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Term 1 Week 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Tempe PS in 2014

Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to those students, parents and staff who are joining us for the first time.

We are currently in the process of settling in to some new routines but continue to maintain class groups from 2013 for Year 1-6 students. All students will be placed in their class for 2014 once our enrolment numbers are secure. I anticipate that this will be in early Week 3 of this term.

Typically there are a range of organisational activities that we need to be aware of so please read upcoming newsletters and notes that are sent home.

Sport programs will be getting underway early in the term and our annual school swimming carnival has been held today.

Thank you to all the staff for their efforts to make this event a fun, successful day. More information regarding the carnival will be in next week's newsletter.

Our students are looking fabulous in their school uniforms and it is excellent to see school hats being worn correctly. It is important that all students wear their school hats and I ask for your support in this area.

There has been some work carried out over the vacation period on our playground. I am sure our students will enjoy being outside during this great weather

We are looking forward to a productive year and sharing new experiences. Please say hello when you see me out and about.

P&C Meeting Monday 3 February 7.00pm

I encourage you to attend the first P&C meeting for 2014. It is a fantastic way to meet new parents and to hear about their great plans to support the school and host fun events for families throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing many of you there over the next term.

2014 School Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6

Today many excited students from our school attended the annual swimming carnival at Canterbury Aquatic Centre.

From all accounts a great time was had by all. Congratulations to all participants and their supportive peers for cheering them on and creating a fabulous atmosphere.

Special thanks to Ms Carole Priday and Mrs Elena Albanakis for their organisation and also the teachers that made the day such a great success.

Carnival results will be in the newsletter as soon as possible.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 1

03/02 P&C Meeting
21/02 School Leader induction assembly
26/02 Zone Swimming Carnival
03/03 P&C Meeting
2/03 Clean Up Australia Day
10/03 School photos
13/03 Selective high school placement test
07/04 P&C Meeting
11/04 Last day Term 1
18/04 Good Friday
20/04 Easter Sunday
21/04 Easter Monday
25/04 Anzac Day

Term 2

28/04 School Development Day (staff return)
29/04 All students return Term 2

30/04 Got Game program K-6
05/05 P&C Meeting
13/05- Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
14/05 Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
15/05 Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
21/05 Zone X Country
02/06 P&C Meeting
9/06 Queen's Birthday public holiday
27/06 Last day Term 2

Pedestrian Safety for Children

Very few children younger than 10 years old can deal safely with traffic. These children are at risk because:

- They are impulsive and tend to do things without thinking first.
- They believe that if they can see a driver, the driver can see them.
- They believe cars can stop instantly.
- Few can judge the speed of traffic or distances.
- A child's field of vision is one-third of an adult's.
- They do not recognize or react to unsafe situations.

The best advice is for parents to be examples for their children. Younger children are at the greatest risk of being involved in an accident because they have not yet developed a sense of danger.

Before letting children cross streets alone, it is important for parents to cross the streets hundreds of times with them. Children develop skills through repetition and positive reinforcement.

Parents should practice the following safety skills with their children:

- Do not allow a child younger than age 10 to cross the street alone.
- Learn to read and understand traffic signals and signs.
- Be alert to potential hazards.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing roadways.
- Stop at the curb or edge of the road before crossing the street.
- Never run into the street.
- Never play in the street.
- Once a street is clear, it usually is safe to cross. However, keep looking for oncoming traffic until the street has been crossed safely.
- Always try to walk on paths or sidewalks. If paths or sidewalks are not available, walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Always cross streets at designated crosswalks.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- When walking at dusk or during evening hours, make sure to wear bright clothes.
- Do not walk alone at night.

Parents should supervise children at all times until they prove they are safe pedestrians, even when distracted. It also is important for parents to structure their child's play areas in locations away from any type of traffic.

Children need to learn to be safe pedestrians.

Drivers also should slow down in residential and school areas and should always remember that children are impulsive and tend not to think before they act.

For more information visit

http://www.bluekids.org/parentsandcaregivers/pap_pedestriansafety.asp