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Term 2 Week 5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Success

Congratulations Tempe PS for a great morning tea/ lunch fundraiser for a great cause.

Over 100 sausage sizzles were purchased on a spectacular May day.

Staff also held a lovely brunch to raise funds for the organisation. Thank you to all staff involved. Special thanks to Ms Kim Dunn, Cathy Westwood, Zena and Ferris for their hard work and support of this special day.

PSSA students Proud!

Congratulations to PSSA students for their sportsmanship and efforts. I have seen many a smiling face and positive story about inter school soccer games in particular.

Mr Mark Holden and Ms Beth Fulton are doing a great job with the teams under their care. Congratulations to all.

Business Donation to Tempe PS

Expert Plumbing Business was part of the recent Festival 2044 and entertained children and adults alike. They used clear piping that allowed everyone to see the coloured water that flushed through the system.

Tempe PS would like to thank them for their generous donation which was their proceeds from the festival.



James and Eva with Ms Sinclair from Expert Plumbing

Communication within the School Community

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 or to express concern about the actions of other students.

In such cases the most appropriate action is to contact your child's class teacher by note, phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any concerns.

This aims to provide a strategy that ensures concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.

We ask for your support and remind you that no parent should approach another person's child.

Please take the opportunity to also read the attached school policy. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2014 DIARY DATES

Term 2

02/06 P&C Meeting
09/06 Queen's Birthday Public holiday
18/06 Stage 2 Nan Tien Tempe excursion
27/06 Last day Term

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Zone Cross Country News

Congratulations to all students who attended the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

More news and results will be outlined when Ms Albanakis returns from leave. Below is a recount of the day written by Max from 3/4M.

The Zone Cross Country

Last Wednesday 21st May the majority of students who gained a place in the school cross country went to the Zone Cross Country at Gough Whitlam Reserve. First we walked around the course. It was very different from the course our school did as it had to be changed because we weren't allowed to use the public footpath.

It was quite a tough and confusing track, especially the section where we had to run off down a hill and onto another path. Although every single student put in their best, I was the only person to get through to the Regional Cross Country but Mieke is second on the waiting list as she came 8th.

Overall I think everyone did great because everyone did their best and did not give up.

Consultation on strengthening Public Secondary Education in the Inner Sydney Area

The Department of Education and Communities is looking for community ideas and feedback as it considers how best to strengthen the provision of public secondary schooling in inner Sydney, especially from 2018 when projections indicate there will be a need for additional teaching and learning spaces in the area.

You are invited to visit

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation>

to find out more about the consultation, participate in online forums, RSVP to attend a community workshop and find out how to host your own "Kitchen Table Discussion" to gather opinions and feed them back into the consultation process.

Community workshops are being conducted from **6:30 - 8:30pm** on the following dates.

- Thursday, 29 May at Sydney Girls High School - Campbell Hall - Cleveland Street, Moore Park
- Tuesday, 3 June at Alexandria Park Community School - The Denzel - school hall - Park Road Campus, Alexandria
- Thursday 5 June at Sydney Secondary College – school hall - Blackwattle Campus, Taylor Street, Glebe

The majority of the workshop will be spent working in small groups to maximise the opportunity for you to discuss the issues and give feedback.

To register for a community workshop please go to www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation

If you are unable to attend one of the community workshops there are multiple other opportunities to participate and have your say. Visit the Department's website at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation to find out more.

The consultation period is from Friday 16 May – Friday 27 June 2014.

All members of the school community are encouraged to participate in and support this exciting initiative to help shape the future of public secondary school education in our area.

Pedestrian Safety Campaign Reminder

Please take a moment to consider the recently launched pedestrian safety awareness campaign.

It is in response to the veritable epidemic of pedestrians using electronic mobile devices when crossing the road.

It's entitled: DON'T TUNE OUT - STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK! We believe it speaks for itself.



Ms Carole Friday, Mr Hugh Miller and Mr Craig Dickson

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

P&C Federation Reforms Information

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>

Pet Help needed

One of our staff members requires someone to care for their pets, an old maltese terrier, a cat and a budgie, from the next holidays, while away for an extended holiday of 5 weeks.

Please see Joanna at the front office if you are able to help. Thank you.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

National Reconciliation Week – 27th May – 3rd June

National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of the First Australians.

World No Tobacco Day – 31st May

Every year, on 31 May, WHO and partners mark World No Tobacco Day, highlighting the health risks associated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. Tobacco kills nearly six million people each year, of which more than 600 000 are non-smokers dying from breathing second-hand smoke. The theme of this year's campaign is "Ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship".

Samoa Independence Day – 1st June

The Independent State of Samoa celebrates the Samoan Independence Day on June 1 every year. The day commemorates the date in 1962 when it achieved independence from New Zealand. Other than Samoa, it is also observed in other countries of the world, including Australia, New Zealand, and the United States.

National Whale Day 2013 – 1st June

Launched in 2008 by IFAW, National Whale Day is a celebration of the whales and dolphins that migrate to our coastlines annually and Australia's position as a world leader in whale conservation. National Whale Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of, and discuss solutions to, the threats facing whales and their environment including commercial whaling, threats posed from noise pollution, climate change, vessel strikes, marine debris and by-catch and entanglement.

Mabo Day – 3rd June

Mabo Day commemorates the anniversary of the 1992 High Court decision in the case brought by Eddie Mabo and others which recognised the existence in Australia of native title rights. The historic court decision buried the legal description of early Australia as 'terra nullius', or 'no man's land.'

Lailat al Miraj – 5th June

Lailat al Miraj is a Muslim holiday that commemorates the Prophet Muhammad's nighttime journey from Mecca to the 'Farthest Mosque' in Jerusalem where he ascended to heaven, was purified, and given the instruction for Muslims to pray five times daily.

World Environment Day – 5th June

World Environment Day celebration began in 1972 and has grown to become the one of the main vehicles through which the UN stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and encourages political attention and action. It is aimed at being the biggest and most widely celebrated global day for positive environmental action.