

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 4

8th August 2019

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
"inspiring learners for life"

Badge Presentation Assembly Friday 9th August 2.50pm Gymnasium

School  Friday 9th August 6.30pm to 8.00pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Footy

On Wednesday our school football team represented the Manningham region in the regional championships. The level of competition increased sharply as our team competed against some very strong opposing schools from other regions across Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne. While our students didn't make it through to the state finals, they sure did put up a valiant fight, leaving with their heads held high. Once again thank you to super coach Jason (Lachie 5/6W and Josh 3/4B), assistant coach/runner Stephen (Zach 1/2M and Alex 3/4S), umpire, Victor (Sidney 5/6G, Quentin 3/4J and Florence FD), Ross Toogood and Kate Stacker for all your efforts in supporting our students throughout the season. This was the first time in 20 years they have progressed this far, a massive achievement.



Disco

This Friday night we will be hosting our annual school disco night in the gym from 6:30-8:00pm. This event is in complete contrast to our school ball, it is an opportunity for the students to come in comfortable clothing and dance to pop-music with glow sticks. Our wonderful teachers, led by Jacqui Nicolazzo and Sam Wang will be DJ'ing on the night. The playlist has been voted on and compiled by our JSC so everyone has had a voice in the songs they will be dancing to. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday, please be mindful that no tickets will be sold on the night and that all children must be signed in at the beginning of the night via the multi-purpose room and similarly signed out at the end of the night.

DISCO

Year 6/7 Transition

Yesterday our year 6 students received confirmation letters of the secondary schools they will be attending in 2020. Please see below for a breakdown of where our class of 2019 will be heading for at the end of the year.

Secondary School	Number	Percentage
Doncaster Secondary College	14	20%
East Doncaster Secondary College	4	6%
Greensborough Secondary College	1	1%
Koonung Secondary College	22	32%
Templestowe College	21	31%
Independent Schools	7	10%

Wellbeing

Thank you to the 60 parents and guardians that attended either one of our wellbeing information sessions last Thursday. That is an amazing turnout and speaks volumes about how much we value the wellbeing of ourselves and our children, but also is a great example of Templestowe Heights as a learning community. If you would like to learn more about wellbeing at THPS, don't forget to read our fortnightly wellbeing newsletter that is sent out via Compass. We will be reviewing the feedback from the wellbeing sessions to determine what we will focus on for follow up information sessions. Thank you to Celene Black, Julia Laidlaw (wellbeing leaders) and Tim Moran (Head of Education at Beyond Blue) for hosting the sessions.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Asmika into our learning community who has commenced in 1/2M this week. She has come to school each day with a big smile and a willingness to learn. We look forward to watching her grow as a learner at Templestowe Heights Primary.

Assembly this Friday

This Friday we will be presenting our JSC and Environmental badges for students who were elected for the second semester positions. We are fortunate enough to have Ben Madgen, South East Melbourne Phoenix NBL player as guest to present the badges.

Science Day celebrations

Next Friday the 16th August we will be having our annual Science Day. The purpose of the event to celebrate Science Week where students will come dressed as a scientist (consider any type of scientist), participate in science activities and listen to a special guest. More information is presented in this newsletter that outlines some research we undertook to identify student perceptions of scientists.

Art Show – put it in your diaries

Our biannual art show is on Wednesday 4th September with a grand opening where families can come along for a bite to eat and drink, 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. The closing date for the survey has been extended until Sunday 18th 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

Term 3

Friday 9 th August	Special Badge Presentation Assembly – 2.50pm School Disco 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Thursday 15 th August	Year 5/6 Living & Growing Session 1
Friday 16 th August	Science Day – Whole School (Dress up as your favourite scientist)
Sunday 18 th August	Parent Opinion Survey Closing Date
Tuesday 20 th August	Semester 2 School Leaders Photos – 9.00am
Wednesday 21 st August	School Council Meeting
Thursday 22 th August	Cupcake Day -RSPCA Fundraiser Year 5/6 Living & Growing Session 2
Friday 23 rd August	Year 1/2 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 th August	Father's Day Stall Father's Day Breakfast – 8.00am -8.45am
Wednesday 4 th September	ART SHOW 5.00pm – 7.30pm (Opening Ceremony 6.00pm)
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 4 th November	

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments Due dates

- Year 1/2 National Galley Excursion - due Friday 9th August
- Year 5 & 6 Living and Growing Incursion – due Thursday 8th August
- Artist In Residence – due Thursday 8th August
- Athletics sports – due Tuesday 20th August

LIBRARY NEWS

A library book from Yarra Plenty Regional Library has been accidently returned to our school library. 'Josephine want to Dance'. If you visit this library can you please pop by the office to collect and return it during your next visit.

SCIENCE DAY

At THPS we will celebrate a whole school **Science Day on Friday the 16th of August**. In addition to a 60 minute Fizzics Education Stage Show, classes will participate in two science related tasks supporting the theme 'Destination Moon.' Students are encouraged to come dressed in their best science costume for the day. To embrace the National Science Week theme students could come dressed as an astronaut, moon, planet or space ship. Alternatively, students may choose to represent the many fields of Science including zoology, physics, chemistry or palaeontology.

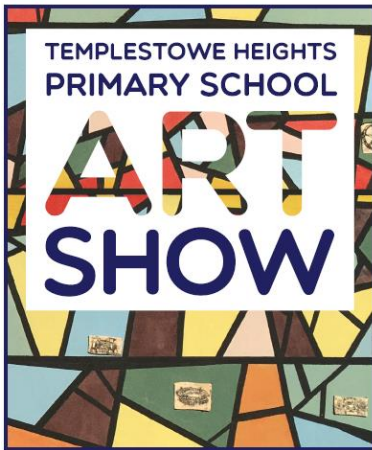
We will be celebrating National Science Week along with the rest of Australia. The annual celebration aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits, and to foster a fascination about the world we live in. This year Science Week runs from the 10th of August to the 18th of August. *Destination Moon: more missions, more science* is the school theme for National Science Week in 2019.

To investigate student's current understanding of Science and their perceptions of scientists, students completed an open-ended test originally developed by David Wade Chambers in 1983. The test is called 'Draw a Scientist Test' and is sometimes referred to as DAST. The DAST asks participants to "draw a picture of a scientist doing science." Completed drawings were coded based on the characteristics of stereotypical scientist: male, crazy hair, beard, glasses, lab coat, standing at a table, chemicals, working in isolation and explosions. Results across our school confirm Chamber's (1983) original findings. Student's drawings reflected these stereotypes of science and scientists.

Stereotypes can play an important role in constraining children's beliefs of what they can and cannot do. These perceptions of scientists doing science in this way can make it difficult for students to see themselves as scientists, and cause them to see science as separate from their daily lives.

In response to this evidence, the STEAM Committee has engaged in professional readings and development. A key strategy has been to provide opportunities for interaction with scientists including our recent guest speaker Sarah Jane Pell. In addition, students have begun class discussions on the vocabulary of science, the many fields of science and the role of science in our lives.





Art Show Grand Opening Wednesday 4th September 2019

5.00pm – 6.00 pm – Art Show begins food & drinks available.

5.30pm – 6.00pm – Performance (Multipurpose Room)

6.00pm – Art Show Grand Opening Ceremony

7.30pm – Art Show Ends

The Art will be on display for viewing from Thursday 5th September until Wednesday 11th September between 3.30pm – 4.30pm

During this term, our Artist in Residence David Glyn Davies will be creating a fabulous stone sculpture at the front of our school. He will also be working with all classes, teaching students to draw the proportions of the face to create a realistic portrait supporting the 'Faces and Places' theme of the 2019 Art Show.

Regards Joy Birrell (Art Teacher)


Templestowe Heights
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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 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!!!



HIGH FLYERS WEEK 3 TERM 1

Year	Name	Received Award....
1/2B	Maya	'Fairness' is a real challenge for you but you are giving it a 'RED-HOT' go! It is great to see you push through and keep your chin up. Continue to TRAIN your BRAIN.
1/2P	Doug	This week, you were nominated for demonstrating our school value persistence. It has been great to see you persist with tasks that are challenging, particularly when using the dash bots. You were presented with many challenges, but persevered, asked for assistance and were successful with coding your dash bot. Congratulations Doug, keep up the great work!
1/2R	Danielle	We are so proud of the way you have increased your effort in class Danielle! You are showing great responsibility for your learning and giving everything a red hot crack. Keep up the great work!
5/6C	Lily	For showing kindness to others and including everyone. You are a positive role model and treat all with respect and fairness. We love having you in our grade.
5/6P	Lavilla	Displaying the character strength of 'Fairness'. Lavilla always shows kindness and respect to others. She puts herself in others' shoes and feels compassion for other people. Class peers can trust and rely on Lavilla to listen to them on a moments notice. Thank-you Lavilla for being such a kind-hearted person. We are lucky to have you in our class.
5/6W	Xenia	For displaying the character strength of Fairness. You are always showing fairness by giving everyone a chance. You will always try to find the best solution for everyone! Well done Xenia.



Disco

The annual school disco is being held this Friday 9th August between 6.30-8pm in the school gym (entry/exit only via Multipurpose Room). Students have selected the play list and will excitedly anticipate their chosen songs. Payment/info forms went home last week. Please return your forms with payment to the office. Tickets will NOT be available at the door. \$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.

Upcoming events

Information about Father's Day events, Art Show and the Active-a-thon has been emailed to you by your Class Rep. More detailed information will be published in the newsletters in coming weeks.

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● Recording Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please record their absence on COMPASS.

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.**

If your family circumstances have recently changed, please notify the office so separate COMPASS accounts can be created. Personal family details will be shared unless we are otherwise notified.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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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	
Cancelled	August 16 th	Cancelled
	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.