



NEWSLETTER

Templestowe College

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL—DAVID TYSON

POTTER MAGIC

The Harry Potter books are such fun! When "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" came out in 1997, I sat for a whole day in my backyard and read the story from cover to cover.

My two daughters were 11 and 12 at the time and 10 years on they have read all the books in the series and were lined-up last Saturday to get Harry Potter 7, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows".

What I love about the books are the twists and turns that take place. It is hard to often get kids to be interested in reading, however, JK Rowling has certainly inspired a generation of young people to put down their Gameboys, ignore MSN Messenger and stop looking at uTube for a while.

While Harry Potter has seemed to wield magical powers over our kid's lives and improve the reading habits of young people, we still need to work at addressing the overall decline in reading that occurs as young people move through secondary education.

The gift of reading is the most empowering skill you can give to an individual. What we want to do in schools is to create generations of life-long readers who can take a balanced approach to many of the technological offerings in their lives that often distract them from the joys of reading.

I know one of the things I loved doing with my girls when they were at secondary school was to read their set texts and talk with them about the books. We have had some great discussions (some very heated) about books they have been studying at school.

While the Harry Potter craze has been helpful in trying to stop the decline in reading, more needs to be done at school and at home.

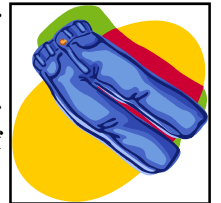


CASUAL DRESS DAYS

Students will be allowed to attend school in casual dress on the following dates to raise money:

Friday, 3 August for "Jeans 4 Genes" Day

Friday, 24 August for "State Schools Relief Fund".



Students will be expected to make a gold coin donation if they attend in casual dress on either dates.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Students will not be required at school on **FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST 2007** because staff will be participating in a Cluster Professional Learning Day at the Manningham Council Offices.

CONVERSATION HOUR WITH THE PRINCIPAL TEAM



Year 9 Parents are invited to join the Principal Team on **Wednesday, 15 August 2007 in the Conference Room at 7.00 pm.** The idea is to speak for one hour, talking with the Principal Team, about the strengths and areas of improvement needed for the College.

If you are interested in joining us for an hour of conversation about the College from the perspective of a Year 9 parent, please contact Josie Fragiacomano on 9850 6333 to book a seat. We would love to see you there!

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Junior School Report

Welcome back to all students. I would like to introduce the Semester 2 team at Junior School. The Year 7 Coordinator is **Ms Stella Koziaris**. Stella comes with a wealth of experience as a coordinator in previous years and is currently also the Humanities Coordinator. At Year 8 **Miss Kim Darling** will be the coordinator. Kim has been working with the Year 8 students since they were in Year 7 and currently teaches English and Information Technology. Year 9 Continues to be co-ordinated by **Mr. Wayne da Silva**.

I will be taking on the role of Head of Junior School as well as working in my role of Assistant Principal Student Services. For this Semester I will not be teaching and while I will miss teaching my Year 10 class, I look forward to meeting and getting to know both the students of Junior School and their parents.



Left to Right—Stella Koziaris, Kim Darling & Wayne da Silva



Junior School had an excellent assembly on the last day of term to farewell Mrs. Julia O'Callaghan. This assembly was run by the junior members of the SRC with the support of the SRC President John Edney.

Students thanked Mrs. O'Callaghan for her support and care and presented her with a card they had made, flowers and a teddy bear. Last week during the pastoral time the Junior School had an assembly to meet the new Coordinators at Year 7 and 8 and to keep them informed of coming events.

Term 3 sees many exciting happenings in Junior School. These, I intend to ensure, will be surrounded with engaging and active learning in the classroom.

There will also be a focus on how students present themselves in their uniform and how they address both their peers and their teachers. We seek your support on the issue of uniform. While it is cold students still need to wear the uniform correctly. Bug-bears at the moment are socks over the tights, tight blue pants,

runners on and black shoes in the lockers, nail polish that is not clear or a pale natural colour, foundation that is orange so not discrete, dark coloured tee-shirts under the uniform and hooded tops under the uniform. Templestowe College has a uniform policy that has been developed through consultation. We ask you to support us in enforcing it. Events coming up include:

My aim for this segment of the newsletter is to have students report back on their activities and work. Please let me know if there are areas of the Junior School program that you would like to hear about.

Sally Holloway
Assistant Principal (Student Services)

YEAR 7 FOOTY CLINIC

Year 7 students attended a Footy Clinic with AFL Football players recently. Students wore their team colours and participated in the outdoor activities with the players.



Junior School Report (Cont'd)

YEAR 8 PERSONAL BEST PROGRAM 2007

The Personal Best Program challenges students to achieve their best. We often are unsure of what we are capable of until we try. This project will help students refine their skills in research and presentation. It encourages them to think about what interests and motivates them.

Each student in consultation with their English teacher will take on a project of his/her choosing. Their English teacher will coach them and help them to develop a project that reflects their 'Personal Best' and shows growth in their learning and approach to their life.

The program is part of the "Resiliency Project Work" undertaken by Andrew Fuller. The project will be launched in Week 4 of Term 3 and will be completed by Week 9 of Term 3 at Templestowe College with Year 8 students.

YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE 2007

During Term 3, Year 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting program in which they will spend three full days in the city, working towards a staged completion of a Research Project Brochure.

By using the CBD as a classroom it is a chance to connect with the city as a site for learning, a classroom without walls. Students will be working in teams and will be in close contact with supervising teachers throughout their time in the city.

Dates of City Experience:

Day One: **Wednesday, 1 August: 9A, 9B and 9D**
Thursday, 2 August: 9C and 9E

Day Two: **Wednesday, 22 August: 9C and 9E**
Thursday, 23 August: 9A, 9B and 9D

Day Three: **Tuesday, 18 September: 9A, 9B and 9D**
Wednesday, 19 September: 9C and 9E

Diana Francavilla
Student Engagement Manager

Senior School Report

STRIVE

SUCCEED

EXCEL

The Senior School Year began with the theme, "Stepping Up to Senior Student Success", with each Year level being presented with the challenge of working towards a designated learning characteristic. Year 10 - Strive, Year 11 - Succeed, Year 12 - Excel.

In order to work towards this over-riding goal, in the first half of the year, there has been a focus on developing positive study methods. Now, as we move into the second half of the year, we will focus on developing effective personal habits.

Some of the work with the students this semester will be based on "the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens" (Sean Covey) and the National Standards for Employability Skills.

We believe it is important that students know the attributes and skills needed for "entering, operating and thriving" in the world of work. In sum, these are: communication, team work, problem-solving, initiative and enterprise, planning and organising, self-management, learning skills and technology.

A quick glance at this list, suggests that students are already being prepared for the working world by the type of classroom activities and feedback from teachers that encourages the development of these skills.

For Year 10 it is an exciting time, a time of decision-making, made significantly easier if the students are already demonstrating a 'striving' in their studies. For others, it may be time to refocus in order that the best decision about their pathway for 2008 can be determined. The "Education Age" (23/7/07) has published an excellent Lift-Out section for Year 10 students and it is well worth reading.

For Year 11 students will have received their Semester 1 results and, now, it is opportune that all students commit again to a programme of "success". The more a student in Year 11 can establish a solid study rhythm and test out their preferred study methods, the easier will be the transition to Year 12. They will then only have to concentrate on the new content in their final year.

For Year 12s, it is the most demanding of all the terms and the challenge they need to rise to is, to keep focused, think positively and be organised. In this way, they can approach their studies with confidence and rigour, and so "excel". I encourage the use of the POPP principle - Preparation, Organisation, Persistence, Peak Performance.

Year 12 students leading the way!

We received some wonderful news recently when two Year 12 students, **Khoi Nuygen** and **Robin Xu** were selected to be part of the Kwong Lee Dow Scholars Program at Melbourne University. This provides an opportunity to interact with the University and other high achieving Year 12 students. We congratulate these students for their consistent work efforts over Years 11 and 12 and wish them well in their future studies.

Hayley Kernaghan and **Michelle Pearson** attended a Psychology Conference (at Swinburne University) in the July holidays for high achieving Psychology students. They were given an opportunity to perform EEGs and Polygraph Tests on other students and were introduced into the many areas available for future study in Psychology.

The day was highly informative and well worth attending, with both girls coming away with a much greater understanding of where psychology can lead. Both Hayley and Michelle highly recommend the day to future students looking towards a future in Psychology.

Ellen West and **Hayley Kernaghan** attended a recent function at Parliament House where they met many other school captains for an insight into Parliamentary life.

I look forward to a happy and productive term together.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." Helen Keller

Maria Spackman-Williams
Head of Senior School

Staff Profile—Georgina Shugg



Life has been a ball so far!

I was lucky enough to grow up in lovely Warrandyte, attending the local state schools there until the final years when I moved to Yarra Valley Grammar School.

My next move was to become an exchange student in Alabama, backpack around the States, Europe and then home to pay off debt and do an Applied Science Degree in Environmental Management.

Having been bitten by the travel bug seriously, an affliction I can't see ever being cured, the wonders of the world called. I was off, supposedly to Thailand for a couple of months. Four and a half years later after more than a year in India, running a gardening business in London and being an English teacher in Japan, I returned for a year to be a Park Ranger.

Doing a lot of camping and travelling around Australia as a kid I have a strong connection with this amazing country but it was not enough to hold me for long and the next years included travel through many countries and employment including establishing a hammock company in Bali, my 30th birthday in Cuba, and the beginnings of an event management business.

In 2002 there was a total solar eclipse that passed over Lyndhurst, outback South Australia. Having become a fan of eclipses, this event saw me return to Oz and work on creating a festival to celebrate. Seven thousand people attended the four day event. I was smiling but needed a change.

Bendigo offers one of the best outdoor education courses in the world and I was lucky enough to be accepted and then followed this with a Diploma of Education. Working with the Youth Substance Abuse Service enabled me to work with youth again, and then, came Templestowe College.

These days my carbon footprint from air travel is much reduced, however, I'm super excited about taking a group of Templestowe students to Borneo for a month at the end of the year. Highlights may well be climbing Mt Kinabalu the highest mountain in Asia, trekking through the jungle sleeping in hammocks or staying with locals and working on a community project.... My mum still gets worried....

Georgina Shugg
Outdoor Education Teacher

Eligibility for EMA—2007

Education Maintenance Allowance is payable to eligible Commonwealth Health Care Cardholders. These cards need to be valid on the first day of Term 1 for Semester 1 payment and the first day of Term 3 for Semester 2 payments.

Semester 1 (1st Instalment)

70% received as half school portion and half parent portion

Semester 2 (2nd Instalment)

30% received as half school portion and half parent portion

Critical Dates for 2nd Instalment:

- Parents'/guardians' health care card or pension card must be current as of 16 July 2007
- Parent/guardian application submissions close on 03 August 2007
- School submissions close on 10 August 2007.

Parents can elect to sign over the "Parent Portion" payment in order to fund Materials & Services contribution and/or Specialist/Elective fees, if they wish. Applications for Semester 2 will close on Friday, 03 August 2007 if your details have changed, or you have become eligible for EMA payment. Late applications cannot be accepted.



Tony McCann
Business Manager

Chaplaincy

THE WORLD VISION 2007 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

Four Year 10 Templestowe College Students took part in interactive workshops run by proficient young leaders who are working at the front lines of injustice and a sometimes intolerant world.

We were all inspired, motivated and challenged by the biggest issues in life. As well we were reminded that we too can make a real difference in our world. This all happened in a relaxed, fun and youth-driven environment. At the end of the conference, students (and staff) were well on their way to being more confident, effective and inspirational leaders.




Year 10 students Tim, Shane, Crystal & Katherine

We have the opportunity now to start networks with students from other schools who share the same passion for global change. We came away equipped with the resources we need to stir up the entire school community as well as the full support of World Vision as they move forward.

Julie Ramsay
College Chaplain


College Production—'Grease'



Templestowe College
presents...

GREASE

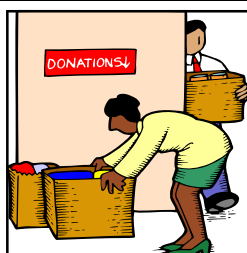
Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and
Friday 7th, September, 2007
7:30pm, Banyule Theatre Heidelberg
Bookings: 9850 6333



Graphic Design:
Sean Marsicovetere

Ticket prices are: \$18 Adults
\$12 Children / Concession
\$50 Family (2 Adults/2 Children)
Contact the General Office on 9850 6333 to reserve your tickets!

Request for Assistance



ATTENTION ALL TEMPLESTOWE COLLEGE FAMILIES

Do you have College Uniforms at home that you no longer require?

If so — we would be very grateful if you could donate them to the College to help assist students in need

Many Thanks!

Julie Ramsay
College Chaplain

College Uniform Shop

DURING TERM 2 THE COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN:

TUESDAYS
8.30 AM - 11.00 AM
THURSDAYS
12.30 PM - 2.00 PM



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.

Rosa Antoniou
Uniform Shop Manager

Community Promotions

ANZAAS kids ask scientists questions

Celebrate National Science Week at Melbourne Museum. After the end of the universe - would there still be time?

This forum provides children the opportunity to put questions directly to prominent Australian scientists. Designed to get children thinking about how things work - not just getting the 'right' answer, this forum encourages children to think about the 'big' questions.

For more Science Week events, visit [National Science Week at Museum Victoria](#).

Event type: Talk

Price: Free, bookings essential.

Date: 25/08/2007

Days: Saturday

Session Times:

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Bookings: Required

Phone: 13 11 02

Email: visitorprograms@museum.vic.gov.au

Sponsor: This initiative is supported by the Australian Government as part of National Science Week.

Web: <http://melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/>

Venue: The Age Theatre, Melbourne Museum

Address: Nicholson St, Carlton, Melbourne

Melway reference: 2B J10

Map link: [Click](#)

Phone: 61 3 8341 7777

Fax: +61 3 8341 7778

Web: <http://melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/>



BULLEEN & TEMPLESTOWE COMMUNITY HOUSE (BATCH)



Be your own Desktop Publisher course begins Monday 6 August (6 weeks)

Knitting for Pleasure – begins Monday evening 13 August (4 weeks)

Beaded Jewellery course – begins Wednesday 8 August (3 weeks)

Yoga for Rehabilitation – Thursdays 1.00pm-2.00pm or

Self Defence for Women Wednesday evening 22 August (5 weeks).

Visit our website for full details or email us at:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~batch>

office@batch.org.au

or ring BATCH on 9850-3687

Parents' Association



TEMPLESTOWE
COLLEGE

Join our Committee!



The Templestowe College Parents' Association meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm.

Being part of the Parents' Association is an informal way of becoming involved in your child's school. It provides the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities involving the College community.

Information can be obtained by contacting

Annette Knight (President)

Email: knighta@pacific.net.au

Calendar of Events for your Diary

JULY—AUGUST 2007

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>29 July VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>30 July VCE Unit 4 SACs</p>	<p>31 July VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>Year 7 AIM Test (Numeracy/Maths)</p> <p>Media Excursion</p> <p>Year 10 SES Exursion</p>	<p>01 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>Year 9 City Experience No. 1</p> <p>Year 7 Aim Test (Literacy/English)</p>	<p>02 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>Year 9 City Experience No. 1</p> <p>12.00 pm—Senior Achiever Awards</p> <p>6.00 pm—Community Relations Committee</p>	<p>03 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>Casual Dress Day - Jeans4Genes</p>
<p>06 August</p>	<p>07 August Year 10 SES Exursion</p>	<p>08 August 3.30 pm—Asthma Update</p> <p>7.00 pm—Parents' Association</p>	<p>09 August Year 9 SES Exursion</p> <p>6.00 pm—Finance Committee</p>	<p>10 August Year 12 Refresher Day—Manningham Function Centre</p> <p><i>Newsletter Issue No. 11</i></p> <p>EMA Applications due</p>
<p>13 August</p>	<p>14 August International Students Event—Monash University</p> <p>Year 10 SES Exursion</p>	<p>15 August 7.30 am—Physical Resources Committee</p>	<p>16 August Year 9 SES Exursion</p> <p>7.00 pm—Education & Policy Committee</p>	<p>17 August</p>
<p>20 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p>	<p>21 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>Year 10 SES Exursion</p> <p>7.00 pm—Year 9 to 10 Information Evening</p>	<p>22 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>Year 9 City Experience No.2</p>	<p>23 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>Year 9 City Experience No. 2</p> <p>College Council</p>	<p>24 August Casual Dress Day - State Schools Relief Fund</p> <p>“Motorvate” Young Drivers</p> <p><i>Newsletter Issue No. 12</i></p> <p>25 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p>
<p>25 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>27 August VCE Unit 4 SACs</p> <p>7.00 pm—Chaplaincy Committee</p>	<p>28 August 7.00 pm—Tertiary Information Night</p>	<p>29 August</p>	<p>30 August 9.00 am—Girls' Vaccinations</p>	<p>31 August Pupil Free Day</p> <p>“Cluster Professional Learning Day” for teaching staff</p> <p>7.00 pm—Presentation Ball</p>