

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

1st August 2019

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
"inspiring learners for life"

Wellbeing at THPS Evening Information Session Thursday 1st August 7.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

100 Days Celebrations

On Tuesday our Foundation students celebrated their first 100 days of school. The students participated in many fun activities, including a maths focus on the number...you guessed it...100. Thank you to our wonderful Foundation teachers Jacqui Nicolazzo, Ashleigh Danes and Cassandra Johnson for nurturing the youngest members of our school community; and a huge thank you to all our supportive parents and carers for making it a memorable occasion, only 2437 days of schooling to go!



Lego Robotics Team



Congratulations to our Lego Robotics Teams who represented our school in the Regional RoboCup Competition on the weekend. The two teams comprising of Alvin (5/6W), Harry (5/6T), Gregory (5/6C), Xenia (5/6W), Scarlett (5/6P), Indi (5/6P) and Renee (5/6P) had been busily coding and designing their robots to dance in a 1mx1m stage, choreographed to a song of their choice. The students received marks for their interview by a judge, portfolio presentation and were scored on their robot dance routine. This was the first time a group of students from Templestowe Heights Primary

has competed in a robotics competition, something the students should be proud of. At the end of the month the two teams will be competing in the Victorian Finals, held at the Showgrounds.

Online Safety

This term our year 5/6 students are participating in Google's online safety education program called *Be Internet Awesome*. The Australian Government's E-safety Commissioner has released many valuable resources on its website to provide parents and guardians with tips on how to help support children to have a safe and enjoyable time online. For more information and resources visit:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues>

Trivia Night Success

There were some questionable outfits and a sea of red as our community attended the Christmas in July Trivia night. Thank you to our wonderful *Parents & Friends* for planning, running and packing up a great event that was

well attended by over 100 people. It was great to see so many parents and guardians in a different light. We even had a THPS band play on the night! All funds raised on the night will go towards our shade sails development.

Spotlight on Attendance

Did you know that the single most important in-school factor influencing student achievement is the quality of the teacher? However, the achievement of each student is greatly influenced by the amount of time students spend in the classroom (Hattie, 2009). Last year the average number of days a child at Templestowe Heights Primary was absent from school was 13.97. If a **child is absent for 15 days of school each year**, by the time they reach Year 12 they will have **missed approximately one year of school**.

Whilst we don't want students to attend school if they are unwell or prevent families from taking holidays during school term that will provide rich learning experiences, we do need to ensure we support our children to attend school daily.

Tournament of the Minds

On Monday night we had the 14 students and their parents who are representing our school in the Tournament of the Minds (TOM) attend a special information evening hosted by TOM leader and 5/6 teacher Sylvia Petrovska. The purpose of the night was to provide information about the event and for parents to gain an understanding of what is involved in the lead up and on the day of the tournament. The parents even attempted some of the spontaneous challenges that the students will face on 8th August at La Trobe University. It was a fun session and it was entertaining to see the children score their parents on their creativity and teamwork!



Wellbeing at THPS

Today we will be running two identical information sessions focussing on wellbeing at Templestowe Heights Primary. The sessions are free and will be facilitated by guest presenter Tim Moran (Head of Education, Beyond Blue) and supported by our Wellbeing leaders Celene Black and Julia Laidlaw. The purpose of the hour-long session (2:30pm and then repeated at 6:30pm) is to explain our vision for wellbeing at Templestowe Heights Primary, explore the statistics that support our vision and the toolkit of strategies we are striving to build capacity in with all students to support their own wellbeing. Feedback from these sessions will drive the focus of further sessions. These sessions are free and open to any member of our greater community. Please contact the office on 9850 1796 to book a seat and yes, we do have free babysitting for the 6:30pm session!

Art Show – put it in your diaries

The countdown has begun for our biannual Art Show. On Wednesday 4th September we will be celebrating the grand opening, where families can come along for a bite to eat, see the cutting of the ribbon as the exhibition is opened to our community. We will also be having eight silent auction items for anyone within our community to bid on. Please see the flyer for more information attached to this newsletter.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to those families that have already completed the Parent Opinion Survey online. Just a reminder that the survey portal will remain open until Sunday 11th August 2019.

The survey is conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. For further information, please contact the office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

Term 3

Thursday 1 st August	Wellbeing @ THPS - 6.30 to 7.30pm(repeat)
Tuesday 6 th August	REACH Assessment – Mathematics Y 5/6 – 11.10am to 12.10pm Year 5/6 Living & Growing Parent Information Night – 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 8 th August	REACH Assessment – Mathematics 3/4 – 11.10am to 12.10pm
Friday 9 th August	School Disco
Thursday 15 th August	Year 5/6 Living & Growing Session 1
Friday 16 th August	Science Day – Whole School
Thursday 22 th August	Year 5/6 Living & Growing Session 2
Wednesday 21 st August	School Council Meeting
Friday 23 rd August	Year ½ National Gallery of Victoria Excursion
Monday 26 th August	House Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 27 th August	Year 3/4 Forest Edge Camp Parent Information Session 6.30pm
Thursday 29 th August	Year 5/6 Living & Growing Session 3
Friday 30 August	Father's Day Stall
Wednesday 4 th September	ART SHOW 6.30pm
Thursday 12 th September	District Athletics Sports
Wednesday 18 th September	School Council Meeting
Friday 20 th September	Term 3 Ends – 2.30pm Dismissal

TERM DATES 2019

Term 3	Monday 15 th July to Friday 20 th September
Term 4	Monday 7 th October to Friday 20 th December

Pupil Free Days 2019

Monday 4th November

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments Due dates

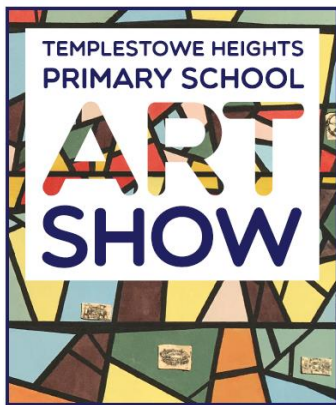
- School Disco – due Wednesday 6th August
- Science Day – due Thursday 7th August
- Year 1/2 National galley excursion - due Friday 8th August
- Year 5 & 6 Living and Growing Incursion – due Thursday 7th August
- Artist In Residence – due Thursday 8th August

Compass Titbits

- Did you know that Compass is the main form of communication between home and school? Keep up to date with what is happening at THPS by reading this newsletter and the information on Compass.
- Did you know that if you have not accessed your account in 7 days Compass will automatically log you out?

2020 Foundation Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for 2020. If you know of any families who have children to enrol for 2020 or you have younger siblings that you have not yet enrolled please obtain an enrolment form from the office or from our school web site.



Art Show Grand Opening Wednesday 4th September 2019

Hello again THPS families!

As mentioned last week in the newsletter on the opening night of the Art Show we will be conducting a Silent Auction and Raffle. In the coming weeks there will be pre-sale raffle tickets coming home for you to purchase. The raffle will be drawn on the opening night, September 4th. Tickets will also be available to purchase on the night. **Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.** Prizes to be announced shortly.

At 6pm we invite everyone to attend our formal Grand Opening where students will be performing a musical item and our Art School Captains will be officially cutting the ribbon to open the 2019 Art Show. Entry to the Art show will be a gold coin donation per family. The Art Show will be open each night after school for families to visit, from 5th September until 11th September from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

We hope you can attend the opening. This year's show will be bigger and brighter than ever.

Regards Joy Birrell (Art Teacher)


Templestowe Heights
Primary School
Art Show

**ART SHOW
SILENT
AUCTION**

Everyone is invited to our school to see the artwork of our children Grades Foundation-6 and take part in the Silent Auction.

Art Show Opening
Wednesday 4th Sept Time:
5:00pm

Bidding Opens
Wednesday 4th Sept

Biddings continue during 5th
Sept till 11th Sept at 4:00pm

A Silent Auction is an event where numerous items are displayed and bid on. The highest bidder wins the item! You can bid as many times as you like!

As part of our Art Program, all children have been involved and participated in creating art pieces from each year level for the silent auction. Silent art pieces have also been donated from local Artists. Come and support our school and view the artworks of our Templestowe Heights Artists!!!



Parent Social Night - Trivia Night –

Thank you to everyone who attended the Trivia Night last Saturday. It was a festive and fun night. We raised over \$8000 towards the Big Adventure Playground shade sails project! Thank you to everyone who participated - the sponsors, the donors, the ticket buyers and the auction item bidders. Special

thanks to Oula and Aeny for leading the event, everyone who helped set up and pack up, the Band (Tim x 2, George, Victor), and Margaret and Anna for everything you did to help.

Winners!

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets. The winners were:

1st-Templestowe Hotel Voucher - Stu (Tom 3/4A)

2nd-Yarrabend 18 hole family mini golf pass - Patricia (Koru 5/6G)

3rd-\$40 Riddik Voucher - Sharon (Kai 5/6\W & Erin 5/6T)

4th-Collingwood Childrens Farm Family day pass - Tom & Morgana (Ruby FJ, Eliza 1/2B & Logan 5/6G)

The loud auction winners were:

Santa sack of beer - Adrian & Rebecca (Ashleigh 5/6T)

Seaside Bush Retreat weekend away - Laura (Sabrina 5/6P & Helena 1/2L)

4 hours babysitting with Mr Coulson - Michelle (Miller 1/2B)

Disco

The annual school disco is being held next Friday 9th August between 6.30-8pm. Payment/info forms went home this week (please check school bags). Please return your forms with payment to the office before Tuesday 6th August. \$5 per student, includes a glow necklace toy. Glow sticks are not permitted. Students need to be signed in and out, and bring a water bottle. Parents welcome to stay for a coffee/tea/chat. Helpers needed.

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah thpspaf@gmail.com

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HIGH FLYERS WEEK 2 TERM 1

Year	Name	Received Award...
FJ	Jude	Jude, thank you for being such a kind, well-mannered and thoughtful class member of Foundation J. We are so lucky to have you as our friend! It is lovely to spot you being fair and including everyone in activities. You are always helping others when you finish your own work, you are generous and show compassion to your friends if they are hurt or upset. Congratulations for being a superstar friend! We are so proud of you!
1/2R	Eloise	Congratulations Eloise! We are so impressed with the bravery you have shown whilst settling in to our THPS community, starting a new school can be daunting but you have shown a great amount of courage! Keep up the amazing work.
3/4J	Alena	Alena, your honest and persistent approach to your individual and group learning tasks is to be commended. You use your very best efforts in all you do; this shows a great respect for yourself and for others because you wish for the best for everyone. Keep up your kind and friendly attitude, Alena. 😊 😊 😊
5/6G	Logan	For being a kind and compassionate member of our grade. You treat others fairly and work well in a team, which is being demonstrated in the podcast activity. We love having you in our grade.
5/6P	Georgia	For displaying the character strength of 'Fairness'. Georgia always treats others with respect and kindness. She gives everyone a fair chance, and believes there should be equal opportunity for all. She shows fairness by accepting others opinions and ideas during class discussions and doesn't judge others. Keep on sharing your fairness Georgia as your small acts of kindness is helping someone feel happy and heard.

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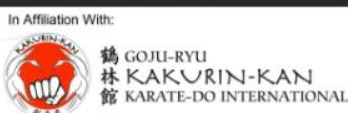
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1. Choose your child's photo
2. Go to the 'Approvals' tab
3. Press the Blue Plus symbol 
4. Tap on 'Reason' – and select option. (illness, parents' choice etc.)
(Details/Comments field is optional)
5. Tap on **Start Date** and **End Date** (change if necessary)
6. Press 'Add Attendance Note'

Complete this process as soon as practical on the morning of their absence

● Recording Extended Absences

If your family is going on holiday please record your child's absence using the same process as above before the date.

◆ Absence Notifications

If you have not recorded an absence for your child on COMPASS, they will be marked as 'Unexplained' and an SMS will be sent to you at 10.30pm .

- If you receive an SMS, please update the absence on COMPASS or call the school office.

◆ COMPASS Notifications

All school communications are sent via COMPASS (newsletters, reminders, alters, reports etc.)

Notification are send via the app and/or email. To ensure you receive all notifications go to the settings on your phone and **Enable Notifications**.

◆ Late Arrivals

When recording late arrivals on COMPASS please choose the entire morning or afternoon session. The exact time of arrival will be adjusted when you sign your child in at the office kiosk.

◆ Early Leaver

Early Leavers need to be signed out via the **KIOSK** at the office. **Please do not record these on COMPASS.**

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This Term, we will be celebrating **National Science Week from the 12th to the 16th of August**. This event is about generating curiosity around technology and science in the world we live in today. To ensure your child doesn't miss out on all the fun, we suggest making your bookings in advance. You can visit our friendly staff at your service to find out more information on what they will have planned for National Science Week.

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Storytime Program 2019



- ✓ 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 Cassandra Dykstra, Jacqui Nicolazzo and Ashleigh Danes.
- ✓ 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 3rd May
Time: From 2:00pm until 2:45pm
Venue: Foundation Classrooms
 at Templestowe Heights Primary School

TERM 3 DATES
July 26 th
August 2 nd
August 9 th
August 16 th
August 23 rd
August 30 th
September 6 th
September 13 th

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