Dear Temple Family,

Welcome to 2012 and a very special welcome to all the new families that are joining us this year. It has been an excellent start with 102 new students joining us at the Mile End Campus. My hope and prayer for each of our students is that they would continue to grow and develop in the gifts that God has given them, that they would make friendships that are encouraging and uplifting and that they would continue to grow in their relationship with God.

Our term scripture comes from John 21:15-17. It is where Jesus challenges and reinstates Peter after his denial of Christ. Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him and each time Jesus directs him to feed and take care of the sheep and the lambs. It is a wonderful reinforcement of the two greatest commandments Christ gives us. We need to realise that each of us in some way are a sheep and a shepherd. You could say that I have a very significant shepherd role and that a new Year 7 student has a significant sheep role.

The challenge for all of us is too look after the sheep we have been called to shepherd and for the students to realise that as they journey through school life their role as a shepherd continues to increase.

Term 1 is a busy time, we have already had a fantastic Year 12 camp and a great Swimming Carnival. Our Year 10 students go on camp in Week 3 and our Year 8 students go on camp in Week 4.

There is a Care Group Interview night on Tuesday, February 28. Please see the enclosed forms. Also a Year 7 & 8 Family BBQ beginning at 6.30pm. This is for all Year 7 and 8 students their parents and siblings. It is provided by the Parents and Friends and is an excellent opportunity to connect with your child’s new friends and their family.

The high school years go very quickly and I would really encourage all students to involve themselves in the many activities that are happening in the life of the school. Our school motto is ‘Pursuing excellence for the glory of God.’ The emphasis is on the pursuing. It is about trying to do our best in all endeavours.

I trust your child has settled in well and is enjoying school. If you do have any concerns please contact the school early, as often matters can be quickly and easily resolved. Leaving or hoping the concern will resolve itself can make the situation more difficult. Our students are not perfect but I found overwhelmingly that they will respond well when we work through concerns with them.

We have a regular Parents Prayer Group and in Week 8 each term on Thursday at 6.30am we have a Prayer Breakfast. I look forward to seeing some new parents join us.

We reached a milestone this year as we enrolled our 4000th student into Temple Christian College. Sarah Fantasia, Year 8 has the honour of being student 4000 and she is pictured with Sarah Rijken who is our 3000th student.

The School was greatly blessed by Timothy Hersey sharing at our first Assembly for the year. Tim was our Dux for 2011 achieving ATAR of 99.90. He gave a very encouraging message from Romans 8. Tim will be studying Mathematical Sciences at Adelaide University. Tim has been a wonderful witness of an incredibly strong faith in Christ and a desire to do his best in all things.

Pursuing excellence for the glory of God
I am greatly blessed with a wonderful team of leaders. This will be our 6th year working together as a team and it has been fantastic to see the growth that has occurred over this time. Parents can also feel welcome to contact any of the leadership team with any questions or concerns.

The primary focus of the Year Level Coordinators is to offer support in the area of Student Development. This includes the organisation of activities to help build positive relationships in their Year Level, the provision of pastoral care, monitoring of student progress and assisting in developing strategies to both encourage positive behaviour and improve negative behaviour. In doing so, they will liaise with the Assistant Principal – Student Development as well as our Student Mentors - Diana Brenkley and Ben Pitman. Along with Care Group teachers, the Year Level Coordinator will be an excellent first port of call for parents with questions, comments or concerns about their child’s progress at School, and they would welcome your call or email.

We look forward to the very positive impact our Coordinators will have on the life of the School this year.
It is exciting to be working with our Student Leadership Team for 2012. The group is smaller than previous years and beings a new direction in having a smaller more committed and involved overall student leadership team.

The students have clearly shown through their walk at Temple a willingness to serve, a love for other students and a love for the School. They have also demonstrated a consistency throughout all aspects of School life. As such they have been appointed to the following student leadership positions.

**Head Prefects**
Benjamin Gricks & Shannalee Fast

**Deputy Head Prefects**
Lachlan Brockbank & Sarah Rijken

**HOUSE PREFECTS**

Left to Right: Justin Bailey, South House; Alyce Boemia, West House; Ashley Bogle, East House and Amelia Morton, North House.

**PREFECTS**

Left to Right: Monica Brogden, Edward Fortunatow, Ethan Francis, Courtney Hammond and Theodora Kastanios
YEAR 12 RETREAT CAMP 2012

This year we set off in refreshingly cool weather, much appreciated by the faithful staff who have vivid memories of surviving three days of Year 12 Camp in temperatures over 45. This made the outdoor activities much more enjoyable and made for much better sleeping conditions.

The camp was characterised by an enthusiastic and cooperative spirit from the students who entered into all the planned activities cheerfully and if not cheerfully then at least without complaint. They were all challenged by something, whether it was their own study habits, the height of the rock climbing tower, the “Leap of Faith” or the compulsory Camp Concert performance on the last night. As the 73 students rotated around the physical challenges and the study skills and drama workshops we were impressed by their willingness to try new experiences and support one another. We were even more impressed by their readiness to do dishes!

This year we introduced some new activities to the camp agenda including speed dating, a surprise Retro Ball to relive the memories from Year 11 and a trip to Burnside Pool. Although the weather turned out to be much cooler for swimming than expected, it was a nice way to end the camp when we were too tired to do much else apart from lie around and swim.

This year was one of the most enjoyable camps we have been on and we know the other staff agree. For this we have God to thank for the mild weather and continued safety of our students, a very amenable group of students who made the camp a pleasure and our fabulous team of staff. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mrs Ady Webb, Mrs Faith Cahill, Miss Kelly Anderson, Mr Kevin Marzahn, Mr Adrian Siegfried and Mr Mark Ryan for their much appreciated support.

Year 12 Coordinators: Mr Brad Adams and Mrs Mary Smith
Friday, Week 1, Term 1 is an exciting time for the school where we had our Annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival. God blessed us with great weather, cloudy and 28 degrees, which was not too hot for our kids and staff. We held the carnival at Unley Swimming Centre on Ethel Street in Goodwood.

I was quite impressed with the huge turn out of students to help on the day with time keeping, novelty events and various other jobs. We love to see hearts that want to serve. The students showed incredible talent, skill and hard work on the day and the participation and general involvement this year was again impressive.

We had some big nominations in our older age groups where we had to add heat after heat for almost all races in the opens. They were very enthusiastic indeed.

The results from the day saw South House take out the trophy on 421 points. Well done to South House, swimming is clearly their strength. North came second on 388 points, East scored 340 points which was a massive 100 point increase from last year. West House trailed behind with 248 points. Well done to all of our House Coordinators and House Seniors for their massive contribution to the day.

The novelty events trophy this year was taken out by North House, for the second year in a row, so these points will go towards the Interhouse Cup, which is presented at the end of the school year on Presentation Night.

The Age Champions for the females were Georgina Lister, Helen Mahood, Deirdre Boshoff, Karsha Creaser and Jemma Lister, four of these girls being Age Champions two years in a row.

The Age Champions for the males were Robert Curle, Nicolas Sanford, Samuel Rijken, Aric Pierce and Cuan James.

The teams will soon be chosen for the SSSSA Competition held in Week 5. Another successful carnival. Thank you to parents for encouraging your children to participate.

Mrs. Zoe Steele,
Sports/PE/Health Coordinator

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On 26 November, 2011, Ethan Francis (Year 12), Maren Poalses (Year 11) and Mia Apollonio (Year 11) were blessed with the wonderful opportunity of taking part in the Hamburg Bavarian Exchange Program. Ethan lived in Bavaria for 8 weeks, and Maren and Mia in Hamburg.

Here’s what Mia had to say: “It was an unforgettable experience in which we met some amazing people and saw some incredible places. For me, highlights included seeing snow for the first time, skiing, sleighing, riding a bike to school in the freezing cold, the incredible trip to Berlin and shopping in the beautiful city of Hamburg. It was a great time in which I grew as a person and greatly improved my German. I have made some lifelong friends and memories and I am sure it will be an experience that we will never forget”.

As for Maren, she was unable to write a piece for the newsletter as she is currently enjoying an extended holiday in Europe with her family.

On Monday, we will welcome our new exchange students for 2012. They will be with the Temple community until the Term 1 holidays.

“\n\nWe arrived to a cold, frosty Sunday morning, but the sun rose and warmed the day a little. While there, I attended German school, while not understanding much, it was interesting to experience the different schooling. With my host family I visited castles, museums, palaces and many other interesting places. It was a very different experience, to have a cold Christmas, with the temperature only reaching 7 degrees. It was great to see snow for the first time; I did all the clichés, made a snow man, had a snowball fight and made a snow angel. Overall it was an amazing experience and I had a fantastic time”.

Ethan Francis

Miss Cassie Fielding, German Coordinator
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**Important Dates for 2012**

- **Open Evening**: Thursday, May 24, 5.30pm—9.00pm
- **Bush Dance**: Saturday, July 28, 7.30pm til late
- **Presentation Night**: Thursday, December 13, 7.15pm

**Return to School—Monday, April 23, 2012**

*Further information will be sent home with student’s closer to the advertised date.*
Parents and Friends 2012 Meetings
The Parents and Friends are a vital part of the Temple community and meet on a monthly basis. I strongly encourage new Parents to join the Parents and Friends.
Meetings start at 7.30pm. All parents are most welcome to attend the next meeting:

Tuesday, 14 February, 2012 at 7.30pm
Staff Room

BREAKFAST FOR STUDENTS
Tuesdays - Fridays from 8.15am—8.35am Bacon and egg muffins are available.
Bacon and egg muffins are $2.50 and Juice $2.50.

Parent Prayer Group
Parents and friends are invited to join the Parents Prayer Group, as they meet fortnightly at 9am, to pray into the life of the school. We look forward to seeing you.

Parents Prayer Meeting dates for Term 1
Friday, Feb 24, March 9, March 23, April 6
Front Office

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS
 Interviews are now being given for all Year Levels for enrolment for 2013.
SUNRISE FAMILIES are reserved a place in the first half of this year for their child in 2013, IF THEY HAVE AN INTERVIEW.

Please book your appointments soon for enrolment in 2013.
Contact Mrs. Di Ashton on PH: 8405 0900 to make an appointment.

HOMEWORK CENTRE
occurs Monday afternoon after school in the library. It operates from 3.15pm until approximately 4.30pm. Several teachers are available to assist with assignments. All students are welcome to attend all or part of the time.

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REMINDER

SCHOOL FEES
Statements for School Fees have been posted out this week.
Our Fee Policy states school fees must be paid within the first two weeks of term unless a regular payment plan is in place.
If you are unable to pay the terms fees by the due date and do NOT have a payment plan please contact Denise Koning on 8405 0935 to set one up.
Please note that to qualify for 5% discount, all fees for 2012 must be paid on or before Friday, 17 February, 2012.
Please be aware that the School Card Rebate will be applied to fee accounts once approval has been received from the School Card Department.

SCHOOL CARD
If you intend to apply for School Card please do so as soon as possible.
School Card forms can be collected from the campus office or downloaded at www.decs.sa.gov.au/goldbook/