

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Showing our School Value of Courage

On Tuesday afternoon seven boys and twelve girls showed tremendous courage to deliver a speech to an audience of over 150 students and staff as to why they should be School Captain for 2021. I am proud of all 19 students, for their efforts in standing before their peers and presenting their well-rehearsed and planned speeches. Congratulations to *Leah, Chloe, Keziah, Megan, Yasmine, May, Rosie, Ryan, Matthew, Ryder, Eden, Aryan* and *Sam* for showing the courage and resilience of getting outside your comfort zone and stretching yourselves.

Using a preferential voting system, all students in years 3-5 voted with *Ella* and *Urijah* (5/6P) being successfully elected as our 2021 School Captains. We are looking forward to Ella and Urijah representing all students in their leadership role next year.



Orientation Day and Transition

Tuesday was a big day, with our current year 6s all attending their future secondary schools for an orientation day. We also had our first of two transition sessions for students in years F-5, where they met their new teacher and class. There was a lot of nervous energy as the students made their way to their new classes, with a further 18 new students who have moved into our zone also commencing.

We have asked our children to make so many changes and adaptions throughout the year; learning from home, socialdistancing, hand-hygiene, returning to school, returning back to home learning as well as other covid-safe behaviours has created a continued state of the unknown. For many of our students, thinking about and then finally moving to their new classroom is another big change that they have to navigate. We are extremely mindful that this has spiked anxiety in many of our students and we have planned the transition sessions with a focus of fun and building relationships.

Our 2021 Staff

Next year we will have the same number of classes and student population as we have had throughout 2020. With the exciting announcements of pregnancies for Marie Petzierides, Ashleigh Bowman and Alex Bruinewoud, there will be some new faces next year. Tim Hemsworth will also be leaving us to return to his base-school. I would like to thank Tim for his amazing contributions this year as a valued member of the year 3/4 team and our community, we will miss him but we hope to partner with his school in the future.

I would like to welcome our four new staff *Hugh Beasley* (3/4H), *Reannan* Rossi (3/4R), *Janneke Koenen* (1/2K) and *Zoe Archer* (ES Team) who will be commencing with us in 2021.

Admin Team	Rhys Coulson, Andrew Veal, Margaret de Haas, Anna Sanos, Tanya Misquitta, Tony Nicolazzo					
ES Team	Zoe Archer, Vikki Brereton, Kerryn Clark, Kirsty Creek, Angelique Giacomin, Navaa Matherson, Yvonne Tan, Mary Wakefield					
Foundation Team	Jacqui Nicolazzo, Ashleigh Danes, Ross Toogood					
Yr. 1/2 Team	Celene Black, Cassie Johnson, Janneke Koenen, Tania Martini, Emma Vogel, Louise Wood					
Yr. 3/4 Team	Jeanette Breen, Hugh Beasley, Rebekah Fall, Liz James, Reannan Rossi					
Yr. 5/6 Team	Brittany Chipman, Julia Laidlaw, Peter Sartori, Linda Spencer, Sam Wang					
Specialist Team	Kate Stacker, Joy Birrell, Alex Bruinewoud, Lisa Clark, Julie Gibbs, Sylvia Petrovska, Janine Reid, Dina Velona					

Graduating Class of 2020

With this extraordinary year, we are thankful that our year 6 students are able to participate in many of the end of year activities that graduating classes before them have experienced. The fun kicks off tomorrow with a **year 6 students vs. staff Dodge Ball match** at lunch time. Peter Sartori and Brittany Chipman have been inspiring the staff dodgeball team with their motivational speeches, the year 6 students better bring their A-Game.

Next week the year 6 students will have their graduation ceremony live-streamed and videoed, they will have a day out at an adventure waterpark, a special graduation lunch and a special dress-up day. The level of organisation has been unbelievable, a big thank you to the entire year 5/6 team as well as Kate Stacker for planning this package of ensuring our graduating class of 2020 have a final week of primary school to remember.

Early Finish on Last Day of School

Next Friday (18th December) is our last day of school for the year. All students will be dismissed early at 1:30pm. We will be having a closed-assembly for all students and staff at 12:30pm in the gymnasium. While unfortunately we are unable to invite parents and carers to the assembly, we will be live-streaming the event (I never thought I'd be saying this!) via YouTube. The link will be sent out via Compass on Friday midday, for any family member wishing to view this.

Semester 2 Reports

On Wednesday students will receive their semester 2 reports at 4pm via Compass. On this day they will also come home with their 2020 reflection. Please be mindful, as has been reported widely in the media but also in this newsletter, that learning growth will look different for your child this year. With the challenges of remote learning, a years' growth in 12 months has been unachievable for many students. As I have said previously, please know that the important thing here is to identify the gaps in learning of our students and using the funding provided to us by DET to support students next year.



Walking for Mental Health

This Sunday eight members of our community will be walking 30km as part of Beyond Blue's coastrek. The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness

and funds for the amazing work Beyond Blue does to support the organisation's many and significant mental health strategies it implements. Kitted in their THPS-logo attire, *Oula Olsen, Sarah Mabin, Fiona Moran, Jeanette Breen, Des Alleri, Jane Young* and *Janene Hansford* will commence their walk at 5:30am at Wombat Bend suspension bridge, walking up to the Mullum Mullum trail in Donvale and returning back.

Well done to eight Mums in supporting a fantastic initiative.

Rhys Coulson Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Term 4	1
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Friday 11 th December	Canteen End of Year Sale					
Tuesday 15 th December	Whole School Transition for 2021 Classes Session 2 – 11.30am to 12.30pm					
	Christmas Tart Drive Orders Close					
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 6 Graduation Lunch					
	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 6pm					
	School Reports via COMPASS					
Thursday 17 th December	Year 6 Day Out Excursion					
Friday 18 th December	Term 4 ends – students dismissed at 1.30pm					
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					
Pupil Free Days						
Monday 24 th May						
Monday 1 st November						

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen Committee is thrilled to announce that we will be having an END OF YEAR SALE tomorrow, Friday 11th of December!

As always we will be selling Snaps Chips (\$1.50) and Juicy Icy Poles (\$1.00). Unfortunately are out of cookies.

Please bring the correct money.

We look forward to serving you!

THPS Canteen Organising Committee

FROM THE OFFICE

First Aid

All students that have anaphylaxis, allergy and asthma plans must ensure that these are kept up to date and presented to the school for our records for the start of the 2021 school year. Students without current plans and in date medication may be excluded from attending school until these are received. Please contact Tanya Misguitta for further information or you would like to know the status of your child's plans and medication.

Working with Children Check

Reminder to update your WWCC card if required and/or apply for a new card. A copy of updated cards or new cards will need to handed in or emailed through to the office. Parents are unable to assist unless they have a current WWCC.

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.





<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 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, lunck boxes and drink bottles are cleary 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.

Gingerbread house at home – recipe and templates

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. Orders for the kits are now closed, but we have put together a recipe and some templates if you'd like to make your own house from scratch at home. The recipe and templates are attached to the Compass message. Thank you to Cecile for sharing her family tradition with us all.

Christmas Tart Drive - Orders close Tues 15th December

SCHOOL BANKING

From Term 1, 2021 the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian government schools. As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will no longer operate at our school after the end of this term. If you are unsure of other methods of depositing to your child's account, please feel free to contact the Bank's general enquiries hotline on 13 2221 or alternatively visit your local CommBank branch.

If your child is eligible to receive a reward, please notify our School Banking Co-ordinator <insert how> prior to the 11th December 2020.

We would like to thank you for your participation and support throughout the School Banking program.



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 <u>http://bit.ly/thps-xmas</u> 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.

Class Representatives (Class Reps)

If you would like to put your name forward to possibly fill the role of Class Rep in 2021, or for more information on what's involved, please email us by the end of next week <u>thpspaf@gmail.com</u>. We will pass on the names to Rhys and the staff who will make the decision. The main responsibilities of the role include: liasing between teachers, P&F and class parents via email/whatsapp to distribute information, organise/coordinate events, welcome new families. It's important that you can set up an email contact group and a whatsapp group for communication, or share the role with someone who can.

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 <u>thpspaf@gmail.com</u>





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1 Day Basic Skills Course \$15 pp (15 noun otherma)

> 3 Day Course \$30 pp (1.5 noon of holying each day)

Includes

BASIC SKILLS and SELF RESCUE HOW TO NAVIGATE MOVING WATER TAKE ON SOME RAPIDS ON A RIVER TRIP SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH (last day)

All Boats and Equipment Provided Fully Qualified Instructors

> To register: Melbourne Canoe Club Melbourne.paddle.org.au

For all enquiries please context melbournecoltpaddle.org.au











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



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.





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 GirlsTuesday nights -Grade 3/4 BoysWednesday nights -Grade 1/2 Girls & BoysThursday 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 <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BNCTO</u> as soon as possible so we have an idea of player numbers. YOU WILL NEED TO PAY FOR THIS ONLINE, PLEASE <u>DO NOT BPAY</u> 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



PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL

'TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS BASKETBALL' OPTIONAL APPAREL



Templestowe Heights Primary School

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 Long sleeved tops \$25* \$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.

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