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| Thursday 7th March 2013 | Term 1 Week 6 | |

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE**

**New English Syllabus for 2014**

In NSW, the Board of Studies has worked closely with teachers and key stakeholders to develop syllabuses that include Australian curriculum content. This year teachers will be involved in professional learning that supports the implementation of the new English syllabus in 2014.

A limited number of “A Parent Guide to the New NSW syllabus” is available in hard copy from the front office or online at the Board Of Studies.

**Staff Development Days Term 2**

**29/04 School Development Day 2** (student free)

**30/04 School Development Day 3** (student free)

**There will be no teachers or office staff on site Monday 29 April.**

Additional professional learning has been scheduled at the start of Term 2 to further support professional learning in the English.

**Rainy Clean Up Australia Day**

Some classes were fortunate to complete their School Clean Up Day early last week and so missed the wet weather that impacted on our whole school clean up scheduled for Friday 1 March.

Classes who missed out on being involved last week will make every effort to contribute to keeping the school play ground clean this week.

It is very important to recognise that we all need to make an effort each day to “Do The Right Thing”. A team effort from all of us using the bins provided, makes the greatest difference. Let’s keep our fabulous playground looking its best each and every day.

**Last call for School Photographs**

Please remember to send a photograph envelope with your child next Monday.

Family photographs will be available on the day. The envelope to order a family photograph can be requested from your child’s class teacher or the school office.

**After School Sport**

To keep all our students safe it is a requirement that all parents/ carers sign for students when picking them up at the conclusion of the activity.

Please ensure that you see the supervising teacher on duty and sign for students in your care to ensure. This will ensure the safety of all students. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Ms Karen Sinclair

**2013 DIARY DATES**

Term 1

05/03 After School Sport (Mrs Vaitaiki)

07/03 Regional Swimming Carnival

08/03 Summer PSSA ends

11/03 School Photo day

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

30/03 Earth Hour

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 off site)

30/04 School Development Day 3

01/05 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**

**Stage 2 and 3 Excursion**

Stage 2 and 3 (Yrs 3-6) students will be participating in an excursion to Darling Harbour’s Monkey Baa Theatre to see the production ‘I am Jack’ on Thursday 14th March. Thank you to all the parents who have already sent permission and payment to school. Please be reminded that permission and money must be returned to school no later than Wednesday 13th March.

**Selective High School Placement Test**

Eleven Year 6 students will sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 14th March at Tempe High School. Good luck guys!

HEALTH MATTERS

**Sun safety**

Schools try to protect children at school from the damaging effects of the sun’s UV rays by providing shelter where possible and having hats as part of the school uniform. Your child’s hat should be worn when they are on the playground or they will have to stay in the shade. At home apply sunscreen on your child each morning before they leave for school as part of their routine for getting ready for school. This is to protect your child.

**If your child is sick at school**

If your child gets sick or injured at school, the school will contact you and seek the necessary medical attention. If your child is mildly ill they will go to sick bay, which is near the school office where they can lie down and be monitored. You will be called to come and pick them up should this be necessary. For this reason you should always keep your current contact details up-to-date with the school.

**Medical Conditions**

Please ensure a health plan is prepared for your child if he or she has a medical condition that may require intervention or attention at school, even if no medication is required. See Ms Sinclair if you require further details.

Ms Carole Priday and Mr Hugh Miller.

**OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

**MOOV Defend your Class Schools program**

Our school has registered to take part in the MOOV Defend your Class Schools program. This is a head lice awareness program which aims to educate and inform students, teachers and parents about head lice and promote more open discussion about how it affects kids both in the classroom and at home.

There are some great individual student prizes to be won and a $10 000 school grant up for grabs, so make sure your child completes the animated CDRom game they have been given to enter.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the 21 students who represented TPS at the South Sydney zone swimming carnival last Wednesday. All students competed with great enthusiasm and to the best of their ability. A special mention goes to Alexandra Hewson who qualified for the final of the 50m freestyle and Max Rogers who placed 3rd in the breaststroke. Thanks go to all the wonderful parents who volunteered to drive students to and from the carnival on the day.

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

Stewart House bags will be sent home to families on Wednesday 6th March. This is a great opportunity to rid wardrobes and drawers of unwanted clothes and donate to a worthy cause. Bags can be returned to the class teacher or the office by Tuesday 19th March.

**Chess News**

Sydney Academy of Chess will be holding a School Chess Challenge at Macquarie University on Sunday 24th March 2013. This event will be a fund raiser to support students competing at levels that require interstate travel.

Teams consist of three players and the tournament is suitable for a wide range of abilities. If you are interested in attending the event please see Ms Sinclair by Wednesday 20 March.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge News**

Tempe PS library staff continue to promote the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) as a great way to extend children’s reading skills and expose them to a ‘smorgasbord’ of classic writing for children.

Information regarding The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is available online. Please read the conditions of entry before enrolling your child to participate.

**RECENT CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS**

**St David’s Day (Wales) – 1 March**

St David’s Day is celebrated in Wales in honour of Dewi Sant or St David, the patron saint of Wales who lived in the early 6th century. St David’s Day is celebrated by

schools and cultural societies throughout Wales. It is the custom on that day to wear either a leek or a daffodil - two of their national emblems- young girls wear the national costume and boys wear Welsh rugby shirts

**Hina Matsuri (Dolls’ Day-Japan) - 3 March**

his festival celebrating girls’ health, growth and happiness is more than one thousand years old. Ceremonial dolls representing people of the ancient Japanese court are displayed on tiers of shelves covered with scarlet carpet. These dolls were believed to protect people from misfortune. Nowadays girls hold tea parties with their friends.

**Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) - 3 March**

This day marks the Hindu celebration of Lord Shiva’s birthday. The date changes each year as it is calculated using the Hindu lunar calendar. Prayers for salvation and a 24-hour fast mark the occasion to celebrate the ‘Night of Lord Shiva’ who, according to the Hindu religion, is the creator of the world.

**Shrove/Pancake Tuesday – 8 March**

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.

**United Nations Day for Women’s Rights and International Peace - 8 March**

This is an occasion marked by women’s groups around the world to commemorate the historic struggle to improve women’s lives. The United Nations has promulgated this day and has helped create internationally agreed strategies, standards, programs and goals to advance the status of women worldwide.

**Ash Wednesday – 9 March**

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 8th March
* Working Bee Saturday 23rd March - Terracing Abby's Garden and ongoing work on the Vegetable Patch