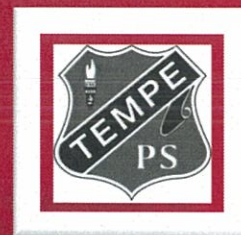


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Thursday 13th February 2014

Term 1 Week 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Clean Up Australia Day

We will be holding a School Clean Up Day on Friday 28 February. Each class will clean up a different section of the school. A few minutes from each class should ensure our playground is looking great and remind the students of the importance of looking after our local environment.

I encourage all students to make an effort each day, to keep our fantastic school grounds clean. The overall presentation of our school and cleanliness of our playground has a big impact on our reputation in the local community.

PSSA this Friday

Good luck to our soft ballers who will participate in their first game tomorrow. I look forward to hearing positive comments about sportsmanship, support for team mates and cooperation with all staff members

Special thanks to Mrs Dianne Tonpi for training the teams, travelling to the games with the students and umpiring in Ms Priddy's absence.

School Photographs

The School Photographer envelopes for individual student photos will be sent home with each student within the next two weeks.

We Need Your Support

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school. Most often queries relate to the progress or welfare of our students or a school policy or practice.

Attached to this newsletter is the guidelines **SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL**.

These guidelines have been devised to assist parents and community members seeking school related information and /or to communicate concerns.
Thank you for your anticipated support.

Uniform Shop

Stock has now been replenished. Please see the ladies in the uniform shop which is open Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.45am. An order can be placed at the office if you are unable to attend at this time.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2014 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

MindQuest 2014

Held at St George Girls HS in Kogarah, the MindQuest Program offers 37 exciting courses for gifted and talented students in Years 1-6. This fast paced, challenging program is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities. More information and application forms are available from the office.

School Photographs

The School Photographer envelopes will be sent home with each student in the next few weeks.

School Photo Day will be Monday 10th March. Each student is required to bring a completed envelope on the day. These will be handed directly to the photographer.

Family photographs will also be available on the day. The appropriate envelope will be advertised in the newsletter when we receive them for distribution.

No change will be available for envelopes on the day and change is not available at the office.

Ms Carole Priday, Mr Hugh Miller and Mr Craig Dickson

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Walking 100km FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION

A small group of our mums have entered a team called Let's Talk About Socks in the Sydney Coastrek. They will be trekking for endless hours to complete the 100km walk along the Sydney coastline. The timeframe for the event is from 28th February to the 1st March to raise funds for The Fred Hollowes Foundation.

Did you know that 4 out of 5 people who are blind in the developing world do not need to be? It's hard to imagine that so many people in the world could actually see, they just need some help.

The parents are trekking to raise funds that will allow some people to get the treatment they so desperately need.

Any support you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made via the link below.

<http://www.coastrekfundraising.com.au/Let'sTalkAboutSocks>

Library News

Congratulations to all the students who are now in the routine of borrowing from the library each week. The only requirement to borrow is that students must have a bag for library use. There are numerous options available including home reading bags, calico bags, draw string bags or shopping bags. Thank you to parents for your encouragement and support.

SPORT NEWS

Sydney East School Sport

Did you know that your school sporting Zone/District now has a website where you can access information about your local Zone/District school sporting activities?

To find out more, go to sessazones.com

Information includes -

[Member Schools](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Zone/District Executive](#)

[State Draws and Results](#)

[School Sports Guidelines](#)

[Footwear for Athletics and Cross Country](#)

[Medical Insurance](#)

[Teacher Resources](#)

[Opportunities for Students with Disabilities](#)

The sessazones website also provides links to www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au.

This site provides information relating to Sydney East SSA and NSWPSSA/NSWCHSSA activities.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Tet (Vietnamese New Year) - 31 January- 5 February

Tet means the first morning of the first day of the year. Celebrations last for seven days. Events on New Year's Day are believed to determine people's luck for the rest of the year. Family members exchange gifts and pay homage to the Kitchen god. They also visit temples to pray for prosperity and good health.

St Maroun's Feast Day - 9 February

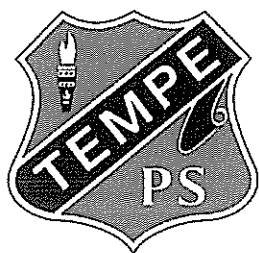
On this day some ten million Maronites around the world pay their respects to the priest Maroun (340-410 AD) founder of the Maronite church. The Maronite church belongs to the Eastern 'rite' of the Catholic church and began in what is known now as Turkey. There are a number of Maronite churches in Australia.

Valentine's Day - 14 February

It is thought that Valentine's Day originated as a pagan celebration in the third century. In February, Romans celebrated 'Lupercalia' to honour the god Lupercus so that he would protect them and their flocks throughout the coming year. On this occasion names of young women were placed in a box to be matched with young men and become partners for the year. Christian priests changed the name to Valentine's Day in an attempt to replace 'heathen' practices. Through the centuries St Valentine became the patron saint of lovers and on this day sweethearts around the world exchange messages of love.

Parinirvana (Buddhist Tradition) - 15 February

In the Buddhist northern tradition this day commemorates the death of Buddha and his entry into Nirvana. In some temples the lights in the great meditation hall are extinguished and the entire congregation meditates and chants particular scriptures before the lamps are re-lit. This ritual expresses the hope that the teachings of the Buddha will endure for all time.



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SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Written: June 2013

Reviewed October 2013

Review Date: April 2014

These guidelines have been devised to assist parents and community members seeking school related information and /or to communicate concerns.

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will clarify matters as soon as possible to ensure a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from all facets of the school community working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- support class programs and student learning
- provide a guide that supports community and staff and ensures that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- support matters sensitively and confidentially
- help reach an agreed solution or resolution if appropriate.

On occasion, parental/ carer concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise an appointment, as this allows time for discussions between parents and school staff to occur in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	* Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone message or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any queries.
The welfare of own child	* For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information * For more serious concerns, contact the school office. State the nature of your concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.

	* To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. please contact the school office.
Actions of other students	<p>* Contact the class teacher by note. The class teacher will check and clarify details of the matter and share this information with you as soon as possible.</p> <p>* The class teacher will liaise with the stage supervisor or principal for playground problems requiring clarification from students or additional support.</p>
School policy or practice	<p>* Contact the school office. State the nature of your query. This information will be passed on to the appropriate staff member.</p> <p>The staff member will contact you to explain the relevant details or to make an appointment to discuss the matter further.</p>
Actions of a staff member	<p>* Contact the school office and state your concern. This information will be passed on to the principal.</p> <p>* The principal will contact you as soon as possible and explain upcoming strategies/ arrangements in response to the concern. This may include meeting directly with the principal and staff member concerned.</p>

Please note the following

No access to classrooms during school hours.

All enquiries are to be directed to the school office.

Parent access to students will be from the school office.

All parents and visitors must sign in at the school office. This excludes attendance at organized school events.

No parent should directly approach another person's child.

Use of the Inclosed Land Act

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express their concerns do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the principal or nominee has the legal authority under the "Inclosed Lands Act" to

- direct the person to immediately leave the grounds
- call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse
- withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal
- Seek further legal avenues.

This includes phone calls, emails made to or about staff or directed towards staff or the school (Legal Issues Bulletin No 31, NSW Government, Education & Communities).

Student tuition

MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY

cnr Marrickville & Petersham Rds
Marrickville Phone: 9335 2173

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 7.30pm
Saturday 9.30am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 4pm

DULWICH HILL LIBRARY

12-14 Seaview St
Dulwich Hill Phone: 9335 2182

ST PETERS / SYDENHAM LIBRARY

39 Unwins Bridge Rd
Sydenham Phone: 9335 2184

STANMORE LIBRARY

Douglas St
Stanmore Phone: 9335 2183

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday
10am - 5.30pm
Thursday 12pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 9am - 12pm
Sunday closed

COUNCIL ARCHIVES

Petersham Town Hall
107 Crystal St
Petersham Phone: 9335 2185

Opening Hours

Wednesday 9.30am - 5pm

February - April 2014

Free study help with Science, English,
ESL, Mathematics and Chinese.



MARRICKVILLE council
Library & History Services



Student tuition | February- April 2014

ABOUT

Free study help is available at various library branches during school term for high school and primary students.

Tutoring sessions start from the week beginning 3 February.

No bookings are necessary.

YOURTUTOR

No time to visit the library in person?

Connect to qualified, expert tutors for one-on-one help during school term.

Access *YourTutor* online using your Library card membership number from home or at the Library.



Available Monday to Friday 4pm - 8pm, *YourTutor* offers assistance in Maths, English, Science, Finance, Writing, Social Science, assignment research, study skills and more for Years 4 to 12 and TAFE students.

Access *YourTutor* from the Library website under Online Resources.

MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY

For high school students:

High school science

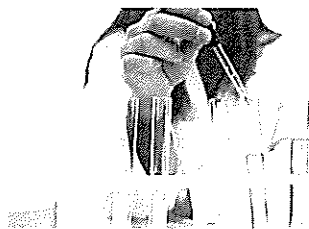
Mondays 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Years 7 - 12 mathematics

Mondays 4pm - 6pm

Years 7 - 10 English (including ESL)

Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm



For primary school students:

All subjects

Mondays 4pm - 6pm

Chinese language

Mondays 4pm - 6pm

English (including ESL)

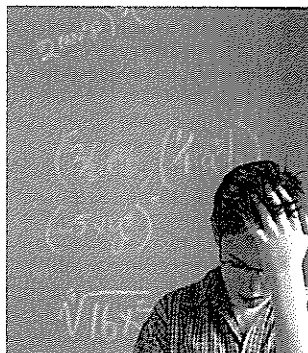
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DULWICH HILL LIBRARY:

For high school students:

Years 7 - 12 mathematics

Thursdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm



For primary school students:

Mathematics

Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm

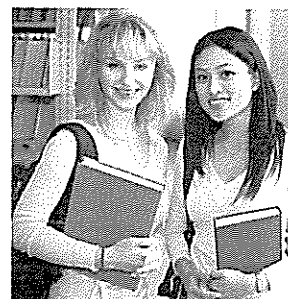
ST PETERS LIBRARY:

For high school students:

Years 7 - 10 mathematics

Years 11 - 12 General mathematics

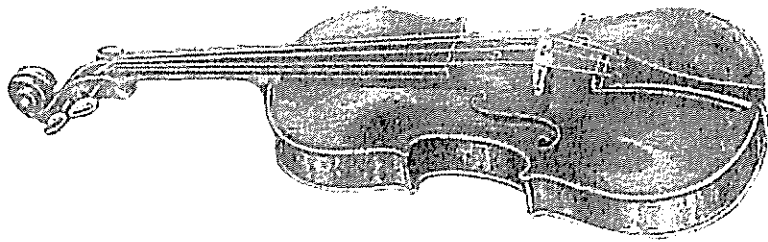
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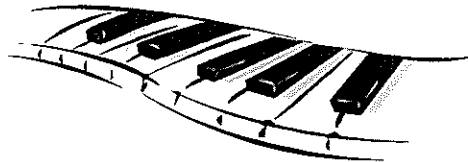
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