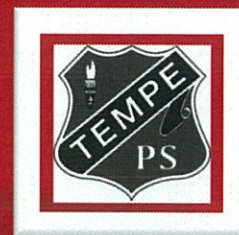


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Thursday 13th June 2013

Term 2 Week 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Congratulations! Public Speaking Success.

It was with great interest and appreciation that I sat quietly and listened attentively to a number of students from across the school, presenting their speeches over the past few days. Not only did the students present their speeches with confidence but they then moved on to the more complex task of presenting impromptu speeches – a gruelling task to say the least.

What spectacular results they accomplished with each and every one of them fully participating and making their teachers, parents and peers very proud of them.

Special thanks to all the staff and parents that encouraged and supported the students to fully participate in this valuable program. It has definitely developed their skills in public speaking.

Special thanks to Ms Carole Priday for initiating and organising the program as a whole school event.

THANK YOU

It was a pleasure to return to school at the end of last week and be greeted by so many happy and friendly faces welcoming me back.

Special thanks to Mr Hugh Miller for efficiently supporting the students and staff while I was on leave. Ms Dianne Tonpi, as Relieving Assistant Principal, and Ms Carole Priday also worked hard to ensure that all routines were maintained.

Special thanks also to the whole staff for their efforts in the preparation of Semester 1 Student Reports. Student reports will be completed and delivered by the end of next week with interview week following.

150th Anniversary Celebrations

As you are aware preparations are well underway for Tempe Public School's 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Three events are being held in Term 3 to mark the occasion, and we are hoping that all parents and students

from our school community get involved as much as possible. Here is an update on what is planned:

TPS Alumni Dinner - Friday 30th August, 7pm

Former students and former and current staff and parents are invited to share a meal and swap stories about Tempe Public School then and now.

The dinner will be held at St George Rovers with the cost being \$60 per person.

Please note this is an adults only event.

150th Anniversary Assembly - Friday 6th September

This assembly will be the formal recognition of 150 years of continuous public education at this site, held before an audience of our current students, staff members and parent community, former students of school age, and invited honourable guests. The occasion will be marked with addresses from selected former students and honourable guests, student performances and of course a birthday cake.

150th Birthday Bash - Saturday 7th September

The culmination of our sesquicentennial festival, this will be the grandest event held at Tempe Public School for many years. We are hoping that every single one of our students will attend and bring with them parents, siblings, friends and relatives to celebrate the occasion and to help raise funds for our school.

The Birthday Bash will feature market stalls, food stalls, performances by school ensembles and community groups, exhibitions of student work and historical displays, school tours, and much more.

To make it a success we need as many parent helpers as possible. Please look out for a letter arriving soon from your child's teacher describing how you can help out with your class stall, and offer your assistance in any way you can.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 2

All term Got Game Athletics K-6
14/06 Regional Cross Country
17/06 After School Sport – Soccer **POSTPONED**
18/06 After School Sport – Martial Arts (final session)
21/06 After School Sport – Soccer **RESCHEDULED**
19/06 Stage 2 Excursion
21/06 Public Speaking Competition Stage Finals
24/06 After School Sport – Soccer (final session)
24/06 Parent/teacher interviews
25/06 SRC Crazy Hair Day (for Cystic Fibrosis NSW)
25/06 Parent/teacher interviews
26/06 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition – Local Area Finals @ TPS
26/06 Parent/teacher interviews
27/06 Parent/teacher interviews
28/06 Parent/teacher interviews
28/06 Walkathon
28/06 Last day Term 2

Term 3

15/07 Staff return to school for professional learning
16/07 Students return to school

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Public Speaking Finals

The school Public Speaking Competition finals will be held on Friday 21st June. The K-2 final will begin at 10:15 and run for approximately 45 minutes. The Year 3-6 final will begin at 12:15 and run for approximately 1 and a half hours. All parents and family members (not just those of our finalists) are cordially invited to attend this important event.

Congratulations to all those students who participated in this year's competition. The standard of the speeches has been excellent and it has been wonderful to see the confidence of students develop throughout the term.

Help required to support Tempe PS 150TH Birthday

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

We would love to hear from any groups or individuals representing one of our community's many diverse cultural groups.

We would also welcome any performing arts or sporting organisations who would like to perform on our stage and advertise their programs to a large local audience. Please contact us at tempe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you are able to put us in touch with your community organisation.

The P&C Association are also desperately seeking recipes to include in their 150th Birthday Cookbook. We are asking for **every family in the school** to contribute one recipe to our cookbook. Entrée, main course, dessert – whatever your specialty is please submit it to us! Email: tempep-c@hotmail.com, or in hard copy to the school office. Thanks in advance!

150TH BIRTHDAY MOSAIC PROJECT

THANK YOU to all parents and friends who have donated, or sourced donations, for our mosaic project! We still are still keen to receive any more so once again we are requesting:

- 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 Friday's room). Any donations are greatly appreciated!

School Photographs

School Photographs for 2013 have been delivered to families. The following additional photographs are available for order:

- Year 6 (Formal Photo and Funny Photo)
- Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Student Leaders
- House Captains

Samples can be seen and order forms can be obtained from the office. Orders must be placed before the end of Term 2.

Ms Carole Friday and Mr Hugh Miller

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

World Day Against Child Labour – 12 June

The International Organisation has chosen 12 June as World Day Against Child Labour to focus world attention on the urgent need to eradicate child labour. Child labour is a complex problem that requires comprehensive solutions driven by moral outrage, personal commitment, community determination and national action. This is a day to remember the children and to commemorate those who work to bring about a world without child labour. This is a day for employers, governments, workers' groups and civil society to renew their mandates to make the world a place where parents work and children go to school.

World Blood Donor Day – 14 June

The first World Blood Donor Day was held in 2007 as a celebration of the contribution of hundreds of thousands of blood donors worldwide who give freely of their blood to save the lives of others. This day is held on the birthday of Karl Landsteiner who discovered the ABO blood group system. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1930.

Tuen Ng (Chinese) - 16 June

The Dragon Boat Festival had been celebrated for the

past 2,500 years. According to legend it commemorates the suicide by drowning of Qu Yuan, a famous poet and high-ranking Chinese official. Peasants in their dragon boats tried to save him and they threw rice dumplings into the water to prevent fish eating his body.

National Refugee Week - 15-21 June

National Refugee Week is a time when attention can be drawn to the needs of refugees both here and around the world and to how Australian and Australians can contribute to ensuring their protection. The Refugee Council of Australia is the key organisation behind this observance.

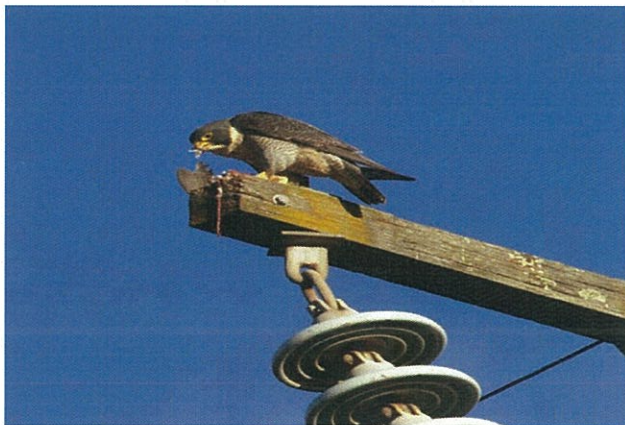
International Day of the African Child – 16 June

Formerly known as Soweto Day and South African Youth Day, this day commemorates 16 June, 1976, when some 30,000 high school students began a march to protest against racism in the South African government and the inferior quality education system for black students. One of the student demands was that they were taught in their own language. This day commemorates all those youth who were fatally shot or wounded in the fight to abolish apartheid in South Africa.

Let's Take Care of Tempe Reserve

Tempe's local parks are one of Marrickville Council's Priority Biodiversity Areas because they are home to a huge variety of different plants and animals.

Tempe Reserve and Tempe Lands contain all sorts of different habitats. Fresh water birds like Hardhead Ducks swim in the ponds. Tiny insect eating birds like Silvereyes nest in the densely bushy Sandstone Heath areas. Long legged wading birds like White-faced Herons hunt for food in the mud of the protected threatened coastal saltmarsh plant community. Nearly 60 bird species have been spotted by the Tempe Birdos environmental volunteer group. They meet to spot and count them on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Even birds of prey like this Peregrin Falcon hunt at the reserve.



Peregrin Falcon at Tempe Reserve.

Unfortunately not everyone is taking care of Tempe Reserve. Some adults dump rubbish at the park and some children have been seen riding quad bikes and dirt bikes over plants. Help look after our local treasure.



Quad Bike tracks across the protected Coastal Saltmarsh.

Dumped rubbish can be reported on 9335 2222 and the council will come and pick it up. Please encourage people not to ride bikes over plants. We are lucky to have such a fun place to play right on our doorstep. Let's keep it that way.

P&C NEWS

Our VERY FIRST Walkathon

On the last day of term, June 28th, we will be holding a Walkathon Fundraiser.

Prizes are offered for outstanding achievement and/or support of this event.

Fundraising sheets are included with this newsletter and are available from our ever helpful receptionists.

For those of you who would prefer to fundraise online we have setup an account with www.everydayhero.com and we will be publishing instructions on how to sign up your child in the coming days.

Playground Survey

Thanks to everyone who has responded to our survey. It closes this Friday so if you haven't already responded and would like to, then please answer our online survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DLC8NDR>

150th Birthday Bash

We need your help please!

This event is shaping up to be absolutely spectacular.

As we finalise plans, we now know that we are going to need your help more than ever before.

We are looking for parents who are able to donate 2 hours of your time during the event.

We are also looking for parents who are interested in organising stalls leading up to it.

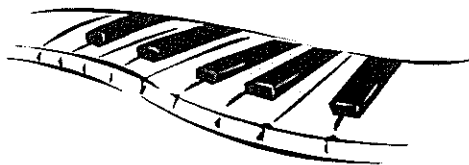
In the meantime - we can report that there will be HUGE rides, Food Stalls, a Chocolate Wheel, Whack-a-Rat, Hoopla, Sack Races, Tug-o-War & History Tours, not to mention the entertainment being brought to us by our students throughout the day.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

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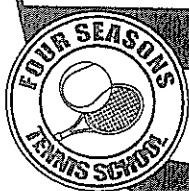
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