

# Our News

50 Years  
Templestowe Heights  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 6

12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence      Respect      Courage      Responsibility  
"inspiring learners for life"

## Online School Assembly Tomorrow 2.50pm

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### NAIDOC Week

The theme of this year's National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) is *Always Was, Always Will Be*. The week is all about recognising that First Nations people have occupied and cared for Australia for over 65,000 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of Australia – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

Throughout this week students will be participating in activities that help them to learn about the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. It is also about having Australians celebrate the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

#### Remembrance Day



Yesterday all students took part in standing for a minutes' silence to commemorate Remembrance Day and also listen to *The Last Post*. It is important to continue these short, yet meaningful events for our students to be reminded of the men and women who gave their lives in war time so future generations can live free of tyranny and repression. *Lest we forget.*

#### Reports and Learning Growth

On a personal note for my own primary-school aged children, the past 6 months presented its challenges as they fluctuated with their commitment, emotions and dare I say it, their attitude. For many students, their learning was disrupted during online/remote learning. Due to this, academic learning growth will look different for your child's semester 2 report. This is to be expected and it's ok. The most important aspect of supporting students in their learning is identifying where their point of need is to ensure that our teachers know what content they need to teach to build understandings. Next year we will be receiving funding for tutors to support our literacy and numeracy programs. The strategy on how to effectively use our tutors will be developed as part of our annual plan for 2021.

#### Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021

Due to changes to the parent payment policy, the Department of Education & Training have made some adjustments to how schools charge parents and carers for parent payments for 2021. On Monday at 4pm, there will be information sent via Compass, outlining the changes.

#### Online School Assembly

This Friday at 2:50pm we will be hosting our next school assembly. Please note this will be a brief assembly, the login details are via Webex: **573 205 830**.

## Colin Costorphin

Colin Costorphin was a parent at Templestowe Heights Primary and served as School Council President from 1995-1998. During his time as both parent (to Ross and Julia) and Council President, Colin was an active member of our community. He had a reputation of someone everyone looked up to; personable, respectful and always willing to give of his time with a vision of wanting our school to be the best. While he was a talented cricketer who represented Victoria, Colin immersed himself in school-life attending every working bee, organising school social events and coaching at the local Auskick centre.

Colin was someone who embodied our school values of **respect, responsibility, courage** and **persistence**. Tragically, Colin passed away in 1998 and his loss deeply impacted the school community. As a result, the school wanted to honour and remember both the vast contributions Colin made, but also more importantly the strong values that his character represented. Every year we celebrate Colin's legacy and recognise one year 6 student who over the course of their time at Templestowe Heights Primary exemplified the contributions and values that Colin exhibited. An honour board located in the administration area lists the names of the students that have been distinguished with the honour of being awarded the Colin Costorphin Award.

Attached to this newsletter is a form for members of our community to nominate a year 6 student for demonstrating our school values and contributing to school-life to an exemplary standard. A panel made up of our current School Council President David Barnes, a year 6 teacher, Andrew Veal and myself will then deliberate to make a decision on the candidate who best demonstrates our school's values and contributions.

## Rhys Coulson

### Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

### Term 4

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Opinion Survey Closing Date
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Library closed for borrowing from this date
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	2021 Foundation Year Information Night 7.30pm Zoom
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	2021 Year 6 Jacket Orders Due Today (No Late Order Accepted) All library books due back today
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Colin Corstorphin Award Nominations Close
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes Session 1 –Time TBA
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes Session 2 – Time TBA
<b>TERM DATES 2020</b>	
Term 4	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Are You Moving School in 2021?

For those families that are moving to new schools or homes can you please notify us in writing at your earliest convenience as this helps with our 2021 planning.



### Found

**Apple earpods were found out in the school yard last week.** If you think they may belong to you please contact the office and tell us the name on the earpods.

### Year 6 Jackets and Polo Tops for 2021

The order form for the 2021 year 6 jacket and polo was sent home to all year 5 students last week. Please complete and return the form with your payment as soon as possible to ensure an early delivery next year. The form must be returned even if you do not wish to purchase any items. Choose carefully as exchanges and refunds cannot be given.

### Late arrival and early departures

All students arriving late to school **after 9.15am** must report to the office to collect a late pass before proceeding to class. Parents who are picking their child before the end of the day must report to the office to collect them.

**Please do not record late arrivals and early leavers on your Compass.** This will be done at the office as students arrive and leave to ensure their arrival and departure time is correctly reflected on our system.

### Change of Contact Details

It is vital that the school have your most up to date contact details at all times. Please email the school if you have changed your address or contact numbers or your family circumstances have changed.

### Lost property

Please ensure all clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly named so that they may be promptly returned. The tub will be placed outside the front doors of the school office after school until 3.45pm.

## FIRST AID NEWS

### Hayfever Information

If your child suffers from hayfever or hayfever-related asthma please contact the school so that the appropriate **medical plan** can be completed and your child record updated to include their medical condition.

A reminder to all parents of children with hayfever, please ensure that they are given the appropriate medication as required at home. Hayfever medication can only be administered to those children with a medical plan in place at school.

Please see the pollen season information sheet attached to this newsletter.

### Thunderstorm asthma

Upon advice and notification from the Department of Education and Training the school will implement the appropriate procedures and responses as required and send out a thunderstorm asthma warning to the school community via Compass.

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey is open now until **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. <https://www.orima.com.au/parent?&orimaW=1920>

Enter the PIN below on the survey login page:

School PIN: **889867**

## LIBRARY NEWS



**The library will be closed for borrowing from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** Please ensure all library books are returned to us by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November as our annual stoke take starts on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.



## Preparing for pollen season and getting back to school

More than ever before, this year it is important for students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms that are similar to coronavirus (COVID-19) such as a runny nose, cough or shortness of breath. This similarity is likely to cause challenges in differentiating between coronavirus (COVID-19) and hay fever or asthma symptoms and deciding if students should be excluded from school. This may affect students' education over spring and summer.

The best way to reduce and prevent symptoms of asthma or hay fever and reduce unnecessary absences from school is to follow an up-to-date asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan.

Any students with a history of seasonal pollen-related symptoms, such as runny nose, sneezing or cough, should see their GP if they don't have an up-to-date plan.

Their GP can provide:

- a written asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan, including what symptoms might suggest COVID-19 infection and require them to immediately get tested for COVID-19 and stay home until a negative result is received.

The GP can also advise if they need to get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition, national asthma management guidelines have recently been updated with new treatment options for Victorians with mild asthma.

Having good control of hay fever or asthma will not only make students feel better, it will help them more easily recognise symptoms that may be caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), so they can get tested and isolate sooner – protecting themselves and the community.

## What are the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)?

The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of or change in sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be symptoms.

## A student while at school has symptoms, but they also get hay fever or asthma. What do I do?

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 that are different in any way to their usual hay fever or asthma symptoms should be tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) and should stay home until they receive their results.

People with known hay fever or asthma also need to talk to their GP about ongoing management.

## A student test is negative but still has symptoms. What should I do?

If a student has symptoms and their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative, they should stay at home until they feel well. If their symptoms continue, they should talk to their GP.

## How can a GP help?

A GP can help decide if treatment is needed or if the symptoms will go away by themselves. If the GP thinks the symptoms are because of hay fever or asthma, the GP should work with the student on a plan to best manage the symptoms and prevent them from recurring. People with hay fever or asthma symptoms who need to attend school in person should see their GP who can provide:

- advice on how to best treat symptoms and prevent them from recurring.
- an updated asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan, including what symptoms might suggest COVID-19 infection and require them to immediately get tested for COVID-19 and stay home until a negative result is received.



**Gingerbread house activity - December**

Our annual gingerbread house making night is a family favourite for many on the THPS Christmas calendar. We are unable to hold the event at school this year. For any families who would like to continue/ begin this tradition at home, we will continue it in a different format. More information will be sent out in November.

**Christmas Tart Drive - December**

P&F are again teaming up for the festive season with Baker's Delight Macedon Plaza for a Christmas tart drive. You will be able to place orders online for packs of lemon tarts, mince tarts or Christmas cake at 20% off RRP, and pick up directly from Bakers Delight in the second last week of term. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

We'd like to acknowledge and thank Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza for their ongoing support and generosity towards THPS fundraising and our community.

**THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page**

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)

**ATTENTION ALL KIDS AGED 5-10**




**Bulleen Templestowe CC WANTS YOU!**

Season starts Wed 18th November



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5 November 2020

## RE-OPENING OF LIBRARIES

I am writing to let your staff and students know that our libraries will be re-opening to the public from Monday 9 November 2020

Due to government restrictions, there will be limits on the number of visitors to the library, the length of visit time and the services available. I would appreciate it if you could pass on the following information on to your staff, students and parents:

- Libraries will be open temporary modified hours
- Study and reading areas will not be available
- Limit of 10 people at one time
- Maximum of 30-minute visits
- Browsing and borrowing collections and public computers will be available
- No access to Wii games

Please refer to the attached flier for more information on the library services from 9 November.  
Please don't hesitate to contact your local library if you have any enquiries.

Yours sincerely

**Sally Both**  
Chief Executive Officer



# 2021

## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

### About Us

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Vista Valley Kindergarten is nestled amongst naturally landscaped gardens. It is an established kindergarten with an atmosphere that promotes individuality in a happy, friendly and secure environment.

We are a community based, not-for-profit kindergarten providing high quality early childhood education.

We endeavour to inspire children's learning through the five learning outcomes of **Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication**. Individualised and group learning programs are guided by 'The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework', designed and implemented by highly experienced and trained educators.

### Get Involved

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Joining the **Committee of Management** is a great opportunity for parents to be a part of the running and decision making at the kindergarten, as well as getting to know other parents in the kinder community.

### Session Times

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#### 3 year old program - Caterpillar Group

##### Term 1 and 2

Monday & Friday

9:15 am - 12:15 pm [6 hours]

##### Term 3 and 4

Monday & Friday

9:15 am - 1:15 pm [8 hours]

#### 4 year old program - Butterfly Group

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:15 am - 2:15 pm [15 hours]

### For more information

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Visit [www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au](http://www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au)  
or call **9850 4043** to arrange a tour today!

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Uniform Price List  
 Price as at: 05-10-2020

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1100105 S/S Pique Plain Polo Shirt	Sky	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-XL	29.00 32.00
1100155 Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	Sky	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	31.00 34.00
1110954 S/S Mesh Polo with Contrast Piping	Sky-Ink	Embroidery	4-18/M	38.95
1100290 Crew Neck Windcheater	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	34.95 38.95
1100215 Polar Fleece Vest	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	42.96 44.95
1100299 Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	46.95 50.95
1100330 Rugby Shorts - Drawstring	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	21.50 24.50
1110355 Gaberdine Zip Pocket Shorts	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	24.95 27.95
1110415 Trackpants - Double Knee - Straight Leg	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	29.95 33.95
Female	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1100942 Summer Dress w Contrast Piping	Navy/Royal/White/Yellow Check - 8036		4G-18G/12L	49.95
1100375 Skort	Ink		4G-18G/12L	23.50
1104005 Princess Tunic	Grey/Navy/Sky/White Check - 9056		4G-16G/10L	54.95
1110465 Classic Pant	Ink		4G-12G 14G-10L	32.95 34.95
Accessories	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1100380 Artsmock with Print	Navy		S-XL	19.95
1100507 Legionnaire Hat	Navy	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	15.95
1100514 Safety Slouch Hat	Navy	Embroidery	S-XL	19.95
8300396 Primary Pete Bookbag	Navy	NHI	ALL-ALL	14.95
8302250 Explorer Bag - Contrast Piping	Navy_Sky	NHI	ALL-ALL	49.95
Socks	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1110760 Cushion Foot Sports Socks - 3 Pack	White		9-12-11-14	17.95
2511050 Crew Socks - 3 pack	Navy		9-12-2-8	17.95
2513000 Girls Tights	Navy		4-6-11-14	13.95



# Give life. Give blood in Eltham

**Eltham Community and Reception Centre**  
30 November to 4 December



Monday 30 November  
Tuesday 1 December  
Wednesday 2 December  
Thursday 3 December  
Friday 4 December

12.30pm – 7.00pm  
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12.00pm – 7.00pm  
8.00am – 3.00pm

 **give blood**



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## 2020 COLIN CORSTORPHIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Each year the school confers its highest student honour, The Colin Corstorphin Memorial Award, upon one student from Year 6.

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This Award, which is sponsored by the School Council, takes the form of a book prize (as do the school's academic Awards) but it carries a greater significance in that the name of each child conferred with the Award is recorded on the school's Honour Board.

To be eligible for the award a child must be in Year 6, have a demonstrated record of care, concern and acceptance for and of others, demonstrate the personal attributes of sound work habits, reliability, acceptance of responsibility, good organisational skills, initiative and approachability and have participated in a variety of school activities.

Any individual member of the school community (i.e. parent, staff member or student) or any affiliated group of the school community can nominate a student for this Award.

Nominations, which are to be made on the prescribed nomination form available from the school office, must address each of the selection criteria.

After a short-listing process the Award will be conferred by the School Council. This Award acknowledges the attributes of personal qualities, commitment and involvement as effectively demonstrated by our school's friend whose name it bears.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

### NOMINATION FORM OVERLEAF



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## COLIN CORSTORPHIN MEMORIAL AWARD 2020 NOMINATION FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Templestowe Heights Primary School Community wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ of Year 6 for the 'Colin Corstorphin Memorial Award'.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To support this nomination I make the following statements regarding this child in relation to the Selection Criteria.

1. A demonstrated record of care, concern and acceptance for all students over a period of time.
2. Demonstrates the following personal attributes – sound work habits, reliability, acceptance of responsibility, good organizational skills, initiative and approachability.
3. A record of participation in a variety of school activities.

Completed nomination forms should be addressed to the Principal  
and handed in at the Office by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.