

Our News

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

Welcome Back to Term 2 Online

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back!

What a strange feeling it must be for families to start a new school term....at home. As we have transitioned to online/remote learning there have been so many committed staff that have given so much of their holidays to ensure we have been best prepared.

Please remember this is a transition phase as we start slowly with small steps, evaluating daily to see what is working well and what we can do to enhance the program. Getting our students reconnected again is the priority, getting familiar with the video-conferencing software, expectations and establishing routines are the first steps of our journey.

Our philosophy for online/remote learning is clear about equity. Every household is different, some parents are able to help more, some children require more assistance while others need to share devices and resources at home. For those children that want to do more, there are many resources we have provided on our online learning platform but we need to be mindful of overwhelming many students (and parents and carers) who are "finding their feet" with this new approach or simply do not have the means or ability at present to complete any more learning tasks.

Please also remember the Department of Education's expectation with time on task for children for online/remote learning are very minimal. This is because of the complex and unique circumstances of every household.

I am also so grateful for the large number of staff that have volunteered to come in to school to supervise and care for the very small number of students that are attending on-site. I have heard that many schools are struggling to get staff to supervise on-site, this says a lot about how supportive, positive and committed our staff are to the Templestowe Heights community and particularly our children.

Welcome Tanya and our new students

We would like to welcome Tanya Misquitta who has commenced as our new First Aid Officer...what a time to start a new role! I would also like to welcome our new and returning students for term 2. Welcome back Orlando (1/2B) and welcome to Templestowe Heights Primary for Alessandro (1/2M), Melisa (5/6C) and Arshia (1/2M).

Year 6/7 Transition

This afternoon all year 6 students will receive relevant information about secondary school transition. Now is the time families need to make the decision as to what secondary school they would like their child to attend. I understand that for first time families this process is unfamiliar and due to the fact we are in isolation, it may be difficult to go on school tours or speak with anyone else that has been through this process. If you have any questions about this process or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 9850 1796 or via email.

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Thank you to our volunteering families

Over the break, led by the wonderful Laura (Sabrina 5/6P and Helena 3/4A) and Kate Stacker we had many committed families who gave up their time to tend to the chickens and garden. Sometimes I feel like our chickens are better looked after than the students! Thank you to those families that ensured our school chickens and garden remained well-loved.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 2 – Events postponed until further notice

Monday 25 th May	Pupil Free Day – No School For Students
Friday 26 th June	Term 2 Ends

TERM DATES 2020

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

The school office will be open from 8.30am to 4.00pm everyday. Should you have any enquires after time please email us at templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Virtual Chess Club

Dark hours is inviting students to participate in online chess classes. Please see flyer attached to this email for more information.

Creative Art Classes With Clare Sunderland

Creative drawing classes will not be going ahead in term 2 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. I am however looking at running weekly on-line drawing classes and will let you know when these are up and running. Please stay safe. Please call Clare on 0418 179 295 for all enquiries.



At home learning & community

If you need any help with online learning, or support during this unusual time while we all navigate through our current life in isolation, contact the school office at templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 9850 1796. Please always remember that we have a very supportive community here at THPS. Our wonderful teachers and staff have been amazing, working tirelessly through the holidays to set up online learning for our kids.

Parents & Friends and your Class Reps are also here to support you if you need it. You can always email or WhatsApp message your class group, post on the THPS social facebook page, or email us thpspaf@gmail.com

Easter Raffle donations & tickets

The Easter Raffle will be drawn in the school office on Monday and will be recorded for all to see. Winners will be published on Compass and in the newsletter next week. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated hamper items.

Hot Cross Buns

Our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive, in partnership with our local Macedon Plaza Bakers Delight, raised \$162 to go towards our school fundraising. Thanks to everyone who took part.

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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