is important that your child still has time to relax, play outside and do things they enjoy.*

Writing our child's name on everything:

- *Kindergarten children are just learning to look after their belongings, so label everything and check through your child's bag each night. You can:*
  - *Use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes and shoes;*

- *Buy personalised labels and sew or iron them onto clothes, and stick them onto lunchboxes and drink bottles;*
- *Write your child's name underneath the hemline or on the tag;*
- *After a couple of weeks check to see that labels haven't faded with washing.*

What your child will learn at school:

- *English:*
  - *In this subject students learn to read, write, talk and listen.*
- *Mathematics*
  - *Mathematics develops students' thinking, understanding, competence and confidence with numbers, shapes and measurements.*
- *Creative Arts*
  - *Creative arts gives students experiences in the visual arts, music, drama and dance.*
- *Science and Technology*
  - *Science and technology develops students' thinking, investigating and problem-solving. This subject builds on the curiosity children have about their natural and built environments.*
- *Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)*
  - *In HSIE students learn about history, geography, civics and citizenship. They learn to participate effectively in maintaining and improving the quality of their society and environment.*
- *Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)*
  - *This subject develops the knowledge, skills and attitudes students need to lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives.*

For more information: [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

## **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Philosophical Ethics**

Tempe Public School offers Philosophical Ethics education provided via Primary Ethics as an alternative to scripture on Tuesday afternoons. The Primary Ethics Co-ordinator is looking for an additional teacher for 2013 for Tempe PS, so we can offer this alternative to Stage Two students. Ethics is currently only available to Year 5 & 6 students.

Interested persons must:

- be comfortable working with and be able to engage with children
- have an interest in helping young people to think about ethics
- have an open-minded, inquiring outlook
- be a good listener
- have time to volunteer for this role. There is both face to face and online training to be completed. Ethics teachers must commit to attend class each week during the allotted time period, usually 30 to 45 minutes (Tuesday afternoons from 2.15pm



until 3.00pm). There are ten weeks each school term and four terms every school year.

Preparation time for each class is also required.

- Have daily access to broadband internet and email and be comfortable in an online learning environment.
- Complete an online police check at his/her own expense (\$12.50)
- Complete a Working with Children declaration.

Interested persons may also satisfy one or more of the following desirable criteria:

- A degree in some relevant field (e.g. arts or humanities)
- A teaching qualification
- Group facilitation experience
- Classroom experience

**To submit an online application to become an Ethics Teacher, go to**

**<http://vms.primaryethics.com.au/jobs.php>**

All applications will be acknowledged by email. For further information, please contact Lisa Newey, Tempe PS Ethics Coordinator via email on [day\\_lisa@hotmail.com](mailto:day_lisa@hotmail.com).

### **TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL Open Day.**

Please be advised that the Open Day for Year 6 moving into Year 7 2014 was held on Wednesday 13th February at 6pm. If you did not manage to attend please contact the school directly for any information required.



New principals of Tempe Public School (Ms Karen Sinclair) & Tempe High School (Mr Socrates Dassaklis)

### **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.

Please be sure that the correct money is in the envelope as the photographers do not have change. Also no change will be given at the office.

### **Scripture**

Scripture classes will commence next Tuesday 19th February, from 2:15 – 3pm. Scripture classes offered for students in Years 1 – 6 are Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox, while students in Year 5 and 6 can also join the Ethics class. Students whose parents do not wish them to participate in Scripture attend Non-scripture classes. All classes are supervised by teaching staff.

Students have been placed in a Scripture class based on their placement in 2012. Parents who wish to change their child's Scripture placement need to submit a request in writing to the class teacher.

Ms Carole Priday and Mr Hugh Miller

### **Pedestrian Safety for Children (from last week)**

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.

### **SPORT NEWS**

#### **Swimming Carnival Results**

Final results for our school swimming carnival are: Wangal 1<sup>st</sup> on 304 points, Gamelay 2<sup>nd</sup> on 303 points, Gadigal 3<sup>rd</sup> on 270 points. Congratulations to all those students who earned points toward their house total.

Congratulations to the following students who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> according to the best times in each event at our school swimming carnival in Week 1.

#### **Boys' 50m Freestyle**

First place: Patrick Mekrizis, Max Rogers, Solomon McGuire, Liam Tonpi, Joe Wilks, Steven Ly  
Second place: Liam Smith, Isaiah Crane, Filip Apostolovski, Brandon Mickovski, Beckham Tran

Third place: Jordan Anwar, Aiden Collins, Deonte Williams, Kyle Peacock, Harry Andrews



### Girls' 50m Freestyle

First place: Ruby Vandevaere, Claire Oberdorfer, Alexandra Hewson, Greer Newey, Lotte Newton  
Second place: Maddison Meyer, Karen Luong, Lyrck Johnson, Taela Douglass

Third place: Tiffany Phan, Sieli Kefu, Isabelle Kocsis

### Boys' Open 100m Freestyle

First place: Joe Wilks

Second place: Beckham Tran

Third place: Max Rogers

### Girls' Open 100m Freestyle

First place: Alexandra Hewson

Second place: Destiny Tsai

Third place: Samantha Hi

### Boys' Backstroke

First place: Filip Apostolovski, Kyle Peacock, Joe Wilks

Second place: Aiden Collins, Beckham Tran

Third place: Solomon McGuire, Steven Li

### Girls' Backstroke

First place: Alexandra Hewson, Lotte Newton

Second place: Samantha Hi, Taela Douglass

Third place: Karen Luong, Isabelle Kocsis

### Boys' Breaststroke

First place: Max Rogers, Kyle Peacock, Beckham Tan

Second place: Filip Apostolovski, Joe Wilks

Third place: Isaiah Crane,

### Girls' Breaststroke

First place: Alexandra Hewson, Greer Newey, Isabelle Kocsis

Second place: Lyrck Johnson, Lotte Newton

Third place: Sieli Kefu, Lotte Newton

### Boys' Butterfly

First place: Filip Apostolovski, Kyle Peacock, Beckham Tran

Second place: Max Rogers, Joe Wilks

Third place: Solomon McGuire

### Girls' Butterfly

First place: Alexandra Hewson, Greer Newey

Second place: Samantha Hi

Third place: Claire Oberdorfer

### Junior 4x50m Mixed Relay

First place: Gadigal - Sieli Kefu, Filip Apostolovski, Tommy Wilks, Solomon McGuire

Second place: Gamelay - Max Rogers, Alexandra Hewson, Lyrck Johnson, Calvin Mc Kinnon

Third place: Wangal - Ben Collins, Aiden Collins, Isaiah Crane, Sophie Pentacost

### Senior 4x50m Mixed Relay

First place: Gadigal - Liam Tonpi, Joe Wilks, Beckham Tran, Solomon McGuire

Second place: Gamelay - Georgie Andrews, Anthony Walker, Kyle Peacock, Greer Newey

Third place: Wangal - Teleisia Fainu, Isabelle Kocsis, Samantha Hi, Taela Douglass

## **Recent celebrations and events**

### Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake) -9 February

There are many rituals and traditions associated with Lunar New Year. Sacrificing to ancestors is an important New Year's tradition followed by a dinner for the ancestors shared by the living. Fifteen days of celebration follow, each with a different significance. In Sydney Chinese-Australians enjoy a range of festivities including dragon boat races and a grand parade.

### Tet (Vietnamese New Year) - 12 February

Tet means the first morning of the first day of the year. Celebrations last for seven days. Events on New Year's Day are believed to determine people's luck for the rest of the year. Family members exchange gifts and pay homage to the Kitchen god. They also visit temples to pray for prosperity and good health.

### Shrove/Pancake Tuesday - 12 February

Shrove Tuesday is the day for seeking repentance and forgiveness in preparation of Lent. It is also known as Pancake Day. The four basic ingredients symbolise significant aspects of Easter: eggs – creation; flour – staff of life; salt – wholesomeness; milk – purity. Pancakes are believed to bring good luck as they are made using herbs and other ingredients associated with bringing prosperity.

### Ash Wednesday - 13 February

This is the first day of Lent. Ashes made from palms used in the previous year's Palm Sunday services are used to make the sign of the cross on the foreheads of parishioners.

## **P&C NEWS**

### **Disco Pasifika: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 5.30 - 7.30pm**

Outdoor Disco in the school grounds. Dancing, Dinner and Duelling Ukuleles! Gaze in wonder as the basketball court transforms into a tropical island- a change is as good as a holiday!

We need volunteers. If you can help please contact us via Facebook, email, speak to someone in the playground or write your name on the list on our noticeboard outside the school canteen.



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The website also provides links to [www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au) which provides information relating to Sydney East SSA and NSWPSA/NSWCHSSA activities.

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