

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

30th January 2020

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
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Welcome Back To The New School Year

No Assembly this Friday 31st January

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back

Welcome back to everyone within our Templestowe Heights community. The summer break has been very sombre and our thoughts go out to any family that has been directly or indirectly affected by the bushfires. Here's to hoping that the remainder of 2020 is filled with only positive memories.

This morning I was greeted with many smiling faces on our students, ready to navigate their first day of a new school year. Equally, I was met with just as many smiling parents, eager to drop their children off and regain normality, routine and structure.

Our staff have spent the past two days preparing and planning what will be a big and eventful term 1. Please check the calendar attached to this newsletter for all the upcoming events, of particular mention is our first day for our Foundation students, Welcome picnic, Year 3-6 swimming carnival and parent/guardian information evenings.

Excitedly, we have 440 students officially enrolled at Templestowe Heights Primary commencing with us today (Foundation students will start next week). New staff **Emma Vogel** (1/2V), **Rebekah Fall** (3/4F), **Tim Hemsworth** (3/4H), **Peter Sartori** (5/6P) and **Angelique Giacomini** (Ed. Support) have commenced their first day too. We'd also like to welcome our new students who begin their journey within our community today.



Our new students

1/2B	<i>Gordon & Rafferty</i>	3/4H	<i>Ari</i>
1/2P	<i>Joel & Luke</i>	3/4J	<i>Illiana, Isabella & Angelena</i>
1/2V	<i>Logan & Toby</i>	5/6C	<i>Isla</i>
1/2M	<i>Allegra</i>	5/6L	<i>Amelia & Hannah</i>
3/4A	<i>Samuel & Abbey</i>	5/6P	<i>Vaness</i>
3/4B	<i>Zeina, Violet & Glen</i>	5/6S	<i>Paige</i>
3/4F	<i>Naomi & Cameron</i>	5/6W	<i>Zoe, Baz & Yousef</i>



What's been happening?

Throughout the summer break we have had major and minor building works. The construction of a new double classroom that will house our library, located at the back of the school next to our newly constructed STEM room, is now finished. We anticipate that the library will be up and running for the start of week 3.

Unfortunately over the break we were impacted by the torrential rain, resulting in flood damage to several rooms. Thankfully there was no major damage and the spaces have been repaired with minor works to take place shortly (including a new shade sail). We also had the soft fall in our playgrounds wash away and as a result the large playground at the back of the school is out of action until Monday recess time.

Asbestos dust was cleaned and removed in the garden shed, which will now be fitted out as a multi-purpose storage room. Several internal and external areas of the school were painted as part of the strategic maintenance plan. You may also have noticed several new line markings paintings outside our gymnasium for the children to play and explore.

Lastly, six classrooms received 75inch flat screen TVs to replace their 10 year old data projectors. All these major and minor works would not have been possible if it weren't for the financial surplus we have received with our growth in student numbers and the kindness from families through their voluntary financial contributions. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to undertake these buildings and grounds works, something that makes me feel very grateful. I would also like to thank Andrew Veal for managing many of these projects over the school break.

Thank you!

We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and engaging community. Over the break our garden and chickens were tended to and cared for by a roster of dedicated families who volunteered their time to ensure our garden and chickens were well loved. THANK YOU to all our supportive families who gave up their time to tend to these tasks, in particular the amazing **Laura** (*Sabrina 5/6P and Helena 3/4A*) and **Kate Stacker** who organised and communicated everything through the WhatsApp group. This support from so many families really does reflect the strong sense of community we have at our school.

No Assembly this Friday

Due to the very short week, we will not be hosting our first assembly until next Friday 7th February. All assemblies will be held every Friday in the basketball gym at 2:50pm.

Foundation students commence and free coffee cart

Next Thursday (6th Feb) our Foundation students commence for their first day. Until Wednesday, our Foundation students are coming in to meet their teachers (Cassie, Jacqui, Ross and Ashleigh) for a school readiness interviews. On our first official first day for our Foundation students, there will be a free coffee cart before school (located near the Foundation classrooms) and a *Tissues and Tears* morning tea in the staffroom from 9:15am.

Rhys Coulson

Principal



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TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRIVACY INFORMATION

for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 1

Thursday 30 th January	Term 1 Begins For Students
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 3 – 6 House Swimming 11.45am – 3.00pm
Thursday 6 th February	Tissues and Tears Morning Tea - Foundation Parents - 9.15pm
Tuesday 11 th February	Grade 1 to 6 Parent/Guardian Information Evening 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 12 th February	School Photos
Thursday 13 th February	Foundation Parent/Guardian Information Evening 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 14 th February	Class Reps and Parent Helpers Meeting –Staffroom - 9.15pm
Wednesday 19 th February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 21 st February	Welcome Picnic 6.00pm
Monday 24 th February	District Swimming
Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th Feb	Parent Teacher Discussions
Monday 9 th March	Labour day - Public Holiday
Wednesday 18 th March	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 27 th March	End of Term 1

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
Term 4	Monday 5 th October – Friday 18 th December

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for another full year ahead.

School Fees

Just a reminder that 2020 essential items school fees are due on 28th February if paying in full otherwise the first instalment is due on 15th February.

Fee notices were sent out to each family in December 2019. If you have misplaced your form please collect one from the school office. For those families paying their fees via Bpay please remember to send in a copy of the form into the office for our records.

School Photos

School photo order forms will come home with each child next week. Just a reminder that photos can only be ordered online.

School Calendars

The 2020 school calendar will be sent home with your eldest child today. Thank you to all our sponsors for making it possible. Please support them when you can.

House Swimming Sports

Notices for our year 3 to 6 House Swimming Sports will come home with your eldest child today. Forms and payments are due back by Monday 3rd February.

Compass for New Families

All new families will receive a Compass log in letter today with your child. Foundation families will receive this letter at your child's 1 on 1 interview.

Compass Events

Please log into your Compass and provide consent for local walking permission and PG Movie permission and inclusion on the class contact list (buzz list)

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 3rd April 2020. For more information visit the above web site.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2020 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply at the same school in 2019 or
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Classroom Cuisine

Classroom Cuisine will recommence service on Monday 3rd February 2020.



Welcome back to THPS for another fun-filled year! A special welcome to our new families.

Term 1 Class Rep/Parents & Friends meeting

Our first Parents & Friends/Class Rep meeting of 2020 will be held in the Staff Room on Friday 14th 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 21st 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 Social Events facebook page

Join the THPS closed facebook group by searching for THPS Social Events or using the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=thps%20social%20events>

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St Mark's Church information

Car Parking.

St Mark's welcomes THPS families to use our car parks for your drop-offs and pick-ups.

Memorial Garden.

The garden beside the steps on the High Street side car park is a special space where Ashes of the departed are interned. St Mark's respectfully asks that parents ensure children do not take a "short-cut" through the garden.

Building Program.

Commencing mid-term 1 we have our next building project. The front entrance is being extensively improved. As a result parts of the church grounds will be cordoned off as a building site. Car parking will be affected.

On Your Mark's Playgroup

Our popular Playgroup starts up next **Monday** – Feb 3..

We'll be running every Monday in school terms, 10 till 11:30am (except those wonderful public holidays).

There's plenty of spaces for old friends and for new families to come and check things out.

An experienced team of volunteers will this year include Mandarin speakers.

All team members have Working With Children Cards.

Playgroup incorporates free play with our great collection of toys and equipment, some simple craft, stories and finishes off with happy songs.

Parents, grandparents and carers enjoy a morning cuppa too.

For more information : Michael 9850 2160 or the church web-site.



BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1 2020 commences

Week of 17th February

MORE BASKETBALL PLAYERS NEEDED!

We still have a few spots in some of our teams.

For more information or if your child would like to join a team,
Please let us know ASAP. Team numbers will be finalised over the weekend.

No previous experience necessary.

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

If you would like more information, please email Sarah sarahmabin@optusnet.com.au

GO HEIGHTS!!!

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10 December 2019

Templestowe Heights Primary School
Attn: Ashleigh Danes
Danes.ashleigh.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Dear Templestowe Heights Primary School Community

On behalf of the Board, staff and volunteers, we sincerely thank Templestowe Heights Primary School Community for your generous donation of toys and food for our Christmas Gift Giving Program.

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We thank you once again for your generosity and commitment to support our community through Doncare.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Stoves AM PSM JP
Chief Executive Officer

Ian Clark
Manager Emergency Relief, Case
Management and Counselling
Services

ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Lower Templestowe



Applications are now being taken for students to enrol for receiving the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2020. Enrolments close Wednesday 26th February no late enrolments will be accepted.** We have a family friendly book that we will give out to enrolled children, at the Compulsory Parent Information Night on March 24th 2020. 7:30 – 9:00pm
For enrolment forms please call: Parish House 98505983 or
Email pam.cohen7@gmail.com

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Private Art Classes - Enrolment Form

Templestowe Heights Primary School - Claire Sunderland

Term 1, 2020

☐ Wednesday - 3.45pm - 4.45pm Drawing Classes - 6 Sessions

Classes will commence Wednesday 5th February 2020

Last class - 11th March, 2020 (No Class Last Week of Term)

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Parent / Guardian Names: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Number (1)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact Number (2)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Medicare No.: _____ Do you have Ambulance Cover? YES NO

Family Doctor: Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Does your child have any medical conditions, allergies, special needs, custody arrangements that the tutor should be aware of? YES NO

If yes, please give details

Please find enclosed cash / cheque

☐ **\$120.00 for 6 Sessions**

Make cheques payable to: Claire Sunderland

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BSB: 193-879 A/C: 457862508

Classes Start at 3:45pm

As School Finishes at
3:30pm, please wait outside
the Art Room until 3:45 pm

Return this completed form to the School Office.

Please note that refunds will not be made due to holidays, illness, etc.

If more than 2 consecutive classes are missed a credit may be forwarded to the following term.

I understand that I will need to collect my child and sign them out from the Art Room, unless prior arrangements are made in writing.

I understand that a fee may apply if my child is not collected on time.

In the event of illness or injury, I authorise the person in charge to seek medical attention as deemed necessary.

**Places are allocated on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Payment must be made to secure your place.
For all Bookings, contact Claire Sunderland - 0418 179 295.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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TEAM REGISTRATION
PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION
2020 – SEASON 1



Dear Parents

Thank you for choosing to register your child in the Primary School Basketball Competition for season 1 2020 to represent Templestowe Heights Primary School. This competition is run by the Bulleen Boomers and takes place **after school** on various days depending on your child's age and gender. The season runs for 2 terms. Children from Grades 1 to 6 can take part.

Team Registrations will **close on 20th December 2019, late registrations may not be accepted.**

Below is some information about the competition:

Monday nights - Grade 5/6 Boys and Girls
Tuesday nights - Grade 3/4 Boys
Wednesday nights - Grade 1/2 Girls & Boys
Thursday nights - Grade 3/4 Girls



Season 1 will commence early in February and run through to late May with finals in June.

Uniforms – each new player will need to buy their uniform from school, which consists of shorts and a singlet (\$50*). Samples are in the school office for sizing. Please use this link if you need to buy a uniform

<https://www.trybooking.com/BGSVG>

Coaches and managers are needed, we can't run a team without volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

Team Registration – a fee of \$20* will need to be paid to cover team registration and insurance using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/575143> as soon as possible so we have an idea of player numbers. **YOU WILL NEED TO PAY FOR THIS ONLINE, PLEASE DO NOT BPAY TO SCHOOL.**

Player Registration/Match fees - You will also need to register your child online with the Bulleen Boomers. The Boomers' season fee is usually around \$80 - \$100 which covers the matches played for the season. We will provide you with the link when we receive it before the season starts.

Training – will be at school in the gym before, during or after school, depending on the coach and gym availability.

Please register your interest as soon as possible for new players, so we can ensure there is space in a team.

(*a Trybooking fee of 50c will be charged in addition to these costs per transaction by Trybooking.)

SARAH MABIN & KATE STACKER

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