

# Our News

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence      Respect      Courage      Responsibility  
 “inspiring learners for life”

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Finding the right balance

Once again I want to say thank you to all our families for the way in which you have embraced our online learning platform. Thank you also for all the feedback we have been receiving (both positive and constructive) as we continue to monitor and evaluate how we are connecting with one another, delivering content and engaging students.

What we must be mindful of is that every child and every household is different. There are many families that are still trying to “find their feet” as they continue to transition to online/remote learning.

Having worked from home on Friday to support my three children, I know how challenging this can be. What I want all families to remember is that finding the right balance in your household may mean lowering your expectations and that's ok. We do not expect you to be superhuman and we do not expect your child to sit at a desk from 9.00am-3:30pm participating in learning tasks.

In an [article](#) from renown educational leader *John Hattie* (2020), he looked at the impact on learning after the Christchurch earthquakes in 2011. In the aftermath of this disaster, schools were closed for a long length of time. However, when schools did reopen, student results did not drop and in fact increased because teachers taught students what they couldn't do, not what they thought they needed to know.

Find the right balance that is achievable in your day (not someone else's). Your child will not be disadvantaged if they do not complete everything. Putting things into perspective is really important. There are greater things to worry about than your child missing a webex session or only completing one task for the day. Your wellbeing and that of your family is so much more important.

#### Congratulations to the winners of Easter Raffle

Well done to all the students that had their names pulled out by our hand-made Easter Bunny. A big thank you to our wonderful *Parents & Friends* for organising this annual event and to all our families who donated chocolate goodies to fill the prize hampers. Unfortunately, we can't guarantee low-grade video clips like what you watched on Tuesday won't happen again.



	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize
<b>Foundation</b>	1st prize – Charli FT	2nd prize – Ariana FN	3rd prize – Soren FT	4th prize – Ava FT
<b>Year 1/2</b>	1st prize – Shai 1/2W	2nd prize – Isabella 1/2W	3rd prize – Jamie 1/2P	4th prize – Remy 1/2M
<b>Year 3/4</b>	1st prize – Edie 3/4H	2nd prize – Scott 3/4A	3rd prize – Sam 3/4A	4th prize – Cooper 3/4B
<b>Year 5/6</b>	1st prize – Judah 5/6L	2nd prize – Olivia 5/6C	3rd prize – Leah 5/6C	4th prize – Amelia 5/6L

### Isaac new big brother

Last week Isaac (FJ) proudly became a big brother as his sister Eve safely arrived on Thursday evening. Congratulations to Amy and George on the safe arrival of your daughter Eve Mary. We look forward to seeing her as a Foundation student in 2026.



### Thank you to our volunteer staff

Every day we are so fortunate that so many staff have volunteered their time to supervise and care for the students who are attending on-site. It means so much to me to know that staff who are willing and able are thinking about the students over their own needs by coming in to support our community.

### Support for our Mandarin speaking families

We are so fortunate to have such an amazing community. One of our parents Matt (Ashton 1/2M) has created a WeChat group for Mandarin and Cantonese speaking families. This group will be able to offer assistance for anything technical including setting up Webex and Google classroom, also to help explain the class work assigned. Details are as follows:

WeChat ID: **Matt7809**

Also just to clarify the group name is : **THPS 中文帮助** (direct translation: THPS Chinese Help)



**Rhys Coulson**

Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

### Term 2 – Events postponed until further notice

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

### TERM DATES 2020

Term 2	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)

### 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>

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah [thpspaf@gmail.com](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)