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Templestowe Heights

4th June 2020

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 8

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect Courage "inspiring learners for life" Responsibility

Monday 8th June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Tuesday 9th JUNE Year 3, 4 and 5, 6 Students Return to School

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are all back on Tuesday

We are looking forward to having all students back onsite this coming Tuesday 9th June. Throughout the past two weeks our Foundation-year 2 students have set the standard, establishing their own independent routines when entering the school grounds and setting themselves up, ready to learn when they enter their classrooms.

We will be keeping the exact same drop-off and pick-up approach when our year 3-6 students return on Tuesday. As a reminder for drop-off:

- 8:45am 9:00am Students in *Bradman* (blue) and *Goolagong* (green) Houses to enter school at High St entrances or St. Mark's Church gate.
- 9:00am 9:15am Students in *Cuthbert* (yellow) and *Newcombe* (red) Houses to enter school at High St entrances or St. Mark's Church gate.
- Parent/carers **are not to** come on-site and are to "kiss and drop" their child(s) at the entrances.
- If a parent/carer needs to speak to their child's teacher, please contact them via email or phone the office.
- Staff will be at gates to ensure the practice of "kiss and go" is adhered to.

At pick-up:

- 3:15-3:30pm Students in *Bradman* (blue) and *Goolagong* (green) House to be collected in the middle yard.
- 3:30-3:45pm Students in *Cuthbert* (yellow) and *Newcombe* (red) House to be collected in the middle yard.
- Parents/carers must leave the school grounds as soon as they have collected their child(s)
- If a parent/carer needs to speak to their child's teacher, please contact them via email or phone the office.
- Staff will be in the middle yard at pick-up times to ensure this practice is adhered to.
- We encourage greater independence particularly with older students who may organise designated meeting points outside of the school grounds to meet their parents/carer.

School will look a little different for our older students when the resume, thankfully our school captains created a video a few weeks back to explain the new expectations around safe hygiene practices. You can see the videos via our online/remote learning portal:

https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/thpsonlineremotelearning/home

Farewell students

As we recommence school it is with sadness that we must say farewell to students *Monty* (3/4B), *Rupert* (5/6P), *Axel* (5/6L) and *Bodhi* (1/2V). You have all made a positive impact at Templestowe Heights Primary and we wish you all the best as you start your next journey at your new schools.



Recognition from The Minister for Education

I want to stress that every single school in Victoria has worked tirelessly to plan for and develop an approach for online learning that best suits its context and philosophy. While every school approached it differently, all schools continually adapted and evolved their approach as the weeks went by throughout term 2.

We received a phone call recently that Templestowe Heights Primary has been acknowledged as one of only two schools in the region, by the Deputy Secretary of Education *Mr David Howes* and Minister for Education *Mr James Merlino* for the quality and approach of our online/remote learning model. While of course we received constructive feedback along the way, overall we have been so humbled by the sheer amount of positive support our community has provided to our staff throughout the lockout. It makes all our hard work worthwhile and makes me feel proud to be part of such a committed and professional staff.

Semester 1 Reports

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this semester's reports will be significantly different to our usual reports. On Tuesday, all classroom teachers spent the day designing a modified semester 1, 2020 report, with the goal of trying to capture the learning behaviours the students demonstrated as well as the learning tasks they were exposed to.

Due to the lack of ability to accurately assess student progress this term, there will be no progression points on your child's report this semester. This is in line with the Department of Education's recommendations. Semester 1 reports will be more of a record or alternate report for the learning opportunities and behaviours students exhibited throughout online/remote learning.

The end of semester 2 report will have a more informed and accurate assessment of your child's progress against the Victorian Curriculum.

Secondary School Transition for year 6 students

Our year 6 students have now submitted their forms for secondary schools in 2021. Speaking with many year 6 families, they reminisced that it seemed like only yesterday they were handing in their primary school enrolment forms for their child to start prep! As I always say, we are extremely fortunate that all government schools in and around the Manningham area provide world-class educational settings for the needs of all students.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 2	
Monday 8 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 25 th June	Last Day of School For Students – 3.30pm finish
Friday 26 th June	Pupil Free Day
	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

Office Reminders

Just a reminder to parents and guardians not you use the office as a walk through and adhere to the Covid 19 guidelines and recommendations.

The car park is for staff only. Please do not use it for pickups and drop offs and do not use the school driveway to make U-turns. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop will be closed for the remainder of this term. Please do not bring donations to the office until next term.

Sick Bay

Just a reminder to those parents in years 3 to 6 who took medication home during this period to return it to the school when their child recommences on Tuesday.

Introducing Free Pads and Tampons in Government Schools.

The Victoria Government is providing free sanitary pads and tampons in every government school by installing dispensers within allocated nominated school bathrooms to allow easy access for students. The initiative aims to: provide students with easy access to sanitary products, relieve the stigma, anxiety associated with its management and ease the cost of living for families.

School Banking

School Banking has been suspended for this term. Deposits can still be made at your local branch if you want to keep saving.

PSW School Wear

PSW re-opened for business on Wednesday 20th May. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter for opening hours.

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 <u>templestowe.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</u>.



Bakers Delight lunch orders on hold

Last term we started trialing lunch orders from Bakers Delight on Tuesdays, which is the day that Classroom Cuisine doesn't deliver. This service from Bakers Delight is currently on hold for the rest of the term while we settle back into school. We will look at the viability of resuming the service next term.

THPS Social Events facebook page

Join the THPS closed facebook group by searching for THPS Social Events or using the link... <u>https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=thps%20social%20events</u> P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah <u>thpspaf@gmail.com</u>





TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS PRIMARY – T2, 2020 RESUMPTION OF SERVICE

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 29TH MAY!

Greetings to everyone at THPS!

We hope that you and your families have all managed well through the Covid19 Change of Life. It's been wonderful and we are extremely grateful to have received so many emails from your school community sending kind wishes to our business in what has been a particularly difficult time.....obviously, we've been totally shuttered but it's now time, as our children return to face to face learning, to take tentative steps back to life - with your continued support.

Obviously, the landscape looks a bit different for us in terms of running our Food Preparation Kitchen and our Packing Room with the new social distancing guidelines. We want you to know and be assured that we have Food Safety and Occupation Health and Safety at the forefront of our minds. In our workplace Masks, Gloves and Temperature Checks will be the new norm for all of our staff. In terms of Food Handling and Safety we've always adhered to best practice and fortunately never had a food safety issue so we're confident we can operate safely on that level!

In the first instance for the remainder of Term 2, while we find our way in this new normal, we will be operating on Wednesdays and Fridays with a reduced Menu which will be posted online shortly. We look forward to resuming our service and continuing to delight your school community with our Lunch Service.

www.classroomcuisine.com.au



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We know this year has been a challenge for many so far, but we are excited to see our school is finally returning to normal. With businesses ramping back up and social restrictions easing, we're ready to get back to the important task of fundraising for our school. We would very much appreciate your support of the Entertainment fundraising initiative below -

Templestowe Heights Primary School are selling Entertainment Digital Memberships as part of this years' fundraising initiative and we would love your support.

Entertainment Digital Memberships are a convenient, easy to use yearly memberships packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers for you to use over the next 12 months! Enjoy offers from local favourites such as **Templestowe Living Room, The Mexican Kitchen, and Salted Caramel Cafe** as well as saving on everyday items with offers from **Woolworths, JB HIFI, and Rebel Sport** and so many more!

By purchasing your memberships from us, you are not only helping our fundraising, but you are also supporting local businesses at the same time.

To order securely online please go to: https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/186857h



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