PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

Welcome to 2016

Another busy and exciting year is underway and already we are at the end of week two. Our new Preps commenced this week, with initially a half day followed by a full day on Tuesday. We are all delighted at how easily they settled into the flow of school life, undoubtedly the result of the brilliant transition program held throughout the second half of 2015. As usual we celebrated the children’s beginning of their educational journey with a morning tea on Tuesday. This of course is a wonderful time in the life of our 94 preps and their families and I encourage you all to soak it up as time passes so quickly.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 9th February  
Templeton Primary School Swimming Trials 10.30am—12.30pm

Thursday 11th February  
NAPLAN Parent Information Session 2.30pm in Miss De Rosbo’s Room

Monday 15th February  
School Council Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 16th February  
Parent Literacy Training Session for Prep, Year 1 & 2 Parents  
2.15pm—3.20pm in Room 30

Tuesday 23rd February  
Parent Literacy Training Session for Prep, Year 1 & 2 Parents  
2.15pm—3.20pm in Room 30

Thursday 25th February  
District Swimming  
Parent Literacy Training Session for Prep, Year 1 & 2 Parents  
2.15pm—3.20pm in Room 30

Monday 29th February  
PEEP Surfing

Tuesday 1st March  
Parent Literacy Training Session for Prep, Year 1 & 2 Parents  
2.15pm—3.20pm in Room 30

Monday 14th March  
Labour Day Holiday

Monday 21st March  
Yr 3—6 Templeton Athletics Day

Thursday 24th March  
Prep—2 Junior Athletics Day  
End of Term 1—Finish 2.30pm

Friday 25th March  
Good Friday
PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

The Shadow Minister for Education, Mr Nick Wakeling attended our Monday morning Assembly and presented the 2016 School Captains, Blake and Gemma, with their badges. Nick is our local Member of Parliament and a strong advocate of Templeton. I always enjoy talking to him about educational policy and practice.

School Council

The first meeting of the year for our current School Council will be held on Monday 15th February. Parents, new and old, are most welcome to attend. The meeting commences at 7.30pm in the staff room. Several of our Council members will be retiring at this meeting and we are very appreciative of the efforts and support. Alistair Bavage, Elton Wright, Kalee Henry, Peter Kannangara and Nicole Sullivan are eligible for re-election of School Council. The election timeline is as follows:

- February 15th  Election declared
  Nomination forms are available from the office
- February 22nd  Nominations close
  If required a ballot is called and an election is held
- February 29th  The ballot is closed and ballots are counted
- March 1st      The result is announced
- March 7th      First meeting of the new Council and election of office bearers

If you are interested in nominating for School Council and contributing to the on-going progress of Templeton, or you are simply interested in finding out more about the operation and function of Council, feel free to contact me as I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Hoax Phone Calls to Victorian Schools

In light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the past few days I would like to reassure all parents that Templeton has not received such a call. However, like all schools we have an Emergency Management Plan in place for situations like this and we practise it regularly throughout the year. Our new communication app allows the school to contact all parents via SMS if there is an emergency. At present 75% of families are registered on Tiqbiz. If you are not registered, I recommend you contact the school for a copy of the instructions which were sent home at the end of 2015.

Have a good weekend everyone

Les Boag—Principal
Students of the Week

Tiarna M, 1Z—for making a great start and being a good helper in class this week. Well done Tiarna!
Alannah S, 1H—for being a fantastic listener during class time. You are a great role model for your peers!
Chloe S, 1B—congratulations on the huge effort you have made to be a responsible Grade 1 student. You have done an amazing job.
Jack B, 1F—what a great start you have made to Grade 1. Keep up the enthusiasm and positive attitude towards your work.
Akshay A, 2C—for being a great listener who always follows instructions carefully. What a great start to Grade 2 Akshay!
Stephanie B, 2M—for working conscientiously to complete class activities. Congratulations and a big welcome to Templeton Primary School.
Ashkan E, 2N—for settling into his new grade so well. Welcome to Templeton, Ash, and I am looking forward to a great year ahead working with you.
Heath B, 2W—you are a fantastic worker in our classroom and always try your best. Keep up the super effort Heath!
Ethan G, 3W—congratulations on making a great start at your new school. Welcome to Templeton!
Jesse N, 3F—for being a star player and making several catches in our game of kickball this week. Keep up the great work!
Jasmine S, 3R—for helping a friend with his drawing and being supportive and caring.
Ryan M, 3P—for regularly helping out classmates without being asked. Great start to the year, Ryan!
Cooper A, 4S—for settling in at Templeton and making lots of new friends.
Hillary Z, 4T—for coming to school with a positive attitude and entering the classroom with a huge smile on her face each day.
Bailey H, 4D—for having an awesome start in Grade 4 at Templeton Primary School. Keep up the great work!
Jessica B, 4S—for settling in at Templeton and making lots of new friends.
Amber D, 4L—for the positive attitude you display towards all classroom activities. I can always rely on you to get to work straight away. Well done, Amber!
Siennah F, 5K—well done on a fantastic start to the school year. You are consistently trying your best in class. Keep up the great work!
Lauren C, 5G—for a wonderful start to the year! You have been putting lots of effort into your work and have been so helpful around the classroom. Keep up the great work!
Kal B, 5M—for demonstrating great persistence and organisational skills in class, applying dedication to finishing his work to a high standard. You have settled in to Grade 5 so well, Kal. Keep it up!
Daniel S, 5S—for being the most wonderful MICE leader this week. Mrs Sullivan appreciates your willingness to help and your expertise with computers. Well done!
Lachlan G, 6D—for making such a fantastic start to Grade 6. You have settled in beautifully and are already exceeding the expectations of a Grade 6 student. Well done, Lachie!
Tyler S, 6E—for sharing your wealth of Solar System knowledge in a fun, witty and helpful manner!
Sophie H, 6P—for an excellent start to Year 6. You have settled in well and are already a role mode for other students. Well done!
MUSSOP AWARDS

Anom B, 2N—for being a kind, caring friend to one of the new boys in our class and making him feel welcome.
Yong H M, 3F—you approach small group activities with a positive attitude and interact freely with your peers. Great work!
William D, 4T—for being a friendly student and taking care of our new students to Templeton.
Lachlan T, 5G—you have come into the classroom each day with a smile on your face. Well done!
Kate J, 1B—for the way you help new students settle into Templeton. You are a very friendly member of 1B.
Morgan P, 6E—your welcoming smile helps everyone settle into a new class. Thank you.

Templeton Athletics Day

Year 3-6 2016

We are once again running our successful Athletics Day for students in Grade 3-6. It will be held on Monday 21st March at Knox Park Athletics Centre. If you are available to assist on the day, please contact me at school. We would love to have many parent helpers down on the track for a fantastic day. If you assisted last year and have already received an email from Jason Stone, please respond to that instead.

Miss Fiona Potter — Physical Education Coordinator

STUDENT BANKING FOR 2016

Student banking has now resumed for 2016 and is processed every Tuesday.
For further information or information packs please call at the office.
Sashka Pemberton—Student Banking Coordinator
The Year 1 students are trying out the new Prep playground table and chairs.
The most important festival for the Chinese is the Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival as it occurs just before the spring season starts. According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of 2016 is the Year of the Monkey, which begins on February 8, 2016, and ends on January 27, 2017. This is because in China the lunar calendar is used to determine the timing of festivals. Like the Western calendar, the Chinese lunar calendar is a yearly one, with the start of the lunar year based on the cycles of the moon. Because of this, the beginning of a year can fall anywhere between late January and the middle of February.

Monkey ranks ninth position out of the 12 Chinese Zodiacs. They are cheerful and energetic by nature and usually represent flexibility. People under the sign of the Monkey are wise, intelligent, confident, charismatic, loyal, inventive and have leadership. The weaknesses of the Monkeys are being egotistical, arrogant, crafty, restless and snobbish.

Within China, regional customs and traditions concerning the celebration of the Chinese New Year vary widely. People will pour out their money to buy presents, decoration material, food, and clothing. It is also a tradition for every family to thoroughly cleanse the house, in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to make way for good incoming luck. Windows and doors will be decorated with red color paper cuts and couplets with popular themes of "good fortune" or "happiness", "wealth", and "longevity." On the Eve of Chinese New Year, dinner is a feast with families. Food will include such items as pigs, ducks, fish and sweet delicacies. The family will end the night with firecrackers. Early the next morning, children will greet their parents by wishing them a healthy and happy new year, and receive money in red paper envelopes. The Chinese New Year tradition is to reconcile, forget all grudges and sincerely wish peace and happiness for everyone.

At this time of the year the Chinese all over the world will celebrate the most important festival in their calendar year. In Melbourne, there will be lots of traditional and contemporary Chinese cultural activities in various places. In Box Hill Central you will find food, music and a spectacular traditional parade during the 12 hour event running from 1pm-1am on 6th and 7th February. Check out Chinatown, Federation Square, Eureka Tower and Queen Victoria Market, as there will be various celebrations take place.

At our school, students will learn about the cultural aspects of this festival thorough stories, discussion, hands-on activities and New Year expressions. We would like to wish everyone good health and happiness in the Year of the Monkey.

恭祝大家---猴年身体健康，开心平安

Mrs Lin—LOTE Teacher
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two:
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date
Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

TEMPLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Name

$90

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb

State

Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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[ ] Foster parent* OR [ ] Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation Services to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- If consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school, unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my Centrelink details from DHHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my Centrelink details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State School relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /
WANTIRNA SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2016 Season Launch
Registration & Family Day

Sunday 14th February 10.00am-12.00pm
@ Templeton Reserve

The WANTIRNA SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB, based at Templeton Reserve, will field junior teams in the Eastern Football League (EFL) for season 2016

UNDER 8'S – Born 2008
UNDER 7'S – Born 2007
UNDER 6'S – Born 2006
UNDER 5'S – Born 2005
UNDER 4'S – Born 2004
UNDER 3'S – Born 2003
UNDER 2'S – Born 2002
UNDER 1'S – Born 2001
UNDER 17'S – Born 2000/1999

Meet your coach for 2016
Come and kick the footy and
Join in with activities for all
players

2016 Fees
U8’S $110 - US10’S $140 - U11/17’S $170
2nd child $20 off total
3rd child $40 off total
EFL insurance ($15) per player must be paid online prior to Round 1

All new players will receive FREE socks, shorts

Club apparel will be available for purchase
There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale – FREE for all registered players

Wantirna South Auskick Centre
Potential Auskickers come down to meet our coordinators for 2016
Chris Munro - 0407242035
auskick Coordinator@wsjfc.org.au
Registration via www.aflauskick.com.au (Wantirna South)
Fees for 2016 will be $91 which includes a participant pack

Become a Devil in 2016 – ‘The Place to be’
Come join your school mates at a club where there are opportunities for all ages and skill levels. A club where we strive for success but focus on developing great young adults and lifelong friendships.

3 Coleman Road, Wantirna South
www.kinderleapreschool.com.au
Enrolment Info: 0403 177 347

Enrolments available.
3 hour sessions - 3, 6 or 9 hour program.
Experienced, caring & friendly teachers.
Engaging & challenging play based learning.

Is your child ready for 3 year old Kinder?
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