

"Tempe Talk"



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Term 2 Week 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to all our students and their family members. As you can see by your child's payment package, the term will be very busy and only nine weeks long.

Staff Development Day 29/30 April

The staff at Tempe Public School were very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn about the new Australian Curriculum for English on Monday 29 April. This will be fully implemented in 2014.

Our second day of professional learning focused on Quality Teaching, Consistent Teacher Judgement and Student Self-Assessment. Opportunities to work together as a staff and share experiences and perspectives are always very valuable and benefit the students by enhancing the delivery of learning experiences. I am pleased to report that this was again the case.

Thank You Ms Dianne Tonpi

The final week of Term 1 was extremely busy for Ms Tonpi as she supported students to participate in two sport related excursions and then backed up for PSSA on the final Friday.

This allowed selected students to participate in the District Rugby League Carnival and the Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership course.

Cookbook alert

Please look out for the flyer inviting the whole school community to contribute to the anticipated Tempe 150th Birthday Bash Cookbook.

ANZAC DAY THANK YOU

It was a pleasure to see the prefect body in action and running a fabulous Anzac Day ceremony during our last Friday of Term 1.

Our students, staff and parent body found it interesting and very special.

Congratulations and special thanks to Mr Miller for supporting the group.

Term 2 Excursion and incursions

Please return all permission notes and money promptly for Term 2 activities. The school has worked hard to ensure that all excursion and incursion plans were finalised by the end of Term 1. This has allowed each student to receive a package that covers all activities for the term.

As stated mid Term 1 in the newsletter, all excursions and incursions are highly valuable learning experiences and part of student's learning. It is an expectation that students attend all planned excursions and incursions.

Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 2

All term	Got Game Gymnastics K-6
03/05	Winter PSSA begins
06/05	School X Country carnival
06/05	P&C Meeting
09/05	African Beat Drumming Performance Incursion
14/05	Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
15/05	Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
16/05	Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
20/05	Zone X Country
29/05	Year3-6 Animal House
30/05	Year3-6 Animal House
03/06	P&C Meeting
05/06	K/1M, 1/2K, 1/2T, 2/3H Excursion
06/06	Kindergarten Excursion
10/06	Queen's Birthday public holiday

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tempe PS Choirs at Marrickville Children's Festival

On Saturday 23rd March the Junior and Senior Choirs gave fantastic performances at the Marrickville Children's Festival, held at Marrickville West PS. The students represented the school proudly and performed with confidence and gusto.

A belated thank you to the parents and staff members who supported the performance by attending on the day.



Birthday Bash School Fete

Coordinators would very much like the whole school community to be involved in the Tempe Public School's 150th birthday celebrations.

If you have a special interest flair or area of expertise we would like to know as we would love to incorporate your skills into the school fete.

Please contact your child's class teacher to share this information as soon as possible.

NAPLAN 2013

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, Years 3 & 5 students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2014

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2013.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2014 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon.

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 29 April 2013 at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

OR

2. If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 17 May 2013

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only **one** application for each student.

Please let the school know if you intend to complete an application electronically by Friday 10 May 2013.

RECENT CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Good Friday (Orthodox) – 3 May

Easter is the most sacred celebrated of all Greek religious holidays. Preparation begins 40 days before Easter and during this time fasting and dietary restrictions are observed. The crucifixion of Christ is commemorated on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday (Orthodox) – 5 May

At midnight on Easter Saturday, church bells ring to celebrate the resurrection. The traditional Greek resurrection soup can now be eaten. Traditionally, all food to be eaten on Easter Sunday is taken to church the day before to be blessed. Spit-roast lamb is usually the main meal on Easter Sunday.

International Guide Dog Day – 30 April

The first Guide Dog organisation in Australia started in Perth in 1951 following the arrival of guide dog Dreena from the UK in August 1950. By 1957 there were Guide Dog Associations in each state. It costs about \$6000 to breed and train a dog for four months and another \$6000 to train the dog and person together for one month. A further \$6000 is spent on follow-in training for the person and dog during its working life.

International Labour Day - 1 May

Labour Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It acknowledges the efforts of the labour union movement and the economic and social achievements of workers. The Labour Movement chose May Day as its particular day because it was the one festival of the year that had no religious significance.

Kodomo no Hi (Japan & Korea) - 5 May

Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) was introduced in 1948. Dolls and kites are the main symbols/toys of this celebration.

World Asthma Day - 5 May

The goal of World Asthma Day is to highlight the need for every person with asthma to have a timely diagnosis, receive appropriate treatment, learn to manage their

asthma and reduce exposure to environmental factors that make their condition worse.

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING Monday 6th May - 7pm.

All Welcome. Topics will include:

- Playground update.
- Birthday Bash
- Walkathon

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C will be holding the annual **Mother's Day stall on Friday May 10th**, from 9.30am in the School Hall.

We are asking that each family donates a gift valued \$5 or more to sell at the stall with all proceeds going into the P&C funds to assist with our new playground.

Each child who donates a gift will have their name marked off by the class teacher. This will allow these students to purchase a gift first at the Mother's Day stall for \$5. Other students will need to wait before they can potentially purchase a gift. This may not be possible for all students if demand exceeds supply.

If you would like your child to be able to purchase more than one gift on the day, they you will need to donate that number of gifts. For example: want to purchase 3 presents, you need to donate 3 gifts.

Donations can be dropped off to our lovely ladies in the Canteen.

Some suggested items are:

- Chocolates
- Water bottles
- Key rings
- Books
- Cosmetics
- Coffee mugs

Our email address is "tempep-c@hotmail.com" and our facebook site is "Tempe Public Parents and Citizens"

Thanks
Ivan