

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 5

24th February 2022

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility
 “inspiring learners for life”

Foundation Information Night – 7.00pm - WebEx Number 579 980 226

**Parent/Carer Discussions Mon 28th Feb to Fri 4th March Via WebEx
 Booking Now Open**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Wellbeing at THPS

Student Wellbeing is an area we highly value at Templestowe Heights Primary School. All staff work to create a positive environment where students feel safe and supported, so that they can learn to the best of their abilities.

This year, Wellbeing will be predominantly interwoven into our teaching and learning through two main initiatives; Character Strengths through the *VIA Institute and Rights* as well as the *Resilience and Respectful Relationships*, through the Department of Education & Training.

You can support your child or children's wellbeing by continuing to use the language and strategies taught at school. To find out more about the initiatives at THPS, follow the link below and complete the short quiz to identify your own Character Strengths!

<https://www.viacharacter.org/character-strengths>

Information Evenings

Thank you to our families for logging in on Tuesday night for our Year 1-6 information webinar. There were some great questions as relevant information was presented about our programs at THPS. A big thank you to all our staff for logging in and for our leadership for presenting on site. The slides can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

Parent/Carer Conferences

Parent/carers teacher discussions will take place from Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March via WebEx. Bookings can be made via Compass until Friday 25th February 4.30pm. To book click on the 3 line symbol on the top left hand corner of your screen, then select 'Conferences'. Teacher WebEx numbers will be send out to all parents via Compass..

Assemblies

Congratulations to the year 6 leaders for their outstanding delivery of our online assemblies. They were prepared, organised and supportive of one another as they presented the assembly through the agenda and script they had independently organised. If you would like to be an audience member to our WebEx online assemblies, simply log into the WebEx room number 579 980 226.



School Council Nominations

Just a reminder that information was sent out in our Monday weekly communication, calling on nominations for anyone wanting to become part of our school council. These positions are a 2-year tenure, where the role entails supporting our school in a governing capacity (financial, policy and buildings & grounds). If you would like to know more about what council do, please read the information that was provided on Monday. Nominations close on Monday 28th February.

Writing Moderation

This year all year 3/4 students are participating in our innovative comparative judgement writing moderation test. This international project is run through *No More Marking*, a research organisation that uses a process where teachers compare two written responses (there are no names on the student's writing to identify who they are, removing bias). Following repeated comparison, the resulting data is statistically modelled and responses placed on a scale of relative quality. The process is remarkably quicker than a traditional moderation task where groups of teachers stand around judging one piece of writing for a very long time only to come up with all differing scores. We are looking forward to seeing our students growth when they undertake a similar test at the end of the school year. For more information about comparative judgement, visit: <https://www.nomoremarking.com/>



Building Works Update

It's all systems go on our two building sites. The framing has gone up for our new library, sick bay and staffroom. The sound of big machines cutting through slabs of concrete has been a welcome relief to listening to Mr Veal's voice. The foundations on the STEAM building have almost been complete, the depth of the trenches where the concrete has been poured demonstrating just how big the building will be. The project is currently on track and no delays to date (fingers crossed).



Early Arrivals

As I mentioned at our online assembly and in following our Supervision Policy, we are unable to supervise students who arrive on our school grounds prior to 8:45am. For any child that arrives prior to this time, they must be supervised by a parent. We understand how much our students love our school and want to get there early, however this time prior to 8:45am is for our teachers and support staff to prepare and get organised for the day ahead.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

Term 1

Thursday 24 th February	Foundation Information Night – 7.00pm - Webex no. 579 980 226
Monday 28 th February	Local Walking and PG Movie Permissions Due Parent Payment Contributions Due
Mon 28 th Feb to Fri 4 th March	Parent Teacher Discussions
Monday 14 th March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 16 th March	School Council Meeting – 7.00pm

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1	Tuesday 1 st February to Friday 8 th April
Term 2	Tuesday 26 th April to Friday 24 th June
Term 3	Monday 11 th July to Friday 16 th September
Term 4	Monday 3 rd October to Friday 20 th December

Pupil Free Days

Monday 30 th May
Monday 31 st October

FROM THE OFFICE

School Leader Photos

The order form and payment for the school leader photos is due tomorrow, Friday 25th February.

Family Contact List (Buzz List)

We have made changes to the way we collect information for our class contact lists. If you haven't done so already, your class rep will be in contact with you shortly asking if you would like to be included on this list.

Local Walking Permission

From time to time students take part in local walking excursions in the neighbourhood under the supervision of our staff. **All families are invited to provide consent** for this via the Events tab in their Compass account. This permission is due by Monday 28th February.

PG Movie Permission

Occasionally students will watch PG Movies at school, while attending excursions, or on school camp under the supervision of our staff. **If you are new to the school you would have received a Compass** notification inviting you to complete the permission in the events tab. For existing families your previous permission will carry over for the duration that your child will be at our school. This permission is due by Monday 28th February.

2022 Parent Payments

Parent Contributions 2022 notices are available from the school office. Payments can be made via cash visa, Mastercard, EFTPOS or BPay. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like to make alternative payment arrangements. Payment is due by Monday 28th February

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

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

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

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

DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Monday our amazing swimmers went to Aquarena to compete at the District Swimming Sports.

Everyone did an amazing job and represented THPS so well. I was so happy to see our students show great sportsmanship by congratulating winners from other schools.

Good luck to Layan as she goes on to compete in the Butterfly and Breaststroke events at the Division Swimming Competition next week!





SAVE THE DATE - Parent Social Night – Barefoot Bowls – Fri 1st March

We will be holding our first Barefoot Bowls evening on Friday 1st March 5.30-8.30pm. It will be a casual social event for parents to meet, welcome the new school year and have some fun.

Run For The Kids

Jane Young (Rose 5/6B) is organising a THPS team for the Run For The Kids on Sunday 3rd April. If you'd like to join us please register to the group - Templestowe Heights Primary School - using the password: Goheights!! <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=44420&G=147485>

If you'd like to support the team but can't participate, the fundraising page can be found at <https://runforthekids2021-2022.gofundraise.com.au/page/TEMPLESTOWEHEIGHTSPRIMA22534987>



Buzz lists

You have been sent your Class Rep's contact details via email and on Compass this week. Please provide your contact details to your Class Rep ASAP to be included on the class Buzz List. Being included on the Buzz List will ensure you are included in all P&F and Class Rep emails and information. Buzz lists will be sent out over the next couple of weeks via email from your Class Rep.

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 Parents & Friends Community Facebook page

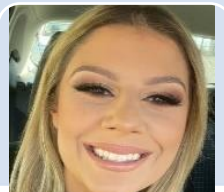
Join the THPS closed Facebook group by searching for THPS Parents & Friends Community and answering the question <https://www.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385>

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah thpspaf@gmail.com

Week 3 Term 1



Michael
Coordinator



Tori
Educator



Theodora
Educator



Natalia
Area Manager

This week's program was based on our children having a strong sense of belonging to the service, this week's theme was 'Expectations talk'. We began the week with a group chat, we spoke about what is Expectations and what it means to the children. We continued by asking the students what they expect of us and we expressed what we expect of them

Our first activity was the birthday candle's. All the children were very excited to write their birthdays on the candle and have them put on display. We then place giant cupcake poster on the white board and placed each child's birthday around the cupcake.

We have provided each child with their own portfolio, here they can express themselves within the book however they like; some may draw, write, or paste in their coloring in sheets. As well as it being a great source of expression, it is a fantastic way for us to get to know the students even better.

We have found that the students love going to the gym. In the gym the students have been playing basketball, hokey or tag games. We have managed to take them to the gym nearly every 'after school' sessions because the students have suggested it daily. We will always take their suggestions onboard and run sessions based upon them having an excellent time.

We ended the week focusing on an 'all about me' profile, this allowed us to get to know each individual student that little bit more. Whilst doing this activity the students chatted amongst themselves and spoke about their similarities within their likes and dislikes. This activity helped us as educations as we can continue to cater towards their likes and plan a program with activities that spark their interest.

Important Information

BSC Hours: 7.00am – 8.45am

ASC Hours: 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Service Phone: 0484 511 125

Community News



Learn **Greek*** | **Japanese*** | **Korean** **Spanish***

FOUNDATION - YEAR 12 (VCE)

Other languages can be offered based on demand



VSL Doncaster Centre

Doncaster Secondary College
123 Church Road, Doncaster

Thursdays 4.15pm-7.15pm

COST: Foundation-Year 10 \$80 per year
Year 11-12 (VCE) \$95 per year

Please contact the Area Manager on
03 9840 0082 or east1@vsl.vic.edu.au

For further information or to enrol online, go to
www.vsl.vic.edu.au or scan the QR code.

All information correct at time of printing and is subject to change.

**Students can continue with select languages via VSL Distance Education.
For further information, please contact VSL Head Office on 03 9474 0500.*



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OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 13TH FEB
10 AM - 1PM

BULLEEN PARK



GOLD COIN donation gets you:

Sausage in Bread, Icy Pole, Drink & Popcorn
Bring a little spare change
with ALL funds going towards our Development Programs.



MEET THE BULLANTS COACHES

TEAM TRAINING TIMES:

9.00am	Under 12s	10.30am	Under 8 & 9s
10.00am	Under 10s	11.00am	Under 13s
	Under 14s	12pm	Under 16s
10.15am	Under 11s		



*Do you want to learn new skills, make new friends,
keep fit – why not play netball?*

Places are still available for U11 & U13

We are part of the Doncaster & Districts Netball Association which plays on Saturdays at Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre, Outdoor Netball Courts (Cnr Foote Street & Anderson Street, Templestowe).

Registrations for Autumn 2022 are **now open**. All new registrations will receive a complimentary East Doncaster Netball Club training top & drink bottle.

Come down and train with us this Friday night from 4.30pm-5.30pm



For more information please visit our website
<http://eastdoncasternc.com.au/registrations>



2022

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

3 & 4 Year Old Kindergarten

About Us

Vista Valley Kindergarten is nestled amongst naturally landscaped gardens. It is an established kindergarten with an atmosphere that promotes individuality in a happy, friendly and secure environment.

We are a community based, not-for-profit kindergarten providing high quality early childhood education.

We endeavour to inspire children's learning through the five learning outcomes of **Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication**. Individualised and group learning programs are guided by 'The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework', designed and implemented by highly experienced and trained educators.

Get Involved

Joining the **Committee of Management** is a great opportunity for parents to be a part of the running and decision making at the kindergarten, as well as getting to know other parents in the kinder community.

Session Times

3 year old program – Caterpillar Group

Monday & Friday
9:15 am – 1:15 pm [8 hours]

4 year old program – Butterfly Group

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:15 am – 2:15 pm [15 hours]

For more information

Visit www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au or call 9850 4043 to arrange a tour today! Enrolments open to children from 2 years of age.

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BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1 2022 has commenced!

We still have some spots left in some of our teams-
3/4 girls & 3/4 boys

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

GO HEIGHTS!!!