**Templestowe Heights Primary School Values**

Persistence  
Respect  
Courage  
Responsibility  
“inspiring learners for life”

**Wednesday 23rd March - School Photos**

**Final Assembly for Term 1 Thursday 24th March 1.30pm**

**Students Dismissed at 2.30pm from their classrooms**

### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

#### Individual Learning Plans

After the recent Parent Teacher discussions the staff, in consultation with parents, developed an Individual Learning Plan for your child. These plans will be coming home to parents on Monday next week. The plans will include areas, that in partnership, we can work together to improve your child, academically, emotionally and/or socially.

#### School Council

The first School Council meeting for 2016 was held last night. The office bearers for the coming year are as follows:

- **President:** Janene Hansford
- **Vice President:** Anita Kocsis
- **Treasurer:** Martin Roche
- **Secretary:** Lisa Clark

School councillors are David Barnes, Leanne McNamara, Elizabeth DuBlet, Amber Elliott, Victor Ng, Andrew Veal, Andrew Mishura, Clare Stephens, Catherine Hanslow and Ross Toogood. As Principal I am required to assume the role of Executive Officer of the School Council. I thank all the councillors for agreeing to be a part of school council and committing to helping our school become even better.

#### Welcome to our newest member of staff

We would like to officially welcome Celene Black as our new literacy intervention teacher. Celene comes with a wealth of experience, having taught in remote communities in the Northern Territory, East Timor, ACT and most recently in Palmers Island in NSW. Celene will also be supporting our English as an Additional Language (EAL) students. Celene has already made such a positive impact to many of our students, even hosting an open-class for parents to observe her in action.

#### Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Angela Makris and Phoebus who tied the knot over the weekend. As you can see the bride looked beautiful (and her new hubby scrubbed up ok as well). The newlyweds are now jet setting off to America on their honeymoon. We wish them both a happy and endearing marriage as they enter the next chapter of their lives.
School Photos
School photos will be taking place this coming Wednesday 23rd March. I would imagine that the local hairdresser shops will be inundated this weekend with “school photo” haircuts. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform.

Easter Bonnet Hat Parade and final assembly for Term 1
I hope all children and parents have been busy creating their very own Easter bonnets. We will be having a hat parade prior to lunch play in the gymnasium, on Thursday 24th March, which is the last day of school for the term. Awards will be given out to best bonnets during our whole-school assembly, from 1:30pm in the gymnasium, along with the Easter raffle prizes.

Parents & Friends and Classroom Reps Meeting
This Friday 18th March at 9am we will be hosting our first meeting for all classroom reps and any parent or guardian interested in supporting our parents and friends association. The meeting will run no later than 10:30am, with tea, coffee and nibbles provided. There will be many opportunities throughout the year to support our school in events and fundraising. We would love to see as many people as possible on the morning.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

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| **TERM 2**              |
| Monday 11th April       | Term 2 Begins |

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Road Safety Around the School

If you park near the school please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
We have again thrown our support behind five of our students who are colouring their hair as part of the World’s Greatest Shave initiative. A donation box at the office has been set up where you can support these students in their quest to help others beat blood cancers.

The money raised will go towards research, which is needed to discover kinder and more effective treatments for blood cancer. Your donation will also support families when they need it most, providing people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma with a free home-away-from-home near hospital during their treatment.

Level Planning Days
Next week all staff have been given the opportunity to review what they have taught during the first term and plan the learning that will take place for your child during term 2. Year 3 - 6 teachers will be planning on Monday and Year Foundation – 2 on Wednesday. This is a very important time for the staff to work as a team to plan the skills to be taught and the curriculum areas that need to be covered in what will be a busy term 2. They will be joined during this day by our Instructional Leaders who will help guide the staff.

Andrew Veal
Assistant Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

School Banking
There will be no school banking next Thursday 24th March. Please check the amount that your child is depositing into their account and ensure that it corresponds with the amount written in the deposit book. Note that only cash deposits can be made through school banking. Cheques cannot be deposited.

School Photos
School photos will be taken next Wednesday 23rd March. Please ensure payment envelopes are returned with your payment before this date.

Student Medication
Medical forms went home to those students with Anaphylaxis, Allergies and Asthma last week. Can parents please ensure that these are completed and returned to the school with the appropriate medication as soon as possible.

AUTUMN HARVEST DAY

Wednesday 23rd March
Our environmental leaders will be joining Michelle to harvest our first crop of vegies from our school garden.

LIBRARY LOWDOWN
The last day to borrow books will be Monday 21st March. The library will then be closed for ongoing maintenance. Books can still be returned up until the end of term.

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:

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION

This week in the afterschool basketball competition our 2 Grade 1/2 Boys teams went head to head in a fabulous game of basketball. All the boys played with great enthusiasm and energy but most importantly with great team spirit. The game fittingly ended in a draw! Well done to all the boys, I know the parents enjoyed it just as much!
Dear Parent

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:
- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12; assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students’ results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 25% of students
  4. Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student’s portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to school by Monday the 21st of March.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely

Dr Sofia Kesidou
Group Executive
Educational Assessment Australia

Linda Spencer       Rhys Coulson
ICAS Coordinator    Principal
Templestowe Heights Primary School  Templestowe Heights Primary School
2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child’s school

I give permission for my child

of

__________________________

Child’s name

Class

To participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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TOTAL

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, we may choose to sit at another time to fit in with our school activities and routines. Students can be completed anytime in the week beginning Monday 15th June.

Please find enclosed ____________________________ total entry fee.

Amount

__________________________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian
Deep Creek Netball Club
Registration day Wednesday 23rd March between 4.15-5.15pm at Templestowe Leisure Centre. Registrations can also be made online at www.netsetgo.asn.au

Location: Training is held in the stadium at the Templestowe Leisure Centre (corner of Foote St and Anderson St, Templestowe).

When: Wednesdays 4:15pm-5:15pm

Dates: First session starting in Term 2. Winter program runs for 10 weeks.

Fees: The fee for the NetSetGO! program is $60. This includes Netball Victoria membership/insurance, ball and T-shirt!

Uniform: No uniform is required to be purchased for NetSetGO! participants. Please wear comfortable clothes and sports shoes.

If you are interested in joining the NetSetGO! Program, or know someone who is, please let us know. New players always welcome - spread the word and bring your friends along!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Website: www.deepcreeknetball.com.au  Email: deepcreek.netballclub@hotmail.com  Coach: Britt Finlay 0425 787 917

Nature Play Autumn School Holiday Program
Join us for some school holiday fun in nature from Wednesday 30 March to Thursday 7 April to celebrate nature play in Manningham.

Events and activities include fun and games at the Plaza Park at MC Square, spotlighting at Currawong Bush Park, bird watching, nature play fun at Finns Reserve and more.

The range of events will encourage children and parents to experience nature as a place to play, imagine, relax and explore.


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Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggley Glow Worm

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for your school. Your school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
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