

# "Tempe Talk"



*Quality teaching with exceptional opportunities in a diverse and caring learning environment for your child.*

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Term 3 Week 2

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Well it's only the second week of Term 3 and our school community is well and truly in full swing, with lots of things happening across the school to keep us all busy!

We are looking forward to a great day at our **Athletics Carnival** next Tuesday, in partnership with St Peters PS. The event is being held at Campbell Oval, Princess St, Canterbury, and we invite parents and carers to come along and cheer on the participants. Remember that sausages can be ordered ahead of time from the canteen.

The **Tempe PS Band** has officially started this week, with tutorials and band rehearsals commencing. Seventeen Stage 2 and 3 students have enrolled in our inaugural band program, and there is still room for more – but you need to act quickly! Contact the office for an information pack. Thanks to Mr Murray Jackson for volunteering his time and expertise to get this program up and running.

Staff and students are busy planning and rehearsing for our **Showcase Concert**. We need your help though! Please contact your child's teacher if you can help us with preparing costumes and props – especially anyone with sewing skills (no matter how basic!) I have caught glimpses of some classes in rehearsal and I am getting excited about seeing the finished product coming together.

We thank you in anticipation of your support of our **Spellathon fundraiser**. Funds raised from the Spellathon will go towards staging the Showcase concert, and the staff and students greatly appreciate the wonderful support we receive from our community.

### **Safety around the staff carpark**

Please note that the staff carpark is not to be used as a thoroughfare for parents and children walking to and from school. A number of parents and children are routinely entering and exiting through the carpark and this poses a significant safety risk. Please use the pedestrian gate onto Unwins Bridge Rd instead and encourage others to do likewise.

## **Book Week**

Week 6 of this term is Book Week (18 – 22 August). The theme for Book Week this year is *Connect to Reading*. Mrs Spelta will be hosting a book fair in the library, classes are creating artworks for the library based on a book loved by students, and we will be holding one of my favourite events of the school year – the Book Character Parade. More details will be announced in coming weeks, but in the meantime start thinking about which book character you might like to become for the day...

Mr Hugh Miller – Relieving Principal

## Diary Dates

- 28/07 ICAS English Competition
- 29/07 School Athletics Carnival
- 01/08 Spellathon Test Day
- 05/08 Stage 3 Excursion – NRL HQ
- 07/08 Kindergarten excursion – UNSW Vision
- 08/08 Spellathon funds due
- 12/08 ICAS Maths Competition
- 13/08 Zone Athletics Carnival
- 18/08 Week of Book Fair
- 27- 29/08 Stage 3 Camp
- 10/09 Showcase Concert
- 17/09 Kindergarten excursion – Taronga Zoo

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

### **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.

### **Got Game**

All classes have started the Ball Skills course provided by Got Game, and the feedback from students and staff has been very positive. Outstanding payments are due ASAP to ensure your child's participation.

Ms Carole Friday, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Eid al-Fitr – 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Eid al-Fitr, "festival of breaking of the fast", also called, the Sugar Feast and Bayram (Bajram), is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting (sawm). The religious Eid is a single day during which Muslims are not permitted to fast. The holiday celebrates the conclusion of the 29 or 30 days of dawn-to-sunset fasting during the entire month of Ramadan. This is a day when Muslims around the world show a common goal of unity.

### **World Friendship Day – 30<sup>th</sup> July**

The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

The resolution places particular emphasis on involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.

# **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**



# Tempe P&C Newsletter

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

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014



## Stalls

Father's Day Stall - Wednesday 3rd  
September 2014

## Working Bees

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 -9am to  
12noon

## MAJOR FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

**Moved to Term 4 – Date to Be  
Advised**

## Message from the P&C

See you at our next meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August @ 7pm



We raised just over **\$12,000** from this year's walk-a-thon.

**AMAZING!!!**

Thank you to all the families who have rallied around and hassled friends & family to donate to our event.

As President of the P&C I just want to say thank you to Pauline Futeran the organiser and her helpers who gave up their time to put together this event for our kids. Without our volunteers these events would not happen.

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## Environmental Friendly Lunch Order Bags

The order has been placed and we just awaiting their arrival. Once we have received the bags they will be sent home with your kids.

Don't worry if you didn't place an order, bags will be available to purchase directly through the canteen, just see Cathy or Mel



Did you know that the canteen is actually run by the P&C? The P&C employs Cathy & Mel to provide delicious healthy food options for our kids. So every time you place an order for your child's lunch through the canteen, that money goes directly back to the P&C to help fund other programs.

So next time your run out of bread, don't worry our lovely canteens ladies, Cathy & Mel are there to help!



# TREE-MENDOUS WOLLI

**LEARN ABOUT THE THREAT TO THE WOLLI  
VALLEY'S TREES AND BUSHLAND FROM  
M5E/WESTCONNEX AND JOIN US FOR  
A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES.**

- 1** **FIRST**, take an easy 10 minute walk through the threatened bushland:
- be surprised and inspired by music, installations, artists and bush regenerators at work
  - place an image along the track
  - learn a plant name
  - hang your favourite poem (BYO) about nature or a protest about bushland destruction.

- 2** **THEN** join us at Illoura Reserve for:
- light refreshments
  - more music and art
  - information stalls about WestConnex and alternatives
  - activities for kids – young and old.

- 3** **AND then you can also:**
- Pledge support to save this wonderful place from destruction
  - Join WCPS & help us preserve the bushland for future generations.
  - Join community opposition to West Connex via NoW Public Transport and associated groups
  - Register for our **National Tree Day planting at Illoura Reserve (on Sunday 28th July from 10 am).**
  - Bring a picnic and stay for lunch.



**Sunday 20 July 2014**  
**10.00am – 1.30pm**  
**Western Gateway bushland**  
**at Bexley North**  
(see map on back)

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