

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 1

28th April 2022

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”

Welcome Back To The New School Term

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back

After two long-weekends in a row, I hope families had an opportunity to recharge and spend some quality time together. While it is good to get into different habits over the break, snapping back into school routine can sometimes be a shock. So far it has been a calm and orderly return by our students.

I would like to welcome Jane Robinson as member of the Foundation team. Jane replaces Jacqui Roche (Foundation R) and is very excited about getting to know her class. We would also like to welcome Jess Smith, who joins us as Education Support team member, working across several classrooms supporting some of our students. Lastly, I would like to welcome back again Peter Sartori, who will be 5/6B's teacher for term 2.

Throughout the first week we have also welcomed new students; *Shion, Lara (5/6F), Toby (3/4R), Tommy (3/4B), Leah (1/2R) and Tex (Foundation R)*. We look forward to seeing you all grow as learners.

We also like to bid farewell to Jacqui Roche (ne Nicolazzo) as she takes family leave awaiting the safe arrival of her first child with partner James.

Year 6/7 Transition

It is that time of year again when families of our year 6 students nominate what secondary school they want their child to attend in 2023. It is also a reminder of just how quickly time flies, as I remember these year 6 students commencing at Templestowe Heights like it was yesterday.

Bring Your Own Device Parent/Carer Information Evening

Next Thursday at 7pm parents and carers of students in year 5/6 are invited to an information evening. The purpose of the session is to inform parents and carers of the new online safety program THPS will be using, to minimise the risks associated with online safety. The program is called JAMF, and our Technical Support Officer, Ben Morris, will be on hand to answer any questions participants may have on the night. WebEx number 571 909 455.

ANZAC Day Service

On Thursday school captains Faith and Quentin attended our local ANZAC Day service. The service was hosted by Templestowe RSL and on behalf of our school community Piscilla and Quentin laid a wreath at the Templestowe Cenotaph.



Cross Country

This afternoon (hot off the press!) all students in years 3-6 participated in the school house cross country event. Our students gave their all as they ran either 2 or 3km around our school course. The top 10 finishers in every age group now move onto the district competition where they represent our school.



Building works update

As you may have already noticed there was a significant amount of building works undertaken over the two-week break. We now have a new roof, gutters and there are new skylights and ceilings being placed in both our buildings. We found and plugged our water leak and laid a dug an enormous trench to lay a new power and data cable line.



Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 2

Thursday 5 th May	Parents and Friends Meeting 9.15am - WebEx 579 980 226
Thursday 5 th May	Year 5/6 BYO Device Information Evening -Online – WebEx 571 909 455
Friday 6 th May	Mothers' Day Stall and Breakfast
Saturday 21 st May	Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall
Wed 25 th to Fri 27 th May	Year 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island
Thursday 23 rd June	School Ball Year 3-6

TERM DATES 2022

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

Payments Due

Mothers' Day stall– Tuesday 3rd May

Year 5/6 Camp first instalment \$130 – 6th May

Year 5/6 camp second instalment \$125 – 18th May

Have you moved house or changed contact details?



It is important that we have your most current details in case of an emergency. It is also important that you keep your mobile phone number, home address and email address details up to date. This is to ensure you do not miss out on vital information including student attendance alerts. Please find attached the change of details form. Complete the required changes and return this form to the school office or via email at:

templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Lost Property

Our lost property tub is already overflowing. Please come to the office to collect any lost items. All items not collected will be donated to the secondhand uniform shop.

Enrichment News

Throughout Term 1 we participated in the Victorian High Ability English Programme (VHAP English). The aim of this on-line programme was to provide opportunities for us to problem-solve, collaborate with peers and engage in lots of challenging writing tasks. At the end of this programme we had created an extended text. We have included the blurbs to our texts below.

The Starless Land

*"The time will come for your demise,
Beware of the ones you make your enemies,
Beware of the ones with the mark and the mismatched eyes,
The one you imprison will become your master,
Ignorance will make fate come faster."*

Lux and Illene are twins, living in an orphanage under the rule of a cruel master. A visit to the local cemetery could seem uneventful, but you never know. It could change their lives forever!

By Gemma 5/6B



The Magic Within

Gwen lives in a picturesque forest, free of turmoil. But one day everything changes. Gwen finds out she has hidden powers that she must discover in order to protect the forest she calls home. She must embark on a journey in which she meets many allies and enemies and risks her life many times all for the forest. But on the way, Gwen discovers a secret so shocking that she is not sure if she will ever be able to return home!

By Priscilla 5/6S



Warrior in the Midst

Alinta steps into an alternate universe to discover the balance between good and evil, to know where her heart truly lies. This book, 'Warrior In The Midst', is action-packed and fast paced, full of thrill and adventure.

"Alinta checked her reflection in her handheld mirror, with detailed and ornate engravings, the last thing her father had given her before he had died. As she was examining her reflection, the mirror's engravings lit up. Alinta jumped back, stunned, as a wise and evenly controlled voice spoke from the mirror."

"You have come, Alinta. You are strong, and that is exactly what I need from you. Tomorrow at twilight, come to the crypt of the church to discuss your future. I trust you, and don't let me down. Remember, at twilight..." The voice faded, and the lights on the mirror vanished like fog on a sunny day. Alinta sank onto her bed, contemplating on whether to trust this stranger, or to ignore what had just happened."

By Odette 5/6F



LEGO CLUB

The students of THPS would like to start a Lego club. We require donations of Lego to the school for this club to begin. If you have any Lego that you would kindly like to donate, please bring it to school office. We can't wait to see what the students create in the near future.



Events

We have a busy term ahead. Our annual Mother's Day breakfast and stall will be held next Friday 6th May. Our election day sausage sizzle and cake stall will be held on Saturday 21st May. We are busy planning our annual parent social event for sometime in June. Keep an eye on the newsletter, Compass and our Facebook page for more info on these exciting events.

Term 2 Class Rep/Parents & Friends meeting

Our Term 2 Parents & Friends/Class Rep meeting will be next Thursday 5th May, at 9.15 – 10am on WebEx number 579 909 455 to discuss the term 2 events. *Everyone is welcome.*

Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 6th May

Join us anytime between 8-9am with your child/ren and enjoy a hot chocolate and a treat to celebrate how special you are! We will be serving food and drink through the canteen window. A huge thank you to Krispy Kreme Bulleen and The French Lettuce in Bulleen for generously donating yummy donuts for the mums to enjoy.

Mother's Day Stall – Friday 6th May

Our annual Mother's Day Stall is on next Friday. Your child can choose something special for their mum, grandmother or another important person from a wonderful selection of gifts. Gifts must be pre-paid and are \$5 each. Thanks to Bec Banez and Julie Ceravolo for leading this event. Thank you to Bunnings Doncaster for kindly donating plants for the stall. We are hoping regulations will allow a few volunteers to help out on the stall. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us thpspaf@gmail.com.

Easter Raffle & donations

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and who generously donated items for the hampers for the Easter raffle prizes. We raised \$1777! This money will contribute towards re-developing the front entrance to our school. Winners were published on Compass at the end of last term.

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/>

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



Miniball starts tomorrow!

We still have some spots left in our teams for any foundation kids interested in learning to play basketball

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

GO HEIGHTS!!!

Student	Class	HIGH FLYERS WEEK 11 Term 1
Greg	12C	For demonstrating a love of learning and trying hard to take on challenges in class. You always put your best effort into our Literacy sessions and I can always hear your voice clearly when we practice our sounds. It has been great to see you showing kindness and using your initiative to help others when you notice they need a hand. Keep it up, Greg!
Holly	12K	Holly, a big congratulations for all your effort this term! You have worked really hard to progress your learning, and it shows! Your persistence and commitment to your learning is evident. You have put in the extra effort and persisted even when challenged. We hope you feel proud of how hard you have been working. Keep up the great work, Holly!
Lachlan	1/2R	Lachie, you have shown great due diligence in 1/2R this term by ensuring that all students are following our expectations and are feeling happy and safe in our classroom. You ask clarifying questions, showing your curiosity and passion for learning. This is reflected in the high quality of your work. On top of this, you always manage to bring zest and humour into our discussions. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and personality with us, we cannot wait to see what you achieve in 1/2R this year.
Rayson	12V	Every morning you bound into our classroom with a bundle of energy and a big smile on your face. We love that you are always offering excellent ideas during whole-class discussions. You are a great friend to those around you, and we will certainly miss the enthusiasm that you bring to 1/2V. We wish you all the best on your new adventure Rayson. We will miss you! Keep smiling 😊
Zev	34B	For showing the character strength of kindness by being friendly, compassionate, generous and considerate. Thank you Zev for your positive attitude and willingness to help others. Congratulations on a great term in grade 3/4B.
Jihoo	34D	Jihoo, you have shown a love of learning by being positive, happy and motivated to take on new tasks and challenges. You can show enthusiasm towards an area of your learning by developing your existing knowledge and skills. You're on fire Jihoo! Keep it up!
Meshie	34H	Meshie, congratulations on a fabulous Term 1. You continue to support the other students in your class whilst trying to build on your own knowledge. 3/4H love your inquisitive questions and discussion in class. Looking forward to your growth as a person and student throughout Term 2!
Samara	3/4J	Sammy, you are coming out of your shell; we love to hear your ideas. You are really beginning to challenge yourself, evident in the new chapters you wrote for our novel "Because of Winn-Dixie." Keep growing your courage, Sammy. Be proud!
Zia	3/4R	Zia, you are receiving this week's high flyer award for your positive attitude and growth mindset. You always put your best foot forward, and you are never afraid to admit to mistakes and learn from them. It has been great this term to see you making new friends, and being inclusive of everyone around you as you become a more confident learner. Great job Zia!
Daniel & Amelia	5/6A	Daniel and Amelia, you both have demonstrated the character strength of creativity when re-designing the front cover of our class novel, Fish in a Tree. Your new front cover stays true to the original meaning of the book and showcases your creative flair. Awesome effort!
Kiara	5/6F	Kiara, you have received this award for the effort you put into your summary of our class novel, 'Fish in a Tree'. You created a succinct summary of the book that highlighted the key themes clearly. Your addition of a character profile, of your favourite character, and a star rating reflected how much you enjoyed the text this term. We will display your work proudly in our classroom!
5/6K	5/6K	Thank you for an amazing Term 1! You have all worked incredibly and should be very proud of yourselves. It has been a busy term with swimming carnivals, inter school sport, maths zones and getting back to being at school for a full term – no lockdowns!! Thank you for the wonderful discussions and debates we have had, your willingness to share your ideas and the support you give each other. Enjoy your well-earned holiday, rest up and be ready for another big Term 2!
Matisse	5/6B	Matisse, throughout this term you have consistently shown your dedication and love of learning. You always produce work of a high quality and push yourself to achieve your best. Keep it up!

ONE MINUTE PLANK A DAY IN MAY CHALLENGE!



To raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, we'd love you to join in our One minute plank a day in May Challenge!

Rather than asking friends and family for donations, we ask that you donate \$10 straight to the foundation to join our THPS challenge.

All you will need to do is aim to hold a PLANK for one minute a day for the whole of May. This will be an honesty system, we do not require you to post any photos or videos! Instead, we are hoping to:

- **raise funds for a great cause,**
- **work on improving our core strength and**
- **encourage and motivate parents, students and teachers in the THPS community.**

To donate and join the THPS Group:

https://www.facebook.com/donate/707974333969953/?fundraiser_source=external_url

For more info contact:

Jaime Buccilli (PE teacher) 😊

Jaime.buccilli@education.vic.gov.au



Community News

CELEBRATE A MONTH OF MUM BECAUSE...
Every mum deserves more!


We are fundraising with
 **Entertainment**

Get a **BONUS**
\$20 or **\$40**
eGift Card*



PLUS limited-time bonus offers
when you purchase a Membership

*T&Cs apply



DEEP CREEK NETBALL CLUB

New players welcome – All ages and abilities

TRAINING: Wednesdays	Learn netball skills Make new friends	LOCATION: Templestowe Netball Courts
GAMES: Saturdays	Play team sport Have fun!	Corner of Foote and Anderson Streets

Teams in Under 9s and Under 11s, right through to Opens
NetSetGO beginners program also available for 5-8 year olds

CONTACT US:
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