

Our News



Templestowe Heights
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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”

Welcome Back to the New School Year

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back!

The summer break was a chance for students, staff, parents and carers to hopefully switch off for part of it and enjoy some quality time together. It has been so good to see all the students arrive back to school with such calmness and positivity. I have no doubt there have been many parents and carers happy to see the return to structure and routine after the summer break (I know I certainly have).

I have really enjoyed walking into every class and seeing how settled all the students are. This speaks volumes about how well prepared and planned our teachers and teacher aides are in delivering our “Start Up” program that supports all students in gaining an understanding of the expectations as a learner and the importance of building positive relationships from day one.



Congratulations Jacqui

Over the break Jacqui was finally able to tie the knot with her partner James. After three unsuccessful attempts (due to covid restrictions), they were finally able to on their fourth attempt. Jacqui, also a past THPS student, will now be Mrs Jacqui Roche. We wish Jacqui and James a happy and rich life together.



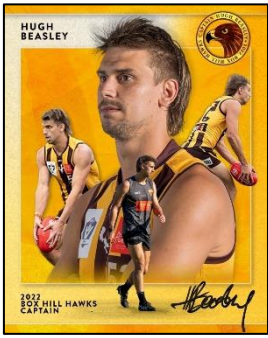
New staff, new faces

We would like to welcome our new staff who have officially commenced with us:

- Clare Harding (Tuesday art teacher)
- Jenna Milligan (Foundation team)
- Sam Charlton (Learning Specialist and yr. 1/2 leader)
- Christina Demetriou (yr. 3/4 team)
- Martin Ravindran (yr. 3/4 team)
- Julianna Alexeev (yr. 5/6 team)
- Sharni Rodda-Winden (yr. 5/6 team)

Starting at a new school can be challenging and we are so proud of the way our new students have transitioned so well into their new school. I am also proud of the way our community has welcomed our new students and we look forward to seeing them grow as learners.

Year 1/2	Tara (1/2C), Austin (1/2K)
Year 3/4	Lexi, Zoe, Jada (3/4H), Leo (3/4D)
Year 5/6	Owen, Eden (5/6B), Ivy (5/6F)



Congratulations Hugh

Never someone who wants a fuss, we would also like to congratulate Hugh Beasley (yr. 3/4 team) who has been selected by his peers to be Captain of the VFL Box Hill Hawks for the 2022 season, an outstanding achievement. We see Hugh's leadership skills transfer to all his students and the genuine care he has for everyone.

Chinese New Year

Happy new year for all our families that celebrate the Chinese lunar New year. I hope the year of the water tiger will bring much prosperity. I have already told Sean in 1/2V (who informed me he received a lot of red envelopes) that I will be coming to him if I need to borrow any money!



Student Voice JSC/Enviro Leaders Elections

Twice a year every class elects two students to the student voice leadership positions of Environmental and Junior School Councillor. Any student wanting to apply for these roles needs to prepare and present a speech. Attached to the newsletter notification is information regarding the roles and what students need to do to prepare.

Privacy Statement

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see the privacy Collection Notice at the end of this newsletter.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022	
Term 1	
Tuesday 1st February	Term 1 begins for students
Wednesday 9th February	School Swimming Carnival year 3 - 6
Tuesday 15th February	Visiting Nurse Forms to be Retuned – Foundation Students
Tuesday 22nd February	SCHOOL PHOTOS
TERM DATES 2022	
Term 1	Tuesday 1st February to Friday 8th April
Term 2	Tuesday 26th April to Friday 24th June
Term 3	Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September
Term 4	Monday 3rd October to Friday 20th December
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022	
Pupil Free Day	
Friday 28th January	
Monday 31st January	
Monday 30th May	
Monday 31st October	

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you enjoyed the break. The school office is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm everyday. Please direct all emails to templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au .

Family Contact List (Buzz List)

Every year the office compiles a class buzz list that is distributed to all members in your child's class. If you are new to the school you would have received a Compass notification asking you to complete the permission form if you would like to be included on this list. For existing families your details will carry over from last year's buzz list and you will automatically be included in your child's new class family contact list. If your details have changed please contact the office so we can update our system.

2022 Parent Payments

Parent Contributions 2022 notice was posted on COMPASS and again this year. Payments can be made via cash card or BPay. Forms are available at the office. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like to make alternative payment arrangements

Payment Due

Parent contributions - Monday 28th February

House swimming - Monday 7th February

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, QR code check-ins. The Education Department requires all volunteers to provide a Proof of Vaccination Certificate to the school office before volunteering in any capacity.

FIRST AID UPDATE

If your child has developed any new medical condition or his/her medical condition has changed since the end of last year please contact our school first aid officer Tanya Misquitta on Tanya.misquitta@education.vic.gov.au .

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

The secondhand uniform will be open from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th February.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9850 1796 and ask for an application form.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS (WWC)

All parents and carers wishing to help or visit the school must hold a valid WWC.

Go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au> to apply as a volunteer and present your card to the school office.

PARKING



At this busy time of the year, please be mindful of students and other drivers when parking around the school. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us. **The carpark is for staff only.** Please do not use the staff carpark for pickups and drops offs at any time.

VISITING PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSE

Nicole Joyce, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training, will be attending the school to conduct the Prep health assessments and to see other children as requested by teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide children in their first year of primary school with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

The confidential questionnaire will provide important information about your child's health so the nurse can make an effective assessment. If your child requires further assessment, such as vision, hearing or speech assessments the nurse will see him or her at school.

- If you would like your child to participate in the Primary School Nursing Program please indicate this by ticking the YES consent box (page 5), sign and fill out the questionnaire and return the completed student entrant health questionnaire to your child's school.

- If you do not wish your child to participate in the Primary School Nurse Program please tick the NO consent box (page 5), sign and return the student entrant health questionnaire to your child's school.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number is 0459 873 959.

Once completed, can you please return the questionnaires to your child's school teacher in the sealed envelope by the specified return date.

Thank you

Nicole Joyce



Welcome everyone!

Welcome back to school for another year. A warm welcome to all our new families joining our THPS community.

Buzz lists

If you are new to the school please ensure you have completed the permission form on the Compass portal for - Family contact list (Buzz list) – to ensure you are included in all Class Rep emails and information. For existing families your details will carry over from last year's buzz list.

Working With Children Check

Anyone who helps in any capacity at school must have a WWCC. It's free and easy to apply for online <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

Proof of Vaccination Certificate

Proof of full vaccination will be required to be provided to the school office prior to volunteering in any capacity at school or for school. This includes all indoor and outdoor events/activities, and any parents involved in helping with the basketball competition. Masks will also be required in line with government regulations.

THPS Gardening Group facebook page

Join the THPS closed facebook group by searching for THPS Gardening Group or using the link. The Gardening Group is run by the lovely Laura David (Helena Hutchison) and manages the roster over weekends and school holidays to water and take care of our school vegetable garden.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385/?ref=bookmarks>

THPS Chicken Roster

If you would like to be included in the chicken roster over weekends and school holidays, please contact the office to join the WhatsApp group. This task includes feeding the chickens, checking their food and water, and checking the nesting boxes for eggs.

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



BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1 2022 commences on Monday 21st February

BASKETBALL INFO NIGHT ONLINE

7.30pm MON 7th FEB

Everyone welcome to attend online – Kate Stacker’s Webex no 578 794 881

Team lists and registrations will be emailed out later this week

We have some spots still left in some of our teams.

For more information, please email Sarah & Kate thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!!



BASKETBALL NEWS



2022 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

Please register using the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BVVTP>

For more information, please email Sarah & Kate thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!!

Community News

#beabullant2022

BULLENTemplestowe JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

OPENDAY

SUN 13TH FEB
10AM - 1PM
BULLEEN PARK

WANT TO GIVE FOOTY A GO?
OR IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS?

JOIN OUR
FREE 6 WEEK - SKILLS SESSIONS
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Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)