

Term 1 Important Dates

February

- 22-24 Grad Camp
- 24 Phoenix House Event
- 26 WASHI Released
- 29 Dorado House Event
Centaur House Event

March

- 1 Pegasus House Event
- 2 Orion House Event
- 3 Swimming Carnival
- 7-9 Entry Camp
- 10 Photo Day
- 11 Division Interschool
Swimming
- 14 Labour Day Public
Holiday**
- 15 Environmental
Conference
- U14 Interschool Sport
- 16 Staff, Student, Parent
Conferences 1-8pm
- 17 Photograph Mop Up
Day
- 18 WASHI Released
- 21-24 MAP Brockspur Camp
- 21 Entry Interschool Sport
- 22 Staff, Student, Parent
Conferences 1-8pm
- 23 Classes commence at
10:30am
- 25 Good Friday**
School Holidays Start

Dear TC College Community,

I always find it refreshing when you expect the worst, but experience the best!

In heading into 2016, I have to admit that I was quite apprehensive about what the year had in store for TC. Due to the significantly increasing demand for student places, we received notification from the Department of Education that we would receive an Enrolment Capacity Restriction of 900 students. Whilst significantly larger than our planned size of 650 students, the increase does bring with it increased resources, additional staff to provide their expertise in supporting students, and the opportunity for an additional 250 students to Take Control of their own learning who otherwise would have been denied this opportunity. Thus we started the year with 800 students, one third of whom were new to TC, and 25 new staff including two additional Assistant Principals.

Strangely, even though I consider myself to be quite “change positive”, I was apprehensive and determined to ensure that these “new people” would not change the direction of TC. However reflecting over the holidays, I came to realise that the nature of TC will never be static. It will always be a dynamic reflection of the collective wants and needs of the students that we have at the time, and that we should welcome and embrace the hopes, talents and passions of the new students and staff, and allow the community to take its own direction. Now almost 4 weeks into the start of the school year, I can confidently say that any fears I had were wildly misplaced. Almost without exception, the new students and staff have fitted in easily, made connections with others and embraced all aspects of the TC philosophy. I think it is clear that whilst there are many new faces and names to learn, we are a far richer community as a result of the growth.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that whilst we as a school do everything in our power to support students, there will inevitably be times when we make mistakes, errors of judgement, inadvertently upset people or could improve on our processes. Please let us know when this occurs. We value this feedback, as it is the only way we as a community can improve. I know the apprehension that parents and students can have in voicing concerns and the fear of appearing like a troublemaker. Be assured, that like you, we want to be the best we can be, and it is only when we receive honest, specific and timely feedback that we can achieve this.

I wish every member of the community a successful 2016.

Peter Hutton
Principal
Templestowe College

STOP PRESS:

We are very excited to announce that the Department of Education and Training have just advised us that our application for funding to deliver an eco-café, enterprise and training precinct at an estimated project cost of \$200,000 has been successful. We are looking forward to using this funding to revolutionise canteen school culture.

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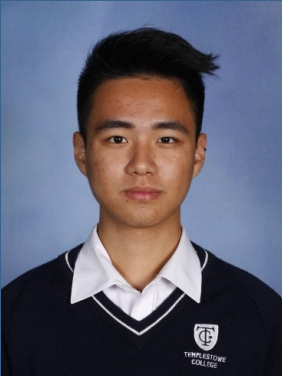


TC Student Achievements

DUX 2015

Congratulations to Kejian (Terence) Li who was the 2015 Dux of TC with an ATAR of 96.45. Terence was an International student at TC for two and a half years and is from Guangzhou, China. Terence has always been focused on achieving his best and we are very proud of his result. He will be taking up a place at Melbourne University, studying for the Bachelor of Commerce.

Well done Terence!!



Top Arts 2015

In 2014 graduate student Jason Willers was successful in being selected to exhibit his artwork at the Top Arts exhibition at National Gallery of Victoria. Templestowe College is once again very proud to announce that Mark Lasky Davison has also been successful in 2015.

Congratulations to Mark for having his work selected to be displayed in the Top Arts exhibition this year. Over 3000 students applied to VCAA for entry. Only 189 students were shortlisted. Mark was shortlisted for his video installation titled 'Doll'. 42 students from across all areas of Victoria were selected as the final exhibitors. This a wonderful achievement and I wish Mark every success for his final year at TC.



Reach Out Refugee Community Event

During the holidays, on the 23rd of January, T.C's very own Refugee Squad hosted a sport and art program for a group of students who had migrated here to Australia. A lot of them had come from Chin State located in Burma, and while we were expecting a younger age group, many of them were in their senior years of school.

While some chose to participate in the awesome art program that had been organised by some of our students, and others were happy to sit back and watch the sporting activities, there was a wide set consensus that soccer and volleyball were defiantly favourites. Despite the occasional rain, once the games began we soon realised that these people meant business and certainly did not need any coaching from any of our volunteers. Eventually we all had to take a break from our various activities and enjoyed a delicious, multicultural lunch with some tea and biscuits.

I think its safe to say that it was a really awesome experience meeting all of these people and we hope that these meet up days can continue in the future.

On behalf of the Refugee group, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the students who volunteered to help us out on the day, and also a big thank you to Veronica Pender, Tony Di Falco, Jason Hendricks, Kat and Stephen Gale for helping us organise and make the day run smoothly.

By Rosie Henderson



Dear Mr. Hutton,

I would like to thank you, your staff members and students for the event on Saturday the 23rd of January.

The dedication and professionalism of the students involved was outstanding.

The students planned the event and organised the involvement of the Migrant Information Centre's to promote the event to young refugees.

The day's activities of soccer, volleyball and art were very well organised, as was the catering for the event.

The young people that attended on the day were incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be welcomed in to the school grounds and for the friendship offered to them by students and staff alike. They also loved the gifts of a soccer ball, t shirt, goal keeper gloves and a drink bottle.

Both my colleague, Randika, and I were impressed with the time the students had taken in planning this event, their excellent organising skills and the generosity of spirit that all of your students demonstrated on the day.

Thank you on behalf of the Migrant Information Centre and the young people who attended on Saturday.

I hope we can work with your school community again in the future.

Emma Belle

Settlement Worker

The Migrant Information Centre

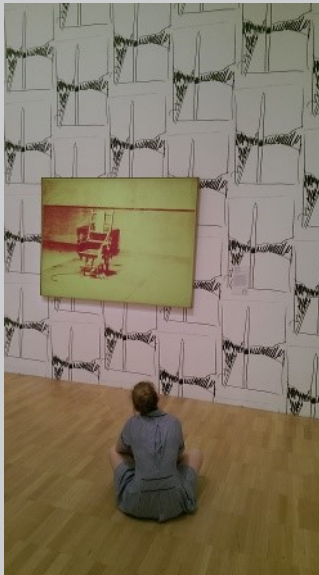
Studio Art Excursion

On the 9th of February, Studio Arts Units 1 and 3 went into the city to see the Ai Weiwei and Andy Warhol exhibition at the NGV. It was an informative, captivating walk through these two artists' lives, and their trek over the hurdles of making art and dealing with the political events that have affected them. Ai and Andy both spoke words through the form of art, and protested against what was wrong. In some cases, this brought one to jail, but it left a beautiful trail of creations, and inspiration to others. Andy is a pop-art icon, and has introduced the concept of screen-printing, and using bright pop colours in art. Ai is a less known, but certainly a more proactive artist, taking mostly photos, and creating sculptures. Both men, whether they were aware or not, are very similar, and have like-tastes and opinions. It was a really enjoyable day looking at the artworks and discovering more about these amazing artists.

By Molly James and Stevie Poling

Entry Walking

As part of programs last week, entry students enjoyed a walk to Ruffy Lake Park. This exercise was designed to help them bond as a group in preparation of entry camp. All students enjoyed an icy pole at the end of the event.



New Staff @ TC



Michael ALLEN

Michael is a fresh face at TC, after completing his Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching degree at Australian Catholic University last year. He has spent time around the area, including adjudicating high school debating competitions and tutoring at refugee homework clubs. Michael spends his weekends tragically supporting Richmond and watching as many sports as possible. Last year Michael ticked off one of his biggest bucket-list items when he travelled to England to watch the Ashes.



Meg BAILEY

Although Meg originally worked as a meteorologist for the BOM, she found her true passion in teaching. Meg has recently moved from Darwin, where she taught Mathematics and Science (and a range of other things including Ultimate Frisbee) for the last 10 years. Meg has a range of interests and when she's not at school she can be found tending to her chooks and veggie garden, felting, canoeing in the Yarra or planning her next camping trip. She has travelled extensively, lived in various countries overseas and loves working with people from all parts of the planet. She is excited about working closely with our Language Centre students and Global Studies team.



Frances BARBER

Frances has taught Science at Albert Park College for the past three years. Before completing her teaching qualifications she completed the Bachelor of Biomedical Science and worked in a research laboratory with a focus on ovarian cancer therapeutics. Frances has recently moved to Forest Hill with her husband Tim and dog Pudding. She enjoys playing netball, board games, a bit of home improvement, travel and science jokes.



Michael BIRD

Michael has a passion for both Literature and sport, and as such, has a double degree in both English Literature and Physical Education. Michael was a professional athlete/sports person for many years through university studies and continues to engage in sports of all kind. He joins us here at TC after three years of teaching and sports coaching at a rural school and is currently undertaking a Post graduate study, 'The Master of Education' and looks forward to bringing his new found skills to the College.



Matthew BON

Matt has taught Media and Art for seven years and is excited about the possibilities that await here at TC. Matt is keen to work with students interested in film, television, comics, photography and art, helping them to create some awe inspiring works. He would be more than happy to spend all of his spare time exercising, although his life wouldn't be complete without his monthly subscriptions to Netflix and Spotify.



Josh BURNS

Joshua has been teaching since he was a fresh-faced 22 year old instructing adults and kids in Tokyo, Japan on the madness that is English Language! He then travelled the globe on a very tight shoestring, studied professional writing at Deakin, then took up the teaching mantle again at Monash University before working at secondary schools in Melbourne for the past six years. Joshua once tricked Borat into an interview, made a film with year 11s using real life ex-prisoners, and pranked his year 7 class by dressing up as a zombie.



Haydn CLANCY

Haydn is an enthusiastic Science teacher with a passion for Biology. He has completed a Bachelor of Biomedicine and a Masters of Teaching at the University of Melbourne. Haydn has spent the past two years teaching Science, Maths and Biology at Koonung Secondary College. When he is not teaching he likes to travel, play basketball, tennis and snowboard.



Kyle CLARINGBOLD

Performing Arts Support will establish the marketing and organisation of the PAC and assist the music and drama department in developing good processes as these programs expand. Married to Rohan and mother to Emily starting in Entry this year, Kylie has assisted and coached Netball for ten years.



Caitlyn COMRIE

Caitlyn joins us as part of our Permaculture team.

**Katie CONLON**

Katie is new to Templestowe College, having previously worked as an After School Care Coordinator and Integration Aide in other educational settings. She holds a Bachelor of Health, Physical Education and Mathematics from Deakin University, and is passionate about encouraging young people to reach their full potential and grow in their skills. Outside the classroom, Katie enjoys playing musical instruments (her favorite being piano) and competes weekly in local basketball and netball teams.

**Matthew DALY**

Matthew is delighted to be joining the team @TC. Previously having worked at St. Kevin's College and before that teaching at several schools in the UK, his background is varied. Professional sport, IT banking and tourism before becoming an educator. Married to Kate, who is also a teacher, they have two young daughters. Matthew is excited by what the school can achieve in meeting student's genuine needs, and looks forward to working with all members of the community in his role as Assistant Principal.

**Lian DAVIES**

Lian has been a teacher of Biology, Science, Health Education and PE for over 10 years. She is from Scotland and has taught in Scotland, England and New Zealand. Previously an Assistant Principal in New Zealand, Lian joins us as an Assistant Principal – Transitions at TC. Lian is a lover of outdoor adventure, running, scuba diving and animals.

**Hannah GALLOWAY**

Hannah holds a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts (History) from Deakin University. After her admission as a lawyer, she changed career paths to teaching, and completed a Masters of Teaching (Secondary) from The University of Melbourne. Hannah has spent the last two years teaching at Goulburn Valley Grammar School in Shepparton. In her spare time, Hannah enjoys travelling, reading and skiing.

**Kat HENDRY**

Kat joins us this year to work alongside our student support team. She is extremely excited to be involved in the community and looks forward to meeting and getting to know the many faces of Templestowe, as well as taking part in the many innovative classes, activities and camps TC has to offer. Kat enjoys reading, playing basketball and walking her dog Henry in her spare time, and is hoping to do some more travelling in the not so distant future.

**Marie HENSHALL**

With a passion for Mathematics and English, Marie completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at La Trobe University, and then worked her way through several contract jobs at the Australian Bureau of Statistics and then later at National Australia Bank. It wasn't until travelling in China in 2013 that she decided to become a teacher, and then completed a Diploma of Education at Australian Catholic University. Her first experience teaching was at Drouin Secondary College in 2015. Marie is extremely excited to be back in Melbourne and at Templestowe College this year. She enjoys travelling, reading, playing tennis and laughing at both good and bad jokes.

**Sussanne HUTTON**

Sussanne is a practising artist with a special interest in printmaking and painting. Sussanne has explored many different roles throughout her career, including several small business ventures, ranging from running a recycled furniture shop/art gallery to developing a range of children's costumes. She has also run adult and children's art classes, which prompted her to obtain a Grad Dip Ed. Sussanne feels she is a 'Maker' and has been that way from her earliest memories. She sees many other 'Makers' in the Textiles class and enjoys working with kindred spirits. Sussanne is also the mother of two wonderful sons, a nature and animal lover.

New Staff @ TC



Amanda KRANZ

Amanda's first experience teaching was as a 21-year-old volunteer teacher at DAPP Children's Town in rural Zambia, a boarding school for orphaned children. Since then she has worked in a range of settings in various capacities – but all inevitably involving young people and/or education. For the past 12 years Amanda has taught Global Politics and History at Viewbank College, also heading up the school's literacy and numeracy support program. In 2015 she completed her Masters in Learning Intervention at Melbourne University, specialising in specific learning difficulties. She is passionate about inclusive education and providing all students with the opportunity to experience success at school. Amanda lives locally with her husband and 5-year-old daughter. She loves music (alternative), cinema (arthouse) and travel (anywhere!).



Sapho MAKRIGIOGOS

Saf is very excited to join TC after completing her 6month VU Placement in 2015. She is teaching a mix of Physical Education, Sport and English/History and also has a strong interest in Psychology. She is passionate about all things Equestrian and spent 5 years coaching whilst at University. Before horses took over she played and coached Soccer and she loves to get involved in TC Staff V Student games! She is currently rallying support for TC's Interschool Equestrian team, and hopes to start competing her young horse Smarty in Showjumping this year. Saf also has 4 dogs, loves going out for dinner and going to the beach!



Ryan MITCHELL

Ryan joins us this year in design technology support. Ryan is a real success story of TC. He was one of the first students to fully Take Control of his own education at TC by removing himself from classes and focusing on taking external IT courses, which included the CISCO course, while simultaneously completing a certificate course in animation. He will be working in many capacities in the Geek and D&T area.



Crispin NEWMARCH

Crispin joins TC to work in our ever expanding music department to teach an elective class and instrumental music.



Libby NICOL

Libby graduated from Deakin University in 2014 and is thoroughly enjoying teaching. Outside of teaching she is also a passionate netballer, having represented Victoria in both women's and mixed netball. She grew up on a dairy farm in Gippsland and she enjoy going back to see her family on weekends. Libby is young, energetic and has a passion for learning new things, and is very excited to share this with the students at TC.



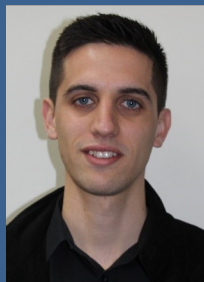
Ashanie PERERA

Having worked as an engineer for the last 4 years, Ashanie decided to finally make the shift to teaching – a role that brings her so much fulfilment. She has always been interested in the Sciences and Maths, and working as an engineer allowed her to see real-world applications of “obscure” mathematical concepts that one learns in school and university. Yes, sometimes you do need to use “Pythagoras’ theorem” outside of class! Ashanie loves cats, eating interesting foods, reading a good book and all things fitness. Her fitness challenges for 2016 are to complete the Oxfam 100km trail-walk in April and a half-marathon run in October. She currently lives in Heathmont with her partner and their cat, Boswald.



Jacqui SCOTT

Last year Jacqui underwent her final teaching rounds of placement at TC. This year she will be working towards completing her final teaching units while working as the Kitchen Assistant at TC. Outside of school she spends almost every weekend down at the beach trying to catch some sun and surf, adores her dog and three cats, and spends almost the same amount of time in the kitchen at home as she does at school.



John STRATEAS

John is looking forward to re-joining TC this year after spending 6 months here last year whilst on placement studying at Victoria University. Although he spent most of last year teaching PE, this year John will be teaching Pre Psychology, Psychology Units 1&2 and also Medicine and Diseases. He is excited about assisting with the implementation of the Elite Futsal Program, which began this year. In his spare time he loves playing, coaching and watching sport, in particular soccer and AFL, and he is a passionate Carlton and Chelsea FC supporter.



Bruce STUART

Bruce is the new lab technician in the Science Department.

He has recently returned to Melbourne after enjoying the last 19 years living in Tasmania with his wife and three children; the first five years in a country town called Fingal. They lived in a big old federation style house on an acre where they had a huge garden; lots of vegies, fruit trees and berries; chooks, a couple of sheep and a cat and a dog. Later they moved to Launceston so his kids could complete their last two years of schooling. As soon as they were old enough, they came back to Melbourne to study and work, and now Bruce has come back to be closer to them. He is excited about his new role at Templestowe College, and is looking forward to helping the staff and students with their science pracs, to encourage safety, and hopefully have some fun as well.



Matthew Vicendese

Having not fit in very well with the old school model Matt left early and helped his father run a business and also tried many different jobs. He lived in the NT for a few years with his Warlpiri wife and six children. In that time, he was introduced to the wonderful culture and families of central Australia. He then returned to Melbourne as a single parent and commenced study. He studied maths and Italian, then went on to do post graduate study, that included computer simulation and environmental engineering. His previous experience at TC was truly inspiring, and after his experiences at high school he is proud to now contribute to this journey. In Matt's spare time he likes to either spend it with his large family, listen/dance to music or soak up the cultural soup that is Brunswick and Coburg.



Bethany WIGG

This is Bethany's first full-time teaching experience. Last year, she enjoyed her replacement teacher contract with Monbulk College, where she worked with Year 8 Drama students. During 2015, Bethany also had the opportunity to complete her Honours in Literary Studies, focusing on an in-depth analysis of George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-four. She loves musical theatre, and is excited to be a part of this year's school production. She is also very interested in health and fitness, Bethany lives in Mitcham with her partner and their kitten Flint.

International Lunch

To celebrate the Year of the Monkey we invited all our international students to a lunch of steamed dumplings on Wednesday 10th February. Everyone enjoyed chatting with their friends and having the opportunity to eat a special treat. Here are some comments from our students:

Last Wednesday I had international lunch for lunar new year. Everything was full of happiness and the food was also great even though it was the same as last year. My favorite dish was steamed dumplings. I really enjoyed it. Thank you to Ms.Hoptroff and Ms.Min that organised this lunch for me and the other international students. I hope to have a wonderful lunch like this again next year.

By Bam – graduating student from Thailand
I had beautiful Chinese food with teachers and international friends to celebrate Chinese new year. I could talk with many international friends and teachers. I really enjoyed it. Thank you for giving us a wonderful time.

By Mizuki – graduating student from Japan



Show Jumping

On the 19th February, Amelia Ryan, Tanika Daisley and I all competed at Ayr Hill at their Interschool Show Jumping day. We were supported by Saf and a crew of TC students, who came and watched for the day.

Despite the early start for the competitors, it was a very fun and educational day, and we all put a great image out for the school and I know we all learned something from that day too.

It was a great day, and I hope we get the opportunity to do it again.

By Tamika Allen.



Interschool Sports @TC

Senior Volleyball

Friday 19 February saw our TC SNR Volleyball teams battle it out at the Mullum Division interschool sports competition over at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong. Right from the beginning teams were enthusiastic and played quite well, improving on their skill set and team work as the day progressed. It was pleasing to see the constant encouragement and support from all students of teams as they progressed through the day's events. Congratulations to the girls team for becoming the Division winners and finishing undefeated overall. Bring on Regionals.



Senior Tennis

The end of week 4 saw the Senior Boys A and B teams head to Wantirna Tennis Club for division tennis. Both the A and B teams were highly competitive in their matches. The B team, consisting of Matt Meliza, Rhys Mallia and Sam pushed the Forest Hill A team to a 2-4 set loss. The boys A team lead by Tim Butterworth and Alex Mouw had a good win in the singles, while JG and Blake Marriot had a close battle. Unfortunately the eventual winner was Forest Hill, but there was some great tennis displayed by all!



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