

# Our News

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence      Respect      Courage      Responsibility  
 “inspiring learners for life”

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Annual General Meeting

Last night we hosted our Annual General Meeting (AGM) via webex. The purpose of the meeting was to share our 2019 Annual Report to the Community and to provide a snapshot of the roles and responsibilities of School Council. Thank you to our councillors who presented on the night and to those members within our community who logged on to attend.



Our AGM is not like a “normal” AGM that some families may be accustomed to, it is not a meeting where we call for office bearers, where traditionally parents/carers are dragged in to assuming roles. It is more an opportunity to reflect on the year we just had, celebrate what we achieved and discuss our goals and strategies for the current year.

We are all extremely proud of the continued growth over the past five years in all aspects of student achievement, our financial position, parent/student engagement and wellbeing measures. It is our view that it takes a village to raise a child, so as a community the positive trends we see are as a direct result of everyone's efforts, so thank you.

If you would like to read the 2019 Annual Report to the Community, you can find it on our school website or click on the following link:

<https://templestowehts.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2019-Annual-Report-to-Community-1.pdf>

#### Rest In Peace Pickles

It is with much sadness that I inform our community that *Pickles*, one of our “founding” chickens, has passed away due to natural causes. For those members of our community that don't know, *Pickles* was one of four little chicks that we received from Templestowe College over three years ago. The introduction of our school chickens was a direct result of a student voice initiative, borne from our then school captains and environmental leaders. Our students raised the money for our chicken enclosure and fencing, while also meeting with Templestowe College students to be taught how to care for chickens. Since then, our chickens have become a such a valuable asset to our community, bringing much joy and a sense of connection to many children and families.

#### Secondary School Placements

On Wednesday our year 6 students all received a letter of offer for their designated secondary school. What a strange feeling this must be, considering our current set of circumstances, with many families not being able to visit potential secondary schools. What it also signals is that our year 6 students are reaching a milestone in their own lives, the end of their first seven years of formal education.

Secondary School	n.o. students	Secondary School	n.o. students
Blackburn High School	1	Doncaster Secondary College	12
East Doncaster Secondary College	4	Koonung Secondary College	11
Templestowe College	28	Macleod College	1
Canterbury Girls Secondary College	1	Independent schools	4

Rhys Coulson

Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

### Term 3

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Term 3 Ends

### TERM DATES 2020

Term 4

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## FROM THE OFFICE

### 2021 Foundation 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@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) .



### SAVE THE DATE! Parent Social Event – Online Trivia Night – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

We are currently organising an online trivia event for parents, friends and staff to participate in on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This will be a free event to keep our community connected. We will keep you posted.

### Keeping our kids connected – organise a ‘virtual playdate’

It is important for our children to stay connected with their peers during this time at home. Parents can help them connect online - via Whatsapp, Facetime chat or Houseparty. Some apps, like Houseparty, have games within the chat to keep the kids engaged. They could parallel play on Facetime - showing each other their Lego creations or favourite toys/pets. Don't forget your Class Buzz List is a great place to find contact numbers and email addresses for classmates.

### THPS Parent Wellbeing Workshop – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

'How We Can Use Creativity and Curiosity to Motivate Us' will run on Webex 571 055 426 on Tuesday 1st September at either 2.30-3.30pm or 7.30-8.30pm - choose the time which suits you best. RSVP to school via email or phone 9850 1796. More info in the Wellbeing Newsletter week 4-6 on Compass.

### Assistance and support

If you need any help with online learning or support while we all navigate through our current life in isolation, please contact the school office 9850 1796 or email your class teacher. Please always remember that we have a very supportive community here at THPS.

For confidential and anonymous support, many services are available online including Parentline 13 22 89, Lifeline 13 11 14 and Beyond Blue [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

### THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page

Our Facebook page is undergoing a facelift - with a new name and clear guidelines. The purpose of the page is to keep our community connected with events and activities run by the school or by Parents & Friends, to supplement the information on Compass and in the school newsletter. It is a closed page for members only; a question must be answered correctly to join.

Join the THPS closed facebook group by searching for THPS Parents & Friends Community and answering the question <https://www.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385>

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



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