

Our News

50 Years
Templestowe Heights
PRIMARY SCHOOL

9850 1796

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 4

7th May 2020

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

Monday 25th May – Pupil Free Day**Tuesday 26th May Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Students Return to School**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dance Challenge



Thank you to all the talented and enthusiastic children and parents for posting their dance challenges to the Google Classroom. Our staff have had a great time viewing them all, it shows our families having some fun together during these difficult times. Using your child's Google Classroom account, all families can join this Classroom with this code: **2hcvfgf**



Once you're in, you'll be able to post your video and watch all the others as well.

Return to Face-to-Face Teaching

I'm sure there was socially distancing dancing in the streets and an overall sense of happiness as families found out about the announcement that we are returning to face-to-face teaching this term. While the announcement has been made, the Department of Education has provided rough guidelines for every school to action, depending on the local context of each school. As we develop what this will look like, we will keep our community informed, so that parents, carers and children know what the new expectations are when we return. Below is information that will start the process of keeping families informed.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

In the **first stage**, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, senior secondary (Year 11 and 12 VCAL and VCE) students and all students in specialist schools will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day. In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9 June.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, including potentially staggered school start and finish times;
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students;
- new hygiene practices to minimise risk of infection, including not using the tap bubblers for drinking water, students are required to bring water bottles that they can refill.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We can't wait to welcome our students back to the classroom.

Pupil Free Day

Just as a reminder, there will be a pupil free day on Monday 25th May. Please ensure families make alternative arrangements. Teachers will not be online for the students during this time.

Around the School

Once again the windy weather claimed another victim at school. One of our large trees outside the gym entrance was completely uprooted. It has since been removed and the area has been cleaned up so it is safe for our community.

Online Seminars

Attached to our newsletter are some online seminars to provide parents and carers with an opportunity to be supported or join networks during these challenging times.

Rhys Coulson

Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 2

Monday 25 th May	Pupil Free Day
Friday 29 th May	Year 7 Application For Year 7 Placement Forms Due
Monday 8 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
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

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.

Year 6 to 7 Transition

Parents and guardians of Year 6 students please note that the return date of the Year 7 Placement form has been extended to Friday 29 May.

Sick Bay Information

For those parents and guardians who have taken their child's medication home during this time please ensure it is returned to the school when they recommence. Children without the appropriate and up to date medication may be excluded from returning to school.

Notifications will be sent home shortly to all those students whose medication and medical plans have expired. Please ensure these are actioned accordingly.

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.

St Marks Church Eastern Carpark Closed

Construction of the new entrance at St Marks Church is now underway. The driveway in front of the entrance is closed and a section of the Eastern car park (Top carpark) has also been fenced off. In addition workers park in this area and trucks will enter from time to time. Therefore, the Eastern car park is no longer available for school parking. Parents who still want to drop off children at St Mark's please use the Western car park, first driveway off High Street, and go up the steps next to the Memorial Garden then through the gate OR walk along High Street to the School entrance. The construction is expected to be completed by the end of August. Thank you to those effected for their ongoing cooperation.



THPS 50th Anniversary Celebrations postponed to 2021

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, the fete and festivities surrounding the 50th anniversary of our school have been postponed until November 2021.

Bakers Delight delivering bread everyday

Our local Macedon Plaza Bakers Delight now have a bread delivery service (for deliveries every day) as well as 'click and collect' during this period of isolation. Call or order online, with a special discount of 10% being offered to all our THPS families/friends/teachers.

For orders and more info please see <https://bit.ly/bdmp-orders>

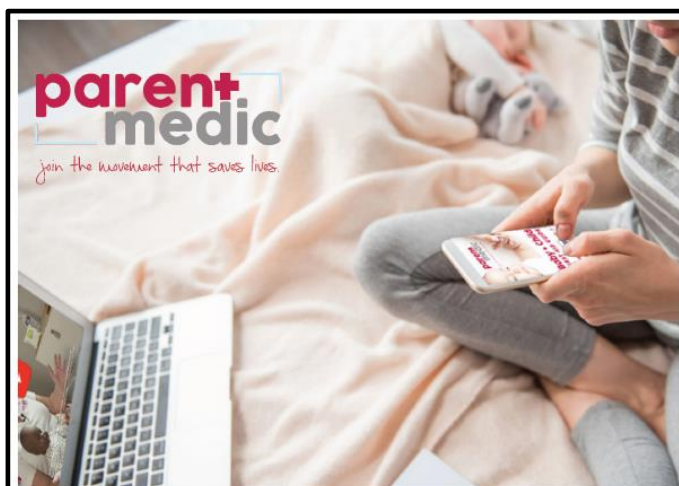
THPS Social Events facebook page

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

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BABY FIRST AID ESSENTIALS PACKAGE

Online Baby First Aid Training

While we can't run our usual face to face sessions, it does not mean we are not here for you. Our bite-sized digital education package will prepare you with vital first aid information and up-to-date health recommendations for common baby and childhood illnesses. Feel confident caring for your unwell baby at home and learn when, where and how to seek the best medical attention.

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Calm Parents Happy Kids

Learn How to Tame Your Temper for Better Behaved Kids

Do you want to:

- Understand what drives your parental anger?
- Find strategies to reduce your frustration?
- Reduce the friction in your home?
- Let go of your guilt and shame?
- Learn valuable behaviour management strategies for your children?
- Get your children to listen to you?

Come along to these 5 sessions and learn valuable lifelong strategies, whilst taking some time out for you!

When:

Wednesdays (5 evening sessions)
6th May to 3rd June 2020

Time:

7.00 - 8.30 pm

Where:

Join us live via Zoom

Cost:

Free of charge. Bookings essential

Bookings:

Laurie on 0488 501 204 or
laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au

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Carers ONLINE CHAT

**For Parents / Carers of teenagers
on the Autism Spectrum**

Monday 4th May - 8pm - 9pm

<https://sji-carersonline-teen-may4.eventbrite.com.au>

Thursday 7th May- 2pm - 3pm

<https://sji-carersonline-teen-may7.eventbrite.com.au>

Thursday 14th May 2pm - 3pm

<https://sji-carersonline-teen-may14.eventbrite.com.au>

Monday 18th May 8pm - 9pm

<https://sji-carersonline-teen-may18.eventbrite.com.au>

You will receive a meeting invite via email. Please check your junk or spam folders just in case the code is sent there. The code will be sent on the morning of the Chat

Limited places only. Registration essential



Thank you to the Department of Health
and Human Services Vic for
funding Carer Support Groups

NDIS – INFORMATION SESSION

Getting the Most Out of Your NDIS Plan

What is the session about?

If you find yourself saying “I have my NDIS plan; what are the next steps?”, then this session could be for you! We have developed this information session for people with disability and their families or carers. The information and resources you will receive at the session have been designed to assist you to gain maximum benefit when putting your plan into action.

During the session, you will gain knowledge about key NDIS concepts, be given many useful suggestions and tips, and feel more empowered and confident in how to implement your NDIS plan. We'll also have a guest speaker from a peer support organisation sharing their valuable insights.

We conduct our sessions using accessible materials and programs. We can provide captioning or Auslan interpreting if needed. We will provide a transcript of the session afterwards.

When and where is the session being held?

When:

Part 1 - Wednesday 20th May 2020 from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

Part 2 – Friday 22nd May 2020 from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

Where: online - a link and information for joining will be sent to registered participants prior to the session date.

Who is running the session?

The session is designed and delivered by staff with a disability from the Disability Loop team at AFDO (Australian Federation of disability Organisations). AFDO and its member organisations are run by and for people with lived experience of disability. Disability Loop is a program that aims to make information about the NDIS easier to find, understand, and use.

There are lots of NDIS sessions, how is ours different?

As people with lived experience of disability ourselves, we are better able to focus on the needs of people with disability. The information session was written using plain language, which makes complicated concepts easier to understand. The session is free to attend and specifically for people with disability and their families!

You will also receive a detailed information pack with many relevant and useful handouts.

Bookings are essential for planning and accessibility purposes. Please register by 13 May 2020. For more information and to register, visit:
www.disabilityloop.eventbrite.com or Call: (03) 9662 3324



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FREE WEBINAR RETURNING TO SCHOOL – PREPARING FOR CHANGE



Be part of an interactive hour where you get the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents/carers, teachers and others who support individuals on the autism spectrum.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, schools across the country are managing the return of students. For students on the autism spectrum, returning to a school environment that may look, feel and operate very differently, may present its challenges.

We invite you to join us for a Q&A webinar where we will have the opportunity to explore some of the questions and concerns you may have about your child's return to school.

There are two different session times to choose from.

Tuesday 19 May, 2020 –
12:00pm AEST
Tuesday 19 May, 2020 –
7:30pm AEST

All of our webinars are free and participants that attend receive a certificate following the completion of the webinar.



To register for this webinar and find upcoming ones, visit
positivepartnerships.com.au



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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.

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