



# TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL

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TERM 1  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Looking back over the first term we had a busy term with a full range of activities and events including our Harmony Day, Year 7 Peer Support Camp and P&C movie night. All events were extremely successful and help define the culture of our school. In addition our year 12 students have just finished their half yearly assessment period and will be getting valuable feedback early next term on ways to further improve their performance from their teachers.

I am pleased to announce that Ms Pinnington-Wilson has gained through merit selection the position of Deputy Principal (DP). She will look after years 7, 9 and 11 whilst our other DP, Ms Fountoulis looks after years 8, 10 and 12.

I would like to thank Ms Evangelinos for doing an excellent job as Acting Deputy Principal and ensuring that the school had a smooth first term. Additionally thanks go to Ms Palmer who has relieved as Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts in first term.

Our Website will be updated at the beginning of term 2 and will include details of assessment dates for years 7, 11 and 12. We are working towards providing details for years 8, 9 and 10 at some stage in term 2.

The first two days of term will be staff development days with staff devoting time to planning for the introduction of the Australian Curriculum into years 7 and 9 in 2014. Students will start term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

I wish all students a relaxing holiday and am sure they should be recharged and ready for an exciting term of learning and challenges in term 2

**Socrates Dassaklis**  
Principal



### Important dates:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 1 May   | Students first day of Term 2. ANZAC Day assembly, recognition assembly |
| 6 May   | Assessment weeks for years 7 9 and 11 begin                            |
| 14 May  | )  |
| 15 May  | ) NAPLAN tests   |
| 16 May  | )  |
| 21 May  | ICAS Computing test  |
| 27 May  | Year 10 phone interview assessment week                                |
| June 6  | Athletics Carnival   |
| June 13 | Tune into Tempe P&C event  |
| June 18 | Parent teacher night for Years 7,11 &12                                |

### Reminder

To all parents/carers

Please notify the school if any of your personal details e.g. address, home phone or mobiles have changed recently.

Thank You



HSIE

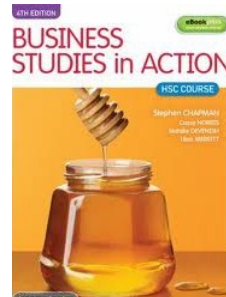
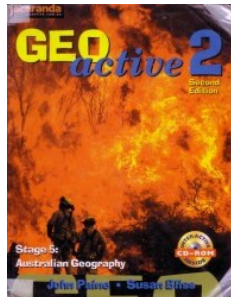
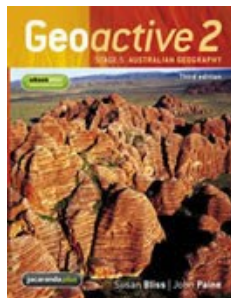
**Attention – parents and students**

### AMNESTY

Our textbook stocks are depleted, and we need to replace them. However, this is very expensive. Would you please look at home and see if you have any of these textbooks from school (or any others not pictured)

Please return them to the HSIE staffroom – no questions asked. It will be much appreciated

Thank you  
Mrs Plioplis  
Head Teacher HSIE



From previous  
Years 12s

## SCIENCE

The ICAS science competition will be held on Wednesday 5 June during periods 3 and 4.

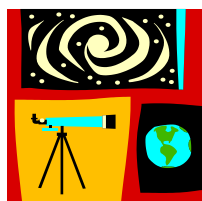
This competition is great fun. Each high school year level across Australia is challenged with 45 multiple choice questions to answer in 1 hour. The questions will give you information to analyse and puzzles to solve. The competition tests your science processing skills not your recall of facts, so there's no need to memorize the periodic table!

The areas of science in the competition include Earth Sciences, Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

If you want to prepare for the competition you can go online to [eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://eaa.unsw.edu.au) where there are practice questions. If you score well in the competition you also receive a certificate – credit, distinction or high distinction – that can be put in a portfolio which is useful if you apply for jobs or scholarships.

If you need more information ask your science teacher or contact Mr Webb in the science staffroom.

**Mr Webb—Science Teacher**



## P & C Term 1 News

Welcome to all new parents in the school and we hope you and your children are settling in well. Our P&C meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8pm in the library and the meetings are short and informative. We would love to see you there - a great opportunity to meet the school executive and the P&C team, listen to the meetings guest speaker and discuss issues that concern us all.

At the meetings we also discuss how P&C funds should be spent - last year we raised over \$12,000 and purchased a defibrillator, projector, camera and recycling bins, helped fund the outdoor seating and upgrade to the drama room. If you have ideas how funds should be spent in 2013 or to keep up to date on P&C activities and receive minutes please let us know through our new email address: [tempehs.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:tempehs.pandc@gmail.com)

The P&C held it's inaugural movie night showing The Sapphires - we raised \$1,000 for the newly formed Tempe High School Band and our Easter raffle, sausage sizzle and cake stall were a great success. Thanks to all the helpers and to David Neil from 'Show Support' and Uwe James Seil from 'Ultra Special Events' who turned our hall into a movie theatre with fantastic lights and sound!

Term 2 will see "Tune into Tempe" on June 13 from 5.30-7.30pm so if students would like to perform they should contact Julie Evangelinos from Tempe High School. This is a casual evening where Tempe High School students entertain parents and the school community. Our big P&C event is our Spring Concert to be held on Sept 4 in Term 3. This is a showcase of the wonderful talent in the school in music, drama, art and textiles. A night not to miss!

Remember our P&C second hand uniform room is open the 1st Monday of the month from 8.30-9.00am and we desperately need your pre-loved clean uniforms. Please leave donations at the office. Uniform items are sold for \$2 - \$5.

Please remember to contact us if there is anything at all you need help or advice with.

All the best

Tanya Burrows  
President Tempe High School P&C  
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**English Faculty**

There is a lot of talent here at Tempe, including some great writers. There's a chance to show off this skill – the Sydney Story Factory in Redfern is running a competition for young writers. There's a 1000 word limit, and it's open to ages thirteen to eighteen. There is a prize pack from Random House books to be won. More info at [sydneystoryfactory.org.au](http://sydneystoryfactory.org.au).

This poem by Tom Marie-Sainte in 7 Blue sets the bar pretty high. It's very cool to see people composing great work like this. Why not see what you can come up with?

## What If

Tom Marie-Sainte

What if birds couldn't fly?  
And people could?  
What if the Joker,  
Was misunderstood?

What if our problems,  
Left without a trace?  
Then the whole world,  
Would be a better place!

If pigs could fly,  
And happiness never ended,  
Then all of our troubles,  
Would never be mended.

What if my sadness,  
Always existed?  
If so my heart,  
Would forever be misted.

What if I had not,  
Been so very shy?  
And that last time I saw you,  
I had said goodbye?

What if I realized,  
It was really my fault?  
And now as I write this,  
I come to a halt.

I did not think of this,  
I had not realized it.  
But now that I know,  
I really despised it!

I liked being sad,  
It was just the tool.  
To feel sorry for myself,  
Oh, what a fool!

If I forgave myself,  
For not realizing how,  
How much of an impact,  
You have had on me now.

If I ever doubt,  
That you're still here with me,  
I just look to the stars,  
And then I will see

You're winking down,  
And you have a great big smile,  
You've been with me,  
All this while.

What if my sadness,  
Never existed?  
If so my heart,  
Would no longer be misted.

## National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy 2013 Letter to Parents

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14 - 16 May 2013

| TUESDAY 14 MAY   | WEDNESDAY 15 MAY | THURSDAY 16 MAY  |
|--|------------------|--|
| <b>Language Conventions</b><br>(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)<br><br><b>Writing</b> | <b>Reading</b>   | <b>Numeracy</b><br>(Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space) |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 17 May**—A 'catch-up day' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- if they have significant intellectual disability and/or co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and Black and White versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to Disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child's school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

[http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html)





## Marrickville Metro

Tracksuits slashed down to  $\frac{1}{2}$  Price

Track Jackets from \$59.99 DOWN to **\$29.99**



Track Pants from \$39.99 Down to **\$19.99**



### PLEASE NOTE:

- This offer is only available while current stocks last.
- "First in – best dressed" offer only.
- No laybys or rainchecks available at these prices.
- Extra 5% discount applies when purchased using Lowes Ezyway card.

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| <b>Date</b>             | Tuesday 12 March 2013     |
| <b>Time &amp; Venue</b> | 7pm – Upstairs in Library |
| <b>Discussion Topic</b> | N/A                       |

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| 6  | <b>Traffic Report</b><br><br>Awaiting report on traffic from Council traffic engineers re Carrington Rd/Unwins Bridge Rd corner. Traffic Committee will now look at traffic around Sydenham Station intersections<br><br>Issue with opening Toyer St Gate – supervision and needs to be open/closed at beginning and end of the day. Can we use volunteers and trial this? SD to investigate.  | LR<br><br>SD | Action<br><br>Action |
| 7  | <b>Pre-Loved School Uniforms –</b><br><br>Stock is low – just a few shirts and jumpers available. Clean uniforms can be left at office<br><br>Uniform shop open first Monday of every month 830am-900am  |              |                      |
| 8  | <b>Band Committee Report –</b><br><br>Band has purchased a bass clarinet and trombone using funds from the P&C<br><br>Band is playing at the Welcome to Parents tomorrow and at the Sapphires movie night on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March.<br><br>Membership has doubled this year – 60% of members have paid their whole years fees which means the band can buy more instruments and equipment<br><br>Please email B D <a href="mailto:deacons5@optusnet.com.au">deacons5@optusnet.com.au</a> if your child would like to be in the new Training Band. Students in Training Band will need to start lessons with a tutor prior to joining Training Band. .    |              |                      |
| 9  | <b>General Business – New Topics for 2013</b> discussion – email suggestions to <a href="mailto:tempehs.pandc@gmail.com">tempehs.pandc@gmail.com</a>   |              |                      |
| 10 | <b>P&amp;C Events – For your diary</b><br><br><b>Outdoor Movie night &amp; Easter Raffle – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013</b> – donations of Easter eggs (can be left at front office). Any volunteers to help on the night please email <a href="mailto:tempehs.pandc@gmail.com">tempehs.pandc@gmail.com</a><br><br><b>Tune into Tempe 2013 – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b><br><br><b>Spring Concert 2013 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 2013</b>   |              |                      |
| 11 | <b>Business without notice</b><br><br>Concern raised regarding not enough learning time when Year 12 students have to cross over to Tempe Primary School for lessons as time wasted crossing the street and resetting classrooms.<br><br>Socrates noted that this occurs due to space issues at Tempe. Younger students have lessons in the primary school to enable the Yr 12 students to have their lessons at the high school so as not to impinge on their valuable HSC learning time.   |              |                      |
| 12 | <b>Future Meetings –</b> the P&C meets the second Tuesday of the month<br><br><b>Our next meeting is 9 April 2013 7pm in the library</b><br><br><b>Meeting closed: 8.10pm</b><br><br><b>Meetings &amp; discussion topics this year:</b><br><br>Tuesday 9 April Subject choices and assessment for your child<br><br>Tuesday 7 May University choices<br><br>Tuesday 11 June Student well being and disciplinary procedures<br><br>Tuesday 13 August New National curriculum<br><br>Tuesday 10 September Cyber bullying<br><br>Tuesday 8 October Naplan results<br><br>Tuesday 12 November Voice of the students<br><br>Tuesday 10 December Wine and cheese night |              |                      |