

# "Tempe Talk"



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Term 2 Week 7

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

### **Welcome to Ms Lekkas**

Tempe PS would like to welcome Ms Effie Lekkas who will be teaching the Pacific Islander Community Language program while Ms Kilisitina Vaitaiki is on leave.

Ms. Lekkas will replace Ms Vaitaiki each Monday and Tuesday to teach the Community Language program.

We are very fortunate as Ms Lekkas has experience teaching Community Language.

We would also like to thank Ms Kilisitina Vaitaiki for her consistent support and care of our students. She has become an integral part of our community in a very short period of time and we wish her good health and rest while awaiting the new addition to her family.

### **Student Perspective of Indigenous Veteran's Ceremony**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May some school leaders, SRC members and teachers from our school attended the Commemoration Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park.

When we got there we sat down on a small patch of grass. First was a traditional smoking ceremony which was used to pay respect to other aboriginal tribes and to keep the spirits away. Then there was the Acknowledgement of Country followed by a welcome dance. The governor The Honourable Marie Bashir gave a speech. Also a veteran latekia Smith spoke. This was followed by wreath laying and the ode.

After that was The Last Post, sacred silent and The Rouse. That ended the ceremony.

At the end we got our pictures taken with some officials and had a closer look at the wreaths.

I think it was a great experience for teachers and students and I hope we will do it again next year.

By Mieke VW



Tempe PS students at the Indigenous Veteran's Ceremony 2014

### **Upcoming School Walkathon**

I am very excited at the prospect of our second walkathon at Tempe Public School. I remember last year, walking the school grounds and chatting with students that were kind enough to slow down and discuss events of the term and the upcoming holidays with me. It was great fun!

Please be ready to participate again this year. It is a great way to finish what has been a very busy term. See you there!

Ms Karen Sinclair

### **2014 DIARY DATES**

#### Term 2

18/06 Stage 2 Nan Tien Tempe excursion  
19/06 Student School Reports home  
27/06 Tempe PS Walkathon  
27/06 Last day Term

#### Term 3

14/07 Staff return to school for professional learning  
15/07 Students return to school

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE**

### **The Band Program is coming to Tempe PS!**

**An information evening will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June at 6.30pm – all welcome.**

*'I would teach the children music, physics and philosophy; but the most important is music, for in the patterns of music are the keys to all learning.'* **Plato**

The school band has the support of the P&C and the school, and now we need you the parents to get involved, so please come along to the information evening to learn more about the formation of the Tempe Public School Band.

You will learn all you need to know about the requirements; including resources, costs and time commitments. It will only take about 30 minutes so please come and join us in discussing this exciting new music program.

### **School Holiday Ideas**

This school holidays directory provides a comprehensive list of what's on offer over the school holidays Australia wide. The website includes a wide range of kids activities and camps ranging from swimming lessons, sports camps, adventure sports, indoor and outdoor activities to theme parks, play centres, family holiday spots, vacation care facilities and much, much more. See [www.schoolholidaydirectory.com.au](http://www.schoolholidaydirectory.com.au) for more details.

### **School Group Photographs Reminder**

School Photographs for 2014 have been delivered to families. The following additional photographs are available for order:

- Year 6 (Formal Photo and Funny Photo)
- Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Student Leaders
- House Captains

Samples can be seen and order forms can be obtained from the office. Orders must be placed before the end of Term 2.

Ms Carole Priday, Mr Hugh Miller and Mr Craig Dickson

## **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Public Speaking Competition**

The Public Speaking Showcase Finals will be held on Friday 20 June 2014 (Week 8) in the hall. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 finals will be held at 10am. Years 3-6 will be held from 12pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the Public Speaking Showcase Finals. Congratulations to all the students who have participated in the Public

## **UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS**

### **World Day Against Child Labour – 12 June**

The International Organisation has chosen 12 June as World Day Against Child Labour to focus world attention on the urgent need to eradicate child labour. Child labour is a complex problem that requires comprehensive solutions driven by moral outrage, personal commitment, community determination and national action. This is a day to remember the children and to commemorate those who work to bring about a world without child labour. This is a day for employers, governments, workers' groups and civil society to renew their mandates to make the world a place where parents work and children go to school.

### **World Blood Donor Day – 14 June**

The first World Blood Donor Day was held in 2007 as a celebration of the contribution of hundreds of thousands of blood donors worldwide who give freely of their blood to save the lives of others. This day is held on the birthday of Karl Landsteiner who discovered the ABO blood group system. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1930.

### **Tuen Ng (Chinese) - 16 June**

The Dragon Boat Festival had been celebrated for the past 2,500 years. According to legend it commemorates the suicide by drowning of Qu Yuan, a famous poet and high-ranking Chinese official. Peasants in their dragon boats tried to save him and they threw rice dumplings into the water to prevent fish eating his body.

### **National Refugee Week - 15-21 June**

National Refugee Week is a time when attention can be drawn to the needs of refugees both here and around the world and to how Australian and Australians can contribute to ensuring their protection. The Refugee Council of Australia is the key organisation behind this observance.

### **International Day of the African Child – 16 June**

Formerly known as Soweto Day and South African Youth Day, this day commemorates 16 June, 1976, when some 30,000 high school students began a march to protest against racism in the South African government and the inferior quality education system for black students. One of the student demands was that they were taught in their own language. This day commemorates all those youth who were fatally shot or wounded in the fight to abolish apartheid in South Africa.