

# Our News



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

*Newsletter Term 1 Week 7*

*10<sup>th</sup> March 2022*

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Labour Day Public Holiday**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Mary Wakefield

On Friday we farewelled Mary Wakefield, who retired after 17 years as our dedicated education support staff member. Mary was also our school librarian, raising significant funds to purchase books through her running of the scholastic book fund raising events. She was also a past parent at our school and resident-security guard, spotted regularly on weekends and after hours walking through our school grounds. Thank you Mary for your significant contribution to the narrative of THPS and we look forward to seeing you every Thursday volunteering in the art room, doing what you love, working with children.



#### Extra-Curricular Clubs

On Wednesday before-school we had over 40 students participate in our morning running club lead by our PE Teacher Jaime Buccilli. The course was 500m and it was so good to see so many students get active and healthy. Thank you to Hugh Beasley for also running along and supporting the students. On Wednesday recess time we also have our Remote-Control Car Club, where students can bring along their cars and race them in the school gym. The surface allows the cars to go extra fast and the students are enjoying being “rev heads” in a relatively safe environment. In the coming weeks and next term, more opportunities for extra-curricular clubs will be advertised through the newsletter and at assemblies.



#### Professional Learning

As part of our school's strategic focus around developing teacher capability, all teaching staff have **recently participated in two professional learning sessions aimed at growing their skills, knowledge** and understandings of teaching and learning practices. Janine Reid (enrichment and Victorian High Ability Program leader) workshopped with all staff on the need to support high ability students with a framework to support identified students working well above levels. Jeanette Breen (learning specialist and year 3/4 leader) has also workshopped with all staff on deepening our theoretical understandings of what effective teaching and learning of writing looks like. For more information on the framework and guiding principles that drives our approaches, read Jeanette's blog:

<https://thinkforwardeducators.org/blog/2022-the-writing-revolution-in-an-australian-context>

## Building Works Update

Another week and things are still moving ahead. The construction of our *Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics* building had the first round of concrete poured on the base and foundations in our administration building, there is no more cutting into the concrete slab, it is time for new concrete to be poured now that all the pipes have been laid.

## Hats

Just a reminder that as part of our SunSmart Policy, school hats must be worn mid-August through to the end of April. For any child that does not have a school hat we have a few to purchase at the office, otherwise please visit the PSW uniform shop at 12 Strathalbyn St, Kew East VIC 3102PSW or purchase online at <https://www.psw.com.au>

## Smart Watches

As part of our school's Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy, students who wear smart watches to school must disable the function that permits them from receiving and sending calls or SMS messages. The policy is being reviewed, with a consideration that smart watches will need to be handed in at the start of each day to their class teachers, in much the same way mobile phones must be handed into the office.

## School closed

Just a reminder our school will be closed on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March for the labour day public holiday. School will reopen on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## Rhys Coulson

### Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

### Term 1

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting – 6.00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent Social Night – Barefoot Bowls 5.30 to 8.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Raffle Draw

### TERM DATES 2022

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

### Pupil Free Days

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Student Safety

Safety in and around the streets surrounding our school and the staff car park must be the number one priority of our school community. Please do not park in or walk through the car park and be patient and courteous when parking around the school. **The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us.**

### School Fees

2022 school fees are now overdue. Please contact the office to arrange payment.

# **RUNNING CLUB!**

**Where:** Outside the gym

**When:** Every Wednesday at 8:15am - 8:45am

**Who:** Grade 3-6 students. Parents are welcome too!

**Why:** To improve our fitness, get our bodies moving and prepare for Cross Country in Term 2.

All skill levels are welcome! 😊



What an amazing turnout for the first Running Club session of 2022!!

## **INTERSCHOOL SPORTS NEWS!!**

Results from this week's games:  
Templestowe Heights PS vs Warrandyte PS

Bat tennis 45-18

Rounders Open 1-11

Rounders Girls 5-8

Softball Girls 5-4

Good luck to Teddy 5/6S, Ayden 5/6S, Gabe 5/6B and Priscilla 5/6S as they head off to Serpell PS tomorrow for a Tennis round robin tournament.



Student	Class	HIGH FLYERS WEEK 6
Ava	1/2J	Ava, you have shown persistence and determination during your learning this week. It has been fantastic to see you trying so hard with your handwriting and to form your letters correctly. It has been noted how well you have been cooperating with your learning buddy as well! Keep it up Ava! We love having you in 1/2J.
Stanley	1/2V	Stanley this week I have spotted you thinking thoughtfully about those around you. You have shown kindness to peers by sharing, and thinking of their needs before your own. Thank you for reflecting on your behaviour and being mindful of your actions. 1/2V and I love the energy and excitement you bring with you to school each day. Keep up the great work Stan the man!
Cooper	3/4J	Cooper, you have displayed the courage to jump in and have a go at new and tricky things, like morphology. You have the courage to share your ideas in front of the class and this helps you grow your bravery and also helps others to grow theirs. Keep it up, Cooper. What an inspiration!
Janan	1/2K	Janan, you are our High Flyer this week because you consistently show the Character Strengths of Kindness, Love and Teamwork. You always make an effort to work together with your learning buddy and to support them with their learning. You show curiosity and a love of learning, which is evident in your creatively worded sentences! Keep on doing what you are doing, Janan! We love having you in our classroom community.
Ben	1/2R	You have made a wonderful start to the year! You have demonstrated kindness and teamwork in supporting your peers and making sure everyone is safe and happy in our classroom. It has been great to see your confidence grow and we can't wait to see what you achieve in your role as Junior School Councillor this term.
Orly Alex Isabel	5/6A	You showed fantastic teamwork and creativity as you worked with your group to create your poster encouraging others to stop using plastic straws. You should be proud of the effort you put into your work, as well as the way that you worked together to produce an informative and eye-catching poster.
Charlotte	5/6S	You are receiving a High Flyer award for applying a 'Give It All I've Got' attitude to everything you do. I enjoyed the break you gave me when you took over the reading of the class novel. Your peers were eagerly listening to what was unfolding in the text. Your expression and fluency were perfect! (I think I've lost my job!!)
Oliver	5/6F	Oli, you walk into our classroom every morning with a big, contagious smile on your face! 5/6F enjoys your sense of humour and the positive mindset you bring to your learning. You're a kind friend to all of your classmates, always willing to help them out when you can.
Christina	5/6K	Christina you continue to demonstrate a love of learning and a passion to grow your understanding in all areas of the curriculum. We love the contributions you make to classroom discussions and your willingness to support others. Thank you for being a wonderful member of 5/6K.
Eloise	5/6B	Eloise, you have really kicked off Year 5 with a bang! You have consistently demonstrated your love of learning and curiosity while we have been exploring our Ethics and Emotions Inquiry unit. We have loved hearing your perspective in our discussions. Keep it up!
Miller	3/4H	Throughout the week 3/4H have been working on contributing to class conversations and staying engaged. This week Miller has done an incredible job of being engaged in the classroom content, actively listening to others and connecting ideas across multiple subjects, particularly in Inquiry. Great job Miller.
Tyler	3/4D	Tyler can give things a red hot go and not give up when something challenges him. Tyler has shown significant growth in all areas of his schoolwork. Congratulations Tyler, keep persevering.

Lionel	1/2M	For your diligent approach to learning. You are always willing in class, completing your work quickly and quietly. You always put in 100% and you have the results to show for this. Well done Lionel. You are a star!
Rafael	3/4R	Congratulations to Rafael for receiving this week's high flyer award. You have shown great improvements in self-regulation and have demonstrated a sense of maturity when receiving feedback. In addition, you have shown bravery and honesty on the yard in how you look out for your peers on the yard. Great job!



### Pizza Night - Parent Social Night - Fri 1st April

We will be holding our first Barefoot Bowls evening on Friday 1st April 5.30-8.30pm. It will be a casual social event for parents to meet, welcome the new school year and have some fun in a relaxed environment. Pizzas will be provided, drinks at bar prices. This event is for ADULTS ONLY – no children. Tickets are \$35 each online until Thurs 17th March <https://www.trybooking.com/BXXAZ>

### Easter Raffle & donations

The highly anticipated annual Easter Raffle will be drawn in the final assembly of term 1 on Friday 8th April. Raffle tickets for each student will be sent home after the March long weekend and will need to be returned by Monday 4th April. We are asking families to donate bought items to be included in the raffle hampers. Please bring donations into the office anytime after the long weekend until the last Monday (4th April) of term. Please check ingredients and ensure all items are **NUT FREE**. Any Easter themed items welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets.

### Bakers Delight Lunch Orders

We have partnered with our local Bakers Delight to offer Tuesday lunch orders for our families.

Please use the link to order <http://bit.ly/thps-lunches> . 20% of each order will be donated back to our school. Orders close each week at 5pm on Sundays and will be delivered to school before lunchtime on Tuesdays.

### 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. 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 and will also enable you to contact other families in your child's class to arrange playdates and activities outside of school time.

### 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://wvcv.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.

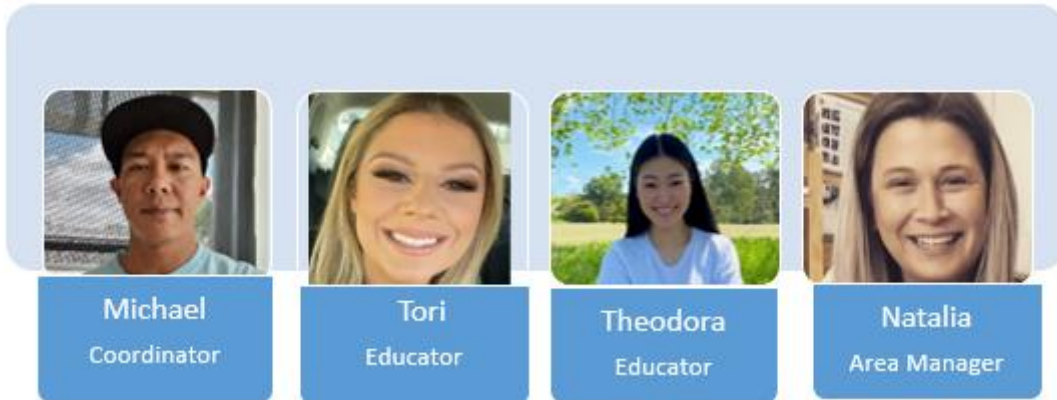
### THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page

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](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)



## Term 1



We had an amazing week 5 at Theircare, Michael introduced a new game that the children now enjoy it was called Poison ball. We started to play this game in the morning before the children go to school. They love trying to beat Michael and Tori by being the last one standing or by getting us out. We had a successful session baking chocolate and vanilla cupcakes as a group! We saw the students work as a team by reading the instructions themselves, mixing, adding ingredients, panning the cupcakes, and icing them! They had to work out amongst themselves who does what and making sure all roles have an equal opportunity in participation.

We also had an opportunity for the students to do water colour painting, we begun by painting beaches and finished the session by allowing the students to paint whatever they please! The students loved this! They have been asking us if we can do more painting in the future- and we sure will!

Another popular activity amongst the students is playing with clay! We have a selection of foam-based clays, long lasting craft clays and playdoh. Some students would create foods to use when playing shops while others would create their favourite characters such as Pikachu.

As a team we have noticed that most of our students love Pokémon! Because of this, the following weeks focus will have aspect of Pokémon- such as build your favourite Pokémon out of clay or painting Pokémon. The non-Pokémon lovers will use the same art supplies but draw/build their favourite characters.

### **Important Information**

**BSC Hours:** 7.00am – 8.45am

**ASC Hours:** 3.30pm – 6.00pm

**Service Phone:** 0484 511 125

**Head Office:** 1300 072 410

**Templestowe Heights Theircare will be closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> March**



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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – MINIBALL**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION**  
**2022 – TERM 2**



Dear Parents

We are now asking for expressions of interest for children that would like to take part in the Bulleen Miniball Competition for Term 2.

This competition takes place **after school** on a Friday at Bulleen Stadium in Sheahans Rd and is aimed at teaching prep aged children the rules and techniques of basketball while playing a game.

Drop down rings are lowered for Miniball and are a good height for children of this age.

Games run for 35 minutes, start times vary each week and are between 4.10 – 6.10pm.

The umpire and coaches are on the court throughout the game to explain the rules and instructions to the players. The game consists of 2 x 15 minute halves and is not scored.

Learning the rules and how to play the game, whilst having fun, are the main goals of Miniball.

No previous experience is necessary.

The season commences the first week of term 2 (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April) and runs for 9 weeks.

***We will need parents/relatives to help coach and manage the teams or it will not be possible.***

Please let us know if you can take on or help with either of these roles. Previous basketball or coaching experience is not necessary. You will need a current Working With Children Check which is free to apply for online <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/> and be fully vaccinated for COVID.

Cost - \$75 per child for the term (we will email you the registration link from Bulleen later).

**Uniform** – players wear their school uniform – light blue polo and navy shorts/skort/pants and sneakers.

Expression of Interest Registration – is free using this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXWUY> as soon as possible so we have an idea of player numbers.

SARAH MABIN & KATE STACKER  
SCHOOL DELEGATES

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

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THE TRYBOOKING LINK**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BXWUY>





## Community News

### NORTHERN SHUKOKAI KARATE



#### CLASSES

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(3 & 4 years)  
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(Under 8 years)  
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(8-15 years)  
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### NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE

19th March 10am - 4pm

Eltham Community & Reception  
Centre  
801 Main Road, Eltham

Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group  
Inc. No. A0039676Y



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

**GO HEIGHTS!!!**



### BASKETBALL NEWS



Miniball is back in Term 2!

Miniball will be starting next term for any Foundation kids interested in learning how to play basketball. No previous experience is required. Miniball takes place after school on a Friday at Bulleen Stadium and is aimed at teaching prep aged children the rules and techniques of basketball while playing a game. Commences the first week of term 2 (Friday 29th April) and runs for 9 weeks.

Enrol via the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BXWUY>

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

**GO HEIGHTS!!!**

# Open Night\*

## Thursday 17 March 2022

\* By booking only



## East Doncaster Secondary College

Bookings must be made to attend and receive a COVID Safe College Tour, starting at **5:30pm**, with the last tour departing at **7:05pm**.

**Pre-Purchase tickets at:** <http://www.trybooking.com/BXPZO>

For tour times and more information visit [www.eastdonsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.eastdonsc.vic.edu.au)

Tickets will not be available on the night.

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**DONCASTER**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

# 2022 Open Night

## Wednesday, 23 March

5.15pm - 7.15pm

Meet outside the Performance Centre

### JUNIOR • MIDDLE • SENIOR

Discover how our NEW mini-school structure and vision will target and enhance your child's learning journey.

**Bookings**  
are essential

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