

"inspiring learners for life" Term 3 Ends Tomorrow - Friday 17th September Onsite and Remote students dismissed at <u>2.30pm</u> Term 4 Resumes Monday 4th October

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The end of the term is an opportune time to thank all of our teachers, students and particularly parents and guardians for all of the resilience that you have shown during our current lockdown. I compliment the teachers on the quality of teaching and the students for the quality of learning that continues at Templestowe Height Primary School whether we are onsite or online. I mostly would like to thank you the parents, guardians, grandparents who have diligently made sure that the children get online every day and are ready and focused for learning. Your child's continued academic growth doesn't occur without your support, so we all thank you!

Like you, we all wait in anticipation for Mr Andrew's announcement on Sunday regarding what schools will look like in Term 4. I know that all staff have their fingers crossed in the hope of a return to teaching onsite as I'm sure you do. Once an announcement is made I will inform parents on how this impacts our school. Stay tuned.

Thank you to all our families and teachers who submitted photos for the 'What Makes You Smile?' project. These have been compiled by Kate Stacker with the assistance of Sam Wang into a lovely presentation on the THPS Learning Portal on our website. Please check out the pictures, they will certainly put a smile on your face by clicking on the following link.

https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/thpsonlineremotelearning/home

Today's newsletter is full of gratitude so why not add another? On Saturday night the Parents and Friends organised the 'Lockdown Trivia Night 2 – The Sequel'. Over one hundred people from our community joined in and had a fun night answering the trivia questions and dancing. I suppose that is what some would call it?! It was lovely to see the smiling faces and the laughter the night brought. To our Parents and Friends leaders, Sarah, Oula, Fiona and Cecile, well done on organising such a successful night.

A special thanks to Victor Ng for making sure we were all logged in and able to participate. The night was a great success and was well attended - a great example of a way that we can continue to stay connected.

As part of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, from Monday 13 September, all Victorians aged 12 and older are eligible to book and receive a COVID-19 vaccine at a state vaccination centre, a Commonwealth vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service.

You can find a participating service through the Australian Government Eligibility Checker.

https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility?lang=en

You can book your appointment online or by calling the vaccine provider nearest to you.

Vaccination is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect our school community from further outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19.

The Victorian Government's aim is to provide an opportunity for all children aged 12 years and older to receive at least one vaccine dose by the end of the school year.

Please be aware parents that during the school holidays building works will commence out the back of the school. An area will be fenced off to allow movement and installation of portables and the removal of four of the Templestowe College trees. We hope that this will all be completed during the holiday period.

Wishing you all the best for the holidays and hope the change of pace reinvigorates you for another big term!

Best wishes.

Andrew Veal Acting Principal

A Message From Our Principal

Dear the THPS community,

I have been watching from afar as this term unfolded. It hasn't been easy on anyone, but it has made me realise how that during hard times, a school needs to be a safe and supportive place.

This term I have been incredibly proud, proud of the students in many of their online posts I have read. Proud of the staff for their unwavering commitment to want to do what is right by the children in their care. Proud of Andrew, Kate and Margaret for the continual leadership they have shown in supporting everyone and ensuring everything is running as best it can. But also, I take my hat off to the parents and caregivers, remote learning is not easy. There are good days, bad days, good moments and emotional outbursts. What I have come to realise being outside in a different role, is that Templestowe Heights Primary is just that, a safe and supportive place.

Next term I will be continuing on my acting role as Senior Education Improvement Leader. It is a role that has allowed me to work with a whole host of schools and leadership teams across another network. However one thing lacking is that I do not have the same sense of belonging you feel to a community. And one thing this has made me realise is our Templestowe Heights community is special, it is connected and it is welcoming.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our outgoing President, David Barnes. His leadership through these last 3 years has been outstanding. Calm, caring and diligent (and not to mention a whole bank of Dad jokes)- what more could you ask for in a President?

I will sincerely miss the incidental, day to day interactions that come with being part of something special. I wish everyone the best in term 4- students, staff, parents and carers. Fingers crossed it can be a positive time and I look forward to seeing you all when this position finishes up.

Kind regards

Rhys Coulson Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Term 3	
Wednesday 15 th September	School Council Meeting – 7.00pm
Friday 17 th September	Term 3 Ends 2.30pm
Term 4	
Monday 4 th October	Term 4 begins
Monday 1 st November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 2 nd November	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
Wednesday 10 th November	School Production
Tuesday 23 rd November	House Athletics Sports
Friday 17 th December	Term 4 Ends – 1.30 Student Dismissal
Pupil Free Days	
Monday 1 st November	

FROM THE OFFICE

The office will be attended from 8.30am to 4.00pm during lockdown. At all other times please email the school at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Enjoy the holidays, we hope to be able to bring you some P&F events in term 4.

LOCKDOWN TRIVIA 2 - Parent Social Night Thank you to everyone who joined us for our online trivia and bingo night on Saturday. It was a fun event and so wonderful to see so many of our community coming together. We had 53 screen bookings, around 80-90 participants.

Thank you to Victor Ng (Quentin & Florence) for co-hosting the event and organising the break out rooms. Thanks to our generous sponsor Krispy Kreme for donating the boxes of donuts for the winners.

It was a 3-way tie for first place : Jane Young's team – group 3, Lucinda Richard's team – group 5 and Shelley Jacobson's team – group 8. Second place was Yvonne's team – group 11, third place was Bec's team – group 7. Congratulations!

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

THPS PRODUCTION NEWS

Throughout these unpredictable times, our young performers have continued being busy bees behind the scenes rehearsing for our school production (The Belonging Tree) at home and during their Webex class sessions including practising their dance items, learning dialogue and musical pieces.

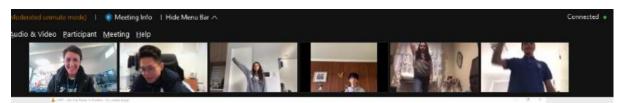
As we were not able to run our production this term, we have booked a new date for our students to perform on **Wednesday 10th November, 2021.** It will be held at the **Besen Centre in Burwood during the day only**. Due to audience restrictions, we will film the production at the theatre without a public audience. We do apologise in advance for this as we need to place safety as our utmost priority under these circumstances. You will be able to purchase a DVD or an MPEG4 video download of the production. More information will be sent out to you closer to the performance date.

In the event we cannot run the production at the Besen Centre, we will film the production in our school Gym where all students will still get the chance to perform their class dance items.

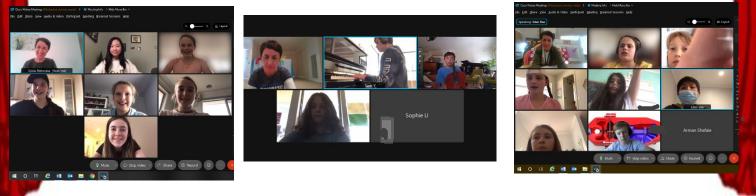
We thank you for all of your continuous support despite the many hurdles we have faced. But like the theme of our production states...we still have 'HOPE' to celebrate the achievements of our shining young performers next term ⁽²⁾

Musical Regards, Sylvia Petrovska

Below are some behind the scenes sneak peak of performers rehearsing during their weekly Webex production workshops & class sessions!



5/6W practising their class dance item



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While I (Alex Bruinewoud) have some time at home, I would like to offer my services as an **online tutor**. Being a teacher, I know how important it is for students to feel confident and supported in their learning so that they are able to take risks and grow. If you feel that I could support your child to develop their confidence, fluency, engagement or perhaps extend them further, please contact me.

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I am offering 1-hour sessions in all subject areas. I continue to remain in contact with Templestowe Heights, ensuring that I can provide scaffolding that aligns with the current practices at the school.

If you would like more information please email me at $% \left({{{\mathbf{x}}_{i}}} \right)$

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WOMEN'S CRICKET AT BTCC



Inner East Womens Social Cricket

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Season 21/22

Season Starts in October

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