

Our News

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

26th November 2020

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Significant Funding Announcement

On Tuesday afternoon we were informed that Templestowe Heights Primary School has received **\$13.1 million** funding for significant capital works. The funding is part of the state government's accelerated funding project, aimed at stimulating the economy and the good thing for us is that it means a short timeline.

The allocated funding is in direct response to the evaluation of census and demographic data, indicating that the population of 0-5 year olds has significantly increased in the Lower Templestowe area. There is a projected enrolment increase of 125 more students in the coming years.

Over the next year we will be working with an architect firm, the Department of Education and the Victorian Schools Building Authority to design the concept, plans and provisions for what our school will transform into. There is scope for new builds and modifications to existing buildings. The plan will be that this time next year the designated sites will be shovel ready (complete with honorary golden shovel photo shoot), meaning in 12 months from now construction will commence. This is an unbelievably exciting opportunity and I feel so grateful that we now begin an exciting journey to plan what our school will look like for future generations.

Colin Costorphin

Each year our school community confers its highest student honour, The Colin Costorphin Memorial Award, upon one student from Year 6. This award recognizes the student to have demonstrated our school values and represented themselves and Templestowe Heights Primary to an exceptional standard. More information can be found on the nomination form attached to this newsletter. Nominations close Tuesday 1st December.

Foundation 2021 Transition sessions

On Wednesday, our 2021 Foundation students commenced their first of two transition sessions. These one-hour small group sessions provided the opportunity for our future students to experience what it is like to be in their new school, taking into account that unless they had older siblings at our school, this would have been the first time any of the children had been inside THPS.

There was a lot of excitement as the children walked up through the corridors, eyes wide open, curious, excited and anxious to experience all the new sights, sounds and smells of their new primary school. Ross Toogood's daughter Jasmine was one of those excited children, what a special moment it was. Thank you to the Foundation team of Jacqui, Ashleigh, Ross and the wonderful ES team of Navaara, Kirsty and Angelique for making the children feel so welcomed and comfortable.



2021 Class Formations - please trust us

I would like to reiterate what I mentioned in last weeks' newsletter, please **trust** our staff when placing your child in their class for 2021. Staff have spent countless hours creating the classes, following the guidelines of our class formation policy. It is a complex task where we take into consideration so many elements, using our professional experience from working with your child to ensure classes are; balanced socially, emotionally, academically, that there are minimal personality clashes, specific extenuating circumstances from some families, a balance of boys and girls as well as ensuring each child gets one friend from the list that they wrote down.

In week 10 (Tuesday 8th December) we will be having the first of two hour-long transition sessions. It is important that parents and carers are prepared for their child to come home and be unhappy after their first transition session. This is a normal reaction and typical behaviour, as change can be challenging for many children as they realise they are moving to a new space that is unfamiliar and new to them. This is a time when children will be moving out of their comfort zone and into the unknown. Please resist the temptation to contact us because you are concerned your child is not happy with the teacher, classroom or classmates. This is an aspect of how we grow resilience and something we all need to flourish as adults.

Farewell Stagers family

It is with great sadness we say farewell to the Stagers family. Benji, Alex, Charis and Isabel (now in secondary school) you have been such active, positive role models and made significant contributions as members of our community. We will miss you as you start another exciting chapter of your lives in Perth. Your new school will learn soon enough how lucky they are to have you. Please know you are welcome back anytime.

Reports learning growth

While it has been terrific to have all our students back at school, the past 6 months presented its challenges on many families. For many students, their learning was disrupted during online/remote learning. Due to this disruption, 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 some funding for tutors to support students, the plan on how to effectively use our tutors will be developed as part of our annual plan for 2021.

Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021

On Tuesday 1st December information for parent payment arrangements for 2021 will be going home in an envelope with the youngest child.

Virtual Reality

The year 6s have enjoyed exploring our virtual reality headsets in our STEM room. The introduction to this new learning tool meant that the students were required to be sitting down as they explored space. Thank you to Sam Wang and Ross Toogood for facilitating these sessions.

Amelia 3/4H

The students in year 3/4 enjoy their 5-minute rocket writing sessions. Below is the first chapter of Amelia's scary adventure.



The Storm in Charge – Chapter 1

The wind clashed the window fiercely making the glass loose even more. We huddled together in a corner, shivering with fear. Then suddenly a loud booming noise stopped us cold. Everyone trembled, for they knew that the place they called safe was in danger of collapsing. We ran for the door and burst out. The rain drizzled and we were completely wet, thunder boomed, lightning flashed before us and a twisting twister came towards us. Soon there was a churning flood coming towards us. We were quickly drowning and we clung helplessly on pieces of wood that drifted by. We screamed for help until our throats hurt. – no one came to save us.

As we sped forwards in torpedo speed, we could see the ruins of houses lying around and people clinging onto each other for dear life. As the flood kept going more and more people started shouting, dogs barked, birds screeched and cats hissed, the air was filled with sound. As time drifted by we slowly fell asleep as the flood took us to the lost world of Atlantis...

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 4

Friday 4 th December	Foundation Fairy Tales Day – Dress up as your favourite character
Tuesday 8 th December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes Session 1 – 11.30am to 12.30pm
Tuesday 15 th December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes Session 2 – 11.30am to 12.30pm Christmas Tart Drive Orders Close
Wednesday 16 th December	School Reports via COMPASS
TERM DATES 2021	
Term 1	Friday 29 th January(students Start) to Thursday 1 st April
Term 2	Monday 19 th April to Friday 25 th June
Term 3	Monday 12 th July to Friday 17 th September
Term 4	Monday 4 th October to Friday 17 th 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 as planning for 2021 has already begun.

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.



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.

Fairy Tales



As a celebration of the Performing Arts Program this year, (and what a year it has been!) all Foundation students are invited to dress up as their favourite fairytale character. This will take place on Friday December 4th. All four classes will take part in some special fairytale games and activities on this day. This will take place between recess and lunchtime and it will be held in the Multi-purpose room.

Lisa Clark
Foundation Performing Arts Teacher



BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1 2020 commences on Monday 22nd February

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Any children in grades 1-6 in 2021 who would like to play can register using the link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNCTQ>

For more information, please see the flyer in the newsletter, or email Sarah & Kate

thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!!

**NOW TAKING
CHRISTMAS ORDERS!**

INSTORE OR ONLINE:
MACEDONPLAZABAKERY.COM.AU

Bakers Delight



Gingerbread house activity - Orders close Tues 1st 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. An order form is attached to the newsletter. Kits are \$45 each and will be delivered to school on Tuesday 8th December. Orders close Tuesday 1st December. Alternatively, we will also provide a recipe in the next newsletter if you'd like to make one from scratch!

Christmas Tart Drive - Orders close Tues 15th December

P&F are again teaming up for the festive season with Baker's Delight Macedon Plaza for a Christmas tart drive. Orders can be placed online for packs of lemon tarts, mince tarts, the new choc cherry brownie cake or Christmas cake at 20% off RRP, and pick up directly from Bakers Delight on Thurs 17th December or Friday 18th December. Use the link <http://bit.ly/thps-xmas> to place your order using your name, not your child's. Flyer is attached to the newsletter.

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, Fi ona, Oula & Sarah thpspaf@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL KIDS AGED 5-10



Bulleen Templestowe CC WANTS YOU!

Season starts Wed 18th November



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Make Your Own Gingerbread House!

Families are invited to join us to create their very own homemade gingerbread house for Christmas. This year you can participate in our gingerbread event at home at your leisure. Gingerbread kits will be supplied by Kym Saunders and will be delivered to school with everything you need to create your own masterpiece.

Delivery Date: Tuesday 8th December

Venue: Your house

Cost: \$45 per kit - which gives you everything you need to create a beautiful finished product - gingerbread, icing ingredients, piping bag, lollies and decorative packaging.

The finished product looks amazing and best of all, you'll be able to say that you made it yourself!

Orders close: Please return the slip below, together with payment, to the school office by **TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER.**



THPS Parents & Friends team – Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah
thpspaf@gmail.com



Gingerbread House Kit Order Form

Oldest Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

No. of kits: _____ (@ \$45 each)

Amount paid: \$ _____

Cash/EFTPOS/Visa/MasterCard/BPay (Please Circle)





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Xmas cakes and tarts from Bakers Delight



This Xmas given the current circumstances the school has decided that rather than the 20% donation received from **Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza** going to the school, this time instead **all products will receive a 20% discount*** to help all families in these difficult and uncertain times.

All you need to do is select your favourite Xmas products and the 20% discount will be applied at the end. Ordering is easy as it's all done online and you can **collect your products in-store from Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza**.

Orders close: 5pm Tuesday, 15th December 2020

Collection: 11am - 7pm Thursday, 17th December 2020 and 6am - 7pm Friday, 18th December 2020

Scan this code



OR go to: <http://bit.ly/thps-xmas>

* Minimum order is \$10 excluding discount, to help cover costs

Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza



[facebook.com/BakersDelightMacedonPlaza](https://www.facebook.com/BakersDelightMacedonPlaza)



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TEAM REGISTRATION – NEW PLAYERS
PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION
2021 – SEASON 1



Dear Parents

Thank you for choosing to register your child in the Primary School Basketball Competition for season 1 2021 to represent Templestowe Heights Primary School. This competition is run by the Bulleen Boomers and takes place **after school** on various days depending on your child's age and gender. The season runs for 2 terms. Children from Grades 1 to 6 can take part.

Team Registrations will **close on 6th December 2020, late registrations may not be accepted.**

Below is some information about the competition:

Monday nights - Grade 5/6 Boys and Girls
Tuesday nights - Grade 3/4 Boys
Wednesday nights - Grade 1/2 Girls & Boys
Thursday nights - Grade 3/4 Girls



Season 1 will commence on 22nd February and run through to late May with finals in June.

Uniforms – each new player will need to buy their uniform from school, which consists of shorts and a singlet (\$50*). Samples are in the school office for sizing. Please use this link if you need to buy a uniform
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNEER>

Coaches and managers are needed, we can't run a team without volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

Team Registration – a fee of \$20* will need to be paid to cover team registration and administration using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BNCTQ> as soon as possible so we have an idea of player numbers. **YOU WILL NEED TO PAY FOR THIS ONLINE, PLEASE DO NOT BPAY TO SCHOOL.**

Player Registration/Match fees - You will also need to register your child online with the Bulleen Boomers. The Boomers' season fee is usually around \$100 which covers the matches played for the season. We will provide you with the link when we receive it before the season starts.

Training – will be at school in the gym before, during or after school, depending on the coach and gym availability.

Please register your interest as soon as possible for new players, so we can ensure there is space in a team.

(*a *Trybooking* fee of 50c will be charged in addition to these costs per transaction by Trybooking.)

SARAH MABIN & KATE STACKER
SCHOOL DELEGATES thpsbasketball@gmail.com

PLEASE PAY VIA THE TRYBOOKING LINK <https://www.trybooking.com/BNCTQ>

PLEASE DO NOT PAY VIA BPAY TO SCHOOL



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PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL

'TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS BASKETBALL' OPTIONAL APPAREL



Towards the end of 2019, we launched our new 'Templestowe Heights Basketball' apparel.

We are offering players, coaches and parents the opportunity to purchase t-shirts and long sleeved tops. These tops are an optional extra, they will not be replacing the player singlet or the school uniform. They can be worn to/from basketball matches or casually.

COST:

Short sleeved t-shirts	\$25*
Long sleeved tops	\$33*

(*a Trybooking fee of 50c will be charged in addition to these costs per transaction by Trybooking.)

SIZES:

Kids Sizes	8	10	12	14	16 (XS)	
Adults Sizes	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL

If you would like to order, please use the link:

www.trybooking.com/BHDYW



Size samples are available to try on in the school staff room, please ask at the office.

SARAH MABIN & KATE STACKER
PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL DELEGATES

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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.

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.

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 1st 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 Tuesday 1st December, 2020.