

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

9850 1796

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 7

3rd June 2021

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility



"inspiring learners for life"

Science day

Friday 11th June



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

You may have already heard, for the remainder of this term, Rhys Coulson has been seconded to another role. He is filling in as an acting Senior Education Improvement Leader for the Department for the rest of this term and the first week of Term 3. Rhys is still in contact with us and keeping a very close watch on all the normal workings of our school! I am very fortunate to be able to fill his shoes for this time and even more fortunate to be able to call on Celene Black and Jeanette Breen to take over my Assistant Principal role. While Celene and Jeanette are out of their classrooms intermittently, the students will continue their learning with Julie Gibbs and Jaime Buccilli, both very experienced and quality teachers that the students are familiar and comfortable with. The normal learning program and routines will continue seamlessly, for the students during this time.

Online/Remote Learning

Thank you

With the announcement of another five days of online/remote learning our staff continue to offer a quality educational program that can be accessed online. We are so grateful that our students, parents and carers have responded so positively to our online teaching program with extremely high levels of active participation amongst students. Teachers and education support staff are working hard to plan and deliver lessons that are engaging, practical and continue with learning sequences and familiar content, through google slides and video conferences.

Internet drop outs

We understand during the peak usage of the day there are some internet dropouts being experienced across the board. The issue is generally related to capacity and bandwidth saturation. As you can understand this is because of all students in Metropolitan Melbourne accessing the program at this time.

Our School has a specific bandwidth link to the Department of Education's (DET) internet pipeline. During the peak period when most of us are working from home and using video conferencing (i.e. Webex, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Skype), the bandwidth will be under significant stress. This is the same with all DET schools.

There is no easy solution if this occurs for your child. Logging off and then back in may help but they can revert to their google slides where they have access to work that they can go on with. The teachers also utilise the google streams in this event and the students can still access the content asynchronously if need be.

Enrolments

If any of our current families are yet to enrol their child in foundation for 2022, please contact the office for an enrolment form. Spaces are filling fast.

Andrew Veal

Acting Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Term 2

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

FROM THE OFFICE

Compass Update

Compass have made some changes to the way we view and interact with the newsfeed. Click [here](#) for more information.

Foundation Enrolments 2022

Places are filling up fast in our foundation classes for 2022. If you are an existing family with a younger sibling or know of other families wanting to enrol, please contact the office to collect an enrolment form or book a school tour on 9850 1796.

THPS SCIENCE DAY

On Friday the 11th of June, THPS will celebrate Science Day. This year's school theme is 'Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans.' We encourage students to **come dressed up** using the oceans theme as inspiration. Students could come dressed as a sea animal, marine plant, sea vessel, marine biologist, scuba diver or a captain of a boat.

Throughout the day, students will be involved in hands on tasks and participate in an incursion. 'The Deep Blue Oceans Show' by Fizzics Education will explore the physical factors that determine life underwater and along our coastlines.

In preparation for an experiment on the day, we are asking families to donate **clear 500ml plastic bottles**. Please drop the bottles to Hugh Beasley's (3/4H) classroom.



WELLBEING

During this challenging time we are reminded of the importance of tuning into your own mental health as well as checking in on each other. 'Are you Ok?' is a great website full of activities and suggestions on how to stay connected.

<https://www.ruok.org.au/how-to-ask>

It is understood that we need to look after our own wellbeing so we can support others, this is essential as a parent/carer. Below are some websites to help with this. Please reach out if you are in need and please get in touch with the school if we can support in anyway.

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

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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.



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Website: deepcreeknetball.com.au

Community News

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STOP THE STRESS

This online support group will offer teens the opportunity to share what they have been feeling and to understand their experience of stress, worry and anxiety. Teens can also share what's worked for them (and what didn't!).

Over the four sessions, Doncare's Counsellors will lead the group to guide learning about types of anxiety; why we experience stress and strategies to help. Suitable for teens aged 13-15 years.

Commencing in June 2021

4:00pm - 5:00pm online

Cost: \$40 for 4 sessions

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- Discover what mind stilling methods work for you.
- Experience mindfulness.
- Learn breathing techniques.
- Practice different types of meditation.
- Share and reflect in a group setting.

Mondays, 12 July - 2 August, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Cost: \$40 for 4 sessions

Weekly sessions will be held online via Zoom.
Information will be provided after registration

BOOK NOW

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Email: doncare@doncare.org.au



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