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Term 3 Week 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Book Week – Read Across the Universe

"Read Across The Universe" is the theme for Book Week this year. Book Week will be celebrated in Week 6 beginning Monday 19th August - Friday 23rd August.

Book Character Parade: All students are invited to come to school dressed up as a character, from a book they have read. The parade will be on **Tuesday 20th August at 9.30am.**

Education Week at Tempe Public School

Education Week is a great opportunity for schools to showcase the talents of their students and staff and also the special projects that are currently taking place in their school.

I encourage you all to not miss out on the feeling or sense of accomplishment you get from contributing to school community events. It sends a very strong message to your children of the importance and value of education.

This year Tempe Public School will be sharing their talents, achievements and school projects with the wider school community as part of their 150th Anniversary Birthday Celebrations. These will be held over the week beginning from 30th August.

Students, staff and parents are currently working together to ensure the success of events such as the Special School Assembly, Birthday Bash School Fair and performances, 150th Anniversary School Birthday dinner and the Tempe Public School Mosaic Project.

Please keep your diary free for the Special School Assembly on Friday 6th September and the School Fair on Saturday 7th September. It is hoped that the GREAT School Mosaic Project will be complete and erected by this time. The official opening date will be announced once confirmed.

I am looking forward to sharing these special occasions with you all in my first year at Tempe. Until next week.
Regards, Ms Karen Sinclair.

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 3

All term Got Game Gymnastics K- 6
12/08 P&C meeting at 7.00pm
13/08 ICAS Maths Competition
19/08 Book Week begins
20/08 Book Week Parade
23/08 Book Week concludes
15/08 Musica Viva incursion K- 6
30/08 150th Tempe PS dinner
6/09 Deadly Kids Awards
6/09 Special Birthday Assembly
7/09 150th Birthday Bash School Fair
20/09 Last day Term 3

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

150th Birthday Bash School Fair Performance Note

A note will go out this week to all students involved in performances for the 150th Birthday Bash. The performances will be taking place between 11am – 1pm on Saturday 7th September.

Please keep an eye out for this note and return it as soon as possible to assist with the organisation of performances. A more detailed schedule of performances will be distributed soon.

School Athletics Carnival Success

Congratulations to all involved in the School Athletics Carnival at the start of the week. I had the opportunity to attend for part of the day and witnessed a great atmosphere and everyone doing their bit to make the day fun and successful.

Special thanks to Mr Mark Holden, Ms Dianne Tonpi and Mrs Elena Albanakis for their efforts in organising and coordinating the day.

Film By The Sea Compere from Tempe PS

It was with great delight that our school was recently informed by the Film By The Sea Committee that Harry from 5/6L has been selected as one of the evening

comperes for 2013 Film By The Sea Premiere.
Congratulations Harry!

Congratulations must also go to Taela and Isabelle who made the decision very difficult by submitting quality video auditions. Great job!

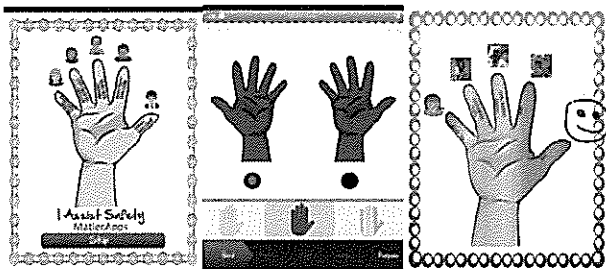
Walkathon Success

Congratulations to the P&C and thank you to the school staff for supporting our school's first walkathon with such enthusiasm.

The students did a spectacular job both on the day with their participation and also their efforts at collecting sponsors. Approximately \$5 500 was raised to help fund the proposed playground equipment. Brilliant!

Ms Carole Priday and Mr Hugh Miller.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



App to help build a child's safety network

IAssistSafety helps children learn protective behaviours. Using a hand IAssistSafety allows a child to identify 5 adults who they could ask for help if feeling unsafe. The hand assists children to remember their safe people. These 5 adults will help the child to be safe if they are scared, worried, sad or just need help. This App helps to give your child a voice in keeping themselves safe.

Busy term for students

Thank you and congratulations to the students who have been participating in regional and state teams & ensembles in recent weeks.

Liam has been busy attending carnivals, training sessions and other sporting commitments all over Sydney and the state. Likewise Isabelle has been involved in public performances celebrating Education Week, the recent State Music Camp at Stanwell Tops and other ensemble commitments across Sydney.

Bunnings Father's Day Family Night

WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE ON THE NIGHT

Entertainment for the kids includes baby animals and a Jumping Castle.

Cost: FREE!

WHEN: Thursday 29 August, 2013

TIME: 6pm – 8pm

WHERE: Bunnings Alexandria

BOOKINGS: Are essential please

Kids D.I.Y. Craft - Make a present for Dad
Supplier hands on demonstrations
Games and prizes to be won
Light refreshments

D.I.Y. Workshop - MAKE A BILLYCART

When: 17 & 18 August

Time: Begins at 11.00am

Bring along the Billycart that you make and ride it around the car park on the Father's Day Family Night

The most creatively decorated Billycart will win a prize at the Father's Day Family Night.

alexandriaao@bunnings.com.au OR
Kim, Activities Organiser on 9336 2400

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Horses' birthday – 1 August

In the Southern Hemisphere all horses born during the current year are deemed to have been born on 1 August. This is important for the horse racing industry as it clarifies the age of a horse for racing purposes.

Hiroshima Day – 6 August

On this day activities are held to reflect on the devastating atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan during World War II. Some 100,000 people were killed and many more died later from the effects of radiation.

P&C NEWS

Please come and join us at the next P&C meeting, on Monday 12th August at 7pm in the school staffroom. New faces, and old ones, are always welcome.
Pauline (P&C President).

Our VERY FIRST Walkathon

Thank you to all parents and especially all the teachers who helped out with this event. By all measures this has been a fantastic success and we plan to make it an annual event. It was great to see so many smiling faces on the kids as they walked around the school grounds. Who would have thought getting fit could be so much fun !

66 students received prizes for Outstanding Fundraising or Excellent Participation. Anyone who is yet to hand in their pledge form who has more than \$50 in sponsors will still be eligible for a prize.

Congratulations to 1/2T who were the top fundraising class, and will win a Gelato Party!

Our children made over \$5,500 in sponsorship, far more than we anticipated. Well done to all the students and their supportive families for some fantastic fundraising.

150th Birthday Bash School Fair

Our Birthday Bash School Fair day is 7 weeks away. Thanks to all of you who have signed up to volunteer on the day and leading up to this event. To date we have just over 60 helpers, but we still **NEED MORE**.

If you are planning on coming along then please donate an hour or 2 of your time to help to run a stall whilst you are there? Please let us know if you can help out in any way.

Competitions on the day of the Birthday Bash.

The winning cakes - indeed all entries - will then be sliced up and sold as part of our Cake and Devonshire Tea stalls.

Just a glimpse of some of the other attractions:

- Giant Slide - Jumping Castle - Face Painting
- Haunted House - Guessing Competitions
- Sideshow Alley - Tug-o-War

Thanks, Ivan

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Mega Meat Raffle

Tempe P&C will be holding a Mega Meat Raffle at the General Gordon Hotel every Friday

Raffle tickets will be on sale from 5:30pm and drawn at 7.00pm. All money raised will go to funding our schools new playground.

Donations for Stalls

We are now asking for donations of items for stalls over the coming weeks, and will be advertising for donations on one stall at a time.

It's not too late to donate **toys** if you haven't already. The donations schedule is as follows:

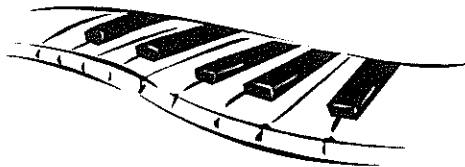
Weeks 3 & 4: Clothing Stall- adults and kid's clothes in good condition.

Weeks 5&6: Book Stall

Week 7: White Elephant Stall- any second hand goods that might be useful to someone else.

Week 8: Plant Stall- seedlings from your garden or ones you have purchased.

Musical Minors



Piano Keyboard for the young beginner

After school piano keyboard lessons
at **Tempe Public School**

45 min classes
Keyboards supplied

Ph: Melissa 0422 194 866 to enrol

Regular School Attendance

Information for parents and carers of children in, or about to enter, Kindergarten



Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why must I send my child to school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 - and until they turn 17 - students must be:

1. in school, or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (eg TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or
4. in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Once enrolled children are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction.

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student

attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student's absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged. It is the responsibility of parents or carers to make sure that their children attend school each day that the school is open for instruction or other activity. It is important to understand that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Must I send my child every day?

YES. While education is not compulsory until your child turns six, we require you to send your child on every school day as a condition of enrolment. This is for a number of reasons. First, the learning in kindergarten is essential preparation

for your child's whole educational career. This is a time where your child's teacher can focus carefully on your child's learning needs for the future. Kindergarten also provides a chance to sort out any difficulties or problems as they arise. Secondly, having a good routine and being punctual are important skills for your child to develop.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child's hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified. Information on how schools can support parents to manage head lice infestations can be accessed from the student health section of the Department's website at <http://www.>