

"Tempe Talk"



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Friday 7th February 2014

Term 1 Week 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

STAFFING FOR 2014

KD - Ms Kim Dunn
KM - Miss Kate McDonald
K/1T - Mrs Ros Thatcher
1/2D - Mr Craig Dickson
1/2T - Mrs Dianne Tonpi
1/2F - Ms Beth Fulton
2/3A - Mrs Maree Hitchcox (M- Th) /Ms Eva O'Rourke (F)
3/4M - Mrs Edwina MacDougall
3/4L - Ms Sonia Layton- Marshall
5/6H - Mr Mark Holden
5/6WP - Mr Barton Williams (M/T/F)
- Ms Carole Priday (Th/F)

SPECIALIST CLASS TEACHERS

Library - Mrs Melissa Spelta (T/W/Th)
ESL - Mrs Elena Albanakis
LaST - Ms Carole Priday (M/T/W)
Reading Recovery - Mr Hugh Miller
CL (Vietnamese) - Ms Catherine Nguyen
CL (Pacific Islanders) - Ms Kilisitina Vaitaki
CL (Asian Studies) -Ms Eva O'Rourke
SLSO - Ms Gail Cotterell
SLSO - Mrs Fran May

School Assemblies

A whole school assembly will be held every Friday at 2:15pm in the school hall. Class merit awards, sport awards and book awards are presented at this time.

Please join us if you can. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Organisation for 2014

Staffing and class organisation has been finalised and all students have been given a note outlining their class placement for this year.

As you can imagine, this is a very complex task and our aim is to manage the process efficiently and accurately so as to create positive classroom learning environments throughout the school.

School Access between 9.30am and 2.30pm

To ensure the safety of our students all school pedestrian gates are locked between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

During these hours, access to the school is from the main entrance on Unwins Bridge Rd only.

School Hours (9.00- 3.00pm)

Please remember that classes operate from 9.00am until 3.00pm. At 3.00pm school finishes and all students must leave the school site unless they are enrolled in After School Care or one of our after school programs.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 1

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tempe High School Open Night

Please be advised that Tempe High School will be having their Open Night on Thursday 13th February for Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2015. The venue will be the school hall from 7.00pm.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Personal belongings at school

Please remember to label your belongings so that we can minimise losses of clothing and school related equipment.

Lost Property

A blue Monsters Inc pencil case was lost earlier this week and has a pair of valuable prescription glasses belonging to one of our Stage 1 students inside.

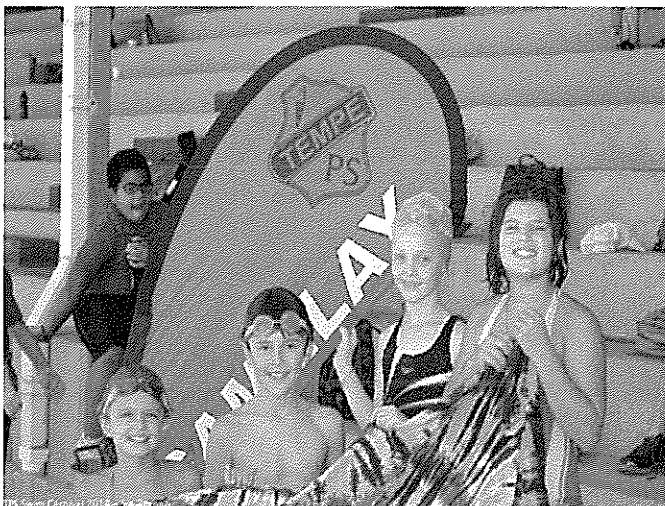
If you find the pencil case or glasses please hand them in to the front office.

School Swimming Carnival Update

The school swimming carnival held last Friday at Canterbury Pool was a great success. It was very pleasing to see the large group of talented swimmers coming up through the junior ranks putting in enthusiastic and skilled performances. Congratulations to the parents of these young swimmers for supporting their children in learning to swim – an invaluable gift for their future safety and life- long enjoyment of the water.

Our newly elected house captains did a terrific job in supporting their team members and leading team chants and cheers –I suspect there were several hoarse voices on Friday night!

Ribbons for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd fastest times across all heats in each event will be awarded at this Friday's assembly at 2:15 in the school hall.



Tempe PS students at our recent swimming carnival

Reminder: Pedestrian Safety for Children

For pedestrian safety around our school please discuss the following points with your children.

Please also remind them that there is no access to the school through the school car park. The car park is for staff parking only.

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_pedes_triansafety.asp

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Lunar New Year (Year of the Horse)) -31 January

There are many rituals and traditions associated with Lunar New Year. Sacrificing to ancestors is an important New Year's tradition followed by a dinner for the

ancestors shared by the living. Fifteen days of celebration follow, each with a different significance. In Sydney Chinese-Australians enjoy a range of festivities including dragon boat races and a grand parade.

Waitangi Day – 6 February

Waitangi Day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi, New Zealand on 6 February 1840 by a group of Maori chiefs and the British Government representative Lieutenant Governor Hobson. The treaty was subsequently signed by other Maori chiefs in various locations throughout the country.



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INVITATION

OPEN NIGHT for Year 7, 2015

Thursday, 13 FEBRUARY 2014
at 6.00pm in the Tempe High School Hall
for prospective Year 7 students and their parents

Presentations from students and staff on
our academic, sporting and
extracurricular programs

**Why are we one of the most successful High
Schools in Sydney?**

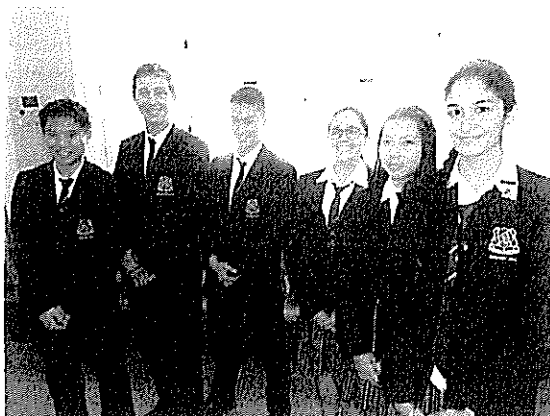
Find out how you can enrol in Tempe High School
Selective, Gifted and Talented Classes
and Mixed Ability Classes

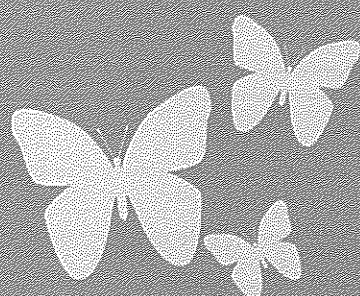
Parking available in Collins Street

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Principal : Mr Socrates Dassaklis

**A disciplined,
structured,
and fun
learning
environment**





Tempe P&C Newsletter

*Providing an integral link between
the school, parents and community.*

4th February 2014

Message from P&C

Welcome back and we look forward to working with the school community throughout the year.

The P&C meets the first Monday of the month during the school term in the Staff Room at 7pm. We welcome any interested parents.

2014 P&C Meeting Dates for the Diary

Term 1
3rd March
6th April

Term 2
5th May
2nd June

Term 3
4th August
1st September

Term 4
3rd November
1st December

Issue 1

EXCITING NEWS

In 2014 kids can learn Spanish. Classes will be before school on a **Wednesday from 8am till 8.45am.** Cost will be \$15 per lesson and will run for 10 weeks.

These lessons are open to children in Years 1 to 4. Lessons are limited to 10 – 15 children per class

If you would like your child to participate in these classes, please fill in the form below

Yes, I would like my child to participate in the before school Spanish Class starting in Term 1, 2014.

Name of child
Current Class
Contact Phone Number
Email Address

Helpers Needed

The Canteen is run by the P&C and the lovely ladies Cathy & Mel require a little help on in the canteen on Fridays making sandwiches and rolls. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Friday once every 6 to 7 weeks please Email Christine at Christineosmond@iprimus.com.au

Please note that due to OH&S, children are not allowed in the canteen.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Do you have any school uniforms that are still in good condition but no longer needed by you? Why not donate them to the Second Hand Uniform Shop, which then sells them at a reduced price. All sales from the second hand shop go directly back to the P&C.

We currently have girls tunics from \$10 and unisex polo shirts (short & long sleeved) \$5 each.

MONDAYS

Podcasting: I podcast therefore I am

Don't take it the wrong way if we say you've got a great voice for radio! During these workshops we'll put together a collection of podcasts to be broadcast from the Story Factory website (otherwise known as SSF Radio). Students are invited to imagine, write and record their perfect broadcast: it might be a rant about the state of fast-food, a taxonomy of pop stars, a collection of linked stories - it's up to you.

Mondays, 3rd Feb - 31st March * 3:30 - 4:30pm * For students grades 3 - 6.

TUESDAYS

The Home Project - After School Edition

"Redfern is the real world... it has been the heart and home for Aboriginal people and in the future it will be the heart of the city." Come and meet some of the fabulous people who live in Redfern - old-timers, stars and shop keepers. Develop your interviewing and writing skills with our dedicated volunteers. Write the stories of the heart of the city. We want our next book - Home - to be written by you!

Tuesdays, 4th Feb - 1st April * 3:30 - 4:30pm * For students grades 4 - 6.

WEDNESDAYS

Fiction: Ring around the Genres!

Is that a Cowmedy? A Westery? Or a Slapventure? In these workshops we'll be exploring genre (and maybe even mixing a few together) as we search for the best way to tell a fantastic story. Join us if you're interested in exploring different ways to tell a great short story.

Wednesdays, 5th Feb - 2nd April * 3:30 - 4:30pm * For students grades 3 - 6.

THURSDAYS

Beware: Reverse Time Capsule!

Can you picture a Sydney of the future? We've set ourselves the task of imagining Sydney in 2314 and, after "researching" the "facts" we'll create a time capsule sent back to the present from 300 years in the future. It might contain stories, futuristic pop song lyrics, articles from the ether, fragments of pivotal speeches, architectural outlines - pretty much anything we might need to know about the people and places of Sydney, circa 2314.

Thursdays, 6th Feb - 3rd April * 3:30 - 4:30pm * For students grades 3 - 6.



SYDNEY STORY FACTORY

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place in workshops...* **P** (02) 9699 6970

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