



# Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

**Newsletter Term 1 Week 7**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”

**School Council Election – Voting Closes Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Wellbeing Workshop – Why Wellbeing?

Next Thursday from 7 - 8:30pm, we will be hosting our first wellbeing workshop for any parent or carer, face to face or via WebEx (ID: 571 055 426). If you would like to learn more about our wellbeing practises and language, come and join our parent/carers workshops. Our workshop will feature Tim Moran, Head of Education at Beyond Blue as well as Celene Black and Julia Laidlaw (Wellbeing leaders of THPS).

During this workshop we will discuss:

- Why wellbeing is important
- Wellbeing at THPS
- Strategies for emotional awareness and regulation

Please contact the office on 9850 1796 to book a place.

### Burst Fire Hydrant

As part of preparations for our capital works project, our fire hydrants were pressure-tested at a higher than required rate. Due to the old pipes, the pressure has burst the pipe and so we now need to investigate where the leak is. Next week we will have the plumbers back out with excavators to locate the leak and repair it....we hope!



### Connect-Up Sessions

This Friday at 2:50pm students will be participating in their next *Connect-Up* session. Students in all year levels will meet in their school houses to participate in fun activities aimed at building social connections. This is part of our new tri-weekly school assembly schedule, led by our amazing wellbeing team.

### School Council Election – Ballot papers

The ballots for our school council election must be handed in by this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 4pm.

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

### Term 1

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Election Voting Closes 4.00pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Interschool Sports 9am to 11am Wellbeing Workshop 7.00pm to 8.00pm Onsite or WebEx (571 055 426)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation Students Starting School Certificate Assembly
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Interschool Sports 9am to 11am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Cultural Identity Day Easter Raffle Ticket Sales End
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Bun Orders Close
Thursday 1 April	Hat Parade Assembly at 1.30pm Easter Raffle Draw End of Term 1 – Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

### 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



### School Lunch Cutlery

A number of our students are bringing lunches to school that require forks and spoons to eat. Please remember to include a plastic fork or spoon in your child's lunch box.

### First Aid

We have had a number of children requiring a change of clothes due to toileting accidents or fallings outside on the oval and playgrounds. If your child is prone to such accidents, please ensure a change of clothes is placed in their school bag.

### COMPASS News

- Compass notifications and Compass email notifications are sent to adult A and B on our system. If you are not receiving notification please check:
  1. The correct email address has been provided to the school
  2. Compass notifications are set to 'ON' on your phone
  3. The emails are not being sent to your junk folder
  4. You have not blocked Compass notifications on your email settings.
- COMPASS **cannot be used to make payments** to the school. Payments can only be made via BPay, Eftpos, credit card or cash. Please call the school if you would like your BPay reference details.
- Once an event has **expired you can no longer access** the event to provide consent and must contact the office.

# PARENT WORKSHOP

**Thursday 18th March 7 - 8:30pm**

Our aim is to build resilient, able and happy children at THPS. If you would like to learn more about our wellbeing practises and language, come and join our parent/carer workshops.

Our next workshop is on **Why Wellbeing?** During this workshop we will discuss:

- *Why wellbeing is important* (Tim Moran, Head of Education, Beyond Blue)
- *Wellbeing at THPS* (Rhys Coulson, Principal )

*Strategies for emotional awareness and regulation* (Celene Black and Julia Laidlaw, Wellbeing Leaders of THPS)

Attendance in person or via WebEx (ID: 571 055 426)

**CULTURE AND IDENTITY DAY: Friday 26th March**



*On this day we will celebrate the many different cultures we have at our school. We will also explore the values and elements that make up our identity.*

*Students are encouraged to wear clothes and bring their lunch box containing food from their culture. Students will also watch a performance of la Festa from the La Cominca Variety Company.*

## **SCHOOL PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS!!!**

Dear Parents, Carers, Family & Friends,

Amongst all of the uncertainties that we've faced in the past year, we can finally share some positive light that our school production is going ahead this year!!! It will be held in the last week of term 3 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Besen Centre in Burwood. You will be informed of production updates and news via Compass/newsletters throughout terms 1, 2 & 3.

We really appreciate volunteers at THPS and we would love to have your help for preparation for our school production. I would like to invite anyone who is interested to join/volunteer for our Production Creative Team which can include helping with prop/set designs, sewing costumes and attending working bees. Covid-safe guidelines (in accordance with the Department of Education) will be put in place when planning to meet for Creative Production meetings and working bees.

If you are able to volunteer some of your time during school or after school, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please email your interest to volunteer with your name, child's name and preferred email and contact number to: [sylvia.petrovska@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sylvia.petrovska@education.vic.gov.au)

I look forward to our theatrical journey together.

With Twirling Regards,

Mrs Petrovska

(Performing Arts Teacher)





### **Easter Raffle & donations**

The highly anticipated annual Easter Raffle will be drawn in the final assembly of term 1 on Thursday 1st April. Raffle tickets for each student will be sent home around Mon 15th March and will need to be returned by Fri 26th March. Families can donate bought items to be included in the raffle hampers. Please bring donations into the office anytime until the last Monday (29th March) of term. Please check ingredients and ensure all items are **NUT FREE**. Any Easter themed items also welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets.

### **Hot Cross Bun Drive**

We are *delighted* to be running our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive in partnership with our local Macedon Plaza Bakers Delight leading up to Easter. Prices are the same as in store (\$8) but \$2 from every pack sold will be donated towards our school fundraising. Orders close 5pm Sunday 28th March, for pick up from the bakery on either Tues 30th or Wed 31st March. You will be given the option to select either date and your items will be baked fresh that day. To order, click on <http://bit.ly/thps-easter>

### **Entertainment Book**

P&F are selling The Entertainment Book online <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/186857h> and funds raised will go towards our next school fundraising project.

### **Working With Children Check**

Anyone who helps in any capacity at school must have a WWCC. It's free and easy to apply for online <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

### **Buzz lists**

The buzz list permission form on the Compass portal for has now closed, please contact the school office if you would like to be included. Being included on the Buzz List will ensure you are included in all Class Rep emails and information. Buzz lists have been distributed by Class Reps

### **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](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)

## HIGH FLYERS WEEK 6 TERM 1

Year	Name	Received Award....
1/2B	Niamh	Niamh, you are our high flyer this week because you put top effort in all that you do! This includes taking on the challenge of being independent in the morning. Your determination and courage has helped you conquer that goal! Brilliant work, keep it up!
1/2M	Nate	It is so great to see you get ready for work back at your table. I am happy to see you giving things a 'Red Hot Go!' and trying your best. Remember practice is the go if you want to succeed. Keep it up!
1/2K	Freddy	Freddy, you consistently show the Character Strengths for Love of Learning and Leadership. You always show enthusiasm and self-motivation in your learning, and by listening, helping and guiding your fellow classmates, you set a great role model. Keep up the good work!
1/2V	Ashton	Ashton this week you have been chosen as the 1/2V high flyer for demonstrating the character strengths of team work and fairness. You always try your best to include others and treat them the way you would like to be treated. This has been spotted in the classroom and out in the yard. It's a fantastic trait to have Ashton! We love having you in our grade 😊
1/2W	Zoe	Congratulations to Zoe for demonstrating the Character Strengths of bravery and perseverance. This week she has entered the classroom with a big smile on her face and has been embracing opportunities to learn new things. You should be SO proud of yourself! Great effort Zoe
3/4F	Viraaj	Viraaj, you have been spotted this week for being a compassionate classmate. You have demonstrated kindness through being inclusive of all members of our class both inside and outside of the classroom. Your love of learning shines through your enthusiasm to learn new content and engage in class discussions. You are a terrific role model for all students at THPS.
3/4H	Ella	Ella has and become an important and valuable member of 3/4H. You have shown persistence in working through challenging problems, particularly in maths. You constantly contribute to class conversation with great ideas. We look forward to you developing your growth mindset throughout the year and we are lucky to have you in 3/4H
3/4J	Taihlar	Taihlar, thank you for your kindness and care towards others, students and teachers alike. You are always offering to help by looking out for others who may need a hand. We all appreciate your kindness. 😊😊😊
3/4R	Shai	You have been spotted demonstrating the Character Strengths of Kindness to your teacher and your peers and curiosity for asking awesome questions. You are a fabulous member of 3/4R and we love how you brighten up our day with your fun facts.
5/6C	Priscilla	Congratulations, Priscilla! You are flying high in 5/6C! You approach life with a great sense of humility and put others before yourself! 5/6C have spotted you going out of your way to support and encourage others, and spread positivity throughout our classroom! We're lucky to have you!
5/6P	George	George, Mr Sartori has nominated you for the High Flyer this week because of your incredible start to the year. You have demonstrated a strong work ethic and a want to learn more which leads to you completing all learning tasks. Your attitude in class has been first class and we are all proud of the progress you have made on your journey. Continue to keep smashing it and you will achieve lots! Congratulations George!!

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Easter Fundraising



Templestowe Heights Primary School is being supported by **Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza** to help raise some funds for much needed equipment for our school.

The school will receive \$2 for every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns purchased.

Help us to achieve our goal by purchasing some Hot Cross Buns. Ordering is easy as it's all done online.

Items are to be collected from Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza on the day that you nominate.

Orders close: 5pm Sunday, 28th March 2021

Collection: Tuesday 30th March OR Wednesday 31st March 2021

Collection from: Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza

Scan this code



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

## Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza

### ◆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.





## Community News

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# NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE

**24th April 10am - 4pm**

**Eltham Community & Reception Centre**  
**801 Main Road, Eltham**

Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group  
Inc. No. A0039676Y



## BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1 2021 commenced last week

### MORE PLAYERS NEEDED!

We have a couple of spots left over a number of teams.

1/2 boys, 5/6 boys and ANY GIRLS in grades 1/2, 3/4 & 5/6  
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](mailto:thpsbasketball@gmail.com)

**GO HEIGHTS!!!**



## MINIBALL NEWS



### MINIBALL REGOS OPEN!

We are excited to announce that Miniball registrations are now open for any Foundation children who would like to learn how to play basketball in term 2.

Register your child using the link:

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

For more information, please see the flyer in the newsletter, or email Sarah & Kate  
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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – MINIBALL PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION

2021 – TERM 2



Dear Parents

We are now asking for expressions of interest for children that would like to take part in the Bulleen Miniball Competition for Term 2.

This competition takes place **after school** on a Friday at Bulleen Stadium in Sheahans Rd and is aimed at teaching prep aged children the rules and techniques of Basketball while playing a game.

Drop down rings are lowered for Miniball and are a good height for children of this age.

Games run for 35 minutes, start times vary each week and are between 4.10 – 6.10pm.

The umpire and coaches are on the court throughout the game to explain the rules and instructions to the players. The game consists of 2 x 15 minute halves and is not scored.

Learning the rules and how to play the game, whilst having fun, are the main goals of Miniball.

No previous experience is necessary.

The season commences the first week of term 2 (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April) and runs for 10 weeks.

***We will need parents/relatives to help coach and manage the teams or it will not be possible.***

Please let us know if you can take on or help with either of these roles. Previous basketball or coaching experience is not necessary. You will need a current Working With Children Check which is free to apply for online <https://wwwcv.auspost.com.au/>

Cost - \$80 per child for the term (we will email you the registration link from Bulleen later).

**Uniform** – players wear their school uniform – light blue polo and navy shorts/skort/pants and sneakers.

Expression of Interest Registration – is free using this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPKDF> as soon as possible so we have an idea of player numbers.

SARAH MABIN & KATE STACKER  
SCHOOL DELEGATES

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



**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THE TRYBOOKING LINK**

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



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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.

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](mailto: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 still have stock available in most sizes.

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)



SARAH MABIN & KATE STACKER  
PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL DELEGATES

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



# 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](http://www.eastdonsc.vic.edu.au)

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**DONCASTER**  
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2021

Open Night

**Tuesday, 16 March 2021**

**5.30 - 7.30pm**

Held outside the Performance Centre

Attendance to Open Night must be pre-booked

**Open Night Sessions and College Tour Mornings**

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2021 Community Seminar Series

REPEAT SESSION

ONLINE SEMINAR

# WORKING WITH PARENTS AROUND SCHOOL REFUSAL

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*

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: <a href="mailto:communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au">communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au</a> or complete the Registration Form and fax to 039870 7973
Contact:	Marion Bernard Community Engagement Seminars on 9871 7710
Seminar Location:	ONLINE DELIVERY

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