

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN Results in 2021

I would like to take a moment to say to all the students, teachers and to the parents and carers in our community – you have done an amazing job!

Today I can update you on our State performance in the 2021 NAPLAN assessment. Victoria's comparative performance is nothing short of extraordinary. As a state we led the country in all areas in primary schools in all but Year 9 Writing in Secondary Schools. The results are a testament to the incredible job we have all done, teachers, students and the parent community, over the past 18 months. The hard work and outstanding efforts to support student learning and wellbeing in deeply challenging circumstances is obviously having a positive impact. I'm deeply aware of the challenges you have navigated over the past 18 months and continue to manage. You have kept in focus, the critical role we all play in the education of your child/children, and you have not shied away from that role. Our students have been exceptionally well supported. Thank you.

On Tuesday our school received their results for all students in Year 3 and 5 who participated in the *National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy* (NAPLAN). Over the past four years our results have shown significant increases in learning achievement. As a school we have been recognised as high-performing and our data certainly testifies to this in 2021! We sit at the top of schools in our region with our student's performance. It certainly quantifies the quality of our teaching staff and the excellence of the programs that we deliver. The consistency of what is delivered across the school and the depth of thinking and expectations of student learning that we adhere to, is seen in our results.

Please keep in mind however that the NAPLAN is but one piece of data that we use at our school to assess student academic achievement. One that is not easily aligned with our Victorian Curriculum.

Today we will be mailing your child's NAPLAN results out to parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5. Please take the time to read them and share them with your child/children.

Thank you to all the families who sent in videos and pictures for our Creativity project. Sam Wang and Kate Stacker have spent a lot of time combining the videos and pictures into two presentations. The videos have been linked in one presentation and the pictures in another. Please follow the link attached to view these or visit the school portal which is found at the top of the school's website. We hope these bring not only a smile to your face but also some ideas that you can in fact do at home as a family!

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

In these difficult times, with so much sadness and worry, I would like to share something that has personally put a big smile on my face and a bigger smile in my heart. I have just become a grandparent for the first time! Yes, I can hear you now – 'Andrew, but you're not old enough to be a grandparent? You must have had children when you were very, very young?' I am so proud to say that my son and his partner had a girl named Bobby today, weighing in at 3.4kg All are well and healthy. So in the midst of all the things that darken our mood during these times you can always find something that reminds us that there is still much to be grateful for at the moment.



One of our parents, Tamara Levy, is running free fitness sessions for our parent community. Please find below the details of her morning fitness sessions, with livestream held at 9.30am

Monday to Friday and 9am Saturdays. The class sessions are all **free** and are all saved to her YouTube channel for participants to join at their own convenience.

Mondays & Thursdays - Tabata + Pilates

Tuesdays & Fridays – Pure Pilates

Wednesdays & Thursdays - Yogalates: A unique blend of vinyasa flow + Pilates

Classes can be found at Tamara Pilates on YouTube or by clicking the link below

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV3tPxe2mkoXrR2nQdePnBA?view_as=subscriber

To support our school community during this time, resources and support are available for parents, carers and families. These resources support the mental health and wellbeing of students and young people.

Services and support for students and their families

A <u>Quick Guide to Student Mental Health and Wellbeing resources</u> is available for students, parents and carers looking to access expert guidance and resources to support wellbeing.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students remains a priority this year while students are learning from home during the current circuit breaker restrictions.

For students, below includes resources to support their own mental health and wellbeing.

- <u>Advice and resources for students</u> about ways to adapt their learning during COVID-19, to look after themselves and where to get help.
- <u>Wellbeing activities featuring AFL and AFLW players</u> with tips on managing stress, staying active and gratitude.
- <u>Smiling Mind mindfulness activities</u> for senior secondary school students, including short videos, online tip sheets and meditations.

The guide also includes resources and supports for parents and carers to help them build their child's physical and mental health and wellbeing. This includes:

- <u>Resources to support children's physical, mental health and wellbeing</u>
- Wellbeing activities and conversation starters for parents of <u>parents of primary school-aged children</u> and <u>parents of secondary school-aged children</u>
- <u>Raising Learners podcast</u> series
- How to talk to your child about COVID-19
- Headspace is running <u>webinars</u> for parents and carers about offering support when they are concerned about a young person's mental health.

Wellbeing guidance for parents and carers is also available:

- On the Department's website
- Headspace has created a video providing tips to support parents and carers during lockdown
- Through the confidential parent support hotline, Parentline, available 8am to midnight, seven days a week, Phone: 13 22 89.

Heidi Rogers (Melbourne based psychologist) is running a *free webinar tonight* on how to survive snap lockdowns. She's collated all the common questions she has been asked over the different lockdowns here in Vic and is sharing her expertise in this webinar.

Webinar is on tonight at 8pm.

See here for registration details: <u>https://www.heidirogers.com.au/</u>

Andrew Veal

Acting Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Term 3	
Sunday 5 th September	Father's Day
Saturday 11 th September	Parent Social Evening - Free Online Event
Wednesday 15 th September	School Council Meeting – 7.00pm
Mon 13 th to Wed 15 th Sept	Life Education Program for Foundation & Year 5/6
Friday 17 th September	Term 3 Ends
Term 4	
Monday 4 th October	Term 4 begins
Monday 1 st November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 2 nd November	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
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 <u>templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u>

Uniform Price Increase

PSW will be implementing a slight price increase from the 5th October 2021. The overall impact to families with this price increase will be 1% of total uniform spend. An updated price list will be forwarded to the school in the coming months.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Please be advised that the canteen WILL NOT be operating throughout Term 3. We hope to reopen in Term 4.

Many thanks for your support,

THPS Canteen Committee

ART NEWS - SUPPLIES

Hi all.



Just a heads up for next weeks' materials that students will need to gather from home.Materials:Scissors,Lots of coloured textas and pencils,

Black fine liner or thin black texta

Many thanks Joy Birrell Art Teacher

MAD ABOUT SCIENCE FREE WORKSHOPS

Mad About Science is offering free online workshops for primary school children to do at home. Use the following link to register: <u>https://www.madaboutscienceincursions.com.au/free-mas-workshops/</u>

THPS BACKSTAGE NEWS

During these uncertain times, our school production theme of 'Belonging and Hope' couldn't have come at a better time! Due to the extended lockdown and continued restrictions, unfortunately our school production cannot be held at the Besen Centre this term. However, it has been postponed till term 4 when our performers will showcase their performance but with a twist! We won't let this lockdown let our THPS community spirit down as we continue to remain strong and together we 'belong'!

THE BELONGING TREE DRAWING COMPETITION WINNERS!!!

In order to continue our theme during remote learning, we invited all students to participate in our drawing competition to represent their ideas of what is a belonging tree. We had many students from all year levels submit beautiful and creative artwork showing the concept of identity, community, family, character strengths and hope. We applaud all of our young artists for showing the language of Art and Storytelling through the concept of 'belonging'. A drawing from each cohort was chosen to symbolise our production design/logo.

Congratulations to our four winners Cecilia (FD), Theodora (1/2W), Zev (3/4R) and Priscilla (5/6C). Click on the link below to view all of the drawings entered from our artists. https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/thpsonlineremotelearning/whats-on-at-thps

Take care and enjoy your time in the gallery of 'The Belonging Tree'! Sylvia Petrovska (Performing Arts Teacher)





Cecilia (FD)







Priscilla (5/6C)



Zev (3/4R)



Our Class Rep email was sent out last week. Please let us know if you didn't receive it.

Father's Day Discounts & Puzzle

Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful THPS dads!

P&F have created a special Father's Day crossword puzzle as an activity for dads to do with their kids on Father's Day. Please find the puzzle attached to the newsletter or use this link and it will tell you if your answers are correct <u>https://crosswordlabs.com/view/fathers-day-crossword-48</u>

Bakers Delight always support THPS and are offering all our community 20% off all online orders over \$5 for Father's Day bit.ly/thps-fathers-day (flyer attached) Orders close 5pm Friday 3rd Sept. New Macedon Rd restaurant 'House of Pizza n Parma' are also offering THPS families 15% off over the Father's Day weekend (Fri-Sun) if you mention you are from THPS when you ring with your order. Menu: <u>https://houseofpizzanparmatemplestowe.com.au/</u>

LOCKDOWN TRIVIA 2 - ONLINE EVENT Parent Social Night –7.30pm Saturday 11/9/21

We have decided to hold an online Trivia Night again this year. Hosted by Dolly from Disco Bingo, it will be open as a free event to all members of our adult community – parents, guardians and staff. We hope you can all join us! Similar to last year, small groups will be taken into virtual break out rooms. Don't worry if you don't know anyone but would like to join in – we will have rooms for each level that you can join to meet some new people (Break Out Rooms Prep, G1&2, Gr 3-6). We are focusing on getting the community together again to have fun. We are limited to 100 screens for this event – one screen per household. Get your free ticket NOW <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BTVFW</u>

Parent Social Night –RESCHEDULED - Term 4 – Barefoot Bowling

We will still attempt to hold a parent social night in person in term 4 in early December because we believe it is vital we bring the community together in person when we can. If you had bought tickets for our Disco Bingo night in May, these will be rolled over into our Barefoot Bowling event. Of course, if you are unable to attend, we will refund your ticket. We will let you know the details when they are finalised. Raffle tickets sold for the May event will be drawn on the night.

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



TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS&FRIENDS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

LOCKDOWN TRIVIA NIGHT 2 -THE SEQUEL

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM - ONLINE

Free community event for parents & staff "Dress up from the waist up"

Bookings - www.trybooking.com/BTVFW



LOCKDOWN TRIVIA NIGHT #2 - 2021

Tickets are now available for our Online School Community Adult Social Event - Lockdown Trivia Night 2 – the sequel for parents, friends and staff of THPS, on Saturday 11th September at 7.30pm.

This is a FREE ONLINE EVENT to connect our school community, hosted by the very entertaining Dolly. All you need to join in is a screen (phone, iPad, computer).

You can play in a Break Out Room team of between 2-6screens, but ideally 4-5 screens per team (couples/households will play sharing one screen). Organise your own group of friends, or if you'd like to join a year level group we have set up Break Out Rooms Prep, Gr1&2, Gr3-6. Each team will need to nominate a 'Host' who should ideally be using a laptop/PC on the night, will share their screen with the team and will answer the questions on behalf of the team. We will be using Zoom and each team will go into their own 'break-out room' to answer the questions and have a chat during each round of questions. Closer to the event we will send you an email with the link to join on the night and instructions.

To book your ticket:

1. Get your team together and work out who will be the "host" in your team.

2. Go to www.trybooking.com/BTVFW and select "Book Now"

3. Select one of the "sections" for your team (select a section which still has 6 tickets available, meaning no tickets booked yet) and book a ticket for yourself, let the other members of your team know which is your section/team name so you are grouped together. This is how we will form the 'break-out rooms' for the event.

5. If you don't have a group but would like to join in, email us or pop yourself in one of the Break Out Rooms Prep, Gr1&2, Gr3-6.

Easy.

Who will have the boasting rights this year?

We can't wait to see you there!

Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah

THPS Parents & Friends





Given the current (ongoing) circumstances, we understand how trying this time can be. To help make things a little bit easier THPS and Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza would like to offer you a 20% discount for all products ordered* for collection on Fathers Day 5th September 2021.

All you need to do is select your products online and the 20% discount will be applied at the end. Ordering is easy as it's all done online and you can collect your products in-store from Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza.

Orders close: 5pm Friday, 3rd September 2021 Collection: 6am - 7pm Sunday, 5th September 2021



OR go to:

bit.ly/thps-fathers-day

* Minimum order is \$5

Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza

facebook.com/BakersDelightMacedonPlaza

Fathers' Day Crossword



Across

- 2. Dad's father (8)
- 3. Homer's son (4)
- 6. Fathers' Day month (9)
- 8. Dad in Italian (4)
- 9. Sound dad makes while sleeping (5)
- 10. Fathers' Day present (5)
- Fathers' Day is on this day every year (6)
- 13. What dad finds funny (3,5)

Down

- Actor in Daddy Day Care, _____ Murphy (5)
- 4. An instrument all dads play (3,6)
- **5.** Another word for father (5)
- 6. Dad buys these at Bunnings (8)
- 7. Dads are good at cooking this (8)
- 12. Italian granddad (5)

Community News





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