FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Reverse Interviews Success
Congratulations and thank you to all involved in the Reverse Interviews that were held last week. It was great to see so many parents sharing information with teachers and prior information from questionnaires directing constructive discussions.

Teachers are available throughout the year to discuss student progress on a needs basis. Teachers often have many before and after school commitments so it is important to contact your child’s class teacher via the front office or a note to make an appointment if a meeting is necessary.

Update of Health Care Plans
The school is currently updating health plans for students with anaphylaxis. By law action plans for anaphylaxis are now required to be updated annually.

Health Care Plans are also recommended for severe asthmatics. Please contact the school if your child requires regular asthma medication at school.

CREATE East
Sydney Region schools are invited to nominate students to take part in Create East’s 2013 production “JUNKYARD GARDEN”.

This regional initiative is a three-day workshop, culminating in an integrated, high quality performance. Information packages are available from the front office.

We Need Your Help
Please help us by not waiting outside the classrooms for lengthy periods. It can become very distracting for students and they may miss important instructions from their teachers. Thank you for helping us out!

After Hours Duty of Care
It is great to see students using our facilities after hours but parents are reminded to please supervise accordingly to keep students safe.
Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 1
18/02 After School Sport (Ms Layton-Marshall)
19/02 After School Sport (Mrs McDougall)
25/02 After School Sport (Ms Panigiris)
26/02 After School Sport (Ms Sofias)
27/02 Zone Swimming Carnival
1/03 School Clean Up Australia Day
3/03 Clean Up Australia Day
04/03 After School Sport (Ms Tonpi)
04/03 P&C Meeting
05/03 After School Sport (Ms Vaitaiki)
07/03 Regional swimming carnival
09/03 Summer PSSA ends
11/03 School photos
11/03 After School Sport (Ms Layton-Marshall)
12/03 After School Sport (Ms Redmond)
14/03 Stage 2/3 excursion
14/03 Yr 7 2014 Selective high school placement test
18/03 After School Sport (Ms Panigiris)
19/03 After School Sport (Mrs McDougall)
19/03 Harmony Week
25/03 After School Sport (Ms Tonpi)
26/03 After School Sport (Ms Sofias)
29/03 Good Friday public holiday
30/03 Earth Hour
01/04 Easter Monday public holiday
08/04 P&C Meeting
12/04 Last day Term 1

Term 2
29/04 School Development Day 2 (staff return)
30/04 School Development Day 3
01/04 All students return Term 2
06/05 School X Country carnival
06/05 P&C Meeting
14/05 Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
15/05 Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
16/05 Yr 3/5 NAPLAN
20/05 Zone X Country
03/06 P&C Meeting
10/06 Queen’s Birthday public holiday
14/06 Regional X Country
28/06 Last day Term 2
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

MindQuest 2013 – Saturday 6 – Sunday 7th April
Held at St George Girls HS in Kogarah, the MindQuest Program offers 37 exciting courses for gifted and talented students in Years 1-6. This fast paced, challenging program is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities. More information and application forms are available from the office.

What Matters? 2013 Writing Competition
“What Matters?” allows students from Years 5-12 in NSW and ACT a chance to say what matters to them in society today, in a 400-600 word opinion piece. There are cash prizes for all four age categories. Entry forms are available from the office.

School Photographs
The School Photographer envelopes will be sent home with each student at the start of Week 5 this term.

School Photo Day will be Monday 11 March. Each student is required to bring a completed envelope on the day. These will be handed directly to the photographer.

No change will be available for envelopes on the day.

Ms Carole Frady and Mr Hugh Miller

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Tempe Public School gets Trashed and Smashed!
On Friday 15th February Tempe Public School was treated to the arrival of two new car trays for part of the Stage 3 Visual Arts program for 2013. These former car bodies along with a complete car (soon to come) will slowly be transformed into works of art for the school as permanent art sculptures. Special thanks to Steve & Tina Mickovski parents of Brandon Mickovski who kindly donated these structures to the school from their family business Bellevue Crash Repairs.

Please note that these structures are totally out of bounds. Please feel free to view them when work commences later in the term. Mr Williams & Class 5/6 W.

Special thanks also to the “crew” that assisted in the placement of the ute trays including Mr Mark Holden and Mr Hugh Miller.

Library News
Congratulations to all the students who area now in the routine of borrowing from the library each week. The only requirement to borrow is that students must have a bag for library use. There are numerous options available including home reading bags, calico bags, draw string bags or shopping bags. Thank you to parents for your encouragement and support.

DULWICH HIGH SCHOOL Open Night.
Please be advised that the Open Night for prospective students will be held on Wednesday 27th February at 6pm.

Sydney Dental Hospital
Sydney Dental Hospital offers a full range of general and specialist clinical services. Eligible patients include persons less than 18 years of age and adults who hold a health care, concession or commonwealth seniors card. For more information please collect a brochure from the school office.
SPORT NEWS

Sydney East School Sport
Did you know that your school sporting Zone/District now has a website where you can access information about your local Zone/District school sporting activities? To find out more, go to sessazones.com

to find out information about -
    Member Schools
    Code of Conduct
    Calendar
    Zone/District Executive
    State Draws and Results
    School Sports Guidelines
    Footwear for Athletics and Cross Country
    Medical Insurance
    Teacher Resources
    Opportunities for Students with Disabilities

The website also provides links to
www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au . This site provides information relating to Sydney East SSA and NSWPSSA/NSWCHSSA activities.

Recent celebrations and events

Lantern Festival (Chinese) - 21 February
The Chinese Lantern Festival occurs on the night of the first full moon of the lunar year. It is believed that the spirits can be seen flying about on this night so that people go out with lanterns to look for them. On this night children walk through the streets carrying lanterns.

International Mother Language Day - 21 February
International Mother Language Day aims to promote linguistic diversity and multilingual education, and raise awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. This day was launched by UNESCO in 1999.

P&C NEWS

School Banking
We are thinking of starting up a School Banking Program at Tempe Public, where children learn about having a bank account and how to save money. This involves a volunteer run branch of the Commonwealth Bank opening before school for 1/2 hour in the school grounds once a week where children can deposit money and learn to save.

For your child to take part in this, parents need to open a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for them. This is a Commonwealth Bank initiative, more details can be found at:

School Banking Survey
Before we embark on this project, we need to gauge the interest in the school community, as the bank is run by volunteers. We will only start if we get enough positive feedback for the idea. If you would like to see this at our school, please either complete this form and hand it in to the canteen, email tempc-p@hotmail.com

I_____________________________ parent of

_________________________ Class _______ would like

my child to take part in school banking.

Thanks Ivan
Responsible Accompanying Adult
- ALL students attending the disco must be accompanied and under the supervision of a responsible adult (parent or guardian), aged 18 or older.
- The P & C cannot take responsibility or duty of care for students attending without adult supervision.
- Any child who attends without an adult will not be allowed to stay and a parent will be called to collect them.

EntryPass "Lei" Necklace
- Your Necklace is your ticket and every child attending must wear it.
- Their responsible adults phone number must be printed on it.
- Necklaces will be supplied in advance and your child cannot attend without one.
- Younger non-school age siblings can attend for free but they will still need a necklace.
- Necklaces will not be available on the night.
- Any child not wearing a necklace will not be admitted.

THE SKINNY
Please complete, sign and return with money to the canteen no later than Tuesday 5th March.

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HIPSTER HELPERS
I _________________________ would like to volunteer to help on the night.
I can help (please circle): Setup  During the Disco  Packdown  Make Cupcakes

DASTARDLY DISCLAIMER
I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Signed .............................................................................................................