



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 2

29th April 2021

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”

Mother's Day Breakfast (8am to 9am) and Stall Friday 7th May

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ANZAC Ceremony

On Friday afternoon all students and staff participated in a cultural ceremony to acknowledge ANZAC Day. Students had designed poppies, year level wreaths were laid, listened to poems, heard the ode, stood for a minute's silence as well as hear the last post. A space at the front of the stage show-cased some Australian Army memorabilia. While our school assemblies are planned and run by our school captains and year 6 leaders, this special ANZAC ceremony was organised and lead by THPS staff. The students behaved with great respect throughout as they listened to staff and guest of honour (and my father) John Coulson.



NAPLAN

In two weeks' time all year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the *National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy* (NAPLAN). These tests will not determine a child's future employment prospects or career possibilities. It is only a snapshot, one test per subject, of where every child's knowledge and skills attainment is comparable to their peers in all states of Australia.

We do not give our students countless tests in readiness, instead we provide some practice to ensure that when they do participate in the NAPLAN, our students are familiar with what is expected of them and are not overwhelmed by the experience. We have only ever focused on the quality of teaching and learning within classrooms.

Today all students in year 3 and 5 will receive a double-side page of information relating to NAPLAN. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. All we ask is that our students give it their best effort, we will be proud of them no matter the outcome.

School Cross Country

On Tuesday there were the sounds of huffing and puffing as all year 3-6 students, dressed in their School House colours completed the 2km or 3km school course. Congratulations to all our students, for showing great spirit as they walked,

jogged, shuffled or sprinted their way around the course. A big thank you to Kate Stacker for organising this event and for all the parents and carers who helped out, encouraging everyone at the various check-points. Well done to the top 12 finishers in each age group who now represent our school at the division championships.

School Production Planning is Under Way

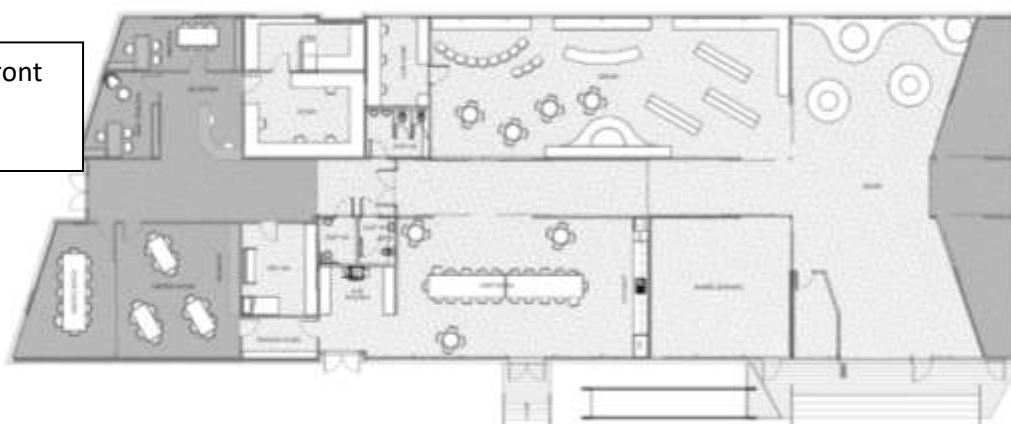
Planning is well underway for our School Production on Monday 13th September. Silvia Petrovska has written the script and casting auditions are about to start. Thank you also to the many parents and staff for being part of the working party to begin making props and costumes. If you would like to help, please contact Sylvia on 9850 1796.

Capital Works Project

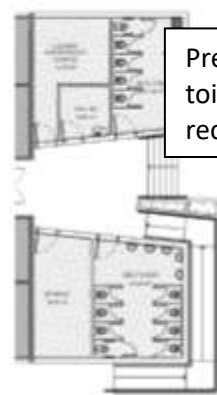
Our capital works project has been progressing and we have now finalised our schematic design. The construction of a new 2-story building will house 5 classrooms downstairs and a Science, Technology and Art facility upstairs. The construction site is at the back of the school (gazebo and playground). Access by trades workers will be via Templestowe College's oval, minimising any disruption. Our administration and staffroom areas will then be refurbished following this 10-month construction.



Admin Front
Office
Entrance



Prep to 2
toilet block
reconfigured



The construction of these facilities will commence at the end of this year and the two storey building at the back of the school must be completed by the end of 2022, as required by the Victorian Government. As you can see it is a very quick process, that has involved online and in person fortnightly meetings with many parties to get this happening. I have never seen so many architects, designers, engineers, IT personal, roofing experts, soil testers and plumbers visiting our school before!

The school is extremely fortunate to have several members of the School Council who are involved in the construction industry who have attended meetings and asking questions that are keeping those involved on their toes to make sure that we get the best outcome for our school community. We will continue to keep you up to date with the progress over the coming months.

Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall

Next Friday we will be hosting our annual Mother's Day breakfast in the gymnasium. The event is from 8am onwards and it is an opportunity for all students to bring their mother, grandmother, Aunty or special person along for a hot chocolate. Students are then encouraged to take their special visitor to their classrooms at 8:45am. Male staff members Ross Toogood, Sam Wang, Peter Sartori and Hugh Beasley will be serving the hot chocolates. From 9am we

will then be running our stall, where students are able to purchase a gift for their mother or special person. A big thank you to the *Parents & Friends* for organising both these events, we look forward to seeing you next Friday 7th May.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Term 2

Friday 30 th April	Year 1/2 Incursion Yarra Valley Water Parents & Friends and Class Reps Meeting 9.15am to 10am (Multi Rm)
Friday 7 th May	Mother's Day Breakfast (Gym) Mother's Day Stall
Sunday 9 th May	Mother's Day
Tues 11 th May to Thurs 13 th May	NAPLAN Year 3 and 5 students
Tuesday 18 th May	District Cross Country
Wednesday 19 th May	AGM and School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 21 st May	Edendale Park Excursion – Foundation Students
Monday 24 th May	Pupil Free Day (No School For Students)
Wednesday 26 th May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 10.40am to 11.10am
Friday 28 th May	Active-A-Thon
Saturday 29 th May	Parent Social Night
Friday 11 th June	Science Day
Monday 14 th June	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
Wednesday 16 th June	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 18 th June	Year 1/2 Ceres Excursion
Friday 25 th June	End of Term 2 – Students Dismissed 2.30pm

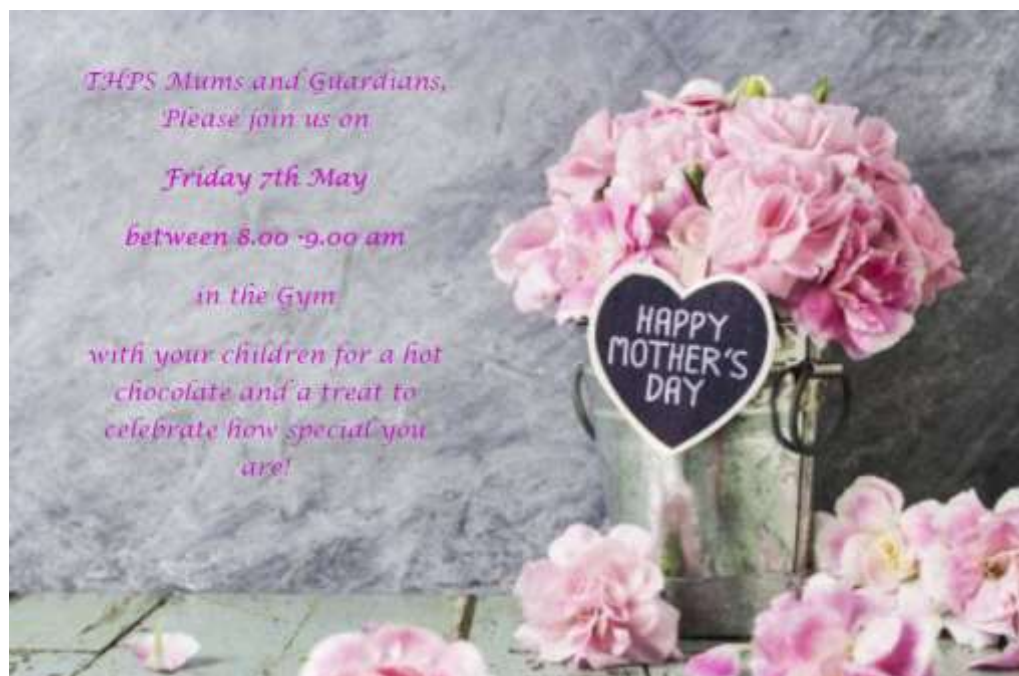
TERM DATES 2021

Term 2	Ends Friday 25 th June - 2.30pm
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



BASKETBALL NEWS

MINI BALL

Congratulations to all our Mini Ballers for playing their first game of school basketball. They all looked like they were having a lot of fun running around with their friends. I'm sure all the parents, carers and friends watching were very entertained! Thank you to all the coaches and Team Managers for organising these little future stars!!



Upcoming Events for Term 2

Mother's Day Events - Breakfast and Stall Friday 7th May

Active-a-thon - Friday 28th May

Parent Social Night (Disco Bingo) **SAVE THE DATE** Saturday 29th May

Term 1 Class Rep/Parents & Friends meeting

Our Term 2 Parents & Friends/Class Rep meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday 30th April, at 9.15 – 10am in the Multipurpose Room and on Webex to discuss the term 2 events. *Everyone is welcome*. Webex number 571 909 455. Join us for a coffee and a chat.

Mother's Day Breakfast – in the gym - Friday 7th May

Join us in the gym anytime between 8am and 9am with your child/ren and enjoy a hot chocolate and a treat to celebrate how special you are!

Mother's Day Stall – Friday 7th May

Our annual Mother's Day Stall is back! Your child can choose something special for their mum, grandmother or another important person from a wonderful selection of gifts. Gifts must be pre-paid and are \$5 each. Forms were sent home this week and should be returned by Monday 3rd May. We will need a couple of helpers for the stall. If you are able to help anytime after drop off until recess in the Art Room, please let us know via email as we are limited with numbers due to Covid restrictions. Thanks to Bec Banez and Julie Ceravolo for leading this event.

Bakers Delight Lunch Orders

We have partnered with our local Bakers Delight to offer Tuesday lunch orders for our families.

Please use the link to order <http://bit.ly/thps-lunches> . 20% of each order will be donated back to our school.

Orders close each week at 5pm on Sunday, and will be delivered to school before lunchtime.

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah thpspaf@gmail.com

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◆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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— Celebration —

DEEP CREEK PRESCHOOL

Free OPEN DAY

Sunday 16th May
10am - 2pm

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