PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

School & Education

An alarming trait in education is the noticeable decline in the number of teachers applying for Principal vacancies in schools. My readings show this is a world-wide issue but it is especially noticeable in Australia. In a recent article published in the Age on 3rd December it stated “Attacks on Australian Principals are on the rise, with new research revealing one in three have experienced physical violence in schools.” Forty one percent of Principals said they had received threats of violence, up from thirty six percent from the previous year.

Schools are an emotionally charged environment and with the increasing societal pressure on student results, some parents can lose sight of school goals and purpose. Although I personally have not been threatened by a parent in my thirty-five year career as a Principal, I am aware that some parents operate on misinformation and react without fully understanding the consequences of their actions or comments.

If at any time you have an issue with the school and how we are handling the care and education of your child, I invite you to speak with me personally. I may not give you the answer that you want but I will listen to your concerns.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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End of Term 1—Finish 2.30pm
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School Council
The first meeting of the 2016 School Council will be held on Monday 7th March. As the number of nominees did not exceed the number of vacancies no election was required.

I will be presenting the 2015 Annual Report at the meeting and will place a copy on the school website in due course.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Our data shows that 91% of parents attended last week’s Parent/Teacher Interviews with 89% using Tiqbiz and booking on-line. While this is an excellent outcome and it demonstrates that the majority of our parents value the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher, I am still concerned that 9% of our parent community failed to attend.
I will be contacting these families in the next week to enquire as to their reasoning.

New Website
Everything in life evolves to accommodate new thinking and directions. So it is with our website that Mr Crilly has been working feverishly on to ensure our communication is current and relevant. Tiqbiz and our website are now the main form of communication between school and home and as such 480 of our 512 families have registered to access Tiqbiz. I invite any family that has not yet done so to register using the details provided in our last Newsletter.

Technology
Many changes have been implemented in the past 12 months to enhance ICT learning experiences for our students and improve communications for our parents and wider community.

- A full bank of laptop trolleys have been installed in the Grade 1, 5 and 6 areas.
- The introduction of Tiqbiz to improve parent communication (currently 515 users)
- The re-design and upgrade of the school intranet page
- The installation of a mini-lab in the Library with 20 refurbished desktop computers running Windows 10
- The installation of 30 brand new all-in-one desktop computers in the Computer Lab running Windows10
- Brand new tables and stools in the Computer Lab
- Redesigned and updated Templeton School Website linked to Tiqbiz

Thanks to Mr Crilly for all of his work in leading these wonderful changes which would not be possible without the support of the School Council and the parent payment of school fees.
PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

2017 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for 2017 prep places close on 24th June. I have asked that all sibling enrolments be finalised by the end of Term 1. If any of our families have overlooked lodging their application can I ask that it be completed by 24th March, 2016.

As you are aware places are extremely limited and I ask parents to ensure their application is timely.

Abacus Program

Our very successful Abacus program operates at Templeton every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. This is a outstanding program, that has been operating for over four years. It gives children the opportunity to strengthen their number facts knowledge and is suitable for all children from Grades 1 to 6. Mrs Loh has several vacancies for the Thursday class. If you are interested in finding out more, Mrs Loh can be contacted on 0435 287 324.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Les Boag—Principal
Communication

At Templeton we use the following modes of communication for our parents and students:

**Tiqbiz**

Tiqbiz allows parents to access a wide range of easy to use school mobile app features. Developed specifically to enhance community connections with Templeton, Tiqbiz delivers a powerful solution to our school communication. More than just a school app, it can assist in the management of absences/attendance, replace paper permission forms with electronically signed forms and enrich the parent involvement in Templeton’s curriculum and activities. With automated processes and packed full of easy to use features, parents have access to the world’s most advanced communication tools.

**Blogs**

Our Year Level Blogs provide students and parents access to notices, permissions slips, booking links, newsletters and homework. Developed specifically for students to engage with online communication in preparation for secondary school, our Blogs ensure parents can engage with student learning from home. Please contact your classroom teacher or Mr Crilly for further information and the password for your year level.

**Newsletter**

Our traditional newsletter Templeton Times is published every fortnight on our website and sent to parents as a push notification on Tiqbiz. Our newsletter has been running for over 30 years and continues to provide our school community with continuing information about our school.

Mr Marc Crilly—Assistant Principal
Julian B, PS—for eating all of your snack and lunch yesterday. Well done!

Christopher P, PL—for your positive attitude towards all classroom activities. You are a delight to have in Prep L. Well done Christopher!

Samantha B, PG—for being a kind, enthusiastic and helpful member of our class. A fantastic start to Prep, Sam! Well done!

Leila T, PS—for being a good listener and always following the rules. What a great start to Prep. Congratulations!

Brenden G, PW—for his excellent manners and being a wonderful friend in our classroom. You have had a fantastic start to school. Well done, Brenden!

Maryam E, PW—for her fantastic start to school! You always listen carefully and try your best. Keep up the fantastic effort Maryam!

Grace H, PL—for being such a friendly helpful class member. What a wonderful start to Prep.

Genevieve W, PG—for being a fantastic listener who tries her best at all times. You are a star, Genevieve.

Aaliyah A, PS—for always displaying lovely manners in the classroom. It is a pleasure having you in Prep S.

Ayden Y, PL—for always trying your best when completing classroom activities. Well done, Ayden!

Angel T, PW—for her kind nature and willingness to help others without being asked. You are a wonderful friend Angel! Well done!

Jack N, PG—for being a hard working student who always listens beautifully and tries his best. Keep it up, Jack!

Dev G, 1F—for settling into Templeton so well. You have come to school with such enthusiasm and it’s lovely to have you as a member of Grade 1F.

Broadie K-G, 1H—for reading with fantastic expression during literacy groups. Keep up the great work!

Janet H, 1B—for an amazing effort during Reading Groups. Your understanding of the story was terrific. Well done!

Matthias T, 1Z—for always presenting your work nice and neatly. Keep up the great job, Matthias!

Kiyan P, 1B—for an amazing effort with your handwriting. Well done Kiyan.

Sullivan L, 1Z—for being a great listener and working so hard during the Maths class this week. You are super!

Sahir H, 1H—for putting in your best effort during Reading Groups this week. Keep up the great work!

Nathan B, 2C—for following instructions carefully and being a great help in the classroom this week. Well done, Nathan!

Maedy M, 2N—for being a great listener and a conscientious worker. Keep up the wonderful work!

Mahin S, 2W—for being a good listener and conscientious worker. Keep up the good work!

Aayan B, 2M—for always trying so hard to do his personal best. What a wonderful effort with your literacy work this week. Outstanding work Ayan!

Sally J, 2C—for being a conscientious student who presents written work beautifully. Excellent effort, Sally!

Abby M, 2W—for neat, accurate and colourful work presentation. You are a 2W superstar!

Viyan S, 2M—for always working conscientiously in class. Your written work is outstanding. You are a 2M “Superstar”.

Tarinya T, 2N—for great work on subtraction in Maths groups this week.

Charlie B, 3W—for being an amazing classroom helper, who always enters the classroom with a smile.

Ryan E, 3R—for assisting classmates with the set class tasks and having a positive and fun attitude towards learning.

Arian K, 3F—for being a treasured classroom helper this week. Great work, Ariana!

Henry G, 3W—for being a loyal and trustworthy member of Grade 3W. You can always be relied upon to do the correct thing. Well done Henry!

Adele J, 3P—for enthusiastic participation in all our phonogram codes. Well done, Adele!

Braydan M, 3P—for being an enthusiastic participant in all sessions and taking the time to ensure tasks are completed to the best of your ability. Well done!

Cohen H, 3R—for being an organised, studious and positive member of Grade 3R.

Alex K, 3W—for being a fantastic “code breaker” during spelling this week. You are a phonogram whiz.

Linda H, 3F—for maintaining an excellent standard of presentation with her weekly homework tasks. Fantastic work, Linda!

Ethan W, 4L—for the determination you showed when attempting vertical multiplication! You worked hard and persevered, even though you found it challenging. Well done!
Elgin Y, 4D—for your super knowledge of the parts that go into making a great narrative. Well done!
Brandon J, 4T—for asking interesting questions and completing tasks to the best of his ability.
Isabella J, 4S—for careful bookwork, beautiful manners and excellent work habits.
Angelo K, 4P—for being a working machine! You work steadily in the classroom to complete all tasks on or ahead of time. Keep up the fantastic effort!
Natalie S, 4L—for always adopting a positive attitude every day in the classroom. The enthusiasm and love you have for school is fantastic!
Darius S, 4D—for your great narrative writing this week. You developed your story well and kept the reader entertained. Well done.
Chloe M, 4T—for always working hard and having a positive attitude towards your learning.
Ethan P, 5M—for your enthusiastic attitude displayed in our narrative writing sessions this week. Your ideas and illustrations are inspirational.
Chrystin G, 5K—for always working as hard as she can during all classroom tasks and completing her work to the best of her ability. Keep up the great work Chrystin!
Eric L, 5S—for being such a positive member of 5S. Your smile and enthusiastic approach to your learning is wonderful. Keep up the great effort!
Jye P, 5G—for the wonderful way you work in groups. You always listen and show respect to others. Keep up the great work!
Joshua T, 5K—for always working as hard as you can in all areas and producing work of the highest standard. You are a wonderful and caring member of 5K. Keep up the great work Josh!
Emma B, 5G—for the persistence you showed yesterday when problem solving. It was great to see you succeed! Well done!
Breejena K, 5M—for your outstanding display of sportsmanship and enthusiasm during our Grade 5 Champs Game of “Slugger Risk”. The two catches you took were amazing!
Kyle M, 5S—for working so hard in class this week and completing a very descriptive story. Your attitude to your learning is wonderful Kyle!
Jayden G, 6D—for always taking everything in your stride. Well done on having such an easy going and fun loving attitude towards everything you do.
Liam S, 6J—for displaying courage by impressing the class with his sweet dance moves. They will come in handy in the future young man, I promise. Well done!
Ryan L, 6E—for applying his place value knowledge to decimals with increase accuracy.
Megan C, 6J—for being a responsible and respectful member of 6J and enjoying Mr Jin’s array of witty jokes. Thank you Megan, I’ll be here all year.
Peter S, 6J—for being such a lively character and showing enthusiasm during all activities. Your passion and knowledge of vegetables is without equal. I am looking forward to a lifetime supply of Lebanese cucumbers.
Bansari C, 6P—for maintaining an excellent level of presentation in the classroom. Your bookwork and handwriting are always completed to a high standard. Keep up the fantastic effort.
Danubia A, 6E—for the effort and enthusiasm you have shown whilst researching Taiwan. We cant wait to see the finished product of your hard work.
Tayla K, 6D—for working hard to improve your knowledge of multiplication facts. You have done so well in Quick Maths this week. Keep up the brilliant work, Tayla.
Leila D, 6J—for always being a happy and friendly member of 1F.

MUSSOP AWARDS - FRIENDLINESS

Bella T, 1H—you are kind and friendly towards everyone in 1H, we are lucky to have you in our grade.
Kiara E, 2W—for being a helpful, caring and thoughtful class member.
The National Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday we attended ‘The National Young Leaders Day’ at the Melbourne Convention Centre with over 4000 other students and teachers. It was great to be out and about in the beautiful city of Melbourne. Mrs Peel and Mrs Eddie met us at Mitcham Station and we joined the peak hour workers making their way into the city. The train was packed to say the least but we still managed to enjoy the ride.

Our day at the conference involved listening to some inspirational people talk about how they became leaders in their jobs. We met Nathan Dubsy Want who is a motivational speaker and made us do a weird type of aerobics, Harry Baker who won the World Cup Poetry competition and Australian of the year nominee Kate Austin who founded a business to provide toiletry items to the needy. We also listened to the man who inspired the movie paper planes, Dylan Parker.

There were some really strong messages that we received on the day like try new things, never give up, be a focused person, set goals for yourself, be a good listener, be passionate about what you do and most of all “MASTER THE LITTLE!” This means don’t just focus on the big things because working through the little things along the journey helps you to become more successful.

We had a great day and learnt a lot about being good leaders and we’d like to thank Templeton forgiving us the opportunity.

School and House Captains
CARE 2016

Congratulations to the following students who have made a commitment to be ACTIVE in their role as responsible young citizens.

CARE is an acronym for CITIZENS ARE RESPONSIBLE and we are very proud to introduce the following CARE representatives for 2016.

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STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

CRAZY HAIR – FREEE DRESS DAY

Student Council invite you all to participate in Crazy Hair Free Dress Day on Thursday 17th March. Bring along a gold coin donation to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you from Student Council.
**Lunchtime activities for March**

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<td>LAB with Mr Schansema</td>
<td>Table Tennis with Mr Miao in LOTE room Musical Dances with Miss Potter and Miss Gordon</td>
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<td>Boardgames in the Library with Mrs Merbach</td>
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<td>String Ensemble with Mrs Wood</td>
<td>Remote control cars with Mr Boag</td>
<td>CHESS in Room 30 with Mr Jin and Mr Poulton</td>
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<td>MUSICAL with Miss Phang and Mrs Wood SSS Rehearsals with Miss J and Mrs Hynes</td>
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<td>Basketball with Mr Crilly</td>
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<td>Basketball with Mr Sussman</td>
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**EASTER RAFFLE**

We will be conducting an Easter Raffle this year. We are kindly asking families to donate any food and or Easter items for our hampers. Tickets will be $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00.

Donations can be left at the school office and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March at Assembly.

Mrs Barbara Peel—Assistant Principal
On Thursday 25th February, the Templeton Swimming Squad competed at the District Swimming Competition. Congratulations to all our swimmers who helped achieve a result of 2nd overall.

Best of luck to Caity, Connor, Fangzhou and Isabelle as they progress through to the Regional Competition next Monday. Go Templeton!

Miss Fiona Potter—PE Coordinator
Knox Schools Expo 2016

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q and A panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 17 March 2016
Where: Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Time: 5.45pm-8.45pm

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For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au or visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo

Bookings are not required
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Do you have friends that want to learn to dance? Please Help Spread the word. This class is especially designed for raw beginners or anyone that would like to brush up on their basics. **You will learn a WHOLE ROUTINE in an afternoon**

**Sunday 20th March**

Time 12.00 – 3pm

**Cost $40pp** for Boot Camp which also entitles you to your first month of lessons on Tuesday night in April (5th) at a reduced rate of $40 FOR THE WHOLE MONTH – THAT IS SENSATIONAL VALUE!

Templeton Primary School… Fantastic venue

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Contact Linda 9870 7449 / 0417 364659 linda@lindasrockandroll.com

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