

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 4

19th May 2022

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"



P & F Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall Saturday 21st May



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Newest Staff Member

We would like to welcome Grace Waldron as our newest member of our education support team. Grace will be working with students across many year levels and it is pleasing to see she has already established working relationships with our students.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to the 48 students who represented our school at the district cross country race. Many of our students who were competing for a second year improved on their positions since last time and we are so proud to see all of our students gave it a red-hot go. Congratulations to Angus (6th) and Tahlia (2nd), both in 5/6F, who will go on to represent our school at the regional competition. Another massive thank you to Jaime Buccilli for hosting weekly Wednesday morning running clubs with a goal of preparing our runners as best they can.

Rebekah Fall

Yesterday we held a morning tea for Rebekah Fall who will be taking some leave at the end of this week as she busily prepares for her wedding to partner Andreas. We wish the happy couple all the best on their big day and look forward to the photos.

Upcoming Pupil-Free Days

This is just a reminder that on Monday 30th May and Tuesday 14th June we will be having our pupil-free days. This is part of our industrial agreement, the purpose of these days will be to support our teachers in professional learning opportunities linked to our school's literacy goals as well as report writing time.



Annual General Meeting

Last night we hosted our Annual General Meeting (AGM). The purpose of this event was to celebrate and reflect on the achievements of 2021 and communicate the goals for 2022. It was also an opportunity to detail the roles and functions of School Council and how our councillors play an active governing role is helping keep THPS thriving.

Good Luck Campers

Next Wednesday our year 5/6 students will be boarding a bus and making their way to Philip Island for a 3 day and 2 night adventure. They say we learn the most when we are outside our comfort zone, and after such an extended absence of school-based events, we are really looking forward to providing our students with a wonderful experience. A big thank you to the year 5/6 team (in particular Kate Stacker)Julianna Alexeev, Linda Spencer, Andrew Veal, Jaime Buccilli, Sharni Rodda-Winden, Despina Alleri, Jane Young, Stamatina Pierce, Jason Roberts and David Barnes for giving up their time to attend.

Holiday Program Returns

We are pleased to announce that Their Care will now be running our school holiday programs. This now means both our before/after school program and our holiday program are run by the same provider.

Election this Saturday

For those that are not organised like me and haven't voted early, this Saturday our *Parents & Friends* will be holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall between 8am and 4pm outside our gym. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for our school and enjoy a bite to eat and something sweet with your afternoon tea. More information on how you can help is included on page 4 of this newsletter.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022		
TERM 2		
Saturday 21st May	Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall	
Wed 25 th to Fri 27 th May	Year 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island	
Friday 27 th May	Foundation Incursion – Toys over Time	
Monday 30 th May	Pupil Free Day	
Friday 10 th June	Whole School Assembly - GYM	
Tuesday 14 th June	Staff Professional Practice Day - No School For Students	
Thursday 23 rd June	School Ball Year 3-6	
Friday 24 th June	Whole School Assembly – GYM - 2.30pm Dismissal	
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		
Tuesday 14 th June - Staff Professional Practise Day		
Monday 31 st October		

FROM THE OFFICE

Foundation 2022 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Foundation 2023. If you are an existing family with a younger sibling or know of other families wanting to enrol, please contact the office to collect an enrolment form or book a school tour on 9850 1796.

SCHOOL BALL INFORMATION



The Year 3 – 6 school ball is taking place this year on Thursday 23rd June at The Centre, Ivanhoe from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Ticket order forms will come home next week.

First round tickets will be limited to 2 per family due to venue density limits. Additional tickets may be available for purchase after the first round offers close on 8th June.

Polish up your dancing shoes and get your best duds on in preparation for this grand event! Dress Code: A nice dress and shoes or pants, shirt and shoes. We just ask children to be wearing their best but that can be as simple or elaborate as you wish.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a **Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card**, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9850 1796 and ask for an application form.

WELLBEING AT THPS

This term at THPS we are introducing the Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships initiative, which covers eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning across all year levels. Respectful Relationships education is a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from Foundation to Year 12. It is all about embedding a culture of respect and equality across the entire school community.

The first topic is **Emotional Literacy.** Emotional Literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our emotions, build empathy, and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy for others.

To support this learning at home, we encourage you to consistently talk about different emotions that you and your child/children experience on a daily basis. Discussing synonyms and superlatives for emotions such as happy, sad, angry and worried can help to build students' vocabulary and encourage them to confidently express their emotions with trusted adults and their peers.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, 48 students went to Ruffey Lake Park to participate in the District Cross Country race. Well done to all those that competed and an extra special CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK to Talia and Angus as they continue on to race in the Regional Cross Country event next month!

















Election Day sausage sizzle & cake stall -Saturday 21st May

Our school is one of the largest polling booths in our area, so it's a perfect opportunity to raise funds for our school. On election day, P&F will hold a sausage sizzle and cake stall 8am-4pm, led by BBQ coordinator Tim Gilley. <u>We will need your baked goods to sell.</u> Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers – we still have a couple of spots left - https://volunteersignup.org/TAKXW

Plates and forms to supply your baked donations were sent home last week. Please only homemade items, no bought items can be sold, and provide ingredients on the supplied form. Please bring your donations to the art room tomorrow or directly to the stall on Saturday morning.

We hope to see lots of our families on Saturday come and grab a fresh coffee, bacon and egg roll, sausage in bread or a cake when you come to school to vote.

Huge than you to Baker's Delight Macedon Plaza, IGA Templestowe and Burd Eggs for generously donating bread, rolls, sausages and eggs for our sausage sizzle stall.

Parent Social Night - SAVE THE DATE- Saturday 16th July

We are in the process of planning our big annual social event for parents, more details closer to the date.

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

Parents & Friends would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations towards our Election Day stalls:





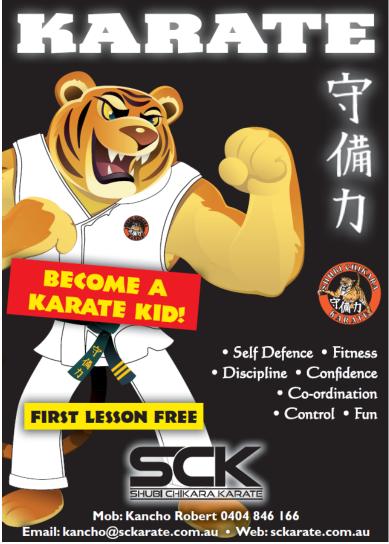


Student	Class	HIGH FLYERS WEEK 3 Term 2
Anabelle	FR	Congratulations Anabelle on displaying the character strength of Perseverance in your learning. You continue to show great determination in completing your work to the best of your ability, ask questions to help your understanding and present your work very neatly. Foundation R are very lucky to have you in our class as a respectful and kind classmate. Well done Anabelle!
Isaiah	FD	Congratulations Isaiah for displaying the character strength of LOVE of LEARNING. I am so proud of how well you have settled into class this term and for always trying your best when completing your work. I love that you consistently show respectful listening and take pride in your work. You are a polite and friendly member of FD and we are so lucky to have you!
Chase	FM	Congratulations Chase on displaying the character strength of Perseverance in your learning. You continue to show great determination in completing your work to the best of your ability, ask questions to help your understanding and present your work very neatly. Foundation M are so lucky to have you in our class as a respectful and kind classmate. Well done Chase!
Orson	FT	Congratulations Orson displaying the character strength of perseverance. I have been so impressed by your effort and hard work throughout this year, in all aspects of school. When faced with new or difficult learning you have persevered and given your best effort, and you are now reaping the rewards. Well done Orson, your attitude is fantastic and is an example for others!
Juliet	12C	Juliet, you have been using your zest to share your sense of humour with the class, kindness by being thoughtful and helpful to others and your love of learning by giving every learning activity your best effort. Keep it up, Juliet - you are a superstar!
Susanna	12J	Susanna, you have been spotted using the character strengths of Teamwork and Leadership. Your thoughtfulness and consideration has contributed to all of our learning. We thank you for your cooperation and kindness in helping other students in 1/2J.Keep it up! We love having you in our class.
Nate	12K	Congratulations Nate, you are our High Flyer for this week! We have noticed that you have been working hard with your writing. You have consistently shown perseverance in writing your sentences. You show us that you are willing to give it a go, even when it is challenging. You start your writing independently and you keep working to improve. Well done, Nate! We are very proud of you!
Alba	1/2M	You have shown persistence and determination during class discussion time, showing that you can adhere to discussion protocols- being patient, waiting your turn and being respectful. You have some great comments and learning to share with the class. Keep striving for the best!
Jemma	1/2R	Congratulations Jemma for being 1/2R's high flyer. You have shown the character strengths of kindness and teamwork by always offering to help your peers or Ms Rossi, as well as zest with the big smile you have on your face each day. You are extremely thoughtful and reflective of both your thoughts and actions and you take great pride in your work. Thank you for being you Jemma, we cannot wait to what you achieve this year!
Kit	12V	Kit this week I wanted to say thank you for showing the Character Strength of leadership and our school value, responsibility as our Environmental Leader. You have worked efficiently with your teammate to take care of the chickens each day. In the classroom, you are a hard worker and show great determination in completing your work to the best of your ability. You are always willing to contribute to class conversation and share your knowledge with us. Thank you for being you, Kit. We love having you in 1/2V!
Logan	34D	Logan is valued in our classroom. He is focused, organised and hard-working. Logan shows the character strength of humility everyday. He is aware of his strengths and

		talents, but does not need to be the centre of attention or to receive recognition. Keep it up Loges - you're doing great!
Azlaan	3/4J	Azlaan, you have an amazing general knowledge, fuelled by your curiosity about the world. We learn so much from you e.g. about hydrogen-powered cars! Thank you, also, for always being a respectful and caring helper to others.
Ethan	3/4R	Ethan, you are receiving this high flyer award for your great progress throughout the term. You have matured greatly, and shown great resilience, especially when faced with unexpected changes. The speed at which you work is gradually improving, and I love that you find learning important. Keep up the good work!

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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

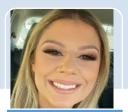




Term 2



Michael Coordinator



Tori Educator



Theodora Educator



Natalia rea Manager

Last week we had the magical theme- Harry Potter. This was highly suggested by most of our students as many of them have seen the movies or read the books.

One of the most popular activities we ran last week was wand making, here we taught the students how to create a paper wand and provided them with many decorative materials to put their imagination onto paper. This activity was a HIT! Since then, we have noticed that the students are still creating wands in their free play time, others were also creating them for their friends, teachers, and classmates. As we

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)

understand that some students may not enjoy Harry Potter or have not read the books or seen the movies- this activity was then adapted; they would make their own fairy wands, wizard wands or simply just a magic wand.

To continue with our Harry Potter theme, we had many sessions where the students would colour in or paint their favourite Hogwarts Houses or create their own Harry Potter bookmarks from scratch, some students also came up with their own houses and house logos!

We also had many active activities for the student to participate in, such as free play in the gym, Octopus and tag games, poison ball and free play on the playground.

Important reminder: On the 30th of May, the school is having a **Pupil Free Day**. Please note that TheirCare will be running an **all-day session** at Templestowe Heights Primary school, for you to book online via our website.