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Newsletter 5

Term 3 Week 5

August /September

2017

From the Principal

Semester 2 has started well with classes settled and working well. I have urged students to consider their strengths and weaknesses outlined in their semester 1 report and use teacher suggestions for improvement to consolidate strengths and improve on identified areas of weakness.

Staff continues to plan, deliver and evaluate their teaching programs. On top of this we have been working after school to enhance our capacity to cater for Asthmatic students and to deliver even better Sport Education and Assessment Tasks. In the near future staff will be renewing their CPR training.

Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC and will be receiving feedback from their teachers over the next week. I have stressed to them the importance of this post-trial period and the need to work collaboratively, to reinforce and embed their learning. Students of HSC Drama, Music, Extension English, Music and Visual Arts all have their HSC practicals and projects due in the next few weeks and we wish them well.

I am looking forward to some excellent results from this year group which has impressed the examiners during the Trials.

Our students are looking much better in their uniforms and I thank parents for your support on this matter. If for any reason your child cannot be in uniform, please supply them with a note outlining the issue and when it will be resolved. I will be contacting the parents of students who are regularly out of uniform without a reason in the coming weeks. Details of the correct uniform are on our website. I am happy to discuss matters regarding uniform with parents or students at any time whether it be the exciting plans the SRC and P&C have for upgrades, financial assistance or any other matter.

Tempe Talk has been successfully launched and will provide a fortnightly update and planner for parents. I thank Mr Dias and his 10PVDI class for all their efforts in regards to this.

I have included the calendar for the next 5 weeks of term 3 in this newsletter. Our website will have updates to this calendar.

Mr S Dassaklis—Principal

PDHPE Faculty U15 Girls Basketball

An outstanding round 2 victory was achieved by the Tempe HS U15 Girls Basketball Team on Monday 14 August. In a wonderful display of defensive skill, our girls managed to frustrate the Sylvania Girls out of the first half. By the second half the Tempe discipline came through and they ran away with it, scoring a 37 – 21 win! Congratulations to all the girls and special mention to Daniela, Sieli and Peta who led the team in outstanding fashion.

The girls travel to Sutherland Basketball Stadium next for the Sydney East Championships.



Mr J Hartley—PDHPE Teacher

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5				Aug 17 Science Fair Year 12 Year meeting period 4 10 Geo. Research Task Presentations	Aug 18 EXTENSION 2 final day submission Recognition Assemblies Year 11/12 10 Geo Research Task Presentations 9 PASS to Tempe Golf Range period 6 11am - 11:55am NAIDOC ASSEMBLY
6	Aug 21 _HSC Food Tech. assessment task due _Preliminary Food Tech. assessment task due _Prelim Hosp. assessment due	Aug 22 Links to Learning Year 8 Period 1-3 Year 9 Faculty MEETING English Studies excursion ALICE YIN 08:30am - 3:50pm _Drama HSC Practical Examination	Aug 23 Links to Learning Year 9 Period 1-3 Year 8 Period 4-6 _HSC Hospitality Practical assessment p 1 & 2 _Prelim Hosp. practical assessment p. 5&6 9A and 9V to Marrickville Library -/Salisbury and Tennent Links to Learning Excursion to ' Our Big Kitchen " A White 08:30am - 10am _Drama HSC Practical Examination	Aug 24 _Prelim. Food Tech. - prac. assessment p. 1 _HSC Food Tech. prac. assessment p. 5 _Year 11 English Standard and Advanced Assessment hand in 10 Commerce Assessment Task Snake Tails	Aug 25 _Prelim Food Tech. - prac assessment p.4 _HSC Food Tech. prac. assessment p.5 Yr 10 common test maths _Yr 11 CAFS assessment due 9 PASS to Tempe Golf Range period 6 _Yr 12 reports due to HTs 08:45am - 3:08pm PL- Bassett 09:45am - 02:15am Year 11 Society and Culture Incursion
7	Aug 28 _YR 11 BLOCK OUT WEEK Year 8 Common test maths Year 9 5.1 Test Year 9 maths acceleration assessment task	Aug 29 _YR 11 BLOCK OUT WEEK Links to Learning Year 8 Period 1-3 Year 9 Period 4-5 A White Year 9/10 Language Excursion Nan Tien Temple	Aug 30 _YR 11 BLOCK OUT WEEK Links to Learning Year 9 Period 1-3 Year 8 Period 4-6 A White _HSC Hospitality Practical assessment p 1 & 2 Ways Anxiety and Resilience workshops Year 10 and some Year 11	Aug 31 _YR 11 BLOCK OUT WEEK Year 9 Geography mandatory fieldwork- 3 classes W Taube Presenting St Peters Library 4-6pm Duke of Ed. Bronze Hike Year 7 maths common test	Sep 1 _YR 11 BLOCK OUT WEEK Year 9 Geography mandatory fieldwork- 3 classes Duke of Ed. Bronze Hike 08am - 1pm

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8	Sep 4 _YR 11 - BLOCK OUT WEEK History Week 2-10 Sept. Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week	Sep 5 _YR 11 - BLOCK OUT WEEK History Week 2-10 Sept. Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week 3pm - 6pm Extended staff meeting	Sep 6 _YR 11 - BLOCK OUT WEEK History Week 2-10 Sept. Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week _HSC Hospitality Practical assessment p 1 & 2 Train safety incursion year 10 Yr 9 Common Test (Maths)	Sep 7 _YR 11 - BLOCK OUT WEEK History Week 2-10 Sept. Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week	Sep 8 _YR 11 - BLOCK OUT WEEK History Week 2-10 Sept. Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week _Yr 12 Reports to Principal
9	Sep 11 _YR 11 EXAMS - OUT OF CLASS Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week	Sep 12 _YR 11 EXAMS - OUT OF CLASS Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week Grade Sport Winter Ends PL Murphy, Trotter Year 10 English Exam in Class 7pm - 8pm P&C Meeting	Sep 13 _YR 11 EXAMS - OUT OF CLASS Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week Year 7 Gala Day / open boys basketball _HSC Hospitality Practical assessment p 1 & 2 Ways Anxiety and Resilience workshops Year 10 and some Year 11 08:45am - 3:08pm Year 9 NAPLAN readiness testing	Sep 14 _YR 11 EXAMS - OUT OF CLASS Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week	Sep 15 _YR 11 EXAMS - OUT OF CLASS Year 7 English Assess. Performances all week Year 8 English Assess. Performances All week Bligh Zone Badminton/Table Tennis Gala Day 08:45am - 3:08pm Yr 7 NAPLAN online readiness testing
10	Sep 18 _YR 11 EXAMS - OUT OF CLASS train safety incursion year 9	Sep 19 FACULTY MEETINGS Year 9 English Assessment Due Hand In	Sep 20 Year 9 Geo. Assessment Task in class	Sep 21 Year 12 Graduation 6:30pm - 8:30pm Meet the Music - Music 1	Sep 22 Year 10 Commerce classes to run stalls at Multicultural Day 11am - 3pm Multicultural Day

HSIE FACULTY**Australian Geography Competition**

Geography students from Tempe High School tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2017 Australian Geography Competition. Out of the 17 students who competed from our school four students gained high distinctions and four students gained credits.

Over 70,000 students from 743 schools across Australia entered the Australian Geography Competition so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of geography. The competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, and in NSW is sponsored by Macquarie University.

Congratulations to all of those involved.

Mrs Davidson—Australian Geography Competition Coordinator**PE FACULTY****Ski Trip 2017**

Forty five keen students attacked the slopes at Smiggins Holes during week 3 and the result was a great deal of fun had by all! The majority of the students were first time skiers and they endured a full day of snow on day one followed by brilliant sunshine on day two. All the teachers who attended reported on the impeccable attitude and behaviour of the entire group for the duration of the trip and collectively nobody wanted the trip to end. Despite some sore bodies and tired legs everyone skied right up to the bus at the end of day two leaving the slopes marked by their big carving turns.

A big thank you to Mr Newton-Green for his excellent organisation in making the trip such a great success!

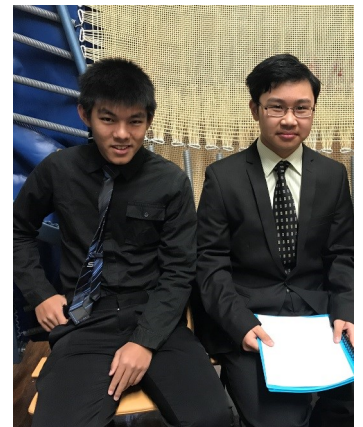
Bring on the next trip in 2019 already!



PDHPE & CAREERS**Year 10 Job Interview Day**

Year 10 recently attended Job Interview Day as a part of their PDHPE studies. After organising their resumes and practicing correct interview technique in their classes, Year 10 came smartly dressed in business attire in preparation for their interviews. The community members, who came to our school to conduct the interviews with our students, were extremely impressed by the Year 10's preparation, enthusiasm and professional approach to this assessment task. In turn, the Year 10 students gained valuable knowledge and interview skills that they can now use to improve their chances at gaining employment in the future.

Well done year 10 on an amazing effort.

PE Staff & Mr Fawcett—Careers Advisor

MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Year 10 Acceleration students involved in higher order thinking lessons under the guidance of Mr Gouzoulis

Mr Gouzoulis—Head Teacher Mathematics

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN is moving online. This means moving NAPLAN from paper based tests to computer-based assessments. A School Readiness Test will be conducted at Tempe High in Week 9 for Year 7 and Year 9 students. The School Readiness Test (SRT) is a modified version of what NAPLAN Online will look like. The SRT will not be marked or have student results. The purpose of the SRT is to assess Tempe High School's technical capabilities in running the test.

For further information, please see the attached information sheet, on the following two pages, or go the nap.edu.au public demonstration website.



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual National assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

PURCHASES

The Noffs Shop in Marrickville has kindly agreed to sell our second hand uniforms, with all proceeds being returned to the Noffs Foundation. Originally named The Wayside Foundation, the Noffs Foundation's mission is to *help disadvantaged young Australians become advantaged*. Read more about the Noffs Foundation at noffs.org.au



Address:

The Noffs Shop

Unit 3, 359 Illawarra Road, Marrickville

This is under the Revolution apartment complex, just next to Marrickville station

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm

DROP OFFS

Freshly laundered uniforms can be dropped off at both the school (main office) and the Noffs Shop DURING OPENING HOURS only

Please **do not** leave donations while the shop is closed