Newsletter Week 7
26th May 2016

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values
Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
“inspiring learners for life”

Pupil Free Day Friday 27th May
No school for students

WORKING BEE POSTPONED

Principal’s Report
Open Day and Night

On Wednesday we had a hugely successful open day and night, in which we showcased all the amazing learning opportunities and experiences all 316 of our students have. The question I routinely get asked is **what is different about Templestowe Heights Primary?** With each passing day that I have had the honour of being Principal, this answer gets easier – it is the strong sense of community we have at Templestowe Heights Primary. Our students are respectful and keen to learn, we have amazingly talented teachers and our parents, guardians and volunteers are unbelievably supportive in the pursuit of our vision in providing high quality learning opportunities and experiences for our children. Thank you to everyone within and beyond our community for contributing to making Templestowe Heights Primary the great school it is.

Farewell Miss Schmitz!

Three months has flown by and our international pre-service teacher, Rebecca Schmitz, is returning to Virginia in The United States as a fully qualified Primary School teacher. Rebecca quickly established herself as a member of the grade 5/6 team and made such a positive impact to the students in 5/6H. We will miss you Miss Schmitz, in particular for your optimistic character and boundless energy (although grade 5/6 camp zapped that out of you!) and wish you all the best in your journey as an educator.

Parent Information Night with Celene Black

This coming Monday (30th May) at 6:30pm, our literacy intervention teacher, Celene Black, will be hosting an information evening for ANY parent or guardian (see attached flyer). The purpose of the session is for anyone wanting to gain a deeper understanding about how children learn to read, what strategies help develop a child’s decoding and comprehension skills and most importantly, how you can help your child. The session is free and we are opening up the invitation to our local kindergartens and preschools. Please let your class rep or the office know if you intend on coming along.
Traffic congestion

As you may be aware, since school commenced this year, traffic congestion along High St and Dellfield Dr during the morning drop off time can be horrendous. We recently had Vijay, Manningham City Council traffic engineer, come out and observe the traffic to assess and listen to our concerns. When reviewing the impact of changed traffic arrangements further along Dellfield Dr, Vijay pointed out that there is no imminent dangers, as the sporadic traffic congestion he observed only increased travel times for a peak timeframe of approximately 12-15 minutes. Unfortunately for us, the Manningham Council have no jurisdiction over what organisations do on private land and there are no other options or strategies we could implement that would allow for a smoother traffic flow. So what now? Manningham Council advises families to leave home earlier in anticipation for longer travel times on the congested routes.

Why I joined School Council

Ever wondered who our School Councillors are? Or why they wanted to become a Templestowe Heights Primary School Councillor? Below is an explanation from our Vice President, Anita Kocsis on why she wanted to serve in a governance role at the school her children attend:

Getting involved in little ways was fun and great for my kids. The first working bee was a fabulous opportunity to meet parents, for my kids to play with any child at the time and importantly for my children to interact informally with the teachers outside of the classroom. The more I got involved in the school the better my child was socialised and felt part of the school community outside the class. I joined school council to learn more about the school and also see if my skills could contribute to our community.

Pupil Free Day (tomorrow) Friday 27th May

Tomorrow is a professional learning day for teachers and a pupil-free day. Can parents and guardians please make sure you have made alternative arrangements. This also means there is no Story Time tomorrow.

Working Bee this Sunday

The working Bee in Sunday has been postponed due to weather.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016**

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**TERM DATES FOR 2016**

| Term 2                  | 11th April – 24th June                                          |
| Term 3                  | 11th July – 16th September                                     |
| Term 4                  | 3rd October – 20th December                                    |

**PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016**

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Thank you to all of the parents who came up and joined in the activities that were run during our Education Week! We hope you enjoyed it?

There have been many highlights this week.

Our Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea was well attended with new and can I say old parent families. You know what I mean? Thank you to the staff for suppling the food, Mary Wakefield for her passion for this event and to the many people who donated money to the Cancer Council cause. Our Open Day and Night drew in lots of our parent community and once again demonstrates the passion you have to be an active part in your child’s education. The musical groups were fantastic and we had many new parents come and have a look at the school, all of whom went away I am sure very impressed.

**WORKING BEE**

Due to the forecast of bad weather this Sunday the working bee has been postponed. Keep an eye in the newsletter for the new date.

**PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP**

What a fabulous week I had last week with the students, staff and parents from Grade 5/6 at the Phillip Island Camp. Everyone had a fabulous time, with plenty of sightseeing, socialising and educational activities taking place. The students were extremely well behaved and well mannered, as were the staff, and it was a pleasure to go to such a great venue that catered for our every need. Thank you to Angela Makris for all her hard work organizing the week long camp to Phillip Island and to all of the staff for leaving their families for the week to be a part of this great experience. A special thank you to our parents, Andrew Mishura and Brooke & Michael Everet who came along and lent a helping hand! I’m sure the parents of our campers had a very quiet weekend as their child caught up on some sleep?

Andrew Veal
Assistant Principal

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**Notices**

Within the next week your child will bring home an envelope asking you to confirm or update your Parent/Guardian Occupation details. These details are gathered by the Education Department and determine the amount of funding our school receives. Please ensure this form is returned to the school as soon as possible.

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### Scholastic Book Fair

The date is rapidly approaching for our next Book Fair. A large variety of books and other items will be available for students and their families to buy. For every book sold our school receives Scholastic rewards which enable us to purchase more resources for our library. This time around everybody who visits the Book Fair (whether you purchase a book or not) will be eligible to win a prize. You can win fantastic gift packs containing books and other prizes. Please come along and buy yourself something fun and interesting to read and at the same time help our school to obtain new resources. We look forward to seeing you there.

**When:** Thursday 26th – Tuesday 31st May.

**Where:** Level 3 Learning Space (next to the library)

**Time:** 8:30-9:00am
3:30-4:00pm

(*The library will be closed before school during the Book Fair*)
WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE
SUNDAY 29th MAY
9:30am – 12.00pm

Our first Working Bee of the year is a Sunday morning Working Bee on Sunday 29th May. The list below is the tasks that we need to complete on the morning. Everybody is welcome!

- Planting of plants
- Mulching garden beds
- Install garden edging
- Spreading of softfall under playground equipment
- Blower vac of all asphalt and path surfaces (we supply blower)
- Weed garden beds and vegetable garden
- Moving sand into the sandpit

As we have limited garden equipment we encourage you to bring along your tools, especially your wheelbarrow, as this will make the job a lot easier.

Please make sure that your name has been registered on the attendance sheet.

A barbecue lunch will be supplied for all the hard workers that attend the Working Bee!

See you there,
Buildings & Grounds Committee

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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.

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FEDERAL ELECTION – SATURDAY 2ND JULY.

Look out for the Election Day roster in next week’s newsletter, or text us to let us know when you can help Cath Hanslow 0407 250 277 or Clare Stephens 0419 337 636.

Cake stall – we will be asking all families to make something for the cake stall or to donate lollies. Details to follow.

2nd hand toys & children’s books – please start donating children’s books (especially older kid’s books) and used toys in good working condition. Please pre-clean your donations and leave at the office.

TRIVIA NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

If you have any contacts for silent auction donations please let Clare Stephens (0419 337 636) know. We will be asking our school community for donations closer to the event.

Parents & Friends Team.
# HIGH FLYERS AWARDS WEEK 7 TERM 2

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<th>Grade</th>
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<td>Fl</td>
<td>Tom</td>
<td>For having the courage to write independently. It is great to see you using the Magic Words on your writing and trying to sound out tricky words on your own. Keep up the wonderful efforts Tom. For the respectful attitude you show towards everyone. You are kind and considerate to your classmates and your teacher and always offer to help those who need it. Your efforts don’t go un-noticed. Thank you and well done Chloe.</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Hamish</td>
<td>Hamish went above and beyond last week by publishing three poems. You could have chosen to go on with the other early finisher activities but you showed great persistence and achieved what you set out to do. Well done. A brilliant attitude.</td>
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<td>1/2G</td>
<td>Soroush</td>
<td>For the way you get along with others and the kindness and patience you show towards your classmates. You have time for everyone and are held in high regard by your peers. We are very fortunate to have you as a role model in 1/2G. For the diligent way you approach all aspects of your learning. You act on advice and make good choices. Your contributions during Circle Time have helped us all to become better problem solvers. Thank you for your well thought out advice and suggestions.</td>
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<td>1/2M</td>
<td>Felipe</td>
<td>For demonstrating a conscientious approach to school work and for working co-operatively and sensibly in class. Well done Felipe.</td>
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<td>3/4G</td>
<td>Olivia</td>
<td>For sharing her trick to learn the 9 times tables with the grade and showing that she is persisting in learning her times tables. Well done Olivia.</td>
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<td>3/4J</td>
<td>Stephanie</td>
<td>For showing our school value of respect at all times. You were nominated by our peers and teacher for all your friendly efforts, your good learning habits and your positive attitude.</td>
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<td>3/4T</td>
<td>Ashley</td>
<td>For always being respectful of others in his class. Ashley is always mindful of others’ opinions and feelings. He sets a wonderful example for others by avoiding distractions and listening when required. He was elected by his class members and his teacher. Well done Ashley.</td>
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<td>5/6N</td>
<td>Michael</td>
<td>For showing courage when you organised and put on a show in front of the class for Star War Day. You were confident, provided costumes and had us all very entertained. May the force by with you. For showing courage and persistence when you conquered your fear of heights at camp. You went to the top of the giant swing and went down the vertical slide. Well done!</td>
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## CONGRATULATIONS
Want to help support your child with reading?

Come and join us for a session on Reading Strategies led by our Literacy Intervention Teacher, Celene Black.

**When:** Monday, 30\(^{th}\) May 2016

**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

**Where:** Templestowe Heights PS, Year 1/2 Building

All welcome!

Bring examples and any questions you may have about reading.

Light refreshments available.

Please RSVP by contacting the office on 9850 1796 or your Class Representative.
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Community News

New 3 Year Old Program Available for 2017

VACANCIES EXIST FOR THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD 2017/2018

3 Year Old Group
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### Winter Fixture - 2016 Draw

**ROUND 1:** 28th April

- **OLOP** vs Serpell
- **Templestowe Heights** vs Templestowe Park (Yr. 5 Camp)
- **Warrandyte** vs Anderson's Creek
- **Mitigate** vs St. Clements

**ROUND 2:** 5th May

- **Warrandyte** vs **OLOP**
- **Templestowe Heights** vs Serpell
- **Mitigate** vs Anderson's Creek
- **Templestowe Park** vs St. Clements

**ROUND 3:** 12th May

- **Serpell** vs **Mitigate**
- **Anderson's Creek** vs Templestowe Park
- **Templestowe Heights** vs **OLOP**
- **St. Clements** vs **Warrandyte**

**ROUND 4:** 19th May

- **Mitigate** vs **Warrandyte**
- **Anderson's Creek** vs Serpell
- **Templestowe Park** vs **OLOP**
- **Templestowe Heights (Camp)** vs **St. Clements**

**ROUND 5:** 26th May

- **Templestowe Park** vs **Warrandyte**
- **OLOP** vs **Anderson's Creek**
- **Mitigate** vs **Templestowe Heights**
- **St. Clements** vs Serpell

**ROUND 6:** 2nd June

- **Anderson's Creek** vs **Templestowe Heights**
- **Serpell** vs **Warrandyte**
- **Templestowe Park** vs **Mitigate**
- **OLOP (Yr. 5 Camp)** vs **St. Clements**

**ROUND 7:** 9th June

- **OLOP** vs **Mitigate**
- **Serpell (Curriculum Day)** vs **Templestowe Park**
- **Warrandyte** vs **Templestowe Heights**
- **St. Clements** vs Anderson's Creek

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**DISTRICT FINALS:** Thurs 16th or 23rd June

**ROUND ROBINS (Mixed Netball & T-Ball):** Thursday 21st July

**DISTRICT BASKETBALL ROUND ROBIN:** Monday 10th Oct

**DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ROUND ROBIN:** Friday 14th Oct

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY:** Tuesday 3rd May

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An Evening with Michael Grose

Don’t miss this amazing opportunity!

A trailblazer in the parenting education scene, Michael is the founder of Parenting Ideas, Australia’s leader in quality parenting education for parents and schools. Come and join us to share in his insights and ideas.

Raising well-behaved kids that other people rave about (for the right reasons)

Getting co-operation from your kids is one of the biggest challenges modern parents face. As you know, if you have easy kids then getting co-operation is usually straightforward. But with some children you need to know what you are doing if they are going to fall into line.

In this fantastic presentation, Michael reveals road-tested tried and true techniques and strategies that will make the life of every parent easier.

Michael will also reveal:

• Why your children are different despite the fact they came from the same gene pool and receive the same parenting.
• How to get more co-operation without repeating yourself, raising your voice or resorting to tears.
• Great ways to promote self-control and self-discipline even in highly wired kids.
• The BIG question to ask yourself when kids repeatedly misbehave that will quickly lead to improvement.
• How to work out behaviours to worry about and those that kids will grow out of.
• A simple definition of misbehaviour that you can use in any situation.
• How you can bring emotional intelligence into your everyday parenting so that you can help your kids to recognise and regulate their emotional state.

Tickets $15 - May Earlybird and Group discounts available.

7.30pm - 9pm Wed 15th June 2016
VENUE: PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Awesome! You wanted them again Michael!

Kath Brier, St Thomas PS, NSW
Life Education Victoria
2016 Parent Information Session
2016 Co-ordinator Pack

Dear Parents

As part of our drug and health education this term, we are offering you the opportunity to visit our Life Education mobile classroom while it’s here at our school.

Have you ever considered the following?

What is my child learning in Life Education?
Would you like to visit the Life Education mobile classroom?
What drug education is appropriate for primary school students?
Why do we have health and drug education?
How is health and drug education integrated into your school’s curriculum?

Want to know more?
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

The Parent Information Session will take place on:

Monday 11th July at 2.30 p.m.

Please return the slip to the office if attending.

Life Education Victoria – 2016 Parent Information Session Attendance Slip

I / We will be attending the Life Education Parent Session.

Names:
TERM 2 DATES  TERM 3 DATES

| April 29th | July 22nd |
| May 6th   | July 29th |
| May 13th  | August 5th |
| May 20th  | August 12th |
| No Session | August 19th |
| June 3rd  | August 26th |
| June 10th | September 2nd |
| June 17th | September 9th |

Please phone Leanne or Anna on 9850 1796 for bookings and all enquiries.