

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 9

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect Courage "inspiring learners for life"

Thursday 25th June Last Day of Term For Students (3.30pm dismissal) Friday 26th June – Pupil Free Day (No School For Student)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Full School...Empty House

Finally, after 11 weeks all students have returned to school. While teachers have focussed on everyone's mental health, staff have all made mention that our students have come back ready to learn. Reflecting on this, I believe that returning to a familiar setting, seeing familiar faces and reconnecting with one another has been the most powerful wellbeing "tool" for our students and staff as we transition back.

Hats off also to all our parents and carers, for dropping your children off at the entrance gates and

not walking them into class. It has been really noticeable how independent our students have become as they walk themselves in, unpack their own bags and get ready for the school day with the new routines such as hand hygiene practices. Students are coming in all settled, could this be the new norm?

As a reminder, students in *Goolagong* or *Bradman* House are not permitted to enter the school grounds before 8:45am. This is due to there being no supervising staff in the school grounds and all teachers have preparation time in their classrooms up until 8:45am.

Feedback from parents and carers

Our Community Engagement and Wellbeing Committee is busily developing a survey for our parents and carers to provide valuable feedback about our online/remote learning period. During this time we saw agile thinking that lead to innovative practices. We would like to see how we can continue to build using three simple elements- *What we want to keep? What we want to stop? What we want to start?*

We have also created survey instruments for our students and staff to complete. The purpose is to look at what commonalities are identified and how we may action the feedback we receive. We also need to be mindful of what is achievable and viable.

Semester 1 Reports

As a reminder, this semester our student reports will look very different. They will be a succinct record of your child's attendance throughout the polar-opposite terms 1 and term 2. Due to the validity of providing assessment tasks during the online/remote learning period and coupled with the fact that every household had unique circumstances during this time, there will be no progression point dots identifying your child's level of learning against the Victorian Curriculum. Our semester 2 reports will revert back to what it has previously been.

Rhys Coulson

Principal







<u>11th June 2020</u>

Responsibility







Thank you to the amazing Parents & Friends for our thank you morning tea on Tuesday. We also loved the photo collage of all the families that sent in a message of thank you. The photo collage now gets played on loop up at the office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 2	
Wednesday 17 th June	School Council Meeting – 7.00pm
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

Change of Contact Details

Please ensure you inform the school if you have a change of address or contact details so that our records remain up to date.

Late arrivals and early leavers

All students arriving late to school must report to the office to collect a late pass before proceeding to class. Parents of student who are picking up them up before the end of the day must report to the office to collect an early leavers pass before taking their child home.

<u>Please do not record late arrivals and early leavers on your Compass.</u> This will be done at the office as students arrive and leave.

Staff Car Park

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.

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.

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>.





THANK YOU TEACHERS AND STAFF!!!

Welcome back to school everyone! We're sure most kids (and parents) have been happy to return to school. We would all like to **thank our wonderful teachers and staff members** and acknowledge all their hard work and dedication during online learning. We are so lucky at THPS. Thank you also to YOU, parents and guardians, for your persistence and resilience, helping the kids with online learning. It was a big learning curve for us all.

Thanks to all the families who sent us photos over the weekend. We loved seeing your happy faces and creative ways to say "thank you". We had an overwhelming response to our call out for photos for our slideshow for staff on Tuesday during their special 'Thank You' morning tea, which we organised on behalf of the THPS community. Special mentions to Roslina Harrison for the beautifully handwritten heart messages, Cecile and Sidney Ng for creating the fence sign and Oula for putting together the slideshow.

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah thpspaf@gmail.com







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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 are 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 -

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