



Our News

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School
Newsletter Term 3 Week 6

19th August 2021

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
"inspiring learners for life"

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to everyone for continuing to meet the challenges that are thrown at us every day at the moment. I'm so proud of the way that each and every child has approached their online learning sessions. The teachers spend many hours designing the lessons and slides that students are interacting with both online and when working independently. They are examples of similar learning sequences our students receive when face to face and the teaching teams put a great deal of thought into how they can continue to engage students as much as possible through the camera.

It's not perfect, but teams continue to revise their methods and respond to feedback. It might be of interest to know that our lesson slides have been shared and applauded by other schools both in Victoria and NSW. In the unusual setting we find ourselves in, I am pleased to see that at THPS, our teachers, ES staff and students are staying connected to each other and to their learning as much as is possible. I want to acknowledge all our staff for clicking into gear with every lockdown, improving just that little bit more every time we have faced this over the last 18 months. Congratulations!

Today I get the opportunity to acknowledge one of our fabulous teachers, Ashleigh Danes. Ashleigh has been a bright spark on our teaching staff since the day she was appointed 5 years ago. She has worked in various grade levels during this time and completes her last day officially with us tomorrow in Foundation before she leaves to go on maternity leave. Now, I say officially because if Ashleigh's health is fine and with doctor's approval, she can work in some capacity a little bit longer at our school. As you can imagine this is a very exciting time for Ashleigh and her husband Lachy as their family grows. On behalf of everyone, thank you Ashleigh for your sparkle, your efficient no-nonsense work ethic and your tireless efforts with the children and teachers at THPS.

This leads me to my next happy task and that is to introduce you to Karin Diep who will be taking over Foundation D for the rest of the year. Before you ask, no we did not appoint Karin because her surname also starts with a 'D'! Karin has had several years of experience working with Foundation students, is a mother of three and is jumping out of her skin to start teaching the Foundation children at Templestowe Heights. When you get the opportunity, please introduce yourself and welcome her to our school. We know what a fabulous asset she will be to the Foundation team.

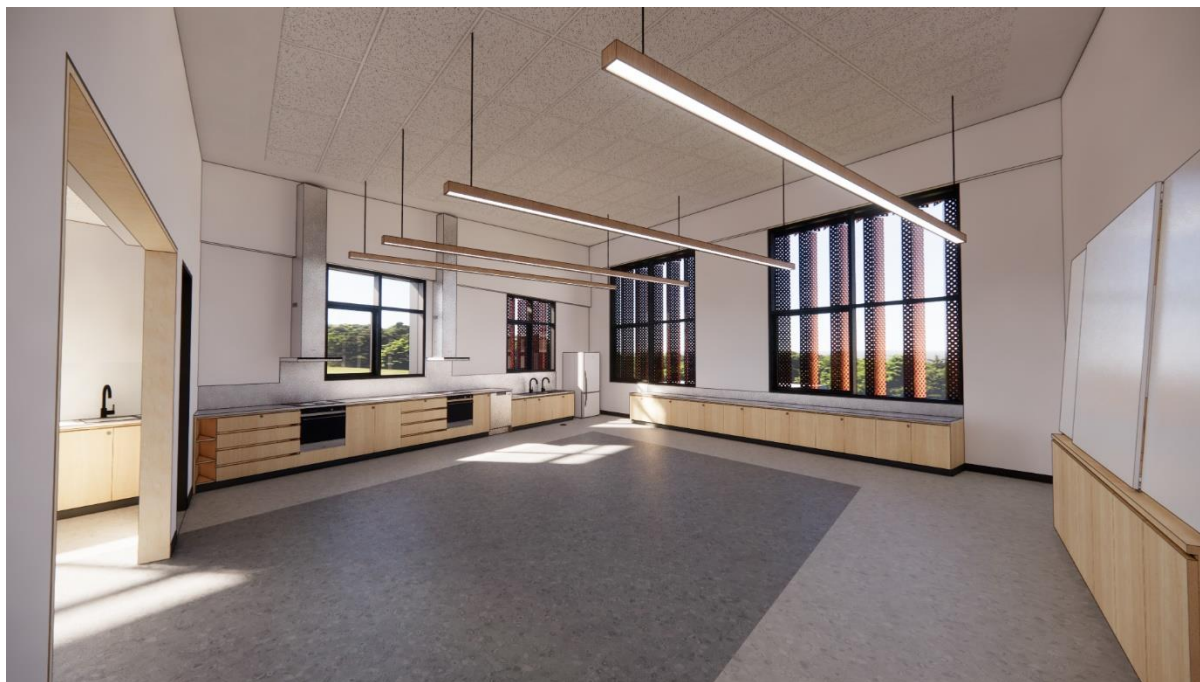
Due to the current COVID lockdown we have decided to move our Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs) to early in Term 4. I hope that our parents understand that we want to give these meetings the time they deserve for all involved.

The building works continue to bubble along behind the scenes. Due to the new two storey building being constructed out the back of the school, we unfortunately have to remove several of the large trees that sit between our border and the Secondary College. These trees have a large root system that impede the building footings and are in an unhealthy state. These will be removed when we are allowed to have arborists back onsite.



The pictures that I have included today of the new building are the new STEM room and the Food Technology room. Yes, we are entitled to a Food Technology room! Several ovens and hotplates will be in the Food Technology room and we have lowered the benches to cater for our children in the lower grades to be able to work on them. The STEM room will have a green screen for us to do some creative filming. Both of these are found on the second level of our new building. This will be an exciting addition to our school!

Andrew Veal
Acting Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Term 3

Thursday 26 th August	Year 5/6 Living & Growing Session 2
Thursday 2 nd September	Year 5/6 Living & Growing Session 3
Wednesday 8 th September	Dress Rehearsal Whole School Production School Council Meeting – 7.00pm
Thursday 9 th September	District Athletics
Friday 10 th September	Rehearsal Whole School Production
Saturday 11 th September	Parent Social Evening
Monday 13 th September	School Production
Tuesday 14 th September	House Athletics Sports
Mon 13 th to Wed 15 th Sept	Life Education Program for Foundation & Year 5/6
Friday 17 th September	Active-A-Thon Term 3 Ends - Students Dismissed 2.30pm
TERM DATES 2021	
Term 4	Monday 4 th October to Friday 17 th December
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

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Parent Opinion Survey responses close on Sunday 22nd August. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any time that is convenient within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians via the school's Annual Report to the Community. Last year, your valued feedback informed the continuing improvement of our approach to flexible and remote learning throughout 2021.

Parents & Friends



Active-a-thon – RESCHEDULED - Friday 17/9/21 (last day of term 3)
This year's Active-a-thon has been rescheduled again, for the last day of term 3. Students can wear sports themed outfits. The event will run from 9:15am - 10:30. Each child will receive a Zooper Dooper afterwards. Spectator and helper numbers will be subject to COVID restrictions. Kids who raised over \$50 and returned their form on time are in the draw to win a prize – Rebel Sport Doncaster have generously donated 4 gift vouchers as our prize for each level.

Parent Social Night - RESCHEDULED – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 11th September

We have re-booked our parent/guardian social night for 11th September. This will be the last weekend before the end of term 3. It is now unlikely with the extended lockdown that we will be able to hold this in the gym, however, we are looking at moving it to an online event to get the community together. We will keep you posted with the details once they are confirmed.

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

Community News

Looking for a Tutor?

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.

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 alexandra.bruinewoud@education.vic.gov.au

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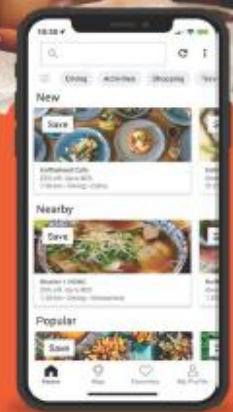


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