Dear Temple Family,

MERIT CEREMONY GOVERNMENT HOUSE

It was my great delight to attend the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House. Nine of our students achieved Merits last year. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate their achievements.

Timothy Hersey achieved Merits in Mathematical Studies and Specialists Mathematics. Joshua White achieved a Merit in Mathematical Studies. Ellen Worley and Peter Golding both achieved Merits in the Research Project.

A special highlight was the achievement by 5 Year 11 students also attaining a Merit in the Research Project. They were Benjamin Gricks, Shannalee Fast, Monica Brogden, Alexandra Beckinsale and Imogen Hebart.

RESEARCH PROJECT

There has been much debate recently regarding the New SACE and especially the Research Project. At Temple we could see the concern the Research Project would cause if it was studied at Year 12. We made a decision 3 years ago to complete the Research Project in Year 11 and allocate it as a subject for a full year. There are many very valuable skills learnt through the Research Project and I believe it is a very worthwhile subject when it is taught thoroughly and well, and given the time that is needed. It is a compulsory Year 12 subject and all students need to pass. At Temple it has been a real winner.

A Year 12 student from last year completed the Research Project in Year 11 but had to wait till mid Year 12 to receive their results. Two achieved Merits and 25 achieved A’s. From our Year 11 students last year 5 achieved Merits and 35 achieved an A grade. Great credit needs to be given to the Research Project teachers and especially Mr. Lachlan McKay on being the Research Project Coordinator.

One of our Year 12 students Lewis Anderson was involved in a very serious car accident two weeks ago on a Sunday Evening. On the Monday we prayed for him at Assembly and the Year 12’s then gathered for another lesson to continue to pray for him. At that stage Lewis’ situation was looking very grim.

I am pleased to report that it has significantly improved although Lewis still has a very long way to go. He is now off medication and swelling around the brain has not increased. Lewis has been taken off the ventilator and doctors are now waiting for him to wake up properly from an induced coma. On behalf of John and Cathy Anderson I would like to thank everyone who has been praying for Lewis. The family has appreciated the support they have received.

The battle is not over and we need to continue to pray that God by His Spirit and through the sacrifice of Jesus will continue to fully heal and restore Lewis to full health.

I realize that Lewis is not the only member of the school family needing our prayers for healing. We continue to commit each of the situations to God and ask for His healing in the area of need.

Pursuing excellence for the glory of God
A typical day at Year 10 Camp 2012...

It’s 5am on a Monday morning and my alarm has been set at a prematurely unearthly hour. I gather my thoughts... aaah yes... Year 10 Camp! I “jump” out of bed in “wide eyed” anticipation for the day that’s dawning... (well, perhaps it’s more like a “crawl”). But there’s nothing like the fresh country morning air to awaken the senses, coupled with a strong cup of Lipton’s Green tea (for those who were awake). Next, the day’s Charleston starts (I believe coffee is his preferred caffeine fix). Horn in hand, the first challenge of the day – waking 82 teenagers from their “blissful slumber” at 6am in the morning ready for early morning fitness. It worked like a charm. Soon the Red Group was Running, the Blue Group was Basket-balling and the other Groups engaging in various physical endeavours for the 30 minutes that followed. 7am - showers. 8am - Breakfast, topped off with a potentially life changing devotion about the goodness of GOD (for those who were awake). Next, the day’s activities: High Ropes, Leap of Faith, Giant Swing, Laser Skirmish, Flying Fox, Archery, Survivor Challenge, Canoeing, Pool Games, Mountain Biking, Orienteering and Raft Making are but a few of the things on the agenda. 6 sessions, broken up by recess, lunch and a free time. A Valentine’s Day surprise for the wife is sorted. 6pm - Dinner. 7pm - Red Faces practise... a parody of Friday by Rebbecca Black amongst other creative expressions of the Yr 10 genius at work. 8:30pm - Night Hike (Mental note to self: Next year don’t wear crocs!) 9:30pm - Supper (Gotta love the Big Choc Chip Bikkies!) 10pm - Lights Out. A couple of teacher “patrols” later and a few “privileged” students have “chosen” the hard cold floor of the teacher’s lounge area is better than a comfy mattress in a dorm with their best friends. (Choices and Consequences!) 1pm - I crawl into bed. 3pm - a loud banging noise startles me (a student needing a pandadol) ... might as well do another patrol. Sam - the blessed sound of the iphone alarm wakes me from my slumber... all ready for another 3 more days of fun filled exciting challenges and relationship building!

What’s not to love about Yr 10 Camp! (except for the apparent lack of sleep and missing the loved ones). It truly features as one of the main highlights of the year, only made possible, first and foremost by HIM who placed us here, the amazing teachers and mentors (who gladly sacrifice a week of sleep and time away from families) as well as, of course, the great bunch of students that come.

Here’s some of the highlights of the students:

“1 conquered my fear of heights on the high ropes course and grew stronger friendships with old friends and also made new friends” [Isabella Freeman]

“I enjoy doing things that I would not normally do. It was also a great opportunity to make new friends in a different environment” [Michaela Gonzalez]

“It was fun and the leaders really encouraged you to do everything” [Nadia Thredgold]

“The Temple Challenge was great as we worked well as a team and finishing the 10 Km Run gave a great sense of achievement” [Kevin Doveton]

“Hamish and Will” [Rebecca Hilder]

“Chilling with some mates” [Jackson Ferry]

“Falling in the river” [Bradley Stonham]

“All the activities were so much fun and when you have a go, you really got into it more” [Samantha Berry]

“The giant swing. I’m terrified of heights and I faced my fear” [Jeska Allen]

Thanks guys for making Year 10 Camp 2012 such a memorable moment in time!
A WORD FROM OUR STUDENT MENTORS

Matt King and Diana Brenkley

It is an honour and a privilege to be able to serve the Temple College community and its students in our role as Student Mentors. More than that though, it is a great pleasure to work alongside parents and staff to provide support and assistance for our students in facing a range of issues and circumstances.

At the heart of our role as Student Mentors is our love for God and the students. We want to see our young people encouraged and anchored in their faith in Jesus so that they are able to meet every challenge that comes their way with purpose, integrity and conviction. We pray that our students will go on from their studies at Temple as fully committed followers of Jesus who passionately pursue His will for their lives and a future in Him of hope, destiny and purpose.

The What... The Students Mentors’ Office operates 4 days each week during term time and our level of involvement includes (but is not limited to) scheduled appointments with students, in-class support and involvement with the school assemblies, Christian Living classes, camps and excursions.

The biggest (and often most enjoyable) part of our role is building relationships with the students as we meet with them in different ways throughout the week. This gives us the opportunity and privilege of being let into their lives in ways we would not otherwise be able to be and provides for them a safe place to be able to discuss the big stuff that comes up in their lives. Think of us as a big brother or sister to the students!

The How... Students wanting to see us are encouraged to make an appointment where possible but we are available also for emergency support or to speak to students who need to talk more urgently. We also have a message box set up at Mrs Smith’s window in the SSO for students who want to communicate with us more confidentially and this is available for students to drop messages or appointment requests in at any time. In addition, referrals are often provided by Teaching Staff and Student Services Staff as they become aware of struggles students may be facing in relation to behaviour, the effects of ongoing illness, or even when students just seem to be not quite their usual selves.

Matt has a particular passion is to see young men reach their potential through good decisions. “We live in a world where information is easily accessible but good morals are seldom seen. I believe that by being an example and encouragement I can influence young men positively to be great fathers, husbands and leaders for our future, based on principles found in 1 Timothy 4:12; Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity”.

Diana’s excitement is for seeing young women grasp the truth of the gospel and start to own it for themselves. “My hope is that I can get alongside young women in order to encourage them in their faith. I love to be witness to the moments when their worldview is shaped by Scripture and not the other way around. It is a huge privilege for me to be even a small part of the walk of the young women at Temple, seeing them apply what they know of God and their relationship with Him as they make the transition into adulthood”.

In short, we love what we do and the people we do it with. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family as part of the Temple CC community.

CONGRATULATIONS

Year 10 student Kevin Doveton competed in the State Freestyle Kiteboarding Championships at Grange beach on February 5. The conditions were very challenging with 30+ knot (approximately 55km/h) onshore winds, and stormy seas. Kevin competed in both Juniors and Open Men’s Divisions. He performed very well in the Juniors coming 3rd in the State. In the Open Men’s division, he was up against the 2011 State Men’s Champion, Martyn Bone in his first heat, but still held his own and had a very credible performance.

Congratulations to Pete Mitchell, guitar student of local teacher Leigh Fopp. Pete was awarded a National Award for his practical exam result in Guitar which he undertook in 2011 with the Australian Guild of Music. In addition to the Distinction he received at the time of the exam a Certificate of Achievement has also been awarded. This award is given on a National basis and is a very significant achievement. Pete has been invited to attend the awards ceremony in Melbourne to receive the award personally. Well done.
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, 13 March, 2012 at 7.30pm**
*Staff Room*

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**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*

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.