Principal’s Report

Our special visit from Greta Bradman

We had a very special guest appearance at our school assembly this Monday. Greta Bradman, granddaughter of Sir Don Bradman, visited our school to see the letter her grandfather wrote in 1999 in which he stated how honoured he would be to have a School House named after him. Fittingly, Colin Pagram, who was Principal during this time, his wife Yvonne (who also taught at our school) and our Mayor Jennifer Yang were also present. Greta never knew her grandfather as the famous cricketer, only as her grandpa, the grandpa who played his piano and raced her around his backyard. As a world famous Opera singer, Greta’s voice was incredible, as she sung our national anthem, took part in a Q&A hosted by our Year 5/6s and finished by singing Queen of the Night. This was a special occasion as Greta’s grandfather is part of the narrative of our school and it is all thanks to our current house captains for reinvigorating the importance and status of our house-names. This event would not have been possible if it weren’t for the extremely humble Guy (Emma 5/6N and Charlotte 3/4). If you are interested in viewing and reading Sir Don’s letter, it is located in our glass cabinet at the front of the office.

Anzac Day Monday 25th April
Public Holiday

Anzac Day Service

All our Year 5/6 students walked down to the Templestowe Memorial Services Reserve for an ANZAC Day service, hosted by Templestowe Rotary. Our School Captains Emma and Phil laid a wreath on behalf of the entire Templestowe Heights Primary community. This coming Monday 25th April the school will be closed due to the ANZAC Day public holiday. Today students from Senora Velona and Jacqui’s (Natassia in 3/4T) lunch time baking club were selling their baked ANZAC biscuits for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to Templestowe Rotary club.

New Robotics have landed at Templestowe Heights Primary!

After many months of researching, we have (finally!) received a class set of Dash & Dot robots. These robots are an amazing learning tool that will support our year 3-6 students in learning how to use block programming software. These robots will be the main tool of our emerging programming and coding curriculum at Templestowe Heights Primary. A big thank you to all our families that have paid their voluntary contributions, as this is the reason why we were able to purchase these amazing resources. Ross Toogood, who is very experienced in the field of robotics and programming, will be leading the development of our programming curriculum. The worry is I don’t know who is more excited, the students or Ross?
District Cross Country training

Congratulations once again to all students who showed persistence during our Year 3-6 cross-country event last Thursday. Kate Stacker’s lunch time running club is now taking place three times per week for all those students who have made it through to the District stage.

Harvest Time

I don’t know what type of organic fertilizer our amazing Michelle (Zac 3/4T and Rhys 1/2B) is using on our emerging community garden, as our Environmental Leaders and captains took part in another harvest! Authentic learning opportunities such as these are invaluable as they teach our students life skills. The students ran an after-school stall where they sold bundles of lettuce, parsley and silver beet for a gold coin donation. The funds raised help us purchase more seedlings and fertiliser. Thank you once again to Michelle, Cath (Lachlan 3/4T & Matthew 1/2M), Clare (Harry 3/4S & Phoebe 1/2G) and Deb (Ryan 5/6M 7 Indigo 3/4S) for helping out and getting their hands dirty.

Incident at Laburnum Primary

The incident that occurred at Laburnum Primary at the end of recess break on Monday is unfortunately a timely reminder as to why we have locked gates preventing access to the toilets from the outside during class times. Having these gates locked and secure during class time is of utmost importance to insuring our children are safe when going to the toilet, and our yard supervision policy ensures that we provide adequate supervision on-site from 8:45am – 3:45pm.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

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**Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Writing**

Grade 5/6N were given the task of producing a written piece that had to be exactly 55 words in length. The students did a fabulous job! At the end of the task the students selected what they thought was the best. Please enjoy this wonderful writing piece.

‘Cold, white corridors. Pain surroundings the atmosphere. Nurses fly by. The sight of a relieved family. Dark shady eyes, tears slipping down cheeks. The grasp of a mother's hold. The future starting to become clear, patients finding peace. Doctors saving lives, losing lives, people sitting alone. Love, hope, despair and pain, all in one place’.

Congratulations to Jessica in 5/6N for this powerful piece of writing.

Andrew Veal
Assistant Principal

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**School Banking**

Thank you to all the new students that have opened up Commonwealth Bank Dollamites accounts through our school. The Commonwealth Bank has donated $380 towards school fund raising.

**Second Hand Uniform**

The second hand uniform sale is on now until Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April. Logo Items $5.00 all other items $2.00

If you have any second hand uniform in good condition to donate please bring it to the school office.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The Entertainment Books are on sale. These books are fantastic value and they pay for themselves with just a few uses. Only $65.00. 20% of each book sold contributes to our schools fundraising, so encourage your family and friends to purchase one through the school. Books are available by completing the form available at the school office or orders can be placed online at:


**PLEASE HELP**

I am in need of several Moccona coffee jars for my wedding! If you have any empty Moccona jars that you no longer require please pass them to Amy Icke in room 8 (Foundation Rooms). All sizes, in particular the larger 400g jars.

Thank you in advance.
Spot light on Social Emotional Learning

Our focus this month is GETTING ALONG. We are learning that Getting Along has some distinct behaviours such as working cooperatively with others, sharing, taking turns, including others in games and activities, having a friendly face and manner, solving conflicts peacefully and there are many, many more!

There are 4 key ways of thinking that underpin Getting Along behaviour and these will be explored during weekly YCDI sessions in class. Consider for example how ‘Being Tolerant of Others’ thinking helps us to get along by accepting others for who they are and celebrating the differences between us. ‘Playing by the Rules’ thinking helps us to get along because when we play by the rules our classroom and our school runs more smoothly. When we are ‘Thinking First’ we are considering our words and actions before we say or do. Finally, ‘Social Responsibility’ means knowing that we have a responsibility to make sure everyone at school feels happy and safe and to contribute to making our school a great place to be!

Stay tuned for the next instalment of Spotlight on Social & Emotional Learning…….and remember YOU CAN DO IT!

Tania Martini on behalf of the KIDSMATTER and the You Can Do It Team.

SPORTS NEWS

Term 2 Sport is off and running!!!

Last Thursday all the grade 3 to 6 children took part in the House Cross Country. It was great to see all them all trying their hardest and supporting one another.

Goolagong was the winning house with many children finishing in the top 10 in their age group.

Congratulations to all the children that finished in the top 10 and have qualified for the District Cross Country. We have our biggest team yet and the children have started training at lunch times. The District’s will be held on Tuesday 3rd May in the afternoon at Ruffey Lake.

The gymnastics program has started this week and the children are really enjoying these sessions. Please make sure you have returned the forms with the payment if you have not done so already.

Interschool Sport will start on Thursday May 5th with a Home game against Serpell PS. If we have any parents with a soccer or football background that would be interested in helping with coaching and umpiring please let me know!

Swimming Carnival!

Unfortunately our carnival could not be rescheduled. I have spoken to Aquarena about having a “fun day” instead in Term 4 when the weather is better. I will keep you updated once I have more information.

Kate Stacker
TERM 2 CLASS REP & PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING.

Our Term 2 meeting is Friday 22nd April 9am in the staffroom. Everyone in the THPS community is welcome.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL.

A flyer came home this week for the Mother’s day stall which will be held Friday 6th May (time TBA). If you did not get a flyer please contact your child’s teacher or the office. We need 2 more helpers for the day so if you are free please text Sarah Mabin (0412 200 545) or Jackie Miller (0410 732 906).

BEAN BAG CINEMA – LADIES NIGHT.

Grab your bean bag (or low beach chair), a bunch of other THPS ladies, some bubbly and munchies for a well earned night off! Friday 13th May 7:30pm, in the multi-purpose room - $2. Movie is a surprise. No kids please.

SCHOOL BANKING.

We need more helpers every Thursday mornings for an hour 9-10. If you can assist please see Sonia in the staffroom 9am next Thursday. We raised $380 for the first quarter of banking.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE BACK.

The 2016/2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships are back! Available for purchase at the school office using the form below or online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/186857h

Parents & Friends Team.
Community News

The Anglican Parish of St Mark Templestowe Market Stall Application

The Community Market will be held at the Anglican Church of St Marks during 2016 on the following dates. Saturday 7th May and Saturday 3rd September from 9.00am to 2.00pm. If you wish to have a stall of the 7th May please contact the school office for an application form or contact us on:

Ph. 9850 2160 Email: templestoweanglican@gmail.com

www.stm.org.au

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