

"Tempe Talk"



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Term 3 Week 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to our students, staff and parents. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and have recharged their batteries for another busy term.

Term 3 Payment Packages

Tempe Public School will continue to incorporate voluntary contributions as part of the Grade Payment Package. Voluntary contributions are a donation that allows the school additional funds that are spent to access extra resources and experiences for students.

The DEC recommends \$43 per student per year. The voluntary contribution at Tempe Public School will be \$10 per term for the first two students in each family. Any support you can provide is greatly appreciated. Thank you

The payment package for Term 3 was sent home at the end of Term 2. Parents may make a single payment to cover all activities or individual payments for activities throughout the term.

Parents are reminded that permission notes and payment must be received by the school no later than the day before any given activity.

Walkathon Success

A big thank you is due to all of the P&C volunteers who orchestrated the Walkathon on the last day of Term 2. Also huge thanks are due to all the families who assisted the P&C by fundraising for this event. Although I don't have the confirmed figures, I believe that over \$10 000 was raised by our school community, which is truly a fantastic effort. To top things off, it was a beautiful day and all the students, staff and parent organisers greatly enjoyed the health benefits of a brisk walk!



Road Safety

Tempe PS is surrounded by some very busy and dangerous roads. It is of utmost importance that students use designated crossings when crossing roads and always behave in a safe and sensible manner in the traffic environment.

Parents and community members who witness TPS students behaving in an unsafe way when walking to or from school are asked to report this to the school immediately. Thank you.

Tempe PS Band Program

After an excellent response from our school community, the Tempe PS Band program is set to commence this term. Thanks to all the families who have made the considerable commitment to participate in the band program. We look forward to enjoying the inaugural performance of the TPS Band soon!

Band rehearsals will commence on Friday 25th July (Week 2).

Mr Hugh Miller – Relieving Principal

Diary Dates

28/07 ICAS English Competition
29/07 School Athletics Carnival
05/08 Stg 3 Excursion
07/08 Kindergarten excursion
12/08 ICAS Maths Competition
13/08 Zone Athletics Carnival
18/08 Week of Book Fair
27- 29/08 Stg 3 Camp
10/09 Showcase Concert

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Term 3 Got Game

Our Got Game sports program this term is designed to provide a range of enjoyable opportunities for students to develop their hand/eye and hand/foot coordination and associated ball skills through participation in modified games based on basketball, cricket and soccer.

Information about this program was included in the Term 3 payment packages which have been sent home. Payment for the Got Game program is due by Wednesday of 23/07. Thank you.

Athletics Carnival

The school Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 29/07. Parents are reminded that payment for this activity needs to be made no later than Monday 28/07.

Stage 3 Camp

Students attending the Stage 3 camp in August will be provided with further information and forms next week. Parents are required to complete all medical and consent forms and return with payment balance by the due dates.

Ms Carole Priday, Mr Craig Dickson and Ms Sonia Layton-Marshall

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Spellathon

Next week every student will be issued with 'Spellathon Cards' for sponsors and a list of words to be learned. Families are asked to seek sponsors for every word correctly spelt on the Spellathon Test Day – Friday 1st August, 2014. Alternatively, sponsors may choose to simply make a single donation. 'Spellathon Cards' and all monies collected must be returned to school no later than Friday 8th August.

Annual Premier's Spelling Bee

In light of Tempe P.S.'s success last year we will again be entering 2 Junior (years 3-4) and 2 Senior (years 5-6) students to represent our school at the Premier's Spelling Bee to be held sometime in September.

In the week commencing on Monday 28th July Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes will hold a 'Spell off' to select the school's 4 representatives. The Word Lists used in the Premier's Spelling Bee can be accessed through <http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2014-premiers-spelling-bee>

Password access is required to download word lists, however we are asked by the organisers not to publish the password, so please contact your class teacher and they can supply it to you personally.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Nelson Mandela International Day – 18th July

Every year on 18 July — the day Nelson Mandela was born — the UN joins a call by the Nelson Mandela Foundation to devote 67 minutes of time to helping others, as a way to mark Nelson Mandela International Day.

For 67 years Nelson Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity — as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker and the first democratically elected president of a free South Africa.

Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Destiny) – 24th July

Laylat al-Qadr falls on one of the last 10 days of the Islamic month of Ramadan. This event is one of the most blessed of all nights in the Islamic calendar year.

It commemorates the night when God (Allah) revealed the Qur'an (or Koran), which is the Islamic holy book, to the prophet Muhammad (also known as Mohammad), according to Islamic belief.