



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 3

11th February 2021

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

Congratulations Student Voice Leaders

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday all students in years 3-6 walked down to Aquarena to participate in the annual swimming carnival. Students competed in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events in an effort to represent our school at the District competition. One highlight of the day was the *Staff vs Students* relay race, where the competitive nature of our staff was on show and questions raised as to why some THPS staff were not selected for the Olympics. Thank you to Kate Stacker for organising such a successful event and to all the staff that were there to support our students.



Year 6 Student Voice Leaders

At the start of every year, many students in year 6 nominated for our Student Voice leadership positions. It takes courage to stand before your peers and present a speech and persistence to give it your best effort. For those students that were not successful, I am proud of the way you conducted yourselves after the announcements, earnestly congratulating those students that were voted to represent our school in these positions. Well done to the following students:

| Position | Name |
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| School Captain | <i>Ella (5/6S) & Urijah (5/6W)</i> |
| Environmental | <i>Charlotte & Bethany (5/6C)</i> |
| Goolagong | <i>Mary (5/6S) & Ryan (5/6W)</i> |
| Bradman | <i>Rosie (5/6C) & Max (5/6S)</i> |
| Cuthbert | <i>Megan (5/6W) & Sam (5/6L)</i> |
| Newcombe | <i>Emilia (5/6W) & Matthew (5/6S)</i> |
| STEM | <i>Felipe (5/6C) & Chichi (5/6L)</i> |
| Wellbeing | <i>Gizelle (5/6L) & Sienna (5/6W)</i> |
| Art | <i>Alena (5/6L) & Alexandra (5/6W)</i> |
| Performing Arts | <i>Zoe (5/6L) & Keziah (5/6P)</i> |

Late Arrivals

Now that we have returned to normal start times, we have noticed a surge in students arriving late. To put things into perspective, if a child is 10 minutes late to school every day, they will miss the equivalent of **one week of school** by years end. Please ensure your child has a routine that enables them to arrive at school on time.

Community Garden

Our community garden is thriving at the moment, with tomatoes, basil, parsley and many other vegetables and herbs ready for harvesting. Thank you to the amazing Laura (Helena 3/4J) for her guidance in providing a space for students to enjoy and learn about all things gardening. I don't know what sort of spruiking skills Laura has been teaching, but some of our students (including Charlotte M, Charlotte G and Bethany) and have been persistent in approaching many of our parents and carers at pick up time to sell them vegetables.



Tomorrow is Chinese New Year, where we say goodbye to the Rat and hello to Year of the Ox. Happy Chinese New Year to members of our community who celebrate this occasion.

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Foundation Information Evening

At 7pm tonight we will be hosting our online information session for Foundation families. The purpose of this event is to provide follow up information for parents and carers on how our learning programs are structured and answer any queries now that your child is at school. The event is hosted via Webex, details have been sent out on Compass.

Parent/Carer-Teacher Discussions

On the week commencing Monday 22nd February, we will be hosting our first semester parent/carers-teacher discussions. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to sit down with their child's teacher and discuss the progress of their academic, social and emotional learning. At this time, these will be face to face meetings, however as per covid-regulations, when indoors masks must be worn. Tomorrow at 4pm families can access Compass to book a meeting time.

Year Level Assemblies

This Friday we will be hosting year level assemblies as part of our revised assembly schedule.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Term 1

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| Friday 12 th February | Parent/Teacher Discussion Booking Open 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 17 th February | Foundation Visiting Nurse Assessment Envelopes Due School Council Meeting 7.30pm |
| Thursday 18 th February | Inter School Sports Begins 9am to 11am |
| Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th February | Parent/Teacher Discussions |
| Wednesday 24 th February | School Photos |
| Thursday 25 th February | Interschool Sports 9am to 11am |
| Friday 26 th February | Badge Presentation Assembly for School Leaders 2.30pm |
| Monday 1 st March | Foundation Responsible Pet Education Program Incursion |
| Thursday 4 th March | Interschool Sports 9am to 11am |
| Monday 8 th March | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| Thursday 11 th March | Interschool Sports 9am to 11am |
| Wednesday 17 th March | School Council Meeting 7.30pm |
| Thursday 18 th March | Interschool Sports 9am to 11am |
| Friday 19 th March | Foundation Students Starting School Certificate Assembly |
| Thursday 25 th March | Interschool Sports 9am to 11am |
| Friday 26 th March | Cultural Identity Day |
| Thursday 1 April | End of Term 1 |

TERM DATES 2021

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| 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

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| Monday 24 th May |
| Monday 1 st November |

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

For those families paying their fees via Bpay please remember to send a copy of the form into the office for our records.

- Year 5/6 Interschool Sports payments due Wednesday 17th February
- School Fee – Due Friday 26th February

Foundation Families

From time to time our students have little toileting accidents. Please ensure you place a change of clothes in your child's bag.

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.

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 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).



2021 Events

Unfortunately the annual Welcome Picninc has had to be cancelled for this year due to a number of Covid restrictions. We do hope to hold some of our other regular events this year to bring the community together and create fun for the kids. Our THPS 50th Anniversary celebrations will be held in November. Look out for our upcoming Class Rep email over the next couple of weeks.

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

◆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.



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!!!



HIGH FLYERS WEEK 2 TERM 1

| Year | Name | Received Award.... |
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| 1/2B | Aleksander | Aleks you have been spotted using bravery and courage this week...and WOW has it helped! Your smile is bigger and your effort is HIGH! Well done Aleks, keep persisting! |
| 1/2K | Eishani | Eishani you have shown teamwork and leadership during your learning with your learning buddy. Your thoughtfulness and consideration has contributed to all our learning. |
| 1/2M | Sophie | Sophie for demonstrating a conscientious approach to school work. Welcome to THPS and grade 1/ 2 M. Keep up the great work and keep shining bright. |
| 1/2V | Krystal | Krystal this week you have been chosen as the 1/2V high flyer for showing the character strengths of kindness and love. You are always supporting those around you and offering a helping hand. You have been spotted acting as a great role model to others, as you are an expert of our classroom! Well done on a fantastic start to 2021, I can already see your classmates love having you around. Well done Krystal you are a star, keep shining! |
| 1/2W | Janan | Congratulations to Janan on a fantastic start to year one at her new school! She has demonstrated the school value of courage by sharing her ideas with the class, participating in new learning experiences and making friends. We look forward to spending the year with you! |
| 3/4B | Kiki | Well done to you for your transition to Year 3 and a new building and teacher! We have seen that you have been noticing, asking questions and showing excellent learning habits already. You are a great role model to 3/4B because you are so willing to try and put in your best effort. Congratulations, we can't wait to watch you grow even more! |
| 3/4F | Max | Max, you have settled into THPS and become a valuable member of 3/4F. You consistently show gratitude through your appreciation towards all of your peers that have helped you find your way around the school. Your love of learning is demonstrated through the deep level thinking you bring to our class discussions. |
| 3/4H | Quin | Congratulations on an excellent start to 2021! Well done for using bravery to meet new people in your class. We appreciate you sharing your passion for Art and we are excited to watch you grow throughout the year! Welcome to THPS! |
| 3/4J | Camilla | Camilla, you display the character strengths of: Bravery for starting your new school, Social Intelligence for making new friends and Kindness, for helping others, including the teacher. We are glad to have you in 34J. 😊😊😊 |
| 3/4R | Mahala | Mahala you display the character strengths of: Bravery for starting your new school, Social Intelligence for making new friends and Curiosity for asking questions that show you are excited about learning. |
| 5/6C | Adam | Adam, what a way to start the year! 5/6C have spotted you using the character strengths of kindness and self-regulation and you have demonstrated that you are ready for learning! You are showing curiosity, asking questions and putting in a great effort! Keep up the good work! |
| 5/6L | Naomi | Naomi, 5/6L have noticed you using the character strengths of kindness and love of learning! You are a fantastic role model for others at THPS. You demonstrate your best effort with your learning by listening to others, being curious and asking questions. Congratulations on challenging yourself as a learner, we can't wait to see what you achieve this year! |
| 5/6P | Hamza | Hamza, 5/6P have nominated you for the High Flyer this week because of the way you have welcomed new students Rhys & Thomas to our class and our school community. You have made them feel welcome and accepted. We appreciate this and the kindness you have showed. Keep on leading through these actions Hamza! Well done! |
| 5/6S | Sarah | Displaying the character strength of courage. It was great to see you change your mindset and go from not wanting to try out for a captain position, to trying out for two! Thank you for getting out of your comfort zone. Well done!! |
| 5/6W | Daniel | Congratulations to Daniel. 5/6W has spotted you using the character strength of Hope. You've settled into our grade calmly and happily, and we've noticed that you have been trying your very best in your learning. Keep it up Daniel! Well done! |

What is **Book Club** ?



Ordering books through Book Club is the easiest and most affordable way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

Book Club offers students a wide range of titles in each issue, from popular and award-winning fiction series and charming new picture books, to fascinating nonfiction titles and hands-on activities that stimulate creativity and encourage problem-solving.

Plus every order you place earns the school **FREE** books and learning resources. Book Club catalogues arrive to school up to twice a term, so make sure you keep an eye out for when it arrives home in your child's school bag!

HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school

2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read

3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)

4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

- 1.** If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
- 2.** Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- 3.** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 4.** Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- 5.** Make payment via credit card.



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:



Community News

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.



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
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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



REJOICE MANNINGHAM Lunar New Year Fun Fair

Sat 27 February 2021 | 10am - 4pm

MC Square: 687 Doncaster Road, DONCASTER 3108

Contact: RejoiceSameway 03 9888 7422 / 0431 658 344

2021
Year of the OX



**FREE GIFT
AVAILABLE**

Opening Ceremony | 11am

Lion Dance / Presentation of Colouring Competition Awards / Free Gift

Key Activities

Stalls / Games / Red Couplets / Gifts / Performance

This event has been registered with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR), and COVIDSafe measures will be undertaken. The COVIDSafe Event Checklist and COVIDSafe Plan can be downloaded at www.rejoicesameway.org.au.

Organiser
REJOICE

THIS PROJECT IS SUPPORTED BY MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM



Open Night*

Thursday 18 March 2021

* This year by booking only



East Doncaster Secondary College

This year bookings must be made to attend and receive a COVID Safe College tour, starting at **5:30pm**, with the last tour departing at **7:05pm**.

Pre-Purchase tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOSHQ>

For tour times and more information visit www.eastdonsc.vic.edu.au

Tickets will not be available on the night.

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2021 Community Seminar Series

REPEAT SESSION

ONLINE SEMINAR

WORKING WITH PARENTS AROUND SCHOOL REFUSAL

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| DATE | 25 March 2021 |
| The workshop will be presented by: | Staff from CYMHS Specialist Child Team |

This workshop will focus on:

- *Understanding school refusal*
- *Learning what can be done to prevent school refusal for primary aged children*
- *Understanding how to help a child who is refusing to attend school re-integrate back into school*

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| Target audience: | Staff working in a range of settings including education, child and family services and youth services |
| Time: | 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM |
| Cost: | \$40.00 (including GST, and seminar materials) |
| Bookings & Registration: | Email to: communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au or complete the Registration Form and fax to 039870 7973 |
| Contact: | Marion Bernard Community Engagement Seminars on 9871 7710 |
| Seminar Location: | ONLINE DELIVERY |

All prices and dates quoted are subject to change by CYMHS. Seminar fees are kept as low as possible. Enrolled participants will be notified of any changes to advertised programs when necessary. Participants are not entitled to a refund unless WRITTEN cancellation has been received at least 24 hours prior to the event. The department reserves the right to cancel any scheduled programs when necessary and course fees will be refunded if the course is cancelled. www.easternhealth.org.au