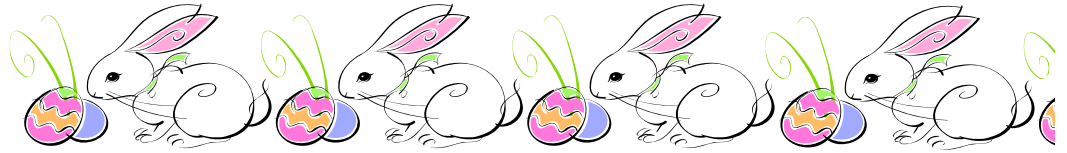




NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL—DAVID TYSON



PERSONAL BEST, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE & INCLUSION

Templestowe College

THE EASTER MESSAGE

As we head towards the Easter Holidays, it is worthwhile considering the Easter message, whether we are of the Christian faith or not. Both the Christian message and the pre-Christian celebrations of this period of time in European history focus on a sense of hope for the future.

I think this is an important message for all young people to hear that no matter how bad things can appear to get, they always get better in the end.

The despair of the crucifixion is followed by the joy of the resurrection or the bleakness of the harsh European winter is followed by the brightness and growth of spring.

Both of these are apt metaphors for events that can take place in our own lives.

As we are confronted with a time where there are increasing levels of youth suicide and the rate of depression is at epidemic proportions, I think Easter is a time to reflect on many of the positive things in our lives and how we are all confronted with hardships and loss, yet we have the ability to overcome them.

I see one of the major roles of this College as supporting parents in making their children **resilient** to the challenges of life.

I want the students at this school to have the ability to ride the hard knocks of life and to have a deep sense of hope and the skills to create a positive world.

I wish you all a happy Easter break.

VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The International Students' Coordinator, Mrs Angela Hoptroff and many of our international students attended a reception at Government House on Tuesday, 18 March 2008. The Governor, Mr Kretser and the Minister for Education, Ms Bronwyn Pike, addressed the students. Students were then able to view the building. It is indeed a spectacular residence.



CONGRATULATIONS AMY REN

At the staff meeting on 18 March staff had the pleasure of listening to **Amy Ren** of Year 12 present her English Oral. It was significant for all staff to see the level to which our students are able to achieve in this area. She demon-



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PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday, 22 April 2008 students will not be required at school for classes. Instead, students are expected to attend Parent / Student / Teacher interviews held from 1.00 pm to 8.00 pm at the College.



Happenings Around the College

DROPPING STUDENTS OFF OR PICKING THEM UP IN THE COLLEGE GROUNDS



You may have seen recent television advertisements about accidents near schools relating to speed and parking that could result in injury and death.

These are very timely, as we have had some minor accidents in our grounds where students have been hit by cars. Our policy is to have **no** parent access to drop off or pick up students. I would ask parents to respect our request. It has been made to **protect the children**.

Please drop off or pick up the students in the nearby streets. It is good exercise for them to **walk** to meet you. Let's put all the kids first and keep the school ground safe by keeping the cars out.

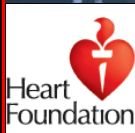
Kids before cars, it's the safe way!

YEAR 7 SKIPPING PROGRAM



Year 7 SPORT
"Keep Active"

The **Heart Foundation "Jump Rope for Heart"** celebrates its 25th birthday this year. As part of the celebrations, all Victorian schools have the opportunity to participate in an Australia-wide **Guinness Book Record** attempt for mass participation skipping.



Templestowe College has registered as an accredited school and all Year 7 students will take part in the record attempt.

Date: Friday, 9 May 2008
Time: Record attempt at 11.30 am

Jump Rope for Heart is a part of the **Templestowe College Year 7 Sport Program, "Keep Active"**. We have currently just begun training and are encouraging all Year 7 students to develop their skills in this area.

Students are skipping every morning at the beginning of period one. We encourage them to continue this during the vacation.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

In celebration of this day many staff wore something green and got into the spirit.

One staff member went even further wearing an authentic costume from Ireland.



CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISING BBQ AT BUNNINGS—NUNA WADING

Thank you to the tremendous effort of our Chaplaincy Committee members who manned the BBQ stand at Bunnings.



Helping to Enhance your Child's Literacy at Secondary School

"Literacy is a fundamental right of all learners. Literacy is making sense of language in order to communicate effectively in written and spoken forms."



At Templestowe College we believe that Literacy is the 'right of all learners' and we are committed to developing the Literacy levels of all our students. In order to do this effectively we need your support as parents.

Reading is essential for Literacy success. It is the most empowering skill you can give to an individual. Reading is the key element of Literacy competence. It involves two basic processes:

1. Learning how to decipher print, and
2. Understanding what the print means

We need to encourage our students to be active readers every day both at school and at home. We need to help to create generations of life-long readers.

As part of the College's Literacy Strategy we are registering students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to participate in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. For more details about the Challenge contact the College Librarian Mr Wayne da Silva or visit the website directly at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc. Remember you can help your child or children by being more involved in their wide reading program at home by discussing

books from the list with them and by reading books with them.

If we want students to learn to read well, we must find a way to induce them to read widely. That is why we require every subject to have reading in their program. After students learn to read, they read to learn. Without reading, learning is difficult. The more information, facts and vocabulary a student knows, the better their comprehension will be later on.

Some Tips for Parents:

- Encourage your child or children to read
- Read regularly yourself
- Read aloud to your child or children
- Monitor your child's or children's wide reading program
- Encourage involvement in the Premier's Reading Challenge
- Discuss books with your child or children
- Buy or borrow books that you know will interest your child or children
- Read the set texts to be studied at school
- Discuss the set texts with your child or children
- Buy a good dictionary for your child or children and use it together regularly
- Visit your local library
- Visit the websites of favourite authors and illustrators

We are also looking for parent helpers to support our students at school in reading assistance. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Wendy Cookson (Literacy Co-ordinator and Curriculum Manager) at the College on 98506333.

Wendy Cookson
Coordinator—Literacy & Numeracy

Staff Profile — Jemina Ellis



I was born in Sydney in 1982, the first of three children. As housing costs eventually rose, we left to settle in sunny Brisbane. I attended a fairly middle-class primary school and high school where I was taught by some wonderful (and not-so-wonderful) teachers who inspired me to eventually become one myself.

This process took a little while as I started university and changed courses a couple of times. When I finally finished my Bachelor of Creative Industries (I know it sounds fancy but it's really just another way of saying 'Bachelor of Arts'), I didn't know what to do next. I knew I loved film and the English language, but what do I do with those specific knowledge and skills?

After almost six months of looking for work in Brisbane, I remembered that almost-forgotten dream of becoming a teacher and I made a very scary decision. It was almost as scary as standing in front of a classroom full of students the very first time.

My younger sister, Rachel, had moved to Melbourne for a change of scenery not even a year prior. I visited her and really liked the place so I decided to apply for the teaching diploma at Melbourne University. I had one month to pack up my life in Brisbane, say goodbye to my family and friends and make the move.

It was hard at first, as the only person I knew was Rachel and I desperately missed all my loved ones in Brisbane, but it got easier as I made friends, found my way around, finished my diploma and started working as a teacher at Reservoir District Secondary College where I had the chance to teach ESL, English, SOSE and VCAL. It was a full-on year but worth it.

Now I'm living with Rachel, and her pretty (and boy, does she know it) little cat, Souxsie (pronounced 'Susie'). I love Melbourne. I love the places and the people and when my fingers and toes aren't solid blocks of ice, the weather too. And now, thanks to Templestowe College, I actually get to teach what I'm most passionate about: English, Media and VCAL. No, I can't imagine moving back to my humid Brisbane home just yet.

Jemina Ellis
Media/English Teacher

House Athletics Carnival 2008

The House Athletics Carnival is an integral part of the Templestowe College year, offering activity, healthy competition and team spirit and presenting an occasion that builds a sense of community for all students and staff. The day will therefore be a compulsory event for all students at the College.

DATE:	Tuesday, 15 May 2008
VENUE:	George Street Athletics Track, East Doncaster
TRANSPORT:	All students to meet at the track by 9.15 am except for students who travel to and from school with Panorama Buses. They will be taken directly to and from the track by their Panorama Bus.
LUNCH:	Students are strongly advised to bring their own lunch as canteen facilities are limited.
UNIFORM:	Students are required to wear their sports uniform, or appropriate athletic wear, and house colours are strongly encouraged, however sen-

sible clothing is a must. Sunscreen & hats are also required.

ROLL MARKING:

The rolls will be marked at the track at about 9.15am and at the conclusion of the day.

DISMISSAL:

All students will be expected to stay at the track for the duration of the carnival and will be dismissed at 2.30 pm. Those students travelling on the Panorama Buses will be picked up from the venue.

ACTION REQUIRED: Complete the permission form and have your child return it to the General office by 8 April 2008.

Any parents wishing to help officiate at the sports should contact Athena Iliadis at Templestowe College on 9850 6333. We look forward to your support of this annual event. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Athena Iliadis
Coordinator—House/Activities

PE Textbook—Year 9 & 10

All students in Years 9 and 10 are expected to have the Physical Education textbook “Inside and Out” — Edition 4.

Work will be set throughout the year involving the use of this book.

Any students in Years 9 and 10 who were unable to purchase this text from North of the Yarra Bookstore earlier in the year are advised that this book is now in stock and should be purchased prior to the beginning of Term 2.

Robyn Bennett
LAC—PE / Health

National Talent ID & Development

Any males or females aged between 15 and 18 years who are interested in becoming track sprint cyclists should register their interest by emailing tammie.ebert@ausport.gov.au by Friday, 28 March 2008 with your:

- name
- address
- phone number
- date of birth
- male/female
- email address
- parent/guardian contact details
- type of bike owned
- sporting background.



Robyn Bennett
LAC—PE/Health

Education & Policy Sub-Committee News

EdPol off to a busy start!

College Council’s sub-committee EdPol has commenced the year with a focus on drafting the College’s Homework Policy. Following consultation last year with parents, students and teachers a draft policy has been formulated for further consideration and discussions.

During Term Two, work will commence on an Implementation Plan for the Homework Policy. Our thanks are extended to all those who contributed to the surveys that led to the draft policy.

We now seek further contributions from the College Community in the development of the Implementation Plan. Mrs Maria Spackman-Williams will be leading this project. Those interested in being involved should contact the College and speak to her directly.

Your continued input is most welcome on this and other projects. EdPol meets once a month to discuss policies and issues related to education.

If you would like to be involved in this sub-committee please contact the general office and leave your details with me.

Sally Holloway
Assistant Principal (Student Services)

Parents' Association—Profile

In February I was elected as President of our Parents' Association. I would like to introduce you to the Association and tell you a little about what it does.

The Association meets on the second Wednesday of every month and David Tyson, our Principal, always attends. All parents are welcome to come to our meetings.

When I first joined the Parents' Association last year, I wondered if it would be just about fundraising. I must be honest and say that we do raise funds for practical things that will improve the students' educational experience.

Our fundraising is concentrated on three main events which are the sale of entertainment books, the presentation ball and the end of year second hand book sale.

I have found, though that the Parents' Association is about much more than just fundraising. It provides a forum for parents to discuss general college matters with other parents and with David in a relaxed, informal way.

Some examples of the sort of things we discuss are the College's homework and lateness policies. I am very keen for our Parents' Association to continue doing this and I would be delighted to hear from you. It would be great to see you at our next meeting on Wednesday, 9 April (the first Wednesday of next term) at 7.00 pm.

Amanda Ducrou
President

Information Regarding Purchase of Calculators from 2008 to 2010

In the next two years changes will take place to the structure of Mathematics courses at VCE level. The purpose of this notice is to alert parents and students to the calculator requirements for the courses as prescribed by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA).

In 2010, Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4 will no longer be taught. This subject will be replaced by Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 & 4. This subject will assume the use of a CAS calculator. (For your information, **CAS** means **computer algebra system**.) In preparation for this change we are planning to introduce the subject Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 1 & 2 in 2009.

If students are planning to buy a graphical calculator in the near future, and they think it is possible that they will be

studying Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 3 & 4 in 2010, then they should buy an appropriate CAS calculator, even though it is not absolutely essential until 2010.

This calculator can also be used while studying Further Mathematics Units 3 & 4 and Specialist Mathematics Units 3 & 4, although it is not essential for these two subjects. A standard graphical calculator may still be used for these last two courses.

If any parent would like to discuss this issue further, please call me at the College on 9850 6333. Students may discuss future calculator requirements with their classroom teachers.

Daniel Singh
LAC—Maths

Careers Report

There are a number of public events held during the year aimed at assisting senior secondary students make decisions about their future career directions. We ask parents to support their young people by encouraging their attendance at these events.

The **Age VCE and Careers Expo** is an efficient use of students' time as it is a one stop shop with TAFEs, universities and private providers represented as well as organizations representing exchange programs, the Defence Forces, the Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce, Susan Johnston and many more.

This event is held at the **Caulfield Racecourse from Friday, 11 to Sunday, 13 April**. A comprehensive seminar program is run simultaneously to the Expo in rooms close by. The cost is \$10 and includes attendance at any of the vast array of seminars held. There will be an Expo Visitor Guide in The Age on Monday, 7 April or on the web at

www.education.theage.com.au

VCE resources are also available for purchase and include previous exam papers with A+ answers, English Study Guides, VCE subject study cards and more.

Open Days are generally held in August and a list has been published in Career News No 2, which is distributed to all Year 12 students via their English class. Students in Years 10 and 11 can obtain a copy from outside the Careers Centre.

The University of Melbourne is holding an Open Day for students interested in becoming a **Vet on Sunday, 13 April at the Veterinary Clinic and Hospital**, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee (Melways Page 206, H4) from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. Students can go behind the scenes, speak to veterinary staff, meet current students and take a tour of the facilities. Lectures will be held at 11.00 am, 12.00 noon, 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm.

Throughout the year, there are **career-specific events**, such as Law Week, an Expo on Careers in IT run by the Australian Computer Society, Careers in Psychology run by the APS, information sessions on Advertising and Public Relations run by RMIT and more. Students need to read the Career News sheet, the daily Student Bulletin and notices on the Careers Notice board to keep themselves informed of these opportunities.

Helen Ogg
Coordinator - Careers

SunSmart UV Alert

DON'T JUST USE SUNSCREEN

Clothing, hats and shade are the best ways to protect skin from ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Use sunscreen on any skin that can't be covered by clothing. Don't use sunscreen as your only form of sun protection. No sunscreen offers 100% protection from UV radiation.



Sunscreen stops most UV radiation from reaching the skin. Ingredients in sunscreen can absorb UV radiation or reflect UV radiation away from the skin.

UVA RADIATION

UVA radiation goes deep into the skin, affecting the living skin cells that lie under the skin's surface. UVA causes long-term damage like wrinkles, blotchiness, sagging and discoloration, and also contributes to skin cancer.

UVB RADIATION

UVB radiation reaches the top layer of skin and is the main cause of skin tanning and sunburn, and also contributes to skin cancer. Broad spectrum sunscreen helps protect skin from both UVA and UVB radiation. All sunscreen products sold in Australia have been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration as safe and effective.

SUN PROTECTION FACTOR (SPF)

The sun protection factor (SPF) rating tells you the level of protection. The highest SPF for sunscreen available in Australia is SPF30+. If used correctly, this can protect your skin from about 97% of UV radiation. No sunscreen blocks 100% of UV radiation.

Many people don't use enough sunscreen, and don't re-apply it every two hours. So they may not be getting the best level of protection from their sunscreen.

CHOOSING A SUNSCREEN PRODUCT

- Choose broad spectrum SPF 30+ water resistant sunscreen.
- All sunscreen sold in Australia must meet the Australian/New Zealand Standard for sunscreen products.
- The price of sunscreen does not always match the quality.
- All sunscreen products should have an expiry date. Most sunscreens will last 2-3 years if stored below 25°C. Don't use a sunscreen if it is out of date.
- Try a toddler sunscreen or a sunscreen without a fragrance if you have sensitive skin.

Sunscreen can be bought as a cream, lotion, milk or gel.

Choose the one that best suits your skin type and your type of activity.

APPLYING SUNSCREEN

For best protection:

- Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before you go outside.
- Use a generous amount of sunscreen. The average-sized adult should apply at least a teaspoon of sunscreen to each arm, leg, front of body and back of body and at least ½ a teaspoon to the face (including the ears and neck). That is, 35 ml of sunscreen for one full body application.

No matter what the sunscreen directions say, always reapply sunscreen every two hours when you are outdoors. Sunscreen can be easily wiped or perspired off and you need to keep putting sunscreen on to get the best protection.

Di McFall & Liz Marsh
Health Attendants

Monash University Seminar Series 2008

 MONASH University SEMINAR SERIES 2008 FACULTY, STUDENT AND GRADUATE SPEAKERS:	Art & Design: Fine Arts Monday, 28 April—Caulfield	Engineering Wednesday, 7 May—Clayton	Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Tuesday, 13 May—Parkville
	Art & Design: Design Wednesday, 30 April—Caulfield	Information Technology Thursday, 22 May—Caulfield	Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & Health Sciences Thursday, 1 May—Peninsula
	Arts & Humanities Wednesday, 16 April—Clayton	Law Monday, 5 May—Clayton	Psychology Monday, 14 April—Clayton
	Art & Design: Architecture Thursday, 17 April—Caulfield	Business & Economics Thursday, 15 May—Caulfield	Science Tuesday, 29 April—Clayton
	Art & Design: Multimedia & Digital Art Tuesday, 22 April—Caulfield	Drama & Theatre Studies Tuesday, 20 May—Clayton	For more information & to book online: http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events Or telephone 9903 4758
	Art & Design: Education, Sport & Outdoor Recreation Thursday, 24 April—Peninsula	Medicine, Biomedical Science, Nutrition & Dietetics Tuesday, 15 April—Clayton Campus	
	Nursing, Midwifery & Paramedics Wednesday, 21 May—Peninsula		

Community Announcements



Do you want to work in Community Services?

If you are thinking about work or study in community services such as child care, leisure and health, aged care, home and community care or disability work, then the Certificate II Community Services can be a great asset.

Gain an overview of various employment and learning pathways in this essential field, whilst also earning credits towards a number of courses at a higher level, including Certificates III in Aged Care Work, and Children's Services. (Both these certificates are offered by Living & Learning Nillumbik.)

We offer a comfortable and relaxed learning environment with small class sizes and experienced, enthusiastic trainers. Child care is available on-site, and allowances can be made for learners who need to drop off and pick up children before and after school.

Call George on 9433 3742 for more information



The next application deadline of our Language & International Affairs Scholarships is Friday 30th May 2008. The next deadline for our Creative Arts Scholarships is Friday 28th March 2008.

Scholarships are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year.

There are thirty five (35) scholarships available valued at over \$112,000.

Students' language skills improve, their independence and maturity is enhanced and they gain an important edge when it comes to future career and study opportunities.

Scholarship Information and Language Scholarship Application can be downloaded at:

www.studentexchange.org.au/downloads/

call 1300 135 331 or go to

<http://polestar.studentexchange.org.au/>



DONCASTER EAST FOOTBALL CLUB

The Doncaster East Football Club is seeking Under 18 players for the forthcoming season. We would welcome you to join a successful club – our Seniors won the flag last season.

If you are interested to play or require more details please call our Under 18's coach – Josh Pratt on 0407 535 398

MANNINGHAM ARTS CENTRE



Special Offer - 15% off

Manningham Arts Centre is offering a 15% discount to any new students enrolling in their secondary level pottery program.

The classes run on Tuesdays from 6.00 to 7.30 pm, Wednesday and Thursday 4.30 to 6.00 pm and cover a range of ceramic techniques, including handbuilding, glazing and wheelwork.

Normally \$107, the discounted rate is just \$91 for the 9-week course.

For further information and to enrol please call Manningham Arts Centre on 9840 9381 (classes commence 8 April)

DRIVE ANOTHER DAY

Manningham Council's 'Drive Another Day' committee and the Doncaster Sunrise Rotary Club raise funds through their yearly 'Walk the Torque' event for youth driver training at Manningham and surrounding schools.

The Motorvate course is one of the courses offered, and it's designed by road safety experts and authors to be a fun, practical and highly beneficial one-day program for Year 11 & 12 students who are learning to drive or are licensed.

Students learn emergency techniques and defensive driving at a safe, controlled venue in Wantirna on Saturdays or weekdays, including days in the school holidays. The program usually costs \$240 each, but through fundraising it's now open to the first 8 students from each school for FREE, and for remaining students on a 'first-in, best-dressed' basis at only \$40 each.

This is an amazing offer for any parent worried about their kids being safe when they start to drive!

To book, call Mind over Motor ASAP on 9431 4999

or email your interest to drive@mindovermotor.com.au

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION INDUSTRY CENTRE

Government funding is available to parents re-entering the workforce, through the State Government's Parents Returning to Earning (PRTE) program.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for parents that have been looking after children during the last two years. These grants are to be used to pay for training that will assist parents in gaining employment. It can also be used to cover the costs of child care and books.

Call AEIC on 9895 1666 to assess your eligibility and secure a place at one of our free information sessions currently running at Frankston, Ringwood, Footscray and Box Hill.

At these sessions the PRTE program will be explained and assistance will be given in applying for the grant.



Calendar of Events for your Diary

March / April 2008

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
17	18 Reports Posted International Hosts' Dinner— 7.00 pm	19	20 Newsletter No. 4 <i>Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismal—12.40 pm</i>	21 GOOD FRIDAY (Public Holiday)  <i>Term 2 resumes 07.04.08</i>
TERM 2 (07 April—27 June 2008)				
07	08	09	10	11
14	15 House Athletics	16	17	18 Year 10 Formal Newsletter No. 5
21	22 Parent/Teacher/Student Meet- ings	23	24 ANZAC Service	25 Anzac Day (Public Holiday) 
28	29	30	01	02 Newsletter No. 6

Public Holidays — 2008

New Year's Day	01 January 2008
Australia Day	28 January 2008
Labour Day	10 March 2008
Good Friday, Easter Satur- day, Easter Monday	21, 22 & 24 March 2008
Anzac Day	25 April 2008
Queen's Birthday	09 June 2008
Melbourne Cup Day	04 November 2008
Christmas Day	25 December 2008
Boxing Day	26 December 2008

School Terms 2008

Term 1	Wednesday, 30 January — Thursday, 20 March
Term 2	Monday, 7 April — Friday, 27 June
Term 3	Monday, 14 July — Friday, 19 September
Term 4	Monday, 6 October — Friday, 19 December

College Uniform Shop

AS OF TERM 2 THE COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8.30 am - 11.00 am
Purchases can be made using Cash, Dobson's Account or EFTPOS (to assist parents, card details can be taken over the phone) **PLEASE NOTE THAT CHEQUES ARE NOT ACCEPTED** - For enquiries please call **9852 1855** during trading hours.

**Debbie Hannan
Uniform Shop Manager**

