

"Tempe Talk"



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Term 1 Week 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Disco Pasifika Success

I attended my very first disco at Tempe Public School last Friday evening and what fun it was. The atmosphere was as if I was on holiday and adults and children alike enjoyed the opportunity to eat, dance and generally unwind.

Congratulations to the school P&C committee for coordinating the event in a calm and swift manner. Our students are very lucky to have such opportunities available to socialise locally.

Misprint from Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter

Apologies for the incorrect numbers associated with the upcoming Staff Development Days.

29/04 Staff Development Day (student free)

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There will be no teachers or office staff on site

Monday 29 April due to an additional professional learning day being scheduled at the start of Term 2. This day is to further support professional learning in English.

Tempe Tip Top Shavers

What an exciting week we have coming. The Tempe Public school community are supporting The World's Greatest Shave. You can help by donating to The World's Greatest Shave and help The Leukaemia Foundation to support people with blood cancer and to fund important research.

If you would like to donate directly to our team you can find us on The World's Greatest Shave website. You are also able to join our team by accessing the website and signing up. After entering your initial details you simply click the "Join an existing team" button and then search for the Tempe tip Top Shavers.

ONLY STUDENTS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP ONLINE AND HAVE PARENT PERMISSION will be eligible to have their head shaved or hair coloured at school on Monday 18 March at 3.10pm

School Excursions

I encourage all students to participate in planned school excursions. As outlined in the DEC Excursions Policy "Excursions are a valuable teaching and learning vehicle, often integral to quality curriculum delivery in that they provide access to teaching content and learning experiences not available at school."

"Excursions are part of quality teaching & learning programs." I am confident that any difficulties relating to school excursions can be managed by speaking to the class teacher or me. I look forward to hearing great recounts of the upcoming excursion "I Am Jack".

Excellent Behaviour

Congratulations to all the students of Tempe Public School and their teachers for fabulous behaviour on School Photograph Day. The photographers were very impressed with the behaviour and patience of all students. I was particularly impressed with the attitude of students waiting for their family portrait.

After School Sport (Repeat item from Term 1 Week 6)

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. This will ensure the safety of all students. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 1

- 14/03 Stage 2/3 excursion "I am Jack"
- 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 (staff off site)
30/04 School Development Day
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

Stewart House Donation Drive

Thank you to everyone who has returned Stewart House bags with second hand clothing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Stewart House Donation Drive 2013 is also currently underway. If you would like to support this charity please place a gold coin in the envelope provided and return it to your child's class teacher.

The suggested donation is \$2.00

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

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.

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 CD Rom game they have been given to enter.

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

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.

Commonwealth Day – 14 March

Commonwealth Day is an annual event, held on the second Monday in March, when all fifty-four member countries of the Commonwealth celebrate their links with one another. This day promotes international cooperation and understanding of world issues, bringing into focus the work of the Commonwealth. The Queen issues a special message through Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Presidents to the citizens of the Commonwealth, particularly school children.

Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) – 3 March

This day marks the Hindu celebration of Lord Shiva's birthday. The date changes each year due to it being 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.

Bandaged Bear Day - 14 March

Bandaged Bear Day is conducted to raise funds to support various research projects, special services and equipment for the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney NSW.

Ides of March – 15 March

Historically this date is marked by the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44BC. According to Shakespeare, Julius Caesar had been warned by a soothsayer 'Beware the Ides of March'. On the ancient Roman calendar, the 'Ides' fell on the 15th day of March, April, May and October and on the 13th day of all other months.

Palm Sunday (Christian) - 16 March

Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the people of Jerusalem laying coats and palm branches at Jesus Christ's feet as he approached the city gates.

Vaisakhi (Hindu) – 16 March

Vaisakhi (Baisakhi) is celebrated according to the solar calendar. Vaisakhi celebrations vary across India. According to the area, Vaisakhi signifies harvest, honouring various Hindu gods and goddesses and the beginning of the New Year.

St Patrick's Day - 17 March

Although he was born in Wales (385 AD), St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes out of Ireland and to have used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to his followers. He died on 17 March, 461.

P&C NEWS

Canteen

Place Future Advance Orders at the canteen

Parents are more than welcome to place an order and pay for days or weeks in advance to save you having to come in to the canteen each morning.

Order from home

Write your child's name, class and lunch order onto a paper bag, enclose the money and ask your child to deliver it to the canteen.

This saves you needing to queue for the canteen in the morning.

Thanks Cathy and Mel for your wonderful work.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

This Easter we will be selling Hot Cross Buns to order. The order form is attached to this newsletter.

Working Bee Saturday 23rd March 1pm-4pm Everyone Welcome - Please Come Along.

We will be

- terracing Abby's Garden,
- working on the Vege Patch,
- cleaning up some of the rubbish located around the school perimeter.

Donations for terracing materials

We need donations of things to use to make the terraces. Ideally, nice natural looking logs (diameter 15-20cm and about 1-3m long) or chunky rocks (>20cm diameter)...but anything will do (similar sized planks of wood, garden edging, etc).

We also need pegs to secure them in place; 30cm long wooden stake type pegs or old long tent pegs. Please let us know if you can help.

School Banking

Thank you to all parents who participated in our survey, over 35 families said they were interested in enrolling their children into the program, which represents over 15% of the school body.

Because of the positive response, School Banking will be proceeding and will commence later this term.

Anyone who is currently undecided can join in the future once the bank is up and running.

Disco Pasifika

Thanks everyone who attended and/or helped out with running the event.

By any standards it was a great success and had a wonderful positive environment.

We made over \$1,200 to go towards funding our new playground.

Special thanks go to DJ Dan who sure knew how to wow his crowd, the families who donated those delicious cupcakes and especially Teki and Teleisia who entertained us.

Playground

The new playground consultation and design phase is underway.

A workshop with the students took place a couple of weeks ago.

A workshop with the teachers is to be held in 2 weeks time.

Our designer (Fiona Robbe) will then create the design and submit a costing for us to fundraise for.

We expect to have the design completed during Term 2.

For more information and some pictures of playgrounds Fiona has designed in the past, please see the posters located outside the canteen.