

# Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 11

7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”



## Last Day of Term 1 Friday 8th April



Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

Term 2 begins Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Well Deserved Break

Term 1 has been an enormous time for many reasons. We continued to navigate the guidelines around positive covid cases and the impact of student/staff absences, staffing shortages while trying to deliver on our vision of high-quality learning experiences for all students. I am extremely proud of the level of care and professionalism that our entire staff provided this term. The support we have all received from parents and carers is testament to the amazing spirit of our Templestowe Heights community.

I hope all families will have an opportunity to spend some quality time together over the break. Thank you for another big term and I look forward to seeing everyone back, batteries recharged on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Early finish and P & F Easter Raffle Draw (Webex 571 909 455)

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm on Friday. We will be having our online assembly at 1:45pm and drawing the Parent's & Friends Easter Raffle.

#### Running Club

Every Wednesday at 8:15am for the past 5 weeks, our PE teacher Jaime Buccilli has organised our Running Club. The mornings have been really well attended, with over 60 students participating, including parents, carers and even future students! It really has once again reminded me of how supportive and inclusive our community is, getting behind our initiatives and contributing to school life.

#### Hat Friday

I am looking forward to seeing our students wearing their hat creations tomorrow on our last day of term. Although we are not having a hat parade like we have done previously, we will be capturing the day with class photos. I am really looking forward to seeing Mr Beasley's hat!

#### School Ball in Term 2

It is with mixed emotions that I inform our community that our School Ball will proceed in term 2 for year 3-6 students only. Larger student numbers than two years ago, school timetabling constraints, venue-hire capacity and new guidelines from the parent payment policy meant the School Ball was not able to run on one night with all classes adequately receiving ballroom dance lessons throughout the term.



The School Ball event is part of the legacy and narrative of our school, having been held biannually for over 40 years. Every Friday throughout term 2, all students in years 3-6 will participate in ballroom dance lessons, culminating in a ball at decadent Ivanhoe Centre on the last Thursday of term 2. It is a ticketed event, with information coming out later in the term on how to purchase tickets.

Replacing the school ball for our students in Foundation-Year 2 is a Bush Dance event. In term 3, students will participate in bush dance lessons that will culminate in the second last Friday of term 3, where we will hold an evening event in the school gym and students will bush dance to the live 'Blackberry Jam Bush Band'.

**Strategic Direction**

As part of our annual strategic plan, one of our school's key goals is focused on our structured literacy approach. Early Tuesday morning staff met to review our actions to date with the goal in mind of ensuring we continue to deliver a high-quality curriculum and also consider our next steps.



**Evacuation Drill**

As part of our emergency management plan, we will be conducting an evacuation drill this Friday at 12:00pm.

**Building Works Update**

For those with a keen eye, the last couple of days on our building site has seen the introduction of a machine to move soil up a conveyer belt to fill in space that would otherwise be complete with bobcats. Over the term break, trenches will be cut along our front of school footpaths to lay power and data cabling for our new building. Plastering and sheeting continues in our refurbished building, with skylights being dropped in. A new roof is also being laid, while over in our Foundation and year 3/4 building the corridor ceiling will be removed in preparation for the skylights and new roof that will be dropped in during the term 2 break.

To add to our busy school schedule, we will also be installing a new school computer server over the break. Our water monitor (aka Margaret) has also identified another leak of 100 litres per hour, so our water leak detection team is coming back to locate and repair.



**Rhys Coulson**  
Principal

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Raffle Drawn Last Day of Term 1 - Students dismissed at 2.30pm
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 begins
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	House Cross Country
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Ball Year 3-6
<b>TERM DATES 2022</b>	
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
<b>Pupil Free Days</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	



## FROM THE OFFICE

### End of Term 1

The finishing time for the last day of **term 1, 2 and 3 is 2.30pm**

The finishing time for the last day of the school year in term 4 is 1.30pm

### Vaccination Certificates and Masks

At this stage vaccination certificate requirement and mask wearing will remain the same for term 2. All visitors to the school must hold a valid Covid vaccination certificate and present it to the school office and wear a mask when inside the school buildings. Thank you to everyone for your co-operation.



The level 3/4 Students have completed their fabulous paper collage staff portraits. Each student has tried to capture their staff's unique personality and we think you'll agree that they have done a great job. Come check them out, on display in the middle yard/ Level 3/4 building.



During Planning Week's Visual Art lesson, all students contributed a poppy to an ANZAC day display. We read and discussed the picture story book 'Lest We Forget' written by Kerry Brown then followed the success criteria to create a paper poppy. The whole school display is outside the Art Room in the Level 3/4 Learning Space.

## ART NEWS



# PE NEWS

This week coaches from the Bulleen Boomers came to THPS to run fun activities for our Foundation students. The students had an awesome time practising their dribbling skills and learning about moving around the court. At the end of each session, every Foundation student received their very own basketball to take home. Aren't they lucky!!!





# CROSS COUNTRY



The date of the THPS House Cross Country has now changed to **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April** (first week back of Term 2). If you would like to be a parent helper for this event, please contact me on [Jaime.buccilli@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jaime.buccilli@education.vic.gov.au)

Well done to all the students (and parents and teachers!) that have been attending **Running Club** each Wednesday morning. I hope you are seeing an improvement in your fitness - I certainly am!!

Don't forget to keep up with your running during the school holidays!

Mrs Buccilli 😊



Student	Class	HIGH FLYERS WEEK 10
Alison	12C	For your superstar effort in building your phonics and writing skills and working on your beautiful handwriting. We love hearing your funny jokes and appreciate how you use your initiative to help around the classroom. Thank you for being a thoughtful friend to 1/2C, Ali!
Oliver	12J	Ollie, I am so proud of your progress this week. You have settled so well into your morning routine, and we love seeing that beautiful smile as you enter the classroom. 1/2J, Kirsty and I love your interesting facts that you share with us and that you are a kind friend. Thank you for always showing kindness to everyone around you. We feel lucky to have you in our class this year. Keep it up Ollie! You are a star!
Luke	12K	Luke, you are 1/2K's High Flyer for this week! Throughout our first term together, you have shown perseverance and persistence. You are committed to your learning and give everything a go. We have noticed great progress in your phonics skills! On top of that, your fun spirit and cheeky smile brings joy to our classroom. Please keep up the hard work and bringing the joy!
Rohan	1/2M	You have been spotted using the character strength of Zest. You always come into school with a 'pep' in your step, happy to see your friends and teacher. Hope you continue this zest for life in your new school. All the very best.
Madison	1/2R	You have made a fabulous start to the year, showing a love of learning, kindness and respect to your teachers and peers in 1/2R. You take great pride in your work and challenge yourself where you think you need to. On top of this, you ensure our classroom is a safe and happy space and are always willing to help others. Madison, you are a superstar and we can't wait to see how bright you shine this year in 1/2R!
Jasmine	12V	Jasmine, you have been thriving this week in so many areas! You continue to be a great friend to those around you by always offering a helping hand. You show politeness to everyone, and I can always rely on you to be a good role model for others. It was also fantastic to see you using a growth mindset during literacy, when you found some of the sentences challenging. Thank you for being an all-round star Jas. You are a pleasure to have in the classroom!
Kas	34B	For tackling all tasks with enthusiasm and always trying his best. Kas always contributes to class discussion and states his opinions clearly. We love your positive attitude Kas. Keep it up.
Sebastian	34D	Sebastian is a caring and compassionate student, who demonstrates a positive attitude to learning. Sebastian, you have shown the character strength of kindness. You can show kindness to yourself and others by being friendly, generous and considerate. Way to go Seb! Keep being you!
Jamie	34H	Jamie, well done to an amazing week. You have been so supportive to others, showing great independence and maturity, particularly the mornings. 3/4H love your kindness and contribution to classroom discussion. Keep helping others and giving everything a go. Well Done Jamie!
Ruby	3/4J	Ruby, we love the way you always join in our class discussions and how you like to share your ideas. The character strength of Kindness shows through when you work and learn with others and play with your friends. You have a big heart, Ruby.
Allegra	3/4R	Allegra, you are receiving today's high flyer award for being a curious, inquisitive learner who brings her best into tasks. Your enthusiasm and zeal in approaching your writing, and your humility when it comes to building your knowledge and learning from setbacks sets a great precedent for others. Well done and keep growing as a learner and individual.
Cooper 5/6B	Performing Arts	For displaying the character strength of 'Fairness' and 'Leadership' in Performing Arts. It has been wonderful to see Cooper take a keen interest in Drama this term. He has shown growth in motivation to acquire new levels of knowledge and skills. I'm so proud of you Cooper of the way you immersed yourself in the world of Poetry writing and performed your powerful Poetry Slam on 'Deforestation'. You included other peers when writing your poem and took on the role as team leader. I love seeing how happy you are when you join in on the activities. Keep up the growth mindset and having a go! Mrs Petrovska



### Barefoot Bowls & Pizza Night - Parent Social Night

Our first Barefoot Bowls evening for parents last Friday night was well attended and a lot of fun, despite the weather. Huge thank you to Domino's Bulleen Plaza for supporting our school by donating the pizzas.



### Easter Raffle & donations

The highly anticipated annual Easter Raffle will be drawn tomorrow in the final assembly of term 1. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the hampers and to everyone who bought tickets. GOOD LUCK!

### Hot Cross Bun Drive

We are *delighted* to be running our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive in partnership with our local Macedon Plaza Bakers Delight leading up to Easter. Remember to pick up your order tomorrow from the bakery.

### 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

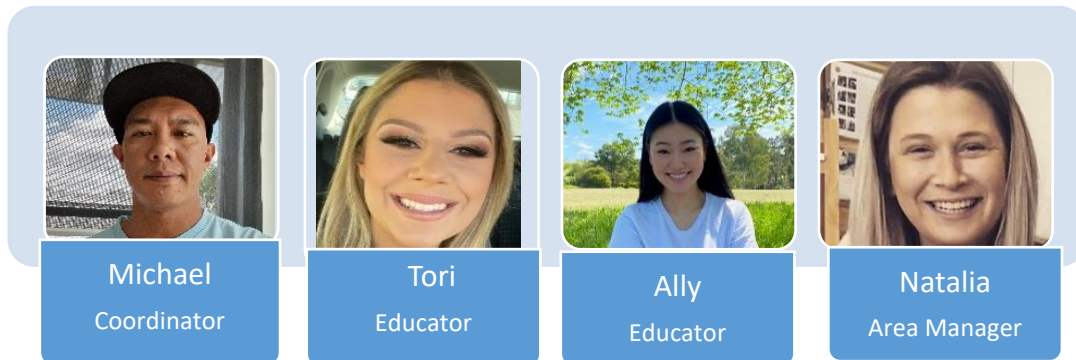
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385>

P&F Team - Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah [thpspaf@gmail.com](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)





## Term 1



Last week's theme was 'Superheroes & Easter'! The students' got to make up their own superhero with cool gadgets and awesome abilities! The students really got to tap into their creative sides and produce some fun and exciting superheroes that left us all speechless with what they could do!

Over the course of the week the students have been super excited for Easter coming up! All the fun activities we participated in this week are sure to have them even more excited than usual! All the students created 'Happy Easter' posters. In this activity all the students of various ages worked together to create some amazing posters!

This week continued with our weekly cooking activity, last week some of the students made chocolate-coconut balls! The students absolutely love our weekly cooking and have requested more of it next term which we are excited to do!

During the week, Michael gathered the students to tell them all about the exciting news regarding the class party we would be holding on the last day of term at after school care! With many exciting activities such as an easter egg hunt, easter basket making etc.

Some team updates: We are happy to welcome Ally to our ever-growing team. Ally is in her third-year uni, she is studying her Bachelor of education at Deakin university. Ally has meshed in with the team comfortably and has already made some bonds with our children. Welcome Ally!

Lastly, Theircare bookings for our term1 Holiday Program at Rosanna Primary and Greythorn Primary are still open.

### Important Information

**BSC Hours:** 7.00am – 8.45am

**ASC Hours:** 3.30pm – 6.00pm

**Service Phone:** 0484 511 125

**Head Office:** 1300 072 410

**Website:** (bookings and accounts)

[www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au)





Team  
Kids

# Dear Families,



Sadly, we are unable to offer  
**a holiday program** at your school  
these holidays.

Due to **staff shortages** across the childcare industry, we've been forced to reduce the number of holiday programs provided this Autumn.

To minimise the impact on your daily lives, we encourage you to consider these nearby

**TeamKids Holiday Programs:**



Templestowe Park Primary  
Balwyn Primary  
Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar



Visit our website for a **complete list of TeamKids programs.**

Have questions? Reach out to our friendly Customer Service team  
**teamkids.com.au | 1300 035 000**



## 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!!!

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## NetSetGO NETBALL PROGRAM

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

East Doncaster Netball Club runs NetSetGO which is a 7 week training program for children aged between 5 to 11 years of age.



**WHEN:** Autumn Season NetSetGO will commence

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**TIME:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**WHERE:** Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre, Outdoor Netball Courts (Cnr Foote Street & Anderson Street, Templestowe, VIC, 3106)

For more information please visit our website

<http://eastdoncasternc.com.au/>