

Our News

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 926th March 2020

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

Term 2 Begins Wednesday 15th April**Check Regularly For Compass For Updates**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Arrangements for next term

Over the past week there has been a rapid change in landscape for everyone. As we enter such uncertain times, schools across the country are planning and preparing for online/remote learning. From Wednesday 15th April, unless things change, we will be transitioning to online learning.

All staff have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that come Wednesday 15th April, if required, we will be ready for this new initiative.



Please know that our position on remote/online learning (and supported by the Department of Education) is that we need to be mindful of the diverse circumstances of a family's home-life. For this reason our guiding principles of what remote/online learning will look like at Templestowe Heights Primary are:

- learning activities must be self-contained and manageable and should not rely too heavily on parents as educators
- parents/carers may not be available at all times during the school day to support learning from home – many will have work, caring or other responsibilities
- some students may have no or limited access to devices or the internet at home
- students with additional learning needs and students with English as an Additional Language (EAL) may need more support

The most important aspect during this self-isolation period is the need to stay connected. In the event that we transition to online/remote learning, we will be using the video conferencing platform Zoom. Information is attached to this communication that provides families with the details of registering for this free platform.

As Tuesday 14th April is a designated pupil-free day, specific details about the expectations and information about how to access the online/remote learning for your child's class will be sent on this day. In the meantime, we recommend that families trial Zoom to ensure there are no glitches and are familiar with its functions.

Lastly, a reminder all families should now have their Google Classroom username and password details. Families were also sent a communication via Compass to provide consent to allow staff to communicate with students at home. Please check your Compass for these communications.

Everyone chipping in!

While our students commenced school holidays from Tuesday, we have had a very small number of children whose parents are essential services workers enrol each day this week. I have been so proud of the numbers of staff that have volunteered to come in and offer care and supervision. The ratios of students to staff have been upwards of 15:1!! I'll be honest though, we have been running a fairly modified program, of gardening, sport, Lego and Art. This just goes to show the commitment and genuine care our staff have of wanting to help out. I am so grateful for everyone chipping in to lend a hand.

Transition information for Year 6 students

In the first week of term 2 all year 6 families will receive relevant information for secondary school enrolment via Compass. At the start of next term we will schedule a Zoom session to allow parents and carers to logon and ask any clarifying questions related to the enrolment process for students moving from year 6 to Secondary School.

Rhys Coulson

Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 2 – Events postponed until further notice

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| Tuesday 14 th April | Pupil Free Day – No school for students |
| Wednesday 15 th April | Term 2 Commences (Please check Compass for updates) |
| Friday 24 th April | Class Reps and Parent Helpers Meeting – 9.15 staffroom |
| Friday 1 May | Active-A-Thon |
| Thurs 7 th to Tues 12 th May | Book Fair |
| Friday 8 th May | Mother's Day Breakfast Mother's Day Stall |
| Monday 25 th May | Pupil Free Day – No School For Students |
| Tuesday 26 th May | Reach(ICAS) Science (week commencing) |
| Monday 8 th June | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday |
| Monday 15 th June | Reach (ICAS) Writing & Spelling (week commencing) |
| Saturday 20 th June | Parent Social Night |
| Friday 26 th June | Term 2 Ends – Students dismissed at 2.30pm |

TERM DATES 2020

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| 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

- Parents please go onto Compass and **provide consent** for online learning.
- The school office will be closed from 2.30pm this Friday 27th March. Should you have any urgent enquires after this date please email us at templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

All updates about school closures and commencements will be posted on Compass.


HIGH FLYERS WEEK 8 TERM 1

| Year | Name | Received Award.... |
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| 1/2B | Carter | We have loved having you in our class! You make us smile! We love your drawings and creativity! We will miss you! Enjoy your new school in Tassie! |
| 1/2M | Logan | You have been spotted using the character strength of Zest. You always come into school with a 'pep' in your step, happy to see your friends and teacher. Hope you continue this zest for life in your new school. All the very best. |
| 1/2P | Dash | This week, you were nominated by your teacher for demonstrating the character strengths of hope and kindness. You put others before yourself and are so thoughtful. When we wrote our list of hopes for the future, you hoped for things for your family rather than yourself. You are so kind and fill our hearts with warmth. Thank you for being so hopeful, kind and happy Dash! |
| 3/4F | Joshua | Joshua, you have received this award for the effort and persistence you put into writing your narrative 'Minecraft Escape'. You demonstrated your ability to use a range of word choices and varied the length of your sentences to build interest and suspense within your story. 3/4 F have enjoyed your published book in our reading corner and can't wait to read the sequel! |
| 3/4H | Evgenois | Congratulations Evgenios on a fantastic week's work. You have used the character strengths of bravery and love of learning to ask questions and participate regularly in classroom discussions. You presented a fantastic book response as a follow up to your home reading – great work! In 3/4H we appreciate your smile and sense of humour – please keep sharing these with us! Well done Evgenios. |
| 3/4J | Xenia | Xenia, you show loving kindness to others in many ways; quietly helping, passing things and sharing equipment. You know how to make others feel better when they are a bit down. We are so glad you are in our class. |
| 5/6L | Georgia | Congratulations Georgia! Our class is excited to celebrate your ability to bring humour to all situations. We are excited to have your loving and caring smile in the classroom and infectious laugh! I am loving seeing your dedication and creativity in writing 'The Sausage Factory' with your peers we all can't wait to read the finish product! |
| 5/6P | Sabrina | Sabrina, 5/6P have nominated you as our high flyer this week for your teamwork and leadership while being captain of the girls softball team. You worked together with Ella and made sure that everyone had a voice and was valued. You supported and encouraged the team in their efforts against Serpell PS. Well done on modelling great leadership & teamwork Sabrina! |

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