From the Principal
Welcome to all of our new families who have joined us and especially our new Kindergarten families. We have a very busy term ahead of us and hopefully all information will be relayed efficiently via the Tempe talk and the school website at: www.tempe.p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Reverse Parent Teacher Afternoon
An important event at the beginning of each year is the Reverse Parent Teacher Afternoon. This year it will be:
From: 3:00 – 5:30pm
On: Thursday 16th February
In: classrooms.

The purpose of this meeting is for families to inform the teacher about their child, their after school commitments, talents and any other appropriate information. Please make a time with your child’s teacher for this date using the tear off application included later in this Tempe Talk.

2012 SPORTS IN SCHOOLS
This professional sports coaching program is running every Thursday morning with K-2 at 9:00 – 9:45 and years 3-6 at 9:45 – 10:30. The cost for this program is $40/child/10 week program and free for the 3rd child. Please ensure that your child has paid this amount as soon as possible.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Two kinds of assemblies take place throughout the school week.
• Every morning from 8:55-9:00 morning assembly takes place. At this assembly reminder notices and changes to the daily routine are communicated.
• On Fridays 2:15-3:00 the whole school assemblies to recognise student achievements, provide performance opportunities and celebrate special events.

Our first formal assembly will be to induct our 2012 School Leaders: Captains, Vice-captains, Prefects, Sports Captains and Vice-captains, will be:
From: 2:15-3:00
On: Friday 17th February
All parents are invited to all assemblies.

Staffing News
• Mr David Woods has joined our staff and is the class teacher of 1/2W
• Mrs Maree Hitchcox is working Mondays – Thursdays this year with 3/4A with Mrs Maria Kolovos teaching the class every Friday
• Mrs Christy Ko will be teaching Reading recovery and supporting students k-2 with learning difficulties
• Mr Hugh Miller is a support teacher this year, working with targeted groups across K-6 either who have difficulty with specific areas of their learning or need extension
• Mr Andrew Forrest will be teaching Vietnamese Studies this year
• Mrs Claudia Seijas is still overseas attending to her very ill mother and Mr Mark Holden will be taking Pacific Studies until her return
• Mrs Edwina McDougall will be teaching Asian Studies and taking 5/6P when Ms Carole Priday relieves as principal from term 2
• Mrs Melissa Spelta will be on maternity leave from 30th April and 1/2S will be taught by Ms Martina Madoery for the rest of 2012
• Mrs Jenny Liessmann will be retiring at the end of term 1 and Mrs Carole Priday will be relieving principal for the rest of 2012.

Congratulations to the following senior students who were successful in gaining election to the following Student Leadership roles:

Captains: Alison Chang, James Hawthorne
Vice Captains: Katelyn Liutai, Hugo Carr
Prefects: Rissa Bahar, Felicity Bryder,
Amy Vagi, Justin Hi

Leaders will be inducted at a special assembly at 2:15 on Friday 17th February, 2012 in the hall.

The first duty of these school leaders is to attend the official Sydney Regional Opening of the 2012 School Year in Angel Place, Sydney. This year Ms Carole Priday and Ms Sonia Layton will act as mentor for the leaders.
Bike Racks
We now can accommodate 10 pushbikes on our new racks. These have been installed on the southern wall of the canteen in the ‘Out of Bounds’ area. Children who ride bikes/ scooters to school MUST wear helmets and supply their own chains and locks for security.

Uniform Shop
Thanks to those members of the community who ‘man’ our uniform shop. By volunteering their time, these community members allow for our uniforms to remain very reasonably priced without adding the retail mark-up necessary if sold in commercial shops.

The Uniform Shop is located near the office and is open Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:45-10am. Outside of those times, order forms can be obtained from the school office and orders placed through class collection folders. Articles of uniform will then be delivered to your child once the uniform shop processes the order. Please keep all receipts for items of uniform purchased as you can claim that cost as a tax deduction.

If you would like to help out in the Uniform Shop please leave your details either with the volunteers in the Uniform Shop or at the canteen.

After school activities
Many activities occur beyond the school day hours. These include:

- **Active After School Sports.** This free program operates every Monday and Tuesday afternoon 3-4:15. Contact Mrs Kristie Redmond on K/1R.
- **Activities Centre Tempe (ACT).** Before and After School Care provided by Helen Pentecost every day. 0400 316 333
- **Science Club.** Every Thursdays 3:15 – 4:15 operated by ACT. Small cost. Contact Helen Pentecost 0400 316 333
- **Imagination Theatre.** Every Thursday 3:15 – 4:15 in hall. Small cost. Contact Francisca vanWel on 0413 643 711
- **Karate.** Every Monday and Thursday 5-9pm in school hall. Fees due. Contact Doug Turnbull.

2012 Book Packs
All students require book packs in order to participate in classwork. Kindergarten, year 1, 2, 3 and 4 cost $15 and years 5 and 6 cost $25. Please order through your child’s class teacher and keep the receipt for your 2012 tax return.

Senior Excursion
On 20, 21 and 22 March years 5 and 6 will travel by bus to Bathurst to supplement their studies of the Australian Gold Rush during the 1850’s.

We look forward to hearing about their experiences and hopefully will be able to fund our new swimming pool from the finds in their gold panning efforts!

See Mrs Priday or Mrs Layton for detailed information regarding this excursion.

Scripture 2012
Scripture classes will commence this week for Years 1-6, every Tuesday from 2:15 - 3:00. Options for Scripture classes are Protestant (Years 1-6), Roman Catholic (Years 1-6) and Ethics (Years 5/6).

Students who elect not to participate in Scripture complete supervised activities in Non-Scripture groups. Scripture classes for 2012 will be formed based on last year’s classes, and Year 1 students will be placed according to information given on school enrolment forms. If you wish to change your child’s Scripture placement, please notify the class teacher in writing.

Mr Hugh Miller
Assistant Principal – Scripture coordinator

Canteen News
In order to speed up the ordering process in the mornings parents are asked to please complete their child’s lunch order before handing the bag to the canteen. Cathy and Mel will have bags, pens and menus available at the canteen window for parents to use.

Any parent or community member who is willing to assist with making lunches in the canteen will be warmly welcomed, even if the offer is available only once/ week. Please let the canteen staff know if you are interested. Unfortunately, due to industrial regulations, pre-schoolers are not allowed in the canteen.

Garden Working Bee
The working bee will be held on Sunday 4th March. Thanks to the van Wel family for their gardening efforts outside 1/2W last weekend – much appreciated!
**Creative and Performing Arts Groups (CAPA)**

Semester 1 (terms 1 & 2) CAPA groups will commence this week for all students occurring every Wednesday from 2:15 - 3:00. Toward the end of term 2 new groups will be formed for the second semester.

If you would like to assist with a particular CAPA group, please advise the teacher for that group. A huge thank you already to Janet Rockcliffe and Marcus Pheelan for volunteering their talents for our CAPA groups.

The following teachers will be coordinating CAPA groups:

- **Kindergarten:**
  - Mrs Thatcher
  - Mrs Redmond

- **Year 1 & 2:**
  - Mrs Albanakis – Drama
  - Mrs Ko - Choir
  - Mrs Spelta - Dance
  - Mr Woods - Drawing and Painting

- **Years 3-6:**
  - Mrs Hitchcox – Percussion
  - Ms Layton – Dance
  - Mrs McMahon – Ukulele
  - Mr Miller - Photography and Film
  - Ms Priday - Drawing and Painting
  - Mrs Tonpi – Textiles
  - Mr Williams - Drama

**School Counselling Services**

Our school counsellor is available for parents who would like to discuss their child’s progress, socially or academically; family issues which effect their child’s schooling or issues of another nature.

Mrs Wendy Griffiths is available fortnightly on a Thursday beginning this Thursday 16th February. Please make an appointment through the school office on 9558-3780.

**SPENCER PASSES AWAY**

On January 16th 2012 “SPENCER” the diamond python from 3/4W passed away.

During the holidays I was frequently visiting to check on him and to maintain his consistent friendly handling behaviour. His death came as quite a shock and the reptile specialist who we purchased Spencer from seems to think his death was due to an infection.

Spencer was the first ever reptile for Tempe school and on behalf of 3/4W and the school, may he rest in peace. His place of resting is located at the back of the 3/4W class in the garden. In time we may look into purchasing another reptile.

Mr. Williams
4/5W Teacher

**2012 Diary Dates**

*Please continue to check this list of dates because as dates become available they will be added.*

- 13/02  Tempe Talk #1 distributed
- 14/02  Scripture & Ethics classes begin
- 15/02  Creative @ Performing Arts groups begin K-6
- 16/02  Sports in Schools K-6 @ 9:00
- 16/02  Sydney Region Opening of 2012 School Year – school student leaders
- 16/02  Reverse Parent/ Teacher afternoon @ 3-5:30
- 17/02  Student Leaders' Induction assembly @ 2:15
- 23/02  Sports in Schools @ 9:00
- 27/02  Tempe Talk #2 distributed
- 29/02  Tempe PS Swimming Carnival @ Petersham
- 01/03  Selective HS Test centres advised to parents
- 01/03  Yr 5/6 Picasso & Colonial Sydney excursion
- 01/03  Sports in Schools
- 02/03  Clean Up Australia Day @ Tempe
- 04/03  Community Clean Up Australia @ Tempe
- 05/03  P&C meeting
- 07/03  South Sydney Zone Swimming carnival
- 08/03  3/4A & 4/5W Religions of the World Excursion
- 08/03  Sports in Schools
- 12/03  School Photographs K-6
- 12/03  Tempe Talk #3 distributed
- 14/03  Premiers Sporting Challenge Sports Leaders Day @ Wilkins PS
- 15/03  2013 Selective HS Test day
- 15/03  Sports In Schools
- 16/03  Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival
- 20/03  5/6 Camp @ Bathurst
- 21/03  5/6 Camp @ Bathurst
- 22/03  5/6 Camp @ Bathurst
- 22/03  Sports in Schools
- 26/03  Tempe Talk #4 distributed
- 29/03  Sports in Schools
- 30/03  Harmony Day observations including assembly
- 30/03  P&C Movie Night
- 02/04  P&C Meeting
- 05/04  Sports In Schools
- 05/04  Last day term 1

**Term 2**

- 24/04  First day term 2 – All students return
- 29/06  Last day term 2

**Term 3**

- 17/07  First day term 3 – All students return
- 21/08  Last Day term 3

**Term 4**

- 09/10  First day term 4 – All students return
- 19/12  Last day term 4
- 20/12  Summer school holidays begin for students
Reverse Parent/Teacher Afternoon - Thursday 16th February 2012

I would like to book a time to speak with my child's teacher;

Mr/ Mrs/ Ms __________________________________________

from 3:00-5:30pm on Thursday 16th February, 2012.

Parent's Name: ________________________________

Child's Name: ___________________________ Class:

Please circle your preferred time slot:

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While every effort will be made to accommodate your preference, it cannot be guaranteed.

Email Addresses

The Tempe P&C are collecting email addresses for families in order to improve communication streams. If you would like to volunteer your email contact details, please return the tear off below to the canteen as soon as possible.

Family Name: ________________________________________________

Student's Name(s) and 2012 class(es): ___________________________
R.I.P "SPENCER"
January 16th 2012 (aged 5 years)
3/4W's Diamond Python