



# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 11

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"



## Term 4 Ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Students Dismissed at 1.30pm

### Term 1 2021 Begins Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Thank you

As we race (or limp) to the finish line, it is important to recognise the challenging year we have had. Throughout 2020, every single household experienced the highs and lows of lockdowns, continual change, the unknown but most scarily parents and carers assuming the role of teacher!

Brittany Chipman (5/6 leader), summed it up beautifully when she spoke to her class last night at graduation about the challenge of living alone during lockdown. She explained that connecting with her class each day via video conference was what enabled her to get through the loneliness during lockdown. For all THPS staff, the connections and relationships we build with our students is the reason why we come to school each day.

Settling back into a rhythm and routine this term has reminded us all about what we missed while we were apart. Certain restrictions have prevented us from celebrating the end of the school year in the way we usually do, but I am incredibly proud of how we have all supported one another as a community throughout 2020.

I want to sincerely thank every member of our staff, parents, carers and our students for the understanding, unwavering support and care. Our roles are made so much easier and enjoyable due to the fact we have such an amazing community. If ever there was a time to switch off and recharge your batteries, it is now. I hope everyone gets a chance to spend some quality time with family, friends and loved ones over the break. I can't wait to see our community next year, hopefully a covid-normal year, in 2021.

Attached to this newsletter is a **wellbeing support for students over school holidays** fact sheet.

### Early Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at **1:30pm** tomorrow. We will be hosting our final end of year assembly, unfortunately parents and carers will be unable to attend this event. We will be livestreaming the assembly and this link will be sent out via Compass on Friday morning.



## Graduating Class of 2020

Last night we bid farewell to our graduating class of 2020. Of the 62 students that graduated last night, 27 of them did not commence with our school in prep. What this shows is how accepting our students are of each other's differences and such a supportive learning community. The event was livestreamed and video recorded with an impromptu drummer welcoming all students as they ended the procession. Today our year 6s were off on their big day out to an adventure waterpark.



We also bid farewell to 34 year 6 families who will no longer be part of our community in 2021. From Koru whose family has been with us for 15 years or Hannah's family who commenced this year, all families have contributed to the 50 year narrative of our school. A huge thank you to our amazing year 5/6 teachers *Brittany Chipman, Julia Laidlaw, Linda Spencer, Peter Sartori* and *Sam Wang* for organising the graduation ceremony and fun day out.

### Farewell Students

Each year we say goodbye to families who are moving onto another exciting chapter in their lives. Farewell to *Luca (3/4F), Gracie (5/6L), Rosie (FN), Jasmine (3/4A), Alex (1/2V), Anicia (5/6L), Josh (3/4F), Oliver (1/2P), Jieyu (FN), Owen (FJ)* and *Weiming (FT)*. We wish you all the best at your new schools, you are welcome back anytime.

### Dodge Ball Staff vs Students

As part of the lunch times for our year 6s this term, we have been hosting daily dodgeball matches between year 5/6 grades. On Friday we had our first every staff vs year 6 dodgeball match. After an early pep-talk from self-nominated Captain Peter Sartori, the skill level of the students were no match for our unseasoned staff. Congratulations to the year 6 students for a triumphant victory.



**Rhys Coulson**

Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

### Term 4

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Term 4 ends – students dismissed at 1.30pm

### TERM DATES 2021

Term 1

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January (Students Start) to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Term 2

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Pupil Free Days

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Merry Christmas

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Have restful break. We look forward to seeing you all 2021.

Anna, Margaret & Tanya



### 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 Misquitta for further information or you would like to know the status of your child's plans and medication.

### Lost property

All unclaimed and unnamed lost property will be donated to the second hand or disposed of at the end of this term.

### Families leaving THPS

Once your family has left our school you will no longer have access to Compass to download student reports. Please ensure you access these before end of day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Tart Drive - REMINDER- Collection Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December

Orders for the tarts and cakes have now closed. Please remember to pick up your order directly from Bakers Delight on Thurs 17th December or Friday 18th December.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered in any capacity this year, and to you all for participating in or donating to our P&F events.

We look forward to being able to organise our usual events in 2021, to bring our community together and have fun.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all, enjoy the holidays together with friends and family. See you next year!**

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah

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ATTENTION  
ALL KIDS  
AGED 5-10



**Bulleentemplestowe CC  
WANTS YOU!**

Season starts Wed 18th November



JUNIORS  
Clayton  
0423 781 536

SENIORS  
Andrew  
0419 384 590

[btccjuniorcricket@gmail.com](mailto:btccjuniorcricket@gmail.com)

[bulleentemplestowecc@gmail.com](mailto:bulleentemplestowecc@gmail.com)

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**NOW TAKING  
CHRISTMAS ORDERS!**



INSTORE OR ONLINE:  
[MACEDONPLAZABAKERY.COM.AU](http://MACEDONPLAZABAKERY.COM.AU)

*Bakers Delight*

Try something **NEW**  
and **EXCITING**  
this **SUMMER** (January  
18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>)

LEARN TO PADDLE PROGRAM  
Yarra River Westerfolds Park

**AMAZING VALUE!**

1 Day Basic Skills Course \$15 pp  
(1.5 hours of training)

3 Day Course \$30 pp  
(1.5 hours of training 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



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To register:  
Melbourne Canoe Club  
[Melbourne.paddle.org.au](http://Melbourne.paddle.org.au)

For all enquiries please contact  
[melbournecc@paddle.org.au](mailto:melbournecc@paddle.org.au)



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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](http://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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