Dear Temple Family,

The term has gone very quickly with staff busily finishing assessments and writing reports for all the students. Our school motto ‘Pursing excellence for the glory of God’ reminds us that it is the pursuit not necessarily always being able to achieve excellence that brings glory to God. Not all of us will be able to achieve excellence but we can all give of our very best in all situations. There are Awards given out at the end of each term. One of the most important awards is the Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Attitude.

In each subject a student is able to achieve an Attitude Merit by having an above satisfactory attitude and making sure there are no concerns in the areas of behaviour, submission of work and work effort. If they are able to achieve an Attitude Merit in every subject they will receive the Certificate of Merit Excellence in Attitude. This award is achievable by all students as it recognises hard work, perseverance and trying your best in each of the subjects. At times students miss out on this award by 1 merit. In recognition of their hard work they receive an Attitude Endeavour Award.

Awards are also given for academic achievement. Each subject will give students a result out of 100. The Grade Point Average for students is then calculated by adding the results of each subject studied and dividing by the number of subjects studied. If a student scores between 80-85 they receive a credit. If students score between 85-90 they receive a Distinction, for 90-95 they receive a High Distinction and for 95 and above they receive a High Distinction with Honours. It is important for students to work hard in every subject rather than only concentrating on the ones they like. Students will receive these awards at a Presentation Assembly early next term.

Tragically two young people were killed in road accidents recently that had a connection to the staff and students at the school. Our senior vocal tutor Mrs Sharon Raymond lost her son Alex in a car accident. He had only just finished Year 12 last year at Cornerstone College and was an incredibly talented young man with an amazing singing voice. He was the youngest of 4 children and their only son. Our prayers are with the family at this very difficult time.

One of our Year 10 students, Brandon Uy, at the Bethany Campus lost his older sister, Nadine, in a car accident just last week. She was only 23 and again a very tragic accident. Our prayers are with the family. It has been a difficult start to the year yet we continue to declare that our God is good despite what happens around us and we continue to have our trust and hope in Him. We gain comfort as we read in Romans 8:38 that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God.

Mr Marcel Rijken, Principal

Jesus Racing Seminar

On Thursday, 15 March, we were fortunate to have a visit from V8 race car driver Andrew Fisher. Andrew has competed in the V8 Supercar and V8 Ute series over a number of years in his very distinctive “Jesus: All About Life” race car. Fresh from a win at Clipsal he came in to run a seminar for our Year 7-10 students. He shared about the origins of the Jesus Racing team, and showed some great footage of the car in action. But more importantly, he challenged the students on their understanding of courage, and explained how crucial it is that they demonstrate courage in making decisions about how they live their life, and how they relate to God. As a parent who has lived with a child with chronic health difficulties, he was able to share very personally and relate to the students how he has continued to trust God even in very difficult circumstances. To finish, he handed out some copies of Luke’s gospel and encouraged the students to respond, not to him, but to the good news found within the story of Jesus. We were able to get up close and personal with a replica of his racing ute, and Andrew was good enough to hand out some posters and sign some autographs after the seminar.

Mark Ryan,
Assistant Principal – Student Development

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Exchange Students from Hamburg

Paula and Paulina are our German exchange students this year. They arrived in Australia on Saturday, 11 February and will return to Germany during the Term 1 holiday period on Thursday, 19 April. Here is what they had to say about their time in Australia so far:

‘Hey, our names are Paula and Paulina and we are exchange students from Germany. We stay in Australia for the first school term. Most of our time here is nearly over now and we made a lot of exciting experiences.

For us a very good experience was our trip to Cleland where we were able to carry koalas and take pictures with animals like kangaroos or emus. Waterfall Gully was a great experience too. The nature is unique and it was amazing to stand in the water next to the waterfall. Our swim with the dolphins was one of the greatest things we have ever done in our lives because the closeness of the dolphins was fascinating. Hahndorf made us feel at home because of all the typical German sweets such as ‘Milka’, ‘Haribo’ or ‘Ritter Sport’ chocolate. We were pretty impressed by the amount of people visiting Hahndorf. Also, we didn’t expect netball to be such a popular sport. We were impressed by the site of the Central Courts in the city, and because it’s summer season, not many people play netball which means that the winter season will be even bigger. Watching the sunset at the beach is beautiful and we especially like Glenelg because of its shops, restaurants and the jetty.

It is incredible how near the teachers are in Australian schools, and how easy you can approach them.

We are enjoying Australia very much and the kindness of the people makes our stay even better. We are looking forward to the rest of our stay and we are always happy about people talking to us in German or English.

Thank you that you made our stay here such a beautiful experience’. Paula Seibt and Paulina Lange

If students are thinking of being involved in the 2013-2014 Exchange Program, they need to be considering it now, as application packages need to be submitted by Friday, May 11. In the past, students have only had the option of putting their name down for this program in Year 10 (and traveling to Germany at the end of Year 11), whereas now students also have the option of putting their name down in Year 9 (and traveling to Germany at the end of Year 10). Miss Fielding (German Coordinator) has copies of letters and application packages if you are interested.

Miss Cassie Fielding,
German Coordinator

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South Australia’s junior team has returned from the National Junior Championships in Sydney with a string of impressive performances, a swag of medals, accompanied by meet records, world junior qualifying performances and personal bests. Continuing the trend set at junior national events over the past few years, the South Australian Team of 86 athletes brought home a combined total of 35 medals. The haul included 10 gold, 13 silver, and 12 bronze medals over the 5 day championship.

Congratulations to Old Scholar Samantha Lind who achieved a Gold Medal in the Women’s 400 Metre Run Under 17 in 55.90. Amazing run.

Silver Medal in the 200 Metre run, Under 17 in 24.94.

Bronze Medal in the 4 x 400 metres Woman’s Relay, Under 20.

Well done!
**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*
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:

**May 8 & June 5, 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**

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.

**LATEST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Thursday, April 5

EARLY FINISH at 12.30pm

Term 2

UNIFORM

WINTER

Students are required to wear their winter uniform with school blazer.

**PARENTS COFFEE MORNINGS**

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*

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