

# Our News

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Getting into the rhythm

As we approach the end of our third week of online learning, I hope most families have now reached a point where they understand the limitations of their current home circumstances. To sum up just how extraordinary 2020 has been so far, yesterday the Pentagon (USA) confirmed video footage of UFO's and it barely made the news.



Please always remember that the most important priority right now is your families' mental health and wellbeing. When you are all juggling the demands of daily life in self-isolation it's ok if you are having a flat day. We are all here for each other, make sure you check in with each other and please remind your child it is ok to have these feelings. There are many great resources in our wellbeing section in the THPS Online learning portal that may be of assistance.

While the initial purpose of our online learning model was to reconnect with each other, all year level teams are now focussing on gradual developments of three main aspects.

- **Engagement** – we understand that it might be frustrating for a child to wait so long to share something during our Webex sessions. Each year level team have explored and introduced slightly different strategies to try and increase participation rates during Webex sessions.
- **Scaffolding** – the weekly learning tasks are continuing to evolve. Year levels are placing worked examples, modelled and explanation videos as well as examples of learning tools to help bridge what is expected to be completed by the student.
- **Feedback** – all teams are currently trialling ways to promote students to submit some of their learning tasks to Google classrooms where they can also receive feedback from their teacher or peers.

In the coming weeks, all year level (and specialist) teams will be provided with a half day offline, as part of mandated DET professional practice days. During this offline time, teams will be focusing on professional learning and planning that is specifically related to enhancing the online learning experience for students. Your teachers will communicate when this is taking place.

#### School Tours

Usually at this time of year, our students don't even bat an eyelid as groups of visitors pop into observe their classrooms as they have a tour of our school. Please let any family you know that is interested in having a virtual tour of our school that for this term we are holding school tours a little bit differently. For any family that wishes to have a school tour, they can contact the office and book a video-conference tour. During these one hour sessions parents and carers will meet with me via a video conference where they will get to learn more about our school in a virtual space.

## Can you do better? A Challenge from our School Captains.

Mr Veal and myself were challenged by School Captains Sidney and Gemma to make a *Tik Tok* dance. While Mr Veal practiced for hours and hours, I did it on the first attempt. In the coming days, you will be able to view the dance on our online learning portal. While we had a lot of fun doing this, we would love to see families take up a similar challenge.

## Buildings and Grounds

Last week, closed circuit TVs (CCTVs) and outdoor lighting were installed at some “hot spots” around our school. The CCTVs will now be able to monitor anyone coming in to our school via the carpark and significant monitoring of our new STEM room, library, gazebo and tiger turf. This area of our school has been dimly lit in the past and a magnet for visitors after dark.

Our shade sail that was damaged in a storm many months ago has also been replaced. Cabinetry for our new STEM room has also been installed, with only a few more pieces of furniture (that are have been ordered) that will complete this learning space, ready for use by our students.

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

### Term 2 – Events postponed until further notice

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil Free Day – No School For Students
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 Application For Year 7 Placement Forms Due
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
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
Term4	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

## FROM THE OFFICE

### School Opening Hours

The school office will be open from 8.30am to 4.00pm everyday. Should you have any enquires after time please call us on 9850 1796 or email us at [templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

### Year 6 to 7 Transition

Parents and guardians of Year 6 students please note that the return date of the Year7 Placement form has been expended to **Friday 29 May**.

### 2021 Fondation Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for 2021. If you know of any families who have children to enrol for 2021 or you have younger siblings that you have not yet enrolled please obtain an enrolment form by contacting the office on 9850 1796 or email [templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) .



Congratulations to all our raffle winners! The raffle raised \$572 towards school fundraising.

### Bakers Delight now delivering bread

Our local Macedon Plaza Bakers Delight have just launched a bread delivery service during this period of isolation. Call or order online for delivery on Tuesdays and Saturdays, with a special discount of 10% being offered to all our THPS families/friends/teachers. <https://bit.ly/bdmp-deliveries> For conditions and more info please see attached flyer.

### Mothers Day gift craft activities

The annual THPS Mother's Day Stall is an event the kids love, giving them the opportunity to thoughtfully choose a gift for their mum, grandmother or another special person. Due to the necessary cancellation of this event, we decided to put together some suggestions of gifts the kids can create themselves at home, using items/ingredients you probably already have.

Please see the attached flyer, the links below and the video link of one of our School Captains, Sidney Ng, and his siblings Quentin and Florence making heart bookmarks.

Heart corner bookmark <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/heart-corner-bookmarks/>

Paper rose heart card <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/rose-filled-heart-card/>

Homemade bath bombs <https://www.redtedart.com/bath-bombs-recipe-gifts-kids-can-make/>

Hand and body scrub <https://fountainavenuekitchen.com/easy-hand-body-sugar-scrub/>

### 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)

**Easy hand and body scrub**  
Pamper mum with this easy to make scrub using pantry ingredients  
<https://fountainavenuekitchen.com/easy-hand-body-sugar-scrub/>

**Paper rose heart card**  
A home made papercraft card for the older kids to create  
<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/rose-filled-heart-card/>

**Heart corner bookmark**  
An easy paper craft bookmark for kids of all ages  
<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/heart-corner-bookmarks/>

**Home made Bath bombs**  
Mum can relax in the bath with these bath bombs made by the kids  
<https://www.redtedart.com/bath-bombs-recipe-gifts-kids-can-make/>

**FOR ALL OUR THPS MUMS  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

# WE OFFER DELIVERY

Call or Order online

[bit.ly/bdmp-deliveries](https://bit.ly/bdmp-deliveries)

**Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza** is now offering deliveries on **Tuesdays and Saturdays** to our local area (see map below or online).

Orders can be made online or over the phone.

**A special discount of 10% is also being offered to parents/friends/teachers of Templestowe Heights Primary School!**

Enter the Coupon code: **THPS10%** and select **Templestowe Heights PS** as your school to get your discount online or mention the code and school for over the phone orders.

For all the details and to place your order visit: <https://bit.ly/bdmp-deliveries> or call 9850 4822.

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