



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

Welcome Back to the New School Year

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back

The school is alive with the sound of children! I hope everyone had an opportunity to recharge the batteries and spend quality time with family and loved ones. Staff have enjoyed reconnecting with students and families, walking through classrooms there is a sense of calm. Regardless of how this year pivots or turns, we will always strive to do our best to ensure all students are safe and receive a quality program. A big thank you goes out to all our staff for setting up the start of the school year so successful.



Today we welcomed our youngest, newest members of our community- our Foundation students. There is always much excitement and slight hesitation (mainly from parents and carers!) as our students walk into their classrooms with school bags bigger than them. Our Foundation team of Jacqui Nicolazzo, Ashleigh Danes and Ross Toogood are equally excited about getting to know their new classes. For Ross, it is even more special as a proud parent, his daughter Jasmine commences with us too.



I would also like to welcome the many other new faces within our community. New staff members Janneke Koenen (yr1/2), Hugh Beasley (yr3/4), Reannan Rossi (yr3/4) and Zoe Archer (Education Support Team) have stepped into their roles as if they have always been here. Welcome to our new students, Janan 1/2W, Rowan 1/2K, Sophie 1/2M, Jihoo 1/2B, Benjamin, 3/4F, Maiya 3/4F, Pranav 3/4F, Nina 3/4B, Kyle 3/4B, Mahala 3/4R, Quinn 3/4H, Max 3/4F, Nephelie 3/4H, Camilla 3/4J, Ally 5/6W, Donghyun 5/6L, Leo 5/6C, Thomas 5/6P, Rhys 5/6P, Daniel 5/6W, Cyrus 5/6L who are also now a part of our community. We look forward to seeing them all grow as learners.

As of today, all staff will be wearing masks indoors, however they are exempt from wearing them when working with students or eating/drinking. There is no expectation that students need to wear a mask, however they are able to if they wish. Due to the new government directive, we will evaluate if/how our community events can proceed and keep everyone updated as required.

Assemblies

This year, our assembly timetable is looking a little bit different. We will be holding a whole school assembly, sub-school assembly and School House/wellbeing session (run by our year 6 leaders) on a 3-week cycle. At this stage we are not permitting parents/carers to attend, due to covid-restrictions on density limits. We will regularly monitor with a goal of getting to a point where parents/carers can attend.

Information Evening (online)

This Tuesday 9th February at 7pm we will be hosting our parent/carer information session. The purpose of this online session is to inform families of the learning opportunities and experiences for students in Years 1-6 at Templestowe Heights Primary. This online event will be hosted on **Webex number 571 909 455**.

Swimming Carnival

This coming Tuesday 9th February all students in year 3-6 will be participating in our annual swimming carnival. Students are able to compete in swimming events or have a fun splash about at the end. Thank you to Kate Stacker for organising the event to within an inch of her life.



Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Term 1

Tuesday 9 th February	House Swimming Carnival Year 1 to 6 Information Night - 7.00pm to 8.00pm - Webex 571 909 455
Thursday 11 th February	Foundation Information Night – 7.00pm to 8.00pm Webex 571 909 455
Wednesday 17 th February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 18 th February	Inter School Sports Begins
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th February	Parent/Teacher Discussions
Wednesday 24 th February	School Photos
Monday 8 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 17 th March	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 27 th March	Cultural Identity Day
Thursday 1 April	End of Term 1

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 24th May

Monday 1st November

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope everyone had a restful school break and ready for another full year of school.

Anna, Margaret & Tanya

School Fees and Payments

Just a reminder that 2021 essential items school fees are due on 26th February if paying in full otherwise the first instalment is due on 15th February.

Fee notices were sent out to each family in December 2020. If you have misplaced your form please collect one from the school office. For those families paying their fees via Bpay please remember to send a copy of the form into the office for our records.

- School swimming – Due Friday 5th February
- School Fee – Due Friday 26th February

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 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 if you would like to know the status of your child's plans and medication.

Tissues Please

This year we are asking all families to provide 1 box of tissues for your child's classroom. Please hand these into your class teacher.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9850 1796 and ask for an application form.

Working With Children Checks (WWC)

All parents and carers wishing to help or visit the school must hold a valid WWC.

Go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au> to apply as a volunteer and present your card to the school office.

Parking



At this busy time of the year, please be mindful of students and other drivers when parking around the school. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us. **The carpark is for staff only.** Please do not use the staff carpark for pickups and drops offs at any time.

House Swimming

House swimming forms were sent home with all year 3 to 6 students on Wednesday and are due back with the payment of \$8 on Friday 5th February.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 24th February Order forms will come home with each child in the next couple of weeks. Please note school photos can only be ordered online.

COMPASS is the online communication and management platform used at Templestowe Heights Primary School for recording student attendance, receiving school reports and communicating between home and school.

If you have not already done so set up a Compass account by downloading the app on your device or computer and follow the prompts to register and create a password. Please contact the office if you require assistance.

User Tips

◆Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school please record their absence on **COMPASS**.

- On your smart phone

1. Press the “**Add Attendance Note**” tab
If you have more than 1 child at the school select the absent child
2. Tap on ‘**Reason**’ – and select an option. (illness, parents’ choice etc.)
(Details/Comments field is optional)
3. Tap on **Start Date** and **End Date** (change if necessary)
4. Press ‘**Add Attendance Note**’

Complete this process before 10.30am on the day of their absence

◆Recording Extended Absences

If your family is going on holidays please record your child’s absence using the same process as above before the absence date. (Adjust the **Start Date** and **End Date** accordingly) and email your child’s class teacher and the school office.

◆Absence Notifications

An SMS will be sent at 10.30am to all children recorded as ‘Unexplained’. If you receive an SMS, please update the absence on **COMPASS** or call the school office.

◆COMPASS Notifications

Notification are sent via the app and email. To ensure you receive all notifications go to the settings on your phone and select “**Enable Notifications**”.


◆Late Arrivals Early departures

Late arrivals and early departures are recorded on the **School Kiosk** as your child arrives and departs the school via the office. **Do not record these on Compass.**


◆School reports

Semester reports can be accessed by selecting your child’s photo and pressing on the “**Reports**” tab

◆Booking Teacher Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews)

1. Tap on the icon on the top left corner of your app 
2. Select Conferences and follow the tabs to book a time with your child’s teacher.

◆Events Consent (Incursions, Excursions, Permissions)

1. Tap on the icon on the top left corner of your app 
2. Choose “**Events**” tab and follow the prompts.

If your family circumstances change, please notify the office so separate family **COMPASS** accounts can be created. Personal family details will be shared unless we are otherwise notified.

Compass Events

Please log into your Compass and provide consent for local walking permission and PG Movie permission and inclusion on the class contact list (buzz list).

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT

Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.



Welcome everyone!

Welcome back to school for another year. A warm welcome to all our new families joining our THPS community.

Buzz lists

Please ensure you have completed the permission form on the Compass portal for - Family contact list (Buzz list) – to ensure you are included in all Class Rep emails and information.

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

Footy Clinics at THPS

This week in PE we started the year off with a bang! We had Dan from the AFL and coaches from the Bulleen and Templestowe Junior Football Club – The Bullants, running footy clinics. A huge thank you to all the volunteer parents who helped run the clinics. Thanks to Steve Chondros (Alex 5/6 and Zach 3/4), Sally Young (Rose Young 5/6), Despina Alleri (Felipe 5/6C, Emilio 3/4B, Julius 3/4F) and to Dion and Matt from the Bullants footy club. It's been a great week and we hope the students enjoy PE and playing sports with their friends. The Bullants are holding an open day on Sunday at Bulleen Park from 10am – open to all!



TAEKWONDO

Claim your **FREE** trial class!

Learn self-defence and martial arts skills.
Learn to improve your discipline and concentration.

Improve your fitness, co-ordination and confidence.

Classes are on every Saturday at 9:30am at Templestowe Heights Primary School. School children of all ages are welcome (4 years and up). Adults are also welcome.

For further information or to book your trial class contact Carmelo on **0422 193 793**

Or through our Facebook page - **Australian/Korean Taekwondo Centre.**





Templestowe Heights Chess Classes Term 1, 2021



Chess is a wonderful game which enhances skills such as: Problem Solving, Pattern Recognition, Analytical, Visualisation, Concentration and Social Skills.

Templestowe Heights P.S. Term 1 chess classes commence on **Tuesday 16th February** with tuition provided by *Dark Horse Chess*. Students from all grades are invited to participate and no prior experience with chess is necessary. All students will receive a Chess Certificate, and trophies will be awarded to tournament winners.

Classes provide students with an opportunity to learn chess in a fun and social environment!

- Class times:** Tuesday lunchtime (1pm)
- Class dates:** 16/02, 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03.
- Location:** TBC
- Price (inc. GST):** \$12.00 per lesson × 6 lessons = total cost of \$72.00.
- Enquiries:** admin@darkhorsechess.com
- Enrolment:** www.darkhorsechess.net/THPS-T1-21
OR use our QR code below:



Free Tennis Open Day



**Saturday 13th Feb
1pm to 3pm**

**Veneto Club Bulleen
191 Bulleen Road
Bulleen**

- Kids HotShots tennis lessons
- Intro Lessons for all
- Cardio Tennis
- Juniors from 3 years to Adults
- Membership Specials
- Experience our award-winning program

If you can not make it on the day, contact us to organise your FREE intro.

Blake 0402 442 414 or
blake@vidatennis.com.au
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KARATE IN YOUR AREA

- Self Defence • Fitness
- Discipline • Control
- Confidence • Fun
- Co-ordination

守備力



**FIRST LESSON
FREE**



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PIANO LESSONS AT SCHOOL

Vivian Davies is an experienced piano teacher and has been providing THPS students with piano lessons at the school for many many years. These lessons take place during school time making it convenient for busy parents. For more information, please contact

Vivian on 98467336



BASKETBALL NEWS

Season 1 2021 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!!!

