Dear Temple Family,

It was very encouraging to be able to connect with parents and especially new parents at the Year 7 and 8 Family BBQ held at the school last week. I always worry a little over the new students, trusting and hoping that they are settling in well. It is a real joy to hear from parents how much their children are enjoying being at Temple. A few parents even expected it to only last two or three weeks and were surprised that it was continuing. I trust this is the experience for your child.

If you do have concerns please contact the school early. Often concerns can be resolved very quickly. It is rare for concerns to resolve themselves if just left. As parents you can contact Subject Teachers, Care Group Teachers, Year Level Coordinators, Student Service Officers or Mr. Ryan, Miss Nakos or myself. If you are unsure who to contact call the Office or even send me an email and I will be able to direct you to the right person. Temple Christian College is a wonderful community but it is not perfect.

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I would not expect it to be perfect but I do trust that as issues and or concerns are raised that we are able to work through them and where students are concerned that they are responding in the right way.

It was also wonderful to spend a night with the Year 8’s at their camp. It was great to see them develop their camping and outdoor skills. It is good for the students to step out of their comfort zone as it provides them an opportunity to develop resilience. This is not a word that is often used but resilience is a really important character quality that we need to develop. When we make life too easy for our children or try to insulate them too much from what is happening around them it makes it difficult for them to develop resilience. In a small way we have addressed this in our family by always having pets. Pets are great and become part of the family but inevitably they pass away as they have a short life. Young children find this very difficult yet can learn so much from the experience and grow in their resilience. It is important as a school and as parents that we look for ways and opportunities for our students, your children to develop resilience.

Athletics Day
It was great to return to Santos Stadium for our Interhouse Athletics Carnival. It is the only event we have that brings all of the Mile End and Bethany Campuses together. It was terrific weather and an exceptional day. I would like to thank Mrs. Steele, and Mr Lloyd our Sports Coordinators for each Campus and all the staff and students for their exceptional efforts. There is an article on the Athletics from Mrs. Steele in this newsletter. I am also very thankful to God that Jemeiah the student who was injured whilst running is well on the road to recovery and was able to go home from hospital on the same day. Please pray for a continued healing over her.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interview Night
It was good to connect with parents of Year 12’s on Tuesday as they spent time with the different subject teachers. We are blessed with a wonderful group of Year 12’s but we also have a significant journey before us. It is important that we work closely as we encourage each of our Year 12’s to run this race well.

Marcel Rijken, Principal
We were blessed with perfect weather for the camp at Little Eagle Campsite at Hindmarsh Island. The campsite was set in the middle of a pine forest. It was a rugged environment, tough enough to handle Year 8 Students. The students enjoyed a variety of activities including, surfing, canoeing, group dynamics, raft making, sleeping in a tent for a night and cooking on a trangia.

It was the first time for many of the students and myself to sleep in a tent and use a trangia. The process of setting up the tents, cooking and cleaning took 4 hours. It was quite a lengthy time. A range of meals were prepared including, Pasta, Pizza, with one group enjoying a chocolate fondue with marshmallows. Soon it was bedtime. It was strangely and unexpectedly peaceful. As part of the talent night, some of the students showed their strength in both arm wrestling and push ups. Boys arm wrestling champion was Tom Richards, girls was Amelia Kingham. Push up champs were Samuel Double, Caleb Sander and again Amelia Kingham.

The main purposes of the camp were to provide the students an opportunity help foster and build new relationships. I would like to thank the Year 8’s and the teachers for their participation in the 2012 camp. I am so grateful for the many connections I made with students. I look forward to the year ahead.

Miss Minicozzi, Year 8 Coordinator

Some comments from the students:

What I learnt about myself...

‘I think for me the best thing about camp was being myself and not having to hide and act like a shy girl. The first weeks at Temple I felt as though I wasn’t gonna make friends or fit in. So that’s why for me camp was so amazing. To my surprise I made so many new friends and good friendships that I know I will have for life’. Abigail Boks.

‘If put a good attitude in what I do I have a much better time’. Tahlia Cross.

‘I learnt I could actually cook hot food on a stove without burning myself’.

Lachlan Racz.

‘I could go with a two minute shower and not wash my hair for three days without being too worried about it. I could also put up a tent!’.

Helen Mahood.

‘How to canoe, cooking isn’t as hard as it looked. I have pretty alright friends’.

Roman Wojtkowski.

‘If I can’t get something the first time, pray and keep trying. You will succeed’.

Jemima D’Lima.

‘That no matter what I think, I can make new friends’.

Rachel Flynn.

What was most enjoyable and why?

‘The most enjoyable part was surfing. We learnt how to surf and then had a lot of time to practice. I loved the feeling of actually getting it right and standing up’ Tracey Mahood.

‘I loved the really long bus drive, surfing and cooking on the trangia. I also loved seeing the sky at night without light pollution’ Kiara Chester.

‘Definitely surfing because I’d never surfed before and there were good waves and I caught lots and freetime because I could hang out with my friends’. William Ewers.

‘Free time because we got to walk around and how we walked into the pine forest to explore’. Lachlan Racz.

‘I liked canoeing because I had never done it and it was funny when our canoe sank’. Ben Jarman.
Our annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival came around again on Monday, 5 March, this time we finally returned to SANTOS Stadium which suited us perfectly as we had 700+ students, 40+ teachers and parents there on the day. As always, perfect weather, 24 with some cloud cover and plenty of sun.

East took out the trophy this year, first time in TEN YEARS. 2002 was their last victory and Mr Lang should be very proud of his team that came up from last in 2011 to first in 2012. Thanks to all the East students who participated in the events on the day. Those numbers really did make the difference.

All of the students mentioned above as well as around 70 other talented individuals will further represent the school in the SACSA and the SSSSA Athletics Carnival in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Students will be notified end of Week 6.

As some of you are aware Jemeiah Millar had a serious fall at the start of the carnival and was rushed to hospital with severe thoracic spinal pain. The carnival had to stop for about 40 minutes whilst the paramedics assessed the seriousness of the problem, put her on a stretcher and took her off the track to the Women’s and Children’s hospital. The whole school gathered together in prayer to give Jem’s condition over to God. We heard later that day that she was up walking and recovering from the fall. We would like to praise and thank our God for his healing hand in this situation and honour all He does at our school. Jem will be in rehabilitation for the rest of the week with a slipped disc and some swelling and bruises. It was great to see how the school could all come together in unity and prayer and give the situation over to our Father in heaven. Thank you God.

We would like to thank all the parents, who came out to support their children and a special thank you to Andrea Turner, a parent who came and helped officiate for most of the day, it was great to have your help and support.

Zoe Steele, P.E./Health/Sports Coordinator
CLEAN UP SCHOOLS

In Year 8 Geography students have been learning about the impact of waste on the environment and human health. Some elements of the topic have been shocking for them to learn of, such as the children and women working to ‘recycle’ e-waste sent from rich nations like Australia to poor nations such as China. During this process they are exposed to highly dangerous toxic chemicals as they burn and remove components of worth.

In response to such concerns about waste, students involved themselves in the ‘Clean Up Schools’ event held on Friday, March 2. Armed with bags, gloves and goodwill, they walked Bonython Park and the parks adjacent Temple picking up rubbish and recyclable goods. Many bags were filled and competition amongst some students saw extra effort exerted. For their efforts the, students enjoyed a late BBQ cooked by Miss Anderson and some most helpful Year 11 students.

In all, Year 8 Temple students did a fantastic job removing unsightly and damaging waste from our local community. It’s wonderful that we can serve our local community and make it a better place for its citizens. It’s also great to know that students are keen to peruse one of the most fundamental ideas of Christianity… to care for the world that God has given them.

Mr. Lang, SOSE Coordinator

2012 NAPLAN

NAPLAN test period for 2012 is:
Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16, and Thursday 17 May.

This will fall in Week 4 of Term 2. All Year 7 and Year 9 students at Temple Christian College are encouraged to participate. However, if you would like your child to be withdrawn from NAPLAN tests, please notify the school of your request by email.

Contact: ester.deluca@templecc.se.edu.au

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

CYCLING

Temple Christian College is putting together a cycling team to compete against other schools throughout the year. We are in need of some more bicycles, so if anyone has an unused road bike of any condition and would like to donate or sell at a good price to the school, that would be most appreciated.

Please contact Brad Adams by email: brad.adams@templecc.sa.edu.au
SSSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2012

After our annual Temple Swimming Carnival, a team of talented swimmers were chosen to represent the school at the South Australian School Sports Swimming Carnival held in Week 5 of Term 1.

Aric Pierce received some great results on the day receiving 2 seconds and a third in Division 1. Deidre Boshoff and Brittany May also did well and received certificates for their events. Isaac Johnson, Robert Patterson, Samuel Rijken and Matthew Thamm received 1sts on the day for Division 2.

The results were as follows: Boys came 3rd behind Golden Grove and Endeavour and although our girls came 10th, they were not far behind Nuriootpa and Murray Mallee.

The students put in a great effort and Temple ended up coming 5th overall. A great job to all the helpers and swimmers on the day. Well done!

Zoe Steele, Sports/PE and Health Coordinator

CARE GROUP PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS & BBQ for YEARS 7 and 8

Thank you to all the parents and students who were able to attend the Care Group, Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Mr Rijken enjoyed making many connections with families and was the Barista for the evening.

It was held on Tuesday, 28 February, followed by a barbeque tea.

The information session commenced at 6.00 pm. The Parents and Friends Association supplied the delicious food and assisted with the preparation and cooking.

It was a blessing to see the largest group of families and staff sharing a meal over friendly conversation. There was a real sense of community amongst all who attended. Thank you to all the staff, parents, students and Parents and Friends Association who assisted in making it a very special evening.

Miss Minicozzi, Year 8 Coordinator

What an exciting turn out it was Thursday, Week 4! A beautiful day for the first Student Service Council fundraiser combined with a thrilling 40 minutes of volleyball between the Houses.

South House was victorious winning both the junior and senior tournaments, followed by West in second, East in third and North coming in fourth.

Congratulations to South for the overall win, but to everyone who participated – well done! With commentating by Year 12 students Tyson Satala and Justin Bailey, music playing on the courts and Sonic the Hedgehog making an appearance, it was quite the entertaining lunchtime. It was great to see so many people outside supporting their Houses while buying from the sausage sizzle, cans of drink and ice-cream fundraiser to raise money for the Papua New Guinea school. Thankyou to the referees on the day and everyone who was involved in organising this fantastic event.

Monica Brogden, Prefect

CASUALS FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Thursday, March 29

For $2 students can wear casual clothes instead of school uniform
$2 BBQ Lunch
$2 Can of Drink

All funds raised go towards Sunrise Bethel Christian School in PNG
Thursday, March 22, 2012
at 6.30am—7.30am

ACCIDENT COVER

Unfortunately, and despite our best efforts, accidents at School do occur. Parents should ensure students have reported accidents and injuries to the School First Aid Officer to make certain the events and injury are adequately documented. Costs associated with injury at school are met by the parents of the injured student. The School takes out a Student Accident cover for all students through AON Insurance. The policy provides 24 hour protection, 365 days a year. The student accident cover pays a certain amount for a defined event.

Enquiries should be directed to the insurance company AON on 1800 806 493. The claim form can be downloaded from www.aon.com.au

AMBULANCE COVER

The School takes out an Ambulance cover. The cost of transporting a student by ambulance to hospital due to a school-related activity will be met by the School under the terms of this cover. The School is not covered for Ambulance cover for pre-existing medical conditions.

Garden Express—Great Mothers Day Gift Idea. Orders Due: Monday, 2 April, 2012. Pick up brochure and order form from the Front Office or phone on 8405 0900. Delivery date Monday, 23 April.
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

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
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, an Enrolment Form must be received by the school before an interview can be booked.

Contact Mrs. Di Ashton on PH: 8405 0900 to obtain a Prospectus Pack

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.

ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS


Parents Coffee Mornings

16 March, 4 May,
1 June, 27 July, 24 Aug, 21 Sep, 19 Oct,
16 Nov

All parents of all Year Levels are welcome. It is at BB’s cafe, Mile End at 10am

Contact Sue Doveton on 0405 169 218

SCHOOL CARD

Urgent reminder
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/