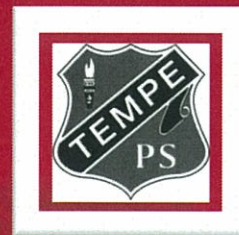


# "Tempe Talk"



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Thursday 23rd May 2013

Term 2 Week 4

## FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

### **Staffing News**

This week we farewell Mrs Kristie Redmond, who leaves us on Friday to start her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Redmond all the very best for the birth of her baby and beyond, and we look forward to meeting the little one soon! Ms Kim Dunn will be teaching KR for the rest of the year.

Mrs Karen Sinclair is on leave until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, and I'll be in the office until then. Mrs Dianne Tonpi is relieving as Assistant Principal, and Ms Marieanne Schattiger will be teaching my Reading Recovery and Stage 1 Maths and learning support classes.

### **Zone Cross-Country Carnival**

Congratulations to all the students who represented the school at the Zone Cross Country on Monday.

Extra congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Regional Cross Country Carnival:

Joe Wilks: 3rd place in 12/13 yrs boys

Aiden Collins: 6th place in 8/9yrs boys

Solomon McGuire: 6th place in 10 yrs boys

Thank you to Mrs Layton-Marshall and Miss McDonald for their organisation and supervision.

### **Celebrate 2044 Festival**

A big thank you to all the representatives of Tempe PS at the Celebrate 2044 Festival in Tillman Park on Sunday: Mrs Hitchcox and the Senior Choir, and all the parents who attended and ran the P&C Sausage Sizzle. By all accounts it was a wonderful day, the choir sang beautifully and the dedicated parents of the P&C achieved some wonderful public relations for our school.



### **School Visitors**

Please note that all visitors to the school during school hours, including parent helpers and volunteers assisting in classrooms, are required to sign in at the office, where a visitors badge will be issued.

Hugh Miller – Relieving Principal

## 2013 DIARY DATES

### Term 2

All term	Got Game Athletics K-6
27/05	After School Sport
28/05	After School Sport
29/05	Year 3-6 Animal House
30/05	Year 3-6 Animal House
3/06	After School Sport
03/06	P&C Meeting
4/06	After School Sport
05/06	K/1M, 1/2K, 1/2T, 2/3H Excursion
06/06	Kindergarten Excursion
10/06	Queen's Birthday public holiday
11/06	After School Sport
14/06	Regional X Country
17/06	After School Sport
18/06	After School Sport
24/06	After School Sport
24/06	Parent/teacher interviews
25/06	Parent/teacher interviews
26/06	Parent/teacher interviews
27/06	Parent/teacher interviews
28/06	Last day Term 2

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### **Got Game Update**

The feedback from students and teachers on our Got Game school sports program has been very positive so far. To clear up some previous confusion, the program schedule is as follows:

Term 1: Athletics Program

Term 2: Balance, Rhythm, Movement – Gymnastics

Wednesday classes: KR, K/1M, 1/2T, 3/4A

Thursday classes: KT, 1/2K, 2/3H, 4/5M, 5/6L, 5/6W



Please note that as of this week, non-paying students will be sent to alternative classes to complete classroom work during Got Game lessons. Please ensure that any outstanding payments are made via the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

### Walk Safely To School Day



### WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2013

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 24 May 2013! For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au).

### Premier's Sporting Challenge

Over the next ten weeks, all students and staff will participate in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Students will monitor and record the physical activity they do each day: during sport lessons, at recess and lunch, getting to and from school and outside school hours.

Each student will be issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity. This will take place during class time. Please encourage your child to enter any physical activity they undertake outside school, including free outdoor play as well as organised sport and dance, on their Challenge log.

Each student completing the Challenge will receive a personal certificate from the Premier of NSW.

For more information about the Premier's Sporting Challenge visit [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/psc](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/psc).

### Public Speaking Competition

Thanks to all parents who have started assisting their children in preparing a speech for the Public Speaking Competition. Students have two more weeks to prepare their speech before classes begin their competitions.

Class teachers will continue to support students in preparing their speech and give feedback and assistance before the competition.

Kindergarten to Year 2 speeches are to be on a topic of their own choice. Year 3 to Year 6 speeches are to be on one of the multicultural topics supplied to students on the information sheet.

Ms Carole Priday and Ms Dianne Tonpi

### UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

#### Walk Safely To School Day – 24<sup>th</sup> May

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

#### Vesak (Buddha's Birthday) – 24<sup>th</sup> May

Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is the most sacred day to millions of Buddhists around the world. It was on the Day of Vesak two and a half millennia ago, in the year 623 B.C., that the Buddha was born. It was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha attained enlightenment, and it was on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha in his eightieth year passed away.

#### National Sorry Day – 26<sup>th</sup> May

National Sorry Day is a continuing effort to achieve appropriate education, reconciliation and recognition for the Aboriginal stolen generation. For more information visit [www.nsd.org.au/](http://www.nsd.org.au/).

#### National Reconciliation Week – 27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of the First Australians.

### POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS

Tempe PS staff recently heard a presentation by a representative of PCYC. We were impressed by the range of services they provide and their importance to the community. This from their website:

"PCYC is about young people. We get young people active in life through a range of sporting, recreational and educational experiences. We help young people to develop their skills, character and leadership through programs that focus on values and community belonging. We assist in reducing crime by and against young people by providing positive interactions with Police, targeting local needs & building a sense of citizenship within the communities in which we work"

Our local PCYC club is Marrickville, at 531 Illawarra Rd. For more information about their programs and services call 9559 7833 or visit [www.pcycnsw.org.au](http://www.pcycnsw.org.au).

## 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MOSAIC PROJECT

Planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday mosaics, to be designed and constructed by students and mounted on the external wall along Unwins Bridge Rd, continues apace!

A reminder that we are requesting donations of the following materials and equipment for the project:

- glazed tiles (we need lots of white, blue and green and any other bright colours)
- small glass tiles (smooth edged only)
- ice-cream containers
- shallow trays
- hammers, mallets, tile cutters (these can be returned to owners if labelled with name)
- glass jars with lids
- newspapers

Donated materials can be delivered directly to the area outside Room 13 (Ms Priday's room). Any donations are greatly appreciated!

## 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PERFORMANCES

We are seeking groups to perform at our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Do you or your children participate in any performing arts such as dance, drama, singing, musical instruments, martial arts, cultural performance groups, etc? Our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash would be an ideal performance opportunity!

Please contact us at [tempe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tempe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) if you are able to put us in touch with your community organisation.

## P&C NEWS

### 2044 Festival - Sunday May 19th

Thank you to all the families who supported our sausage sizzle last Sunday and came along to hear our choir sing. It was a great day and we not only made \$2,500 including \$1,300 of sausages sold and \$1,200 in donations, but we also generated a huge amount of interest and discussion regarding our new playground and upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations.

Thank you especially to JP Vandervaere and Christine Osmond for donating our onions and Glenn Regan Real Estate who not only donated our sausages, but also gave us \$1000 to go towards our playground.

Thank you also to all the parents who helped out on the day.

### Meet Ron Hoenig at June's P&C Meeting - Monday June 3rd

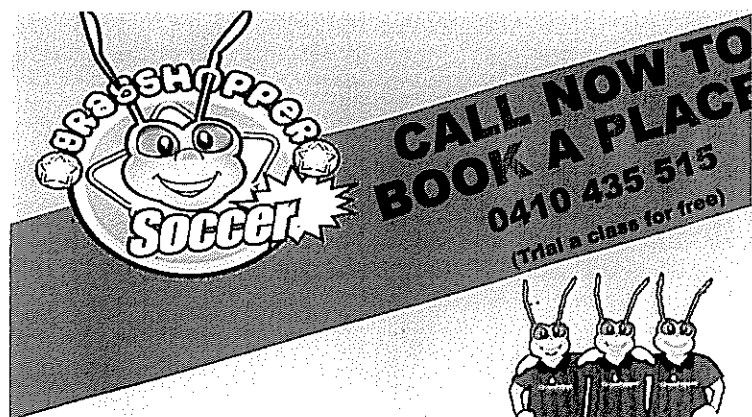
Our next meeting will be on June 3rd at 7pm.

Ron Hoenig - our NSW Govt. Representative - will be attending as guest speaker.

We met him on Sunday and spoke at length about our parking and traffic issues, as well as needing financial support with our new playground.

He is particularly interested in discussing Road Safety issues on the Princes Hwy, and Westconnex.

His talk will be at the start the meeting. You are all welcome to come along just for this part or stay for the rest of the evening.



### Term 2 Starts 11th & 12th May



#### Mite-E Soccer (2-3yrs)

A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills!  
35 minute class - \$108 for 8 weeks

#### Pint Size Soccer (4-5yrs)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games.  
50 minute class - \$125 for 8 weeks

#### Micro Soccer (6-8yrs)

The ultimate challenge for Young soccer players! They'll Learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills of passing, dribbling, shooting and more.  
75 minute class - \$145 incl shin pads for 8 weeks

#### Micro Plus (8-12yrs)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all their favourite soccer based games fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game  
75 minute class - \$145 incl shin pads for 8 weeks

#### Venue Information:

Tempe Public School - Unwins Bridge Rd Tempe  
Dudley Page Reserve - Military Rd Dover Heights  
(Please bring hat and water bottle!)

[www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au](http://www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au)

### Playground Design is near completion

The Draft Design will be posted outside the Hall windows for your perusal.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash

We are putting committees together in preparation for our celebration in September.

If you would like to be a part of an organising team - Marketing, Entertainment, Food or Markets then please let us know.

Ideas for Stalls that have been suggested include:

- Whack-a-rat
- Haunted House
- Plant-Your-Own-&Take-Home-Garden
- Jelly Bean Guessing Competition
- Decorate-Your-Own-Cupcake
- Hoopla Game
- 2nd-Hand-Clothes
- Book Stall
- Any more ideas are welcome.

We are also interested in hearing about any sporting or music groups who might like to perform on the day. Please let us know if you can help.

Thanks

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# INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



## Making the most of your parent-teacher interview

*It makes sense for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers.*



Parent-teacher interviews provide a great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing at school.

Many parent-teacher interviews are tightly scheduled and can seem a little rushed. Teachers are generally highly organised so they can make the most of the time you have together.

It makes sense also for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers.

Here are some guidelines to make the most of these interviews:

- 1. Prepare well.** Before the interview, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep questions short and to the point.
- 2. Attend with a partner or friend** particularly if you are nervous or unsure. It is easy to miss a point and often difficult to relay information to a partner.
- 3. Give the teacher a chance** to make an assessment of your child's progress. This may seem obvious but some interviews never get off the ground because enthusiastic parents take over.
- 4. Take notes and clarify information that you don't understand.** "What do you mean by 'he needs to spend more time reading'...?" Make sure you have a good understanding of the messages your child's teacher is giving.
- 5. Be prepared to give an assessment of your child's performance.** You may be asked how you think your child is performing so give an honest, but realistic assessment.

**6. Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened.** No doubt your child's teacher will have some strategies for you to assist your child, so make sure you have a clear understanding before you leave.

If there are unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child's difficulties in greater detail, consider asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher's time and of those parents who are to follow.

**Once the interview is over consider how you will discuss it with your child.**

Avoid giving generalisations or simplistic appraisals such as:  
"The teacher says you are a good girl."

Discuss areas that need work in positive terms. Talk about strengths or successes first before discussing areas that may need more work.

A clear message such as, "We talked about your reading and the teacher suggested that we should try..." is far more helpful.

Involve your child in discussing any plans for improvement. Avoid making big plans for your child to improve in a subject area without consulting him or her. By involving children and taking notice of their ideas plans are more likely to be successful.