

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

17th October 2019

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
"inspiring learners for life"

Foundation & Year 1/2 Dinner Tonight 5.00pm

THPS Book Fair Thurs 17th to Tues 22nd October

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Visiting Author – Alex Miles

Last week we had a visit from Alex Miles, author of 18 books including *Girl Geeks*, *Olive Black*, *Zac Power* and *Sixty Secrets for a Happy Bride*. Alex presented to all students throughout the day where she shared her inspiration, tips and strategies on how she goes about the writing process. Alex's visit coincided with our upcoming annual *Writer's Festival* event, the purpose of which is to celebrate all students as authors.

Welcome Aayu and Neive

This week we welcomed two new students Neive (5/6W) and Aayu (1/2L) to Templestowe Heights Primary. We look forward to both of you growing as learners within our learning community.

Parents & Friends Meeting

On Friday the *Parents & Friends* will be hosting their fourth and final meeting for the year in the staffroom. The purpose of this meeting is for any parent or guardian to come along and hear how they can support our school this term through the many planned activities that are scheduled.

Active-a-thon Reminder



Next Thursday is our Active-a-thon for the whole school. This event has been organised by our *Parents & Friends* and students are able to come dressed in sporty or active-wear. It is an opportunity for students to move around a course, stopping off at stations along the way to complete set exercises.

As this is a fundraising event, please remember to bring back sponsorship forms as soon as possible.

Congratulations Hilary

For the third time this year we have Hilary (5/6G) who has achieved the *Grey Wolf Award*. This award is the highest possible level of achievement for a Cub Scout and Hilary has demonstrated a big commitment to helping others, attend overnight camps, lead a two-hour hike using a map and many more milestones. Well done Hilary, we are proud of you.

Our School Basketball and Volleyball Teams

Over the past weeks our boys and girls volleyball and basketball teams participated in round robin competitions. Our teams competed hard, with the boys volleyball team finishing second and the girls team finishing third. Our basketball teams had a tougher draw and while they gave it their all against some very strong opposition, they lost some close games to finish just off the podium. Overall on both occasions our students represented our school exceptionally well with the level of respect and positive attitude, something we are most proud of.



Drink Bottle Reminder

As the weather starts to heat up, this is a gentle reminder for families to remember to pack their child's water bottle. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school, where they stay in their classrooms for access throughout the day.

Class requests for 2020

This is a friendly reminder that as part of the process of creating classes for 2020, if parents or guardians have any special requests relating to their child's grade placement for 2020, that they place it in writing to me by Friday 1st November. As part of our class formation process, we ask all children to list five friends, where we are able guarantee that every child will have at least one of those five friends in their class for the following year, as per policy.

Requests may relate to friendship groups, learning concerns or family matters. Requests cannot be made regarding individual teachers and parents are unable to select their child's friends on their behalf.



STEM Room

As mentioned previously, in the coming weeks we will be receiving an 11m x 8.4m portable classroom that will be installed off the end of the Tiger Turf surface, to sit on top of the large boulder rocks on the sloping hill. This new learning space will be utilised as our new *Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics* (STEM) room. Throughout next year we will develop the space to include our current STEM curriculum (robotics and 3D printing) as well new initiatives including Virtual Reality and digital media (green screen).

Rhys Coulson

Principal

FROM THE OFFICE


School Payments

- Year 3/4 Camp – Balance due Friday 25th Oct
- Writer's Festival – due Friday 18th Oct
- Year 5/6 Camp - 1st instalment due Wed 23rd Oct. Balance due Friday 8th Nov

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

Term 4	
Thursday 17 th October	Foundation and Year 1/2 Dinner – 5pm to 7pm
Thurs 17 th to Tues 22 nd October	Book Fair – In The 5/6 Leaning Space 8.30am -9.00am 3.30pm - 4.00pm
Friday 18 th October	Visiting Author Alex Miles Signed Book Orders Close Parents and Friends Meeting – 9.15am - Staffroom
Thursday 24 th October	Active-A-Thon THPS Parent Wellbeing Workshop - 2.30pm and 6.30pm
Friday 25 th October	Fairytale Fiasco Incursion - Foundation
Monday 4 th November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Weds 6 th to Fri 8 th November	Year 3/4 Camp - Forest Edge
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 20 th November	School Council meeting – 7.30pm
Weds 20 th to Fri 22 nd November	Year 5/6 Camp - City
Friday 29 th November	Writer’s Festival Presentation
Tuesday 10 th December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes – Session 1
Wednesday 11 th December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10.40am to 11.10am School Council Meeting
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Carols
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Stall
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes – Session 2
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 6 Graduation Night
Thursday 19 th December	Class Parties
Friday 20 th December	Term 4 Ends – Students dismissed at 1.30pm
TERM DATES 2020	
Term 1	Thursday 30 th January - Friday 27 th March
Term 2	Tuesday 14 th April – Friday 26 th June
Term 3	Monday 13 th July – Friday 18 th September
Term4	Monday 5 th October – Friday 18 th December

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Author Visit

Each year we invite an author out to our school to help inspire and enthuse our students with the Writers’ Festival in mind. Last Thursday we were treated to a very special visit from author Alex Miles. Alex is an author of eighteen children’s novels and was able to share her wealth of experience regarding the writing process and share of the tricks of the trade as well as the steps to producing a novel.



This is what the students thought of Alex's visit.

I liked her because I love to read. When I get bigger I would like to read her books. She told us that we can write about anything! Jude FJ

Alex said that we should stretch our wrists when they get sore from all the writing. She also taught us what a story bug is – a way to brainstorm ideas. Indigo 5/6T

I learnt that when you don't know what to write you can brainstorm all your ideas/thoughts onto paper and then you make a plan. I enjoyed how she showed us a way to brainstorm in a more organised way. Maddie 3/4A

I learnt we all have an imagination muscle. It took her 7 years to write one of her books. She helped me get new ideas from the storybug and liked her creative mind by making plans. I really want to borrow some of her really creative, imaginative 18 story books! Emilio 1/2L

Andrew Veal

Assistant Principal

Book Fairs

Check-out these

DINO-MITE NEW BOOKS

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL!



Date	17th - 22nd October	Place	Level 4 Learning Space
Time	8:30 - 9:00am		3:30 - 4:00pm

CHOOSE FROM A HUGE SELECTION OF BOOKS AT THE FAIR!





Active-a-thon and special lunch day – Thursday 24th October – Celebrate Fitness

This year's active-a-thon will be held next Thursday and will be a celebration of sport and fitness. Students can wear any sporting colours, activewear or fitness outfits. Money raised will pay to repaint the line marked games/activities on the concrete path near the school gym. The event will run from 9:15am - 9:45am (Prep, 1/2) and 9:45-10:30 (3/4, 5/6). Parents/guardians are welcome to come along on the day to help with the event or to cheer on the participants.

Sponsorship forms are due back Monday 21st October.

Online pre-ordered lunch bakery items will be an option for you through our partnership with Baker's Delight Macedon Plaza and will be delivered to school on the day. Please go to: <https://thps-lunchorders.daniro.com.au/fundraising-lunchorders>. to order for your child. The school will receive 20% of the total lunch order that you purchase for your child/ren. **Orders close Tuesday 22nd October at 5pm.**

Avoid Flipping Your Lid - Wellbeing workshop – Thursday 24th October

Would you like some tools to avoid occasionally 'Flipping Your Lid'? The next Wellbeing Workshops will be held on Thursday 24th October at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. They will focus on parenting techniques – how to manage emotional outbursts and difficult behaviour.

St. Mark's Church Craft Market Day – Saturday 19th October

We will be running a stall at the upcoming St Mark's Church market. If you have any pre-loved toys or kids' books in good condition you would like to donate, please drop off at the school office by Thursday 17th October. We will need some volunteers to sort on the Friday and run the stall on Saturday so please let us know if you have a spare hour or 2 and can help out. Money raised will go towards the shade sails project.

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Martin Roche has been our diligent Treasurer on the School Council for many years. Thanks Martin! As his youngest child Izzie graduates from Grade 6 this year, there will be a vacancy for this position. If you are an accountant or have a finance background and would like to contribute to our school at the grass roots level, please have a chat to Andrew or Rhys about what's involved.

TOMORROW - Parents & Friends term 4 meeting – Friday 18th October

Our meeting for term 4 will be held in the staff room after drop off. Everyone is welcome. Join us for a cup of tea/coffee and hear what is going on this term at THPS for P&F.

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah

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HIGH FLYERS WEEK 1 TERM 4

Year	Name	Received Award....
FD	Alexander	We have spotted you using the character strength of creativity this week. The puppet you created of yourself was almost so good that we couldn't tell the difference between the puppet and you! You thought carefully about designing your puppet, collected your materials quickly and then worked hard to make your puppet a real representation of you. Well done!
FJ	Nathan	For making such impressive progress with your reading. You have taken responsibility for your own learning and it's wonderful to see you so happy that you can read all by yourself now! Keep reaching for the stars Nathan! We are all very proud of you!
FN	Arya	We are constantly spotting you demonstrating the character strength of creativity and humour in your writing! We love watching you explore the different play stations during writing sessions and using them to spark creative and funny ideas. We especially liked the story about you marrying Superman! Keep writing, we love reading it!
1/2B	Lexie	This young lady is stretching her brain! Lexie uses her imagination and voice to write unique ideas. In her poems she loves to create rhythm and flow. Great work Lexie! Keep it up!
1/2P	Tara	This week, you were nominated for demonstrating our school value of <u>responsibility</u> and the character strength of <u>creativity</u> . You lead by example, often being first to follow instructions and show determination to do your best at all times. You have shown your <u>creativity</u> by writing abstract poems and texts that engage the reader. We love your creative ideas and thank you for your effort. Congratulations Tara!
1/2R	Costa	Well done Costa! We love the way you have returned to term 4 with a positive attitude. You have displayed the school value of courage in your learning especially when you have been uncertain of something, you have still given it a 'red hot go!' Keep up the great work Costa, we are really proud.
3/4A	Ella	This award is for your continuous display of Creativity, Zest and Social Intelligence. Throughout this year, you have shown how you can turn a simple comment or event into a hilarious joke or a thought provoking story. We all appreciate your positive and humorous attitude and the way you look out for others. Please keep making us laugh and smile! 😊
5/6T	Lukas	For displaying the character strength of KINDNESS. Lukas is always someone we can rely on to show kindness to others. He is a person who considers others feelings and as a result makes kind choices, resulting in him sharing, caring and doing kind things. It is wonderful to have someone like you in our class Lukas, we appreciate it. Well done!
	Ari	For displaying the character strength of CREATIVITY. Ari has been selected for this award because of his amazingly creative drawings. He dedicates time and works hard on the artwork that accompanies his creative writing, ready for publication. Ari's pictures are incredible and detailed. Well done Ari, keep your creative side going!
5/6W	Lachlan	5/6W's high flyer goes to Lachlan young for Displaying the character strength of Creativity. You use your imagination to create hilarious stories for your writing, emotional poems to fight poverty and witty jokes that makes our class laugh! Thank you for being such a creative person in 5/6W! Well done Lachlan.

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Term 4 Girls Soccer Program commences – Saturday the 12th of October 2019

Saturdays: Templestowe Valley P.S. 9.00am – 12.00pm (Groups 6+, 10+, 14/15+ Groups.

Wednesdays: NEW Location Midweek commences 16th of October Doncaster East Secondary College 5.30pm-6.30pm (10+, 14/15+ Groups.

Girls ONLY SAP & Agility Program **Football Victoria Accredited** (Age groups 5 to 14+)

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COMMUNITY NEWS



2019 ROTARY eltham FESTIVAL

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November 2019

Alistair Knox Park and Eltham Central Park oval

Celebrating Community – Supporting Local

Have a Go oval, Animal Farm, Community Stage, Main Stage, Fireworks, Youth Stage, Food Stalls, Art & Craft, Tug of War, Rides

Gold coin donation appreciated at entry

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Information Evening

Thursday 17th October 2019

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Belmore School - 49 Stroud Street, Balwyn

Belmore School extends an invitation to attend an information session about our special school for students with disabilities, transition to school from pre-school and dual enrolment.

The information session will include information on –

- Belmore School and how we support our students and families
 - Transition to school – What to consider, What questions to ask, How to ensure a smooth transition to a new school.
- Dual enrolment
 - What dual enrolment means and how Belmore School supports dual enrolled students
- Pre-prep program
 - What is the pre-prep program and how it runs at Belmore School



The session will suit parents of young children with special needs who are considering school options, early childhood educators, key workers and NDIS planners who are supporting young children and their families navigating the journey of selecting a school.

Light refreshments will be provided

For more information or to RSVP please contact Anet Elbaz on elbaz.anat.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or via phone 0423 803246

We hope to see you there.



Special School, Special Students

Bulleen Templestowe Cricket Club

WOOLWORTHS BLAST CRICKET!

Boys and Girls between 5 and 8

Woolworths Cricket Blast is a fun and fast program for kids of all abilities to learn the skills and play Australia's favourite sport. Buzzing with the energy of big bash cricket, it teaches kids how to bat, bowl, field and catch over 8 weeks, kicking off on **Wednesday November 6th 2019** - all while making new friends!



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AUTHOR VISIT WITH **ALEX MILES** Book Signing



To celebrate our recent visit with Alex Miles (author of Girl Geeks, Starring Olive Black, Zac Power Spy Camp) we have the opportunity to order books online which will be SIGNED with your child's name and delivered to the school.

In the Girl Geeks series, you can get your geek on with this girl gang as they design, make, game, hack, code and more! While Olive Black is a ten-year old Aussie superstar. She's balancing backyard cricket with backstage gossip, maths tests with screen tests. While every child reads differently, these series are aimed at ages 8 – 12.



HOW TO ORDER

Cost: \$15 per book. Visit Alex's website to place your order, choose the name you'd like signed in the book(s) and find out the closing date for orders. The books will be signed and handed out at school.

Visit byalexmiles.com.au/signed-books



MAMMOTH MISTAKE

Starring Olive Black

In her latest movie, Olive brings a woolly mammoth back from the Ice Age – a BIG mistake. Luckily in real life, she can't mess up so badly with her best friend. Or can she?



THE HACKATHON

Girl Geeks series: Book 1

Hamsa's class will be doing their very own hackathon. A hack-a-what? thinks Hamsa. She doesn't know anything about tech or coding! Can Hamsa and her team come up with the goods or will things fall apart as she plays it too cool for school?



THE PYRAMID PUZZLE

Starring Olive Black

Olive jet-sets all the way to Egypt for her latest blockbuster, but it's the mystery she's digging up at school that's truly puzzling. With the help of the naughtiest boy she knows, can Olive solve the riddle of two feuding teachers?



GAME ON!

Girl Geeks series: Book 2

Skateboarding and video games are the best things in the world according to Niki. So when the biggest esports tournament announces a junior comp in her town, Niki is the first to enter. Niki is thrown a challenge, but with her girl gang by her side – it's game on!



ZAC POWER SPY RECRUIT

(recommended age 5-7)

Zac Power is a new spy recruit. Can he win a race, stop the baddies, beat a crazy karate robot — and more? Read all 8 Spy Recruit books to find out (4 of which were written by Alex). This is a junior Zac book, not an older chapter book.





National Recycling Week, 11th - 15th November.

Over the past few years, the need for awareness of sustainable living practices has increased significantly around the world – and recycling has become more crucial than ever with our fast-growing population. In fact, a nationwide review revealed that waste has increased around 170% since 1996, which is why becoming more environmentally responsible has never been more urgent.

This term, we will be bringing recycling to the forefront in Outside School Hours Care by celebrating National Recycling Week from 11th to 15th November. It is going to be a fun-filled week as we teach children all about sustainability and how they can contribute to the world for future generations!

Our aim is to develop their knowledge and creativity on recycling through fun-learning activities. Some of these include using used bottles or cartons for planting, making newspaper hats, an exciting recycled fashion parade, and heaps more! Talk to the Educators at your service to find out what they have lined up for National Recycling Week.

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We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

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Sunday 17th Nov 2019 - 10:00am - 3:00pm

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Saturday 30th Nov 2019 - 10:00am - 3:00pm

Wyreena Community Centre, 13-23 Hull Rd. Croydon

Bookings:

Contact: Claire 0418 179 295 or Janie 0416 024 809

How Much:

\$250.00 (inc GST) for each Workshop. Paid in Full to secure your place in this Exceptional Workshop. (Please note: due to the amount of prep work needed, numbers are limited.)

I can't believe that I made this. The workshop was amazing, fast paced and so many choices. The girls really helped me, they were incredible. I came to the class so I could make this as a present but I love him so much I'm keeping him. I will be back for another workshop for sure.
Sue