PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Education week – open day and night

Due to our year 5/6 campers being away this week, we will be celebrating Education Week next week. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about what’s happening next week, including a big day on Wednesday where we will be having an open day, Prep for a morning and open night. Our open night will commence with small performances by our year 5/6 Rock band and instrumental students at 6.30pm sharp.

Prospective families who are interested in our wonderful school are warmly invited to a small presentation and school tour, which will be held at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Student Absences

Did you know the state average for number of days absent at school, per child, is 14 days per year? When you calculate this amount by the number of years a child is at school, it works out that the average Victorian child will be absent from school for a total of one whole school year! At Templestowe Heights Primary, the average child misses 11 days per school year, which equates to nine months of our students miss of school over their formal education years and five months just at primary school. Our absence data does include family holidays, which can be just as valuable as being at school, with all the wonderfully rich experiences children may have when they are away. We would never want any child to come to school if they are unwell, however putting this statistic into perspective is very confronting.

Year 5/6 (Happy) campers

After spending a day and night with our year 5/6 students on camp, I have come back to school for a rest! All the students and staff are having an amazing time with an action-packed itinerary and are surviving on minimal sleep. There is no such thing as “down time” on camp as it really is a 24/7 role for our staff. I observed how amazingly dedicated and selfless our staff are, in making sure our students felt safe and happy without the familiarity of home comforts. While I know all year 5/6 parents and guardians will thank our staff when they meet our students on Friday, I want to publically thank Andrew, Angela, Clare, Jacqui, Rebecca, Mary, Kerryn, Brooke, Michael and Andrew M for making sure our students had the best possible time over four nights and five days on Phillip Island.

Parent/guardian information night – helping your child with reading

Celene Black, our literacy intervention teacher, will be hosting a parent information session on Monday 30th May (see enclosed information flyer) at 6:30pm. Celene has a wealth of experience supporting children and parents/guardians in developing key reading concepts and skills for even the most defiant children! This
session is for any parent/guardian and Celene will also discuss our *Independent Reading program*, explaining the language your child will be using and the key essential learning elements that are high impact strategies for developing competent readers.

**Prep for a Morning**

This week all the children from Templestowe Heights Preschool visited to participate in scheduled Music, Art, Italian and PE lessons. The purpose of these sessions was to allow 4-year olds an opportunity to experience what it is like be at a “big kid” school. It was terrific for Director of Templestowe Heights preschool, Geraldine Hill, to see all the boys and girls she had taught over the journey as she was hugged and mobbed like a celebrity. Thank you to Carole Rigler, Matt Erickson, Dina Velona and the year 3/4 students who supported these sessions. Strong partnerships with our local kindergartens are so important....and fun.

**Farewell Michelle**

We would like to wish Michelle (3/4T) all the best as she moves to a new house and a new beginning. We have watched you grow into a confident learner and know that you will have much success at your new school, they are very lucky to have you.

**Pupil-free Day Friday 27th May**

Next Friday the 27th May is a pupil-free day so please ensure families make other arrangements. On this day all staff will participate in professional learning linked to our School Strategic Plan.

**Why did you choose Templestowe Heights?**

As part of Education week celebrations, we want to hear from families as to why they chose Templestowe Heights Primary for their child? The response is only to be one sentence, as we will be anonymously publishing all responses on one big display for everyone to see.

You can write it on the tear-off slip below or simply email your one sentence to:

templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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I chose Templestowe Heights Primary for my child because:

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Rhys Coulson
Principal
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PUPIL FREE DAYS 2016

| Friday 27th May                     |                                                                 |
| Monday 31st October                 |                                                                 |

FROM THE OFFICE

Working With Children Checks

Working with Children Checks are compulsory for all parents who wish to help out in the classroom and during school activities and excursions. These are valid for 5 years. If you wish to apply for a WWCC please go to the following web site and fill out the application form. www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ If your card is due to expire, renewals can also be done online.

School Leaders Photo

School leader photos are on display and for sale at a cost of $15. If you would like a copy please order and pay at the school office. Orders are due Friday 20th May.

Biggest Morning Tea Raffle

Come to the office and purchase some raffle tickets for a chance to win a Gold Class voucher for 2 valued at $159. Tickets are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00. The prize winner will be announced during our Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 25th May at 11.00 in the staffroom. Come along and help raise money for this worthy cause.
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
Special Opening Night
Wednesday 25th May
6:30-8pm
(*The library will be closed before school during the Book Fair)

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.

Requests
1). Are there any members of our school community (including grandparents, friends) that might have a connection to the Lions Club? I would like to hear from anyone who might know someone who would come and speak with me.
2). Our mosaic and clay project is due to begin soon and I would be very happy to hear from anyone who knows a concreter that would be able to give us some advice.
Thankyou,
Carole Rigler
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, 30th 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.

FEDERAL ELECTION – SATURDAY 2ND JULY.
The election has been announced inconveniently on the middle weekend of the school holidays. This is traditionally a big fundraiser for THPS as we are the largest polling booth in the local area. We will need all hands on deck to help man a BBQ, cake stall and 2nd hand toy/book sale from the early morning to late afternoon. So if you haven’t put your hand up yet this year, now is the time. Volunteer roster to follow in a few weeks.

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

2nd hand toys & children’s books – please start donating children’s books (especially older kids 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.
We have booked a company to run the night and we are starting to collect donations from the local area for the silent auctions. If you have any contacts for donations please let Clare Stephens (0419 337 636) know. We will be asking our school community for donations closer to the event.

BEAN BAG CINEMA.
Our inaugural bean bag cinema was a huge success with almost 40 THPS ladies and lots of new faces to the school. It was a good sign that when the movie finished most people stuck around for a chat and we eventually had to throw people out at 11:30! We purchased some wine glasses for the school with the $2 donations.

Parents & Friends Team.
DURING THIS WEEK THERE ARE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TO KNOW TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS!!

OPEN DAY  WEDNESDAY 25th MAY

9.30 – 11.00 am  *Preschoolers ‘Be A Prep For The Morning’*
Preschoolers Join In Our Prep Classes For The Morning – please book.

9.30am  **SCHOOL TOUR**

11.00 – 11.30 am  *“Community Morning Tea”* in the staffroom

11.30 am  **SCHOOL TOUR**

11.30 – 1.30 pm  **OPEN CLASSROOMS.** All classrooms will be operating showing Literacy, Numeracy, Art, School Leadership Program, Integrated Inquiry Studies, ICT, Robotics, Physical Education, Italian, Music, ‘You Can Do It’ Wellbeing Program, Garden to Kitchen Program

6.30 – 8.00 pm  **OPEN NIGHT** – come and see our classrooms and facilities. Students will be available to talk to you about their classrooms, their activities and why Templestowe Heights is a great learning community to belong to.

6.30pm  **SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

7.00pm  **SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION with Principal, Rhys Coulson**

7.30pm  **SCHOOL TOUR**
RAFFLE

Treat yourself or a loved one to a Gold Class night at the movies. Prize package includes 2 tickets and a food voucher valued at $159.

Tickets are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00

On sale at the office

Prize will be drawn at the Biggest Morning Tea

11.00am on Wednesday 25th May

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Community News

New 3 Year Old Program Available for 2017

VACANCIES EXIST FOR THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD 2017/2018

3 Year Old Group
Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm

4 Year Old Group
Group A: Mon & Wed 8.30am - 4.00pm
Group B: Tues & Fri 8.30am - 4.00pm

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### Winter Fixture - 2016 Draw

#### ROUND 1: 26th April
- **OLOP** VS **Serpell**
- **Templestowe Heights** VS **Templestowe Park (Yr. 5 Camp)**
- **Warrandyte** VS **Anderson's Creek**
- **Milgate** VS **St. Clements**

#### ROUND 2: 5th May
- **Warrandyte** VS **OLOP** (Camp)
- **Templestowe Heights** VS **Serpell**
- **Milgate** VS **Anderson's Creek**
- **Templestowe Park** VS **St. Clements**

#### ROUND 3: 12th May
- **OLOP** VS **Serpell**
- **Anderson's Creek** VS **Templestowe Park**
- **St. Clements** VS **Warrandyte**

#### ROUND 4: 19th May
- **Milgate** 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**
- **Milgate** VS **Templestowe Heights**
- **St. Clements** VS **Serpell**

#### ROUND 6: 2nd June
- **Anderson's Creek** VS **Templestowe Heights**
- **Serpell** VS **Warrandyte**
- **Templestowe Park** VS **Milgate**
- **OLOP (Yr. 5 Camp)** VS **St. Clements**

#### ROUND 7: 9th June
- **OLOP** VS **Milgate**
- **Serpell (Curriculum Day)** VS **Templestowe Park**
- **Warrandyte** VS **Templestowe Heights**
- **St. Clements** VS **Anderson's Creek**

**DISTRICT FINALS: Thurs 15th 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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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:
TEMPELESTOWE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Storytime Program ~ 2016*

✓ A great way to introduce your child to a school environment with Stories, Songs and Art activities in a friendly relaxed atmosphere led by our Foundation Year teachers Dianne Williams and Amy Icke.

✓ Weekly sessions are for 3 and 4 year old preschoolers accompanied by an adult. **No cost involved!**

‘Storytime’ program will be presented on the dates below.

**When:** Friday afternoons commencing on 29th April
**Time:** From 2:30pm until 3:15pm
**Venue:** Foundation Rooms at Templestowe Heights Primary School

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