Dear Temple Family,

I had the privilege of attending the Merit Ceremony at Government House. We had 5 of our students from 2012 receive Merits for their studies. Benjamin Gricks and Sarah Rijken both achieved a Merit in Physics, Alexandra Beckinsale in Visual Art Studies and Heidi Bitzer in English Communications and Matthew Schirripa in Music Technology.

It was a great morning to be able to celebrate their achievements which their families. Ashley Bogle was awarded a Governor of South Australia Award but was unable to receive it personally as she is studying in Canada. I would like to congratulate the students on their exceptional efforts.

Year 10 Camp

It was great to be able to visit the Year 10’s on their camp at Mylor Baptist Camp. It is a great venue and the programme provided plenty of challenges and opportunities to develop as an individual and to work as a team. We are blessed with a fantastic group of Year 10’s. I would like to thank Mr Kowald on his organisation and leading of the camp and all the staff involved in making it such a success.

Year 7 & 8 BBQ

We had our Year 7 & 8 Family BBQ Night. It was great to be able to connect with parents especially the families who are new to Temple. I really appreciate the feedback as to how the students, your children, have found the start at Temple. I was greatly encouraged as parents shared how their children are so excited about coming to school, the friends they have already made and event wanting to really get into their schoolwork.

What a great start to the year and I trust it is a similar story for most of the students.

I do realise that this is not always the case. If your child has found the transition difficult or you have some concerns it is really helpful when you can contact us at the School as soon as possible. You can also contact the Care Group teacher, the Student Services Office, and any member of our staff leadership and you can also contact me directly.

Sometimes your child may say that it is not a big issue or ‘if you contact the School it will only get worse’. My experience here at this school over 26 years clearly shows that this is not the case. Where we are made aware of an issue early we are then able to deal with it sensitively and this will overwhelmingly resolve the issue before it grows.

Leaving issues to resolve themselves without informing us at school rarely works. We love your children and we have a deep desire to see them grow into all that God has for them.

We have dealt with many issues over the years and will handle situations in a sensitive way. If you do have any concerns please contact us so that we can help.

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Year 8 Camp
Our Year 8 students will be going on camp next week, I am sure, it will be an exciting and enjoyable time and great opportunity for them to get to know each other a little more and to work together as a Year Level.

I am very thankful for the wonderful start that God has enabled us to have and look forward to connect with more parents throughout the term.

School Assembly
Leigh Norcott our Head Prefect, shared a wonderful word of encouragement at our recent Assembly reminding us all how special we are to God and that He sees us as being worth the sacrifice that Christ made for us.

It is such a blessing to have our students lead us at Assembly.

New Chemistry Lab
It has been very exciting to renovate the Chemistry Lab. I have included some photos. Staff and students are really appreciating using the space. It is great to be able to continually improve the spaces around the school.

It was a very hot day on Monday and the air conditioning in ‘The Shed’ space made a significant difference for our Assembly as well as for recess and lunch.

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival 2013
On Wednesday, 2th March there were two Year 7 students Adam Chapman and Ethan Gersch who represented Temple Christian College in the Airport SAPSASA Swimming trials held at the Immanuel Sports Centre Novar Gardens.

Adam and Ethan both competed fiercely in their nominated events and achieved good results. I received very positive feedback from the Airport District convenor about the conduct of our students and a big thank you to the parents for their support of the carnival.

I would like to also congratulate Ella White and Faith Pickard on moving through to the next round of selection as representatives for the Airport District in the Softball championships to be played later in the year.

I commend all of these students on their great efforts and look forward to cheering on the future successes of other Year 7 students representing Temple at SAPSASA carnivals in 2013.

Magan Schaefer, Sports, PE and Health Coordinator

COOPER MCLAINE STEELE has arrived!!!
Congratulations to Mrs Zoe Steele and husband, Andrew on the birth of their son.
A little brother for Jamie Kennedy.
Born 8pm, 7 February, 8 pounds, 52cm long.
Both mum and bub are doing well.

In January, Mason Pickard represented South Australia at the National U16 Baseball Championships.
It was held in Geelong Victoria. SA came 6th overall.
Mason had an outstanding tournament, batting 12th best in Australia & equal 2nd highest doubles hit with 7.
He played in 12 out of 13 games & had a fielding average of .898.
Arrival of German Exchange Students

On Friday, 15 February our 2 German exchange students arrived. They had the weekend to recover from the flight and the drastic change in weather before attending their first day of school on Monday, 18 February. This year our exchange students are Franziska Attenkofer (partnered with Sarah Pietsch) and Svenja Wöllner (partnered with Danielle Keyser). The girls will be attending various classes in Year 10. Normally our exchange students are in Year 11, but Sarah and Danielle have chosen to be involved in the exchange program a year earlier than usual. This is possible for students if it is what they would prefer. Otherwise students would normally apply for the exchange program in Year 10, where they will host their exchange partner at the beginning of Year 11, and go to Germany at the end of Year 11.

Franziska and Svenja will be with us until the end of the Term 1 holidays. Sarah and Danielle will travel to Germany at the end of this year and stay with their exchange partners for 9 weeks.

While at Temple, Franziska and Svenja will be visiting all of the German classes to introduce themselves and talk about life in Germany. It would be great if you could make Franziska and Svenja feel welcome. They will write an article for the newsletter soon.

If you have any questions about your child traveling to Germany on exchange at the end of Year 10 or Year 11, please contact me via email or telephone.

Miss Cassie Fielding, German Coordinator

On Tuesday, 19 February parents came along to the school for Care Group Teacher interviews and an information session for new parents. Afterwards a delicious barbecue was put on for the families of Year 7 and 8 students. As the Year 7 Coordinator, it was so lovely to meet new parents to the school, as well as the parents who have had something to do with the school for some years. It was great to hear how well many of our new students were settling in. I heard many stories about how our new students were keen to get to school on time each day and enthusiastically complete their homework each night. I also heard stories about new friendships and general happiness. All of the parents that I spoke to were relieved and happy at how well their child was settling into Temple. After the formalities of interviews, it was lovely to mingle with parents in a more relaxed environment in the Assembly area for a meal. Thank you to all of the parents who came along for the evening.

Year 7 & 8 BBQ

Photo: from left: Danielle, Svenja, Franziska, Sarah

Miss Cassie Fielding, Year 7 Coordinator
PARENTS AND FRIENDS
As parents, a vibrant school community is important to us. Being involved in the Parents and Friends group not only gives us the opportunity to be actively engaged in supporting events and initiatives, but provides a wonderful avenue through which to get to know and work alongside other parents. Together we make a difference in the life of the school.

If you would like to join us an invitation is extended to all interested parents and friends to join us at any of the Parents and Friends meetings held through the year.

Mile End Campus, Staff Room
7.30pm, Tuesday, 12 March

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 $3.00

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, 2013
Friday, March 8, March 22, April 5
Front Office

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS
Enrolment interviews will commence for the 2014 intake of students in early February 2013.
An Enrolment Form must be received by the school before an interview can be booked.

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

OUTSTANDING FEE ACCOUNTS: A friendly reminder, if you don’t have a payment plan in place, your school fees are now due. Please note that an overdue account charge of $10 per month will be charged from Term 1 if fees were not paid by the due date (ie 2nd Friday of each term - by 8th February for Term 1). Please contact the school urgently on 8405 0921 if you have an outstanding fee.

SPORTS WEBSITE
If you would like information on all of our sporting opportunities at Temple, please log in to www.templecc.sa.edu.au and go to the tab labelled Sport.
You will find draws, team names, consent forms, times, dates, venues, what’s coming up etc.
If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me on 8405 0900 or email me at zoe.steele@templecc.sa.edu.au

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