

Principal Report – February 2022



Templestowe Heights
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enrolments

1. Currently have 442 students enrolled.

Foundation	73	4 grades at 18 or 19 students
Year 1/2	132	6 grades at 21 -23 students
Year 3/4	110	5 grades at 22 -23 students
Year 5/6	127	5 grades at 23 – 26 students

Strategic Goals and Priorities

2022 Priorities Goal	
Key Improvement Strategy (KIS)	<i>Learning - Support both those who need extra support and those who have thrived to continue to extend their learning, especially in numeracy.</i>
Actions to support KIS in Jan/Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff phonics PD and SOLAR 4-week course.• Lesson slides being implemented across all year levels, incorporating Rosenshine's Principles and further enhancing consistency of lesson delivery.• Students identified and participating in the Victorian High Ability Program.• PD on supporting high ability students in the classroom, facilitated by our enrichment teacher Janine Reid.• Indicative Budget prepared by Margaret to support the improvement strategies being implemented.• F-2 classes implementing the new phonics curriculum.• Establishment of Assessment and STEM vertical teams
Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Assessment Schedule✓ Assessment and STEAM vertical team document✓ Google Lesson Slides✓ Drafted Literacy Scope and Sequence
Key Improvement Strategy (KIS)	<i>Wellbeing – Effectively mobilise available resources to support students' wellbeing and mental health, especially the most vulnerable.</i>
Actions to support KIS in Jan/Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellbeing leaders Emma and Liz attended all day workshop on Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program.• Wellbeing vertical team established• F-2 and Year 3-6 wellbeing curriculum planner planned/implemented.
Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Wellbeing curriculum document✓ Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships framework.

Staffing

1. Jaime Buccilli (PE), Clare Harding (one day per week Art), Jenna Milligan (Foundation team), Samantha Charlton (learning specialist and year 1/2 leader), Christina Demetriou, Martin Ravindran (3/4 team), Sharni Rodda-Winden, Julianna Alexeev (5/6 team) and Benjamin Morris (technical support).
2. Ben Souvatzis will be on leave for term 1, Sharni Rodda-Winden is replacing him as 5/6 teacher.
3. Mary Wakefield has retired after 21 years as an integration aide; her own children having gone through the school.
4. Chandradeep Chakravorty has retired after approximately 20 years as Technical Support at THPS.
5. Hugh Beasley (3/4 team) has been appointed VFL Box Hill Hawks captain for 2022.

6. Jacqui finally tied the knot (4th attempt to host her wedding) with the lovely James.

Professional Learning

1. All staff participated in a pupil free day on 28th January where they participated in sessions on; how to build effective lesson slides (presented by Janneke Koenen), introduction into phonics (presented by Samantha Charlton) and writing assessment and instruction (presented by Jeanette).
2. All teachers in Foundation – Year 1 and Year 2, Lisa Clark (literacy intervention), Jeanette and Andrew are currently participating in weekly *Science of Learning and Reading* online workshops. These 90minute workshops are on at night time and is aimed at developing teacher/leadership capacity to implement our new literacy curriculum.

Community Life

1. I say this every year, but the students have come back so settled and ready to learn. Our new staff have all been so positive and professional.
2. Foundation first day was a huge success. The students looked a little tired in the afternoon of their first full day. The Foundation team are a well-oiled machine.
3. On Wednesday 9th students in year 3-6 participated in our annual Swimming Carnival. Jaime Buccilli did a terrific role in only her second week on the job organising a big event. The students all enjoyed the day away and luckily no one got sunburnt.
4. Delivery of the next batch of RATs has arrived. Students will receive the pack of 5 that will last for another two weeks. We have been really happy with the way our families are adhering to the recommendations. Confirmed case numbers are very low.
5. Air purifiers have been installed across the school.
6. P&F met with Margaret, Andrew and myself to discuss and finalise the events permitted in the current climate. Teachers are on the case of contacting their class reps, a big thank you to the fab-4 for being so proactive.
7. Andrew did a massive amount of moving over the break so a massive thank you and endless supply of strawberry milkshakes are now part of his contract. Portables installed and ready. Building site levelled, massive footings for the elevator being dug. Demolition completed and framing of west building occurring next week.
8. The Member for Eastern Metropolitan, Sonja Terpstra MP, (for the Minister for Education) will be visiting this Friday on 18th February to hand out prep bags to new students.
9. Student elections are currently taking place for student voice positions. Students are also busily preparing for Year 6 leadership positions including STEM, Enviro, Art and Performing Art positions. Our House Captains have already been elected:

Bradman House	Cuthbert House	Newcombe House	Goolagong House
Marlo and Thomas	Charlotte and Rhys	Ashley and Joshua	Willow and Arman

10. School assemblies have commenced on a Friday at 3pm via online.