FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Clean Up Australia Day
We will be holding a School Clean Up day on Friday 1 March. Classes will clean up different sections of the school. A few minutes from each class should ensure our playground is looking great and remind the students of the importance of looking after our local environment.

I have been very impressed with the overall presentation and cleanliness of the playground in my short time at Tempe Public School. Congratulations to all students! Well done on a solid team effort.

Smooth Sailing at Friday PSSA
Congratulations yet again to all the soft ballers that participated in last Fridays games. I continue to hear of your good sportsmanship, support for team mates and cooperation with staff. A winning combination!

Special thanks to Mrs Dianne Tonpi for travelling to the games with the students and umpiring in Ms Priddy’s absence.

Congratulations and Good Luck Swimmers
Good luck to our school swim team who will be representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

I am hoping to spend a short time at the carnival to cheer you on if my schedule permits.

Such events are only possible due to intense organisation from many school personnel and the support of parents. Thank you to all parents involved in preparing and transporting the swimmers to the meet.

Ms Carole Friday and Ms Elena Albanakis must be acknowledged for their efforts in the organisation and management of our team and also Mr Mark Holden for being the convener of the meet.

Congratulations Mr Holden on liaising and communicating with all schools to ensure a successful carnival.

School Photographs Update
The School Photographer envelopes for individual student have been sent home with each student this week.

Family photographs are also available. The envelope to order a family photograph is titled “Sibling Photograph” on the envelope and can be requested from your child’s class teacher.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2013 DIARY DATES

Term 1
27/02 Zone Swimming Carnival
1/03 School Clean Up Australia Day
3/03 Clean Up Australia Day
04/03 After School Sport (Mrs Tonpi)
04/03 P&C Meeting
05/03 After School Sport (Mrs Vaitaike)
07/03 Regional Swimming Carnival
08/03 Summer PSSA ends
11/03 School Photo day
11/03 After School Sport (Mrs Layton- Marshall)
12/03 After School Sport (Mrs Redmond)
14/03 Stage 2/3 excursion
14/03 Yr 7 2014 Selective high school placement test
18/03 After School Sport (Mrs Panigiris)
19/03 After School Sport (Mrs McDougall)
19/03 Harmony Week
25/03 After School Sport (Mrs 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
01/05 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

Limit Nuts Please!
We have a number of students in the school who have potentially life-threatening allergies, particularly to peanuts/nuts and common peanut/nut-based products such as Nutella and peanut butter. For this reason we ask families to try and minimise giving students’ food that contains peanuts/nuts and to actively discourage students from sharing any food at school. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this important health issue.

Medical Conditions
Please ensure a health plan is prepared for your child if he or she has a medical condition that may require intervention or attention at school, even if no medication is required. See Ms Sinclair if you require further details.

TIME TO START SCHOOL Family Guide to Starting Kindergarten
School is compulsory:
The law states that all children must go to school. When children miss school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken and they can lose confidence. They also miss out on building their friendships. All of these factors can affect their attitude towards school and their achievement.

If your child arrives at school late you need to go to the office to sign your child in. This is the same process if you are taking your child out of school early for any reason.

If your child is going to be away from school for 2 or more days please let the school office and class teacher know. You still need to write a note when your child returns.

Writing notes:
If your child has missed school, you will need to write a note with the following information:
- Your child’s name and class
- The reason and date/s your child was away
- Any additional information as needed.

Your child should give the note to the class teacher when he/she returns to school.

Ms Carole Friday and Mr Hugh Miller.

CONGRATULATIONS ISABELLE!
Congratulations to Isabelle in 5/6L who recently successfully auditioned for the NSW State Singers Ensemble 2013. We look forward to hearing of your upcoming performances and hope to support and enjoy the performances with you.

Library News
Congratulations to all the students who are 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.

Reminder: 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.

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.

Purim (Jewish) - 24 February
Purim is the celebration of the Jews’ deliverance from genocide in Persia, where the Prime Minister Haman had vowed to exterminate them, around 470BC. On this day Jews read the Purim story from the Scroll of Esther, the Jewish queen and heroine who saved her people. Purim is celebrated by giving charity to the poor, sending gifts of food to friends, wearing fancy dress costumes and enjoying a festive meal.

P&C NEWS
P&C Meeting: Monday 4th March 7-9pm

Venue: Staffroom

All invited, especially parents who are new to the school. Please feel welcome to come along and have a say in how we can improve the school’s learning environment for our children.

The main agenda items are:
• Principal’s report
• School Banking survey results
• Canteen staffing and online ordering
• Introduction of a School Band and learning musical instruments
• Clarity on uniforms

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
- The new Playground - where we are up to and how we plan to market for sponsorship
- 150th Birthday Celebrations update
- Spanish lessons possibility
- Disco Pasifika Friday 8th March
- Working Bee Saturday 23rd March - Terracing Abby's Garden and ongoing work on the Vegetable Patch

I hope to see you there.
Thanks, Ivan Smith
P&C Secretary
tempep-c@hotmail.com

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Life Drawing

The National Art School is pleased to offer a Life Drawing Course in conjunction with Dulwich Hill High School of Visual Arts & Design. The course is open to all levels of experience and is designed to enhance your drawing skills and develop your visual language, by focussing on the life model. All models will be nude or semi-nude. The course is taught by eminent artist Dr David Briggs.

COURSE: This is a 6 week course, 6 – 9 pm on Thursday nights from 2 May – 6 June, 2013 at Dulwich Hill High School of Visual Arts and Design

FEE: $400 or $360 for early bird discount, full time students or concession card holders.

INFORMATION: To check on availability of course places call the National Art School Student Services on 02 9339 8741 or email enquiries@nas.edu.au

REGISTRATIONS: Fill in registration form (see overleaf) and send, fax or email to the National Art School.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT DATE: 21 March, 2013