

# Our News



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School  
9850 1796

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School  
*Newsletter Term 4 Week 3*

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence      Respect      Courage      Responsibility  
"inspiring learners for life"

### ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been lovely to see and hear the children returning back to school. It feels like everything is slowly coming back to life with spring blossoms and Melbourne starting to open up!

We have been given a little more direction from the State Government regarding students returning to school. Tomorrow the Year 5/6 students will attend school for the first time along with the Year 1/2 students.

Please find below the timetable for the return of all children over the next three weeks. Be aware that this may change at a moment's notice.

<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>DAYS OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL 9.00am – 3.30pm</b>	<b>DAYS AT HOME ONLINE LEARNING</b>
<b>YEAR 5/6</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	
<b>YEAR 1/2</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	

<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>DAYS OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL 9.00am – 3.30pm</b>	<b>DAYS AT HOME ONLINE LEARNING WebEx Times 9.45am - 11.45am <i>Reminder: there is No 9am Specialists Program</i></b>
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>YEAR 1/2</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October

<b>YEAR 3/4</b>	<i>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October</i> <i>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October</i>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October  Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
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**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November - Curriculum Day (No children attend school)**

**TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)**

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<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</i>  <i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</i>
<b>YEAR 1/2</b>	<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</i> <i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</i>
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Parents & Guardians, ***please ensure that your child/children arrive at school on time.*** It is very unsettling for the other children and the teachers if a child walks in late and interrupts the learning that has been occurring in the classroom.

### **Specialist Program**

Next week (week 4) the 9.00am Specialist WebEx's will no longer run as staff return to Face to Face teaching. Our specialist team will be running their normal programs again onsite, something I know they are looking forward to. I would like to take this chance to thank our specialist teachers for the creative way they have stayed connected to students during Remote Learning. It has not been easy teaching PE, Performing Arts, Art and Italian to each cohort through a computer screen but their energy and positivity has ensured our students have continued to enjoy these subjects.

**MASK requirements** as found in the DET guidelines.

- Face masks are mandatory for children in Year 3 to Year 6, only when indoors on school premises, unless an exception applies. It is recommended for children in Foundation to Year 2.

*'Exceptions include students with a medical, physical or mental disability where their disability means it would not be suitable. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception must provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school'.*

- Parents are to supply their child/children with a mask.
- Children will undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Hand sanitiser will be made available at entry points to classrooms.

### **Management of An Unwell Child At School**

It is important that any child who becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms while at school will have parents contacted and need to be picked up and Covid tested. Children cannot return until they have a negative result and are symptom free

The symptoms to watch out for are:

fever

chills or sweats

cough

sore throat

shortness of breath

runny nose

loss or change in sense of smell or taste

Some people may also experience headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Due to the overlapping symptoms to COVID parents of children who suffer asthma and/or hay fever at this time of the year need to supply the school with the appropriate updated management plan. [Click here](#) for a copy of the hay fever plan.

### **Drop-off and pick-up:**

Arrival and departure times will remain at 9.00am and 3.30pm respectively. Students ***should not arrive at school prior to 8.45am***. Classrooms will not be open until 8.45am.

For the Foundation and Year 1/2 students, please deliver your child to the entry doors in the middle of the school. We ask that you then leave the grounds in a timely manner. Year 3 – 6 students should confidently be able to walk themselves to their classrooms once they have entered the school grounds. At the end of the day, while you are waiting for your child, please do not congregate in large groups and again, once you have collected your child, leave the school in a timely manner.

**Visitors** (including parents & carers) ***are not permitted*** to enter school buildings at this point. If you have business that necessitates you to visit the office, you must observe the protocols and knock on the front door and wait for the office staff to attend to you at the door.

### **Hats On Term 4**

Please remember that all children are to wear a school legionnaires or broad brim hat when outside. Children who do not have a hat will have to stay in a shaded area.

### **Class requests for 2022**

As part of the process of creating classes for 2022, parents or guardians with any special requests relating to their child's grade placement need to submit this in writing to me by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. As part of our class formation process, teachers will facilitate a process where we ask all children to list five friends, where we are able to guarantee that every child will have at least one of those five friends in their class for the following year, as per policy.

**Requests may relate to friendship groups, learning issues or family matters. Requests cannot be made regarding individual teachers and parents are unable to select their child's friends on their behalf.**

## **Building Progress**

Fingers crossed, tomorrow the STEM portable building will be dismantled and moved ready to be placed into its permanent position. Ground works will need to be done and then the new portable will be installed in several weeks. When complete we will be able to access our Library again.

## **2022 Foundation Enrolments**

We are currently taking enrolments for 2022. If you know of any families who have children to enrol for 2022 or you have younger siblings that you have not yet enrolled please obtain an enrolment form by contacting the office on 9850 1796 or email [templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) .

## **Leaving Families**

Can parents please notify the school if they will be leaving Templestowe Heights Primary School at the end of the school year. This helps us with our planning for the 2022 school year.

**Andrew Veal**

**Acting Principal**

## **School Council News**

Dear Parents, carers, friends and teachers,

Welcome back to school! It feels a bit strange to be saying that in week 3 of Term 4. Whilst it's not quite back to 'normal', hopefully this week will bring some semblance of normality back into your homes.

I'd like to share some changes with you that have occurred at School Council over the last few months. David Barnes who has been President for many years and led the council very successfully, elected to stand down. As Vice President, I have stepped into this role until February, when we nominate our office bearers. There is a lot going on at Council at the moment, including the building works and our After School provider tender renewal, so I will be using the school newsletter to share the great work of the Council.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching staff for their ongoing support and perseverance during Lockdowns 5 and 6. Moving to a hybrid remote learning/onsite learning model will be a challenge for us all, but I am confident that the teaching staff will continue to provide our children with the support they need to flourish in this environment.

**Kai Robotham**

**Acting School President**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021**

### **Term 4**

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>2022 Class Request Due</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School Production</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>House Athletics</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Stall</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Term 4 Ends – 1.30 Student Dismissal</b>
<b>Pupil Free Days</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

The office will be attended fulltime from next week. 8.30am to 4.30pm

Just a reminder that parents are not permitted inside the school buildings at this time. Should you need our assistance please on 9850 1796 call or email [templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## FIRST AID UPDATE

### Asthma and Hay fever (Allergic Rhinitis)

Due to the overlapping symptoms to COVID, children who suffer asthma and/or hay fever at this time of the year need to supply the school with the appropriate updated management plan. This plan needs to be completed by a doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacist. [Click here](#) for a copy of the plan.



### Term 4 Events

Active-a-thon	- date and details TBC	
Christmas Tart Drive	- partnering with Bakers Delight Macedon	December
Gingerbread House Kits	- take home activity for this year	December
Christmas Raffle	- rolled over from cancelled social night	December
Christmas Stall		Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Lawn Bowls parent social event	- date and details TBC	

More details on these events will be communicated to the community as regulations become clearer.

We can't wait to hold some of our traditional term 4 events this year!

### P&F volunteers

We love all the wonderful parents and guardians volunteering at our many events, when we can hold them. The Education Department will now require any volunteers to first provide their Proof of Vaccination Certificate to the school office before volunteering in any capacity. The school office will let you know when you need to provide these to them.

### 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](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)



# BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 2 2021 resumes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

## BASKETBALL IS BACK!

Any children wanting to try basketball for 4 weeks, we still have spots for 1/2 girls & 3/4 boys

For more information, please email Sarah & Kate [thpsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:thpsbasketball@gmail.com)

*GO HEIGHTS!!!*



# MINIBALL NEWS



## MINIBALL IS BACK!

Miniball registrations are now open for any Foundation children who would like to learn how to play basketball in term 4. We have a couple of spots for boys and girls.

Miniball starts Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November for 4 weeks.

Register your child using the link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BRYXN>

For more information, please email Sarah & Kate [thpsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:thpsbasketball@gmail.com)

*GO HEIGHTS!!!*



# Community News

## ATTENTION ALL KIDS



**Bulleentemplestowe CC  
WANTS YOU!**

**Season starts mid November**



**JUNIORS**  
Clayton  
0423 781 536

**SENIORS**  
Andrew  
0419 384 590

[btccjuniorcricket@gmail.com](mailto:btccjuniorcricket@gmail.com)

[bulleentemplestowecc@gmail.com](mailto:bulleentemplestowecc@gmail.com)

[www.bulleentemplestowecc.com](http://www.bulleentemplestowecc.com)

## WOMEN'S CRICKET AT BTCC



**Inner East Womens Social Cricket**

**Women's T20 Cricket**  
Season 21/22

**Season Starts in October**

Expressions of interest

Andrew 0419 384 590

Sarah 0412 200 545

[bulleentemplestowecc@gmail.com](mailto:bulleentemplestowecc@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto:alexandra.bruinewoud@education.vic.gov.au)

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**MANNINGHAM  
HAMMERS**  
CRICKET CLUB

**PLAY CRICKET IN MANNINGHAM  
THIS SUMMER!**

**BLAST BEGINNERS PROGRAM (4-8 YEARS)**

**JUNIOR TEAMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS (9-15 YEARS)**

**WOMENS INTRO TO CRICKET PROGRAM (ALL AGES)**

**SENIOR MENS CRICKET (ALL AGES)**




**SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS**

EMAIL: [PLAYMANNINGHAMCRICKET@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PLAYMANNINGHAMCRICKET@GMAIL.COM)

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK A SLOT IN OUR TEAMS

LOCATION- RIESCHIECKS RESERVE, GEORGE STREET

SHANNON: 0418162761 ; AAKARSH: 0451079636



# Give life. Give blood in Eltham.

**Eltham Community and Reception Centre**  
801 Main Rd, Eltham

18 October to 23 October



Monday 18 October	12.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 19 October	12.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 October	12.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 21 October	8.00am – 7.30pm
Friday 22 October	8.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 23 October	8.00am – 3.00pm

