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Term 2 Week 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Holidays are on the way!

As outlined last week, Term 2 at Tempe has been very busy. Thank you one and all for your support and hard work in many different ways. It makes our school community very special.

Please enjoy a rest and take the time to share and create some new and special family memories.

As Term 2 draws to a close I would like to remind you **that students return to school on Tuesday 15th July.**

Payment Packages for Term 3

Tempe Public School will continue to incorporate voluntary contributions as part of the Grade Payment Package.

This payment package for Term 3 will be sent home tomorrow.

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.

Great Time Had By all on Stage 2 Excursion

Congratulations Stage 2 students on your excursion behaviour earlier this week. From what I have heard, a great time was had by all.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2014 DIARY DATES

Term 2

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
28/07 ICAS English this week
29/07 School Athletics Carnival
07/08 Kindergarten excursion
13/08 Zone Athletics Carnival
15/08 P&C Trivia Night
18/08 Week of Book Fair
10/09 Showcase Concert

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Multicultural Speaking Competition Held at Tempe

The Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition Local Finals was held at our school on Tuesday 24 June.

Congratulations to our school representatives
Claire O, Karl vW, Tommy W and Jacob D.

Additional congratulations to Claire O, pictured below, on winning the Stage 2 Competition.



Special thanks to Ms Kate McDonald for her commitment, organisation and hard work in coordinating the program at a school and inter school level. A wonderful job and the students have clearly benefitted.

Showcase 2014

Students and teachers are starting to plan and practise items based on the theme "Around The World In 80 Minutes".

The Showcase will celebrate culture, music and dance from all over the world with every student being involved.

Please refer to Term 3 Payment Packages for more



information. Future newsletters will also include information about the upcoming event.

Keep our kids safe near roads

School holiday time is a great opportunity for families to have conversations with their children about road safety. Here are some important tips for families to talk about.

- Hold your child's hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children should hold an adult's hand up until they are eight years old.
- **Stop, Look, Listen, and Think!**
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your child exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Thousands of families will be on the roads setting off on road trips these holidays. As more people use our roads, it increases the risk of road trauma!

Here are some useful road safety tips to make sure your family's journey is a safe one:

- Set off on a long trip feeling refreshed. Sleep well before travelling.
- Drive at times you'd normally be awake. Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours.
- Observe the speed limit and drive to the conditions. Take your time and enjoy the scenery.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Secure your mobile in a fixed cradle mount and operate hands free or via Bluetooth only.

Pack some quiet activities for the children such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones

Visit the Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW for more information about keeping safe on or near roads.

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/index.html>

Last Call for School Walkathon

Excitement is building at the prospect of our second walkathon at Tempe Public School. It will be 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 Carole Friday, Mr Hugh Miller and Mr Craig Dickson

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Tempe Public School Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Tempe Public School Public Speaking Competition. Finals were held on Friday 20th June and the audience of students, parents and teachers were treated to an entertaining day of incredible speeches by the competitors. All speakers should be very proud of themselves.

Year 3:

1st Place: Karl vW

Highly Commended: Qwali M and Freya I

Year 4:

1st Place: Claire O

Highly Commended: Ruby V and Amy K

Year 5:

1st Place: Leila C

Highly Commended: Meike vW and Tommy W

Year 6:

1st Place: Jacob D

Highly Commended: Samantha H and Raymond T

On Tuesday 24th June, Tempe Public School was host to the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Sydney Local Finals.

Congratulations to Karl vW, Claire O, Tommy W and Jacob D who represented Tempe Public School and delivered outstanding speeches. A special congratulations to Claire O who was awarded 1st place in the Stage 2 competition. Claire will go on to represent the local area in August.

Thank you to all teachers, parents and students who helped organise the 2014 Tempe Public Speaking Competition.

Ms Kate McDonald

Stage 3 "Great Aussie Bush Camp" Reminder

Thank you to all the Stage 3 students and their families who have returned their Expression of Interest and deposit for the Stage 3 camp coming up in August.

There are still a small number of places available for the camp, so payments will still be accepted up until all places are filled OR the end of Term 2.

Parents are advised that they are welcome to contact the school office to make alternative payment arrangements if necessary.

Further details regarding the camp will be sent home with those students who are attending early in Term 3.



UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Red Nose Day - 27 June

Funds raised on Red Nose Day go to support research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) being undertaken by the Children's Hospital, Westmead.

International Tartan Day – 1 July

On this day in 1782 the British Act of Parliament that made the wearing of tartan punishable with seven years transportation was repealed. Prior to this almost two generations (1747-1782) of men and boys had been forbidden by law to wear Highland Dress (tartan).

Salvation Army Founder's Day – 2 July

Founder's Day is the anniversary of the first Tent Meeting where the Salvation Army's founder, William Booth preached. This first public meeting was held at the Quaker Burial Ground, Whitechapel in 1865.

Independence Day (USA) - 4 July

This USA public holiday is regarded as the birthday of the United States separating from Great Britain to become a free and independent nation. It commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776 by the leaders of the 13 British colonies spread along the eastern seaboard of what is now the United States of America.