FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

AMAZING RESULT for Tempe Tip Top Shavers
What an exciting week it has been indeed. The World’s Greatest Shave has been an incredible success at Tempe Public School. The community has been spectacularly generous by donating in excess $4,000, particularly since the Monday afternoon “colouring and shaving”. If you missed this activity please take a few moments to look at photos with someone who was present at the time. With smart phones everywhere, the action was caught from many angles.

The World’s Greatest Shave helps The Leukaemia Foundation support people with blood cancer and fund important research.

Special thanks must go to many people. Firstly, Selina Martin who approached me for our school to be involved. Clearly without her initiative the Tempe Tip Top Shavers would not have existed in 2013.

Secondly, congratulations and thank you to our team members who had their hair shaved and coloured. Special thanks to their supporters and sponsors.

And last but not least thank you to Dianne Tonpi for assisting Selina Martin and finding us our barber for the afternoon.

Joshua Tonpi, our barber, was not only professional and patient but rearranged his schedule to support the team. Thank you Joshua.

Isabelle (5/6L) who successfully auditioned for selection in the CREATE East project for 2013. Isabelle will participate in a number of workshops that culminates in a spectacular performance at The Seymour Centre.

Deonte (4/5M) who has been selected to participate in trials for the U 12 South Sydney Basketball team. Good luck Deonte.

Joe (5/6L), Brandon (5/6L), Billy (5/6L), Anthony (5/6L), Teki (5/6W), Yianni (5/6W), Liam (5/6W), Charley (5/6W) and Kyle (4/5M) who represented Tempe Public School at the recent South Sydney Rugby League trials.

Joe, Brandon, Billy, Teki, Liam and Yianni will now compete on April 9th in a bid to be selected as part of the U 11 or U 12 Sydney East team. The Sydney East teams will then participate in a State Rugby League Carnival.

EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR
Congratulations yet again to the students of Tempe Public School and their teachers who attended the performance I Am Jack” last Thursday.

Feedback from the supervising teachers explained that other members of the audience commented on the fabulous behaviour of our students.

YOUR SUPPORT REQUIRED
To keep all our students safe and our neighbours happy please ensure that you park in an appropriate parking space.

We have received recent complaints from frustrated neighbours who cannot get in or out of their driveways.

Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Ms Karen Sinclair
2013 DIARY DATES

Term 1
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 (staff off site)
30/04  School Development Day
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

HEALTH MATTERS
If your child is sick at school
If your child gets sick or injured at school, the school will contact you and seek the necessary medical attention. If your child is mildly ill they will go to sick bay, which is near the school office where they can lie down and be monitored. You will be called to come and pick them up should this be necessary. For this reason you should always keep your current contact details up-to-date with the school.

Creative Arts Groups
Creative Arts Groups start today for all students in Years 1 – 6. Students have been placed in a group according to their nominated preferences. The courses running this year are as follows:

Year 1/2 Groups
Painting and Drawing – Miss McDonald
Dance – Mrs McDougall
Clay Modelling – Mrs Panigiris
Drama – Ms Sofios

Year 3 - 6 Groups
Painting and Drawing – Ms Priday
3D Model Building – Mr Holden
Origami – Mrs Ko
Dance – Mrs Layton-Marshall
Textiles and Embroidery – Mrs Tonpi
Film Making – Mr Williams and Mr Miller

The Creative Arts Groups will be working towards preparing exhibits and performances for the school’s 150th anniversary celebrations in Term 3.

Marrickville Children’s Festival
This Saturday (23rd March) the Tempe PS Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing at the Marrickville Children’s Festival. We invite our school community to come along and enjoy the festivities! It will be a fun day.

Where: Marrickville West PS (Cnr Livingstone Rd and Beauchamp St Marrickville)
When: Festival starts from 10 am
Choir performances - 12:30 – 1:30 outside the hall

Ms Carole Priday and Mr Hugh Miller.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Easter Holiday Road Safety Tips (Part 2)
Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and that it’s important they are supervised in the traffic environment. Please remember to:

Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
Help your children 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.

Easter /ANZAC double demerit period
Double demerit points apply to all speeding and seatbelt offences from Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April inclusive. Demerits also apply in the ANZAC period 24-28 April inclusive.

RECENT CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Harmony Day - 21 March
Harmony Day is a celebration of Australian Multiculturalism. It is a day for all Australians to celebrate our cultural diversity, take a stand against racism, share the values of Australian democracy and promote community harmony. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations’ International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Autumn Equinox (Southern Hemisphere) - 21 March
Equinox marks the time when the sun crosses the plane of the earth’s equator giving equal hours of day and night.
World Day for Water – 22 March
World Day for Water focuses the world’s attention on the importance of sustaining a safe supply of drinking water, increasing public awareness about the importance of conservation, preservation and the protection of water resources by increasing the participation and cooperation of governments, international agencies, non-government organisations and the private sector.

National Ride to School Day - 25 March
This annual day encourages staff and students attending metropolitan and regional schools to ride their bikes to school. It is a day to focus on bicycle safety and the positive aspects of pedal power on the environment.

Neighbour Day – 27 March
Neighbour Day began in Melbourne, Victoria in 2003 following community concern after an elderly woman was found dead in her home two years after her death. In 2007, Neighbour Day became a global event being endorsed by the UN Secretary-General, Mr Kofi Annan.

P&C NEWS
Canteen
Place Future Advance Orders at the canteen
Parents are more than welcome to place an order and pay for days or weeks in advance to save you having to come in to the canteen each morning.

Order from home
Write your child's name, class and lunch order onto a paper bag, enclose the money and ask your child to deliver it to the canteen. This saves you needing to queue for the canteen in the morning.

Thanks Cathy and Mel for your wonderful work.

Hot Cross Bun Drive
It's been great to hear of so many families getting involved in this fundraiser.

Please hand your completed order forms with money enclosed to the canteen on or before this Friday 22nd March.

Hot Cross Buns will be delivered to your child’s class on Wednesday 27th March.

Working Bee Saturday 23rd March 1pm-4pm
Everyone Welcome - Please Come Along.
We will be
- terracing Abby's Garden,
- working on the Vege Patch,
- cleaning up some of the rubbish located around the school perimeter.

Please bring along your gloves, mattocks, forks, shovels and wheelbarrows on the day.