

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
"inspiring learners for life"

2019 Foundation Students Information Night – Tonight 7.00pm

Badge Presentation Assembly Friday 15th February 2.40pm Gymnasium

Year 1 to 6 Information Night - Tuesday 19th February 7.00pm

Welcome Picnic Friday 22nd Feb 6.00pm to 8.00pm



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Review

On Tuesday our review panel made up of Barry Soraghan (reviewer), Andrew Veal, David Barnes (Council President), Craig Crouch (Warrandyte PS Principal), Saraïd Doherty (Yarra Primary Principal), Mark Flack (DET- Senior Education Improvement Leader), Jeanette Breen and myself participated in a validation day. The purpose of the first of our 2-day review was to review, reflect, evaluate and celebrate how Templestowe Heights has performed over the past four years, linked to our strategic goals. It was a positive and affirming experience, one that all staff, students and parents/guardians should be proud of the achievements and milestones our school has demonstrated throughout our 4-year journey.

Next Thursday (21st Feb) will be our second panel day where we refine areas of focus to establish our next four year strategic goals, targets and improvement strategies.

Foundation Information Evening

Commencing at 7.00pm today is our Foundation Information Evening. The purpose of this session is to inform families of routines, approaches and curriculum programs that our Foundation team plan and implement. Now that our students have commenced it may be a chance to learn more about what parents and guardians are seeing and hearing from their child at home when they talk about school. Questions on the night are strongly encouraged. For those families requiring child-minding, we have a free service on the night, please contact the office on 9850 1796 to book this in. The slides from the presentation will be posted on our website.

Class Rep Meeting

On Friday (tomorrow) at 9:15am we will be hosting our first *Parents & Friends* meeting in the staffroom. This is an open invite for any parent or guardian that would like to attend. We would love to see all our class reps at this meeting, but please don't worry for those that would like to attend but can't, we will distribute minutes.



Basketball Association

This year we have 21 teams (yes, you read correctly) who will represent our school and compete in local competitions. **Sarah Mabin** (Lachlan 5/6T and Joshua 3/4B) along with the Kate Stacker, have done an outstanding job in coordinating all these teams. It is such an amazing achievement and reflects the strong sense of community that our school has, that so many children want to be a part of an initiative that connects them to our school, but more importantly introduces them to a team sport that is fun and helps them to make new friends.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

TERM DATES 2019	
Term 1	Thursday 31st January to Friday 5th April
Term 2	Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June
Term 3	Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September
Term 4	Monday 7th October to Friday 20th December
Pupil Free Days 2019	
	Monday 27th May
	Monday 4th November

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019	
Term 1	
Thursday 14th February	2019 Foundation Students Information Evening 7.00pm
Friday 15th February	Class Reps and Parent Helper Meeting – Staffroom- 9.15am
Tuesday 19th February	Year 1 to 6 Information Night 7.00pm
Wednesday 20th February	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 22nd February	Welcome Picnic District Swimming Year 3/4 A, 3/4 B and 3/4 S Immigration Museum Excursion
Monday 25th Feb to Fri 1st March	Parent Teacher Discussions (Bookings Open Now)
Friday 1st March	Year 3/4 J and W Immigration Museum Excursion
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13th March	International Day
Wednesday 20th March	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 4th March	Foundation Incursion – Responsible Pets
Friday 5th April	Term 1 Ends

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent/Teacher Discussions

This year we will be running the Parent/Teacher Discussions on the week commencing Monday 25th February. Parents need to go online to book a discussion time. An information sheet regarding how to log in and what you will need to do can be found in this newsletter. If you do not have access to the internet at home please ring Margaret and Anna at the office or come in and see them to make the booking for you. If you require a free interpreter please let us know. This process of booking is an easy and quick way for parents to book a time that best suits them.

Booking are open today and close on Monday 25th February at 8.00am.

These Parent/Teacher Discussions are a time for you to talk to your child's teacher about how your child has settled into the school year, any information that you believe will be helpful in supporting your child's academic and social progress and any clarifying questions you may have regarding the programs that occur within the year level. Please remember that this is not a formal academic reporting time discussion (this being done in July) but an opportunity to share knowledge about your child.

Welcome Picnic

A big reminder that on Friday 22nd February is the 'Welcome Picnic'. This is a great opportunity for everyone to catch up after the school holidays and for the new families to make even more friendly connections with other parents in our community. A free jumping castle and bungee run will be available on the night for your child/children to enjoy and a barbeque organised and run by the staff will be available if you would like to purchase some food.

Please bring rugs to sit on the school oval and come along and join in a fun night!

Andrew Veal

Assistant Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments and Fees

3/4 Immigration Museum payment due Friday 15th February.

Year 5/6 summer sport payment due Monday 18th February.

School Leaders Photos

Please remember to send in your school leader photo order form and payment to the school office by Friday 15th February.

CSEF Applications

CSEF is provided to eligible families to assist with the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

Parents and carers may claim the CSEF of \$125 per year, if you hold an eligible concession card. To apply please contact the office or download a CSEF application form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef and provide us with a copy of a current concession card. Closing date for application is Friday 5th April 2019. For more information visit the above web site.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply at the same school in 2018 or
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.



2019 FOUNDATION STUDENTS INFORMATION NIGHT

Come along, meet our staff and find out how and what your child will be learning and how you can be an active participant in this process.

**Thursday 14th February
7.00pm**

**In the 1/2c Learning Space
Baby sitting available (please book via the office)**

Grades 1 — 6



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

Information Night

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Tuesday 19th February
7:00pm

In the Multipurpose Room

Baby sitting available (Please book at the office)



SCHOOL BANKING HELPERS NEEDED



Our school banking is run by parent volunteers every Thursday after drop off for approximated 45mins. To keep this program running we required more volunteers. If you have some time to spare after drop off please contact the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

The THPS Student Run Canteen is again up and running. We have a new committee and we will be open for business each Friday for the first half of lunch.

The 2019 Organising Committee members are:

Bridget 5/6W, Ishika 5/6C, Izzie 5/6C, Sam 5/6G, Skye 5/6P, Kian 5/6P, Isabella 5/6W and Michael 5/6P.

Our menu remains unchanged and the items below are available for students to purchase. All items are \$1.



THPS Canteen Organising Committee



Term 1 Class Rep/Parents & Friends meeting

Our first Parents & Friends/Class Rep meeting of 2019 will be held in the Staff Room on Friday 15th February at 9.15 - 10am to discuss the new year and term 1 events. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome Picnic

Our annual school Welcome Picnic will be held on Friday 22nd February from 6pm onwards on the school oval. Bring a picnic dinner or buy a sausage in bread from the teachers' bbq. Meet new parents, make new friends.

THPS NEEDS YOU! BBQ Event Coordinator needed for 2019

We are looking for an event coordinator to help run the P&F barbeques - election day, Art Show etc. If you are interested or would like more information on what's involved, please email thpspaf@gmail.com

Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah



BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1 2019 commences on 18th February

Thank you to Kate Stacker for holding our Basketball Information Night last night.

PLEASE PAY YOUR MATCH FEES THIS WEEK USING THE LINK EMAILED OUT ON SATURDAY.

Training sessions have begun.

Good luck to all our teams for their first game next week!

Basketball is a great way to make new friends, learn some skills and have fun.

GO HEIGHTS!!!

HIGH FLYERS AWARDS WEEK 2 TERM 1

Grade	Name	Received Award....
12L	Jonathan	Congratulations Jonathan! We welcome you to the THPS school community. You showed the school value of 'Courage'. You have come into our classroom with a positive attitude and we are lucky to have you. You have started to make friends and people around you smile.
1/2R	Oliver	This week you have been nominated for consistently showing courage in our classroom. Your willingness to have a go and participate in all class discussions is outstanding. Your enthusiasm for learning is contagious! Well done Ollie, keep up the hard work!
3/4A	Arman	For having the courage to present a speech for JSC. Arman was able to speak confidently in front of the class and despite being nervous, used eye contact with peers. He has settled into year 3 with ease, well done Arman.
3/4B	Rupert	Congratulations on an excellent start to 2019! You have grown in confidence and bravery over the holidays and you are demonstrating this in our classroom in week 2! We like when you show courage to engage in conversation about your writing or favourite author and share your feelings with your friends. We look forward to hearing your voice more!
3/4W	George	Congratulations George on starting the year off with an AMAZING BANG! You have demonstrated a positive attitude towards your learning, embraced opportunities to get to know your new classmates and jumped at chances to try new things. You should be SO proud of yourself! Well done
5/6C	Chloe	Congratulations Chloe! You are our high flyer this week for the courage you showed at swimming sports. You didn't want to do backstroke, but you pushed your fears away and decided that you actually can do it! And...not only could you do it, you finished on the podium! Go Chloe! You've made a fabulous start to Grade 5! Exciting things to come with this growth mindset and 'can-do' attitude!
5/6G	Desi	For having the courage to deliver a speech at her new school with confidence and a clear voice. We love your positive attitude to learning and welcome you to our school.
5/6P	Carl	For displaying the school values of Respect. Carl has showed positive friendship skills by including his class peers in playtime and lunchtime activities. He especially has helped his new class peer feel welcome to our school learning community. Well done Carl!!!
5/6T	Julian	For displaying the character strength of OPEN MINDEDNESS. Julian has made a great start to the year in our class, he has made a significant contribution to class discussions by sharing his understandings and wonderings. Julian has shown that he has an open mind to learning and to the ideas, thoughts and opinions of his peers. We are all impressed with his efforts. Well done Julian!
5/6W	Tahlia	Having an amazing start to 2019. You are demonstrating leadership skills in the classroom and persistence with your learning tasks. You have adopted a positive attitude towards learning in 2019 and I hope you keep it up forever! Well done Tahlia, we are all so proud of you!

Congratulations



Book School Interviews Online

TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held from

Monday 25th February – Friday 1st March.

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST.**

Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and follow these simple instructions.

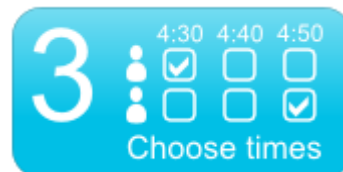
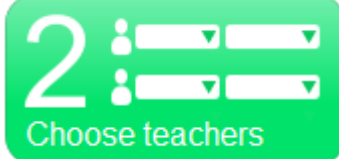
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Enter THIS school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> at any time, and change your interviews.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, Margaret and Anna at Reception are available to make your booking. Drop in to the office or just give them a call on 9850 1796.

Discussions are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date (Monday 25th February 8.00am), by re-visiting the <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

If you require an **Interpreter** please contact the office.

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Meet Our OSHC Team

The Educators managing the Outside School Hours Care at **Templestowe Heights Primary School** are passionate and make sure they always provide a wide range of activities that engage all children each and every day at **before and after school care**.

They thoroughly enjoy what they do and take their roles very seriously. **Aki** is one such member of our team. **Aki** is the **Coordinator** and has been working with **Templestowe Heights Primary School** since **04/2018**

Aki is an experienced and qualified Educator with expertise in working with children in OSHC. As part of **Coordinator** role as an Educator with Camp Australia, **she** has completed compulsory training in Active Supervision (VSHAPE), Child Protection and Camp Australia policies and procedures to ensure the service is safe and engaging for all children in their care.

Between the hours of **7-9 am and 3-6pm**, **Aki** can be seen chatting with the children who attend OSHC. **Her** favourite **game or activity** is **losing to the kids at board games, discussing the childrens' days etc.>**.

If you haven't met **Aki**, please feel free to pop in and visit our **before or after school care program**.

Register and Book Now

To register and book your child in our program, visit www.campaustralia.com.au and use the school finder on our homepage to search for **School Name in black text**. To secure your child's spot, we always recommend making your bookings in advance.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SOS from St Mark's,

The church over the fence, where lots of families use the car-park.

St Mark's is urgently needing help with attendees for a Roast Lamb Meat Tasting conducted at St Mark's by the Australian Meat Board. This is a free event. The Meat Board pays the church for providing customer feed-back on the various tastings.

Carnivores aged between 18 and 70 will sit down to sample small portions of Roast Lamb at 1 pm on Sat February 23. The Tasting last just under one hour. There's a Lucky door prize too.

Can you help? Contact Michael on 9850 2160. ASAP



Warrandyte Thriving Families Workshop

This workshop is for **parents and carers** who are keen to hear practical strategies, ideas and encouragement on supporting your family to thrive.



For many families, home is far from a haven from the rush of life. Instead, it's a war zone where parents are stretched and often pushed to breaking point. This leaves many parenting to survive rather than parenting to make their household thrive. Join Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Hannah Gamble as we explore keys to establishing a positive family culture in your home. Thriving Families is for all and includes strategies to support siblings of children with additional needs. This workshop will explore the ingredients of love, affirmation, and boundaries. You will learn how to parent from your value system, create a calm home environment, foster an attitude of gratitude in your kids, develop family rituals, nurture your own needs, integrate sensory support into each day and much more.

Presenter: Hannah Gamble, Paediatric Occupational Therapist
Thrive Occupational Therapy for Kids

Date: Tuesday 19th March 2019

Time: 7pm – 9pm with doors open from 6:30pm

Price: \$15 including GST (tickets only available online and not at the door)

Location: Warrandyte Community Church, 57 Yarra Street Warrandyte

To book your ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/warrandyte-thriving-families-workshop-tickets-53370370214>

www.spectrumjourneys.org.au

For more details, visit the Spectrum Journeys Facebook Page and join the Thriving Families Event Page for updates



This workshop has been generously supported by the Warrandyte Community Branch of Bendigo Bank

PIANO LESSONS AT SCHOOL

Vivian Davies is an experienced piano teacher and has been providing THPS students with piano lessons at the school for many many years. These lessons take place during school time making it convenient for busy parents.

For more information, please contact

Vivian on 98467336



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To keep this program free for all Australian families, anonymous data is collected at registration and during the program use, to help us track the success of the program. Some of this data may be used for research purposes.



Kidzone



Dear Parents!

We would love your Primary aged children, to come and join us for a weekly after school venture...**KIDZONE**.

So what is **Kidzone**? ... a time for KIDS to be encouraged, make friends, play games and have loads of fun, all at the same time. It is a program based on Christian values to help build strong character, equipping your child for the challenges and joys of life. Your local Salvation Army in Taunton Street Doncaster East, also offers a positive community environment with activities for preschoolers, family groups, and for people with a range of needs. This is a venture SPECIFICALLY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

This **Kidzone** adventure is held on Fridays during term, @ 4.00pm – 5.30pm beginning with an afternoon snack.

Feel free to drop your children off...or if you'd like, hang around for a coffee on us.

Cost: one initial \$10 to purchase your child's **Kidzone T-shirt**.

Payment: \$5 PER FAMILY PER WEEK.

Kind regards,

Manningham Salvos

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