

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 7

25th August 2022

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”

Father's Day Breakfast 8am to 8.45am

Father's Day Stall

Friday 26th August



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Athletics Day

The weather turned it on for us on Tuesday as all students headed to the Doncaster athletics track. Students wore their house colours and gave it their all as they pushed, threw, jumped, ran and hurdled their way around the track and field. A massive thank you to Jaime Buccilli for organising such a successful event and to all our parent/carer volunteers on the day.



Rest in Peace Grover

Sadly, our school dog Grover and member of 3/4J, passed away peacefully on Friday. Please see the attachment on Compass and further on in this newsletter for a special tribute by Liz James.

Father's Day

This Friday (tomorrow) from 8am we will be hosting our annual Father's Day breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Room. We encourage students to invite along their father or special adult for a hot chocolate, served by our staff and Parents & Friends. At 8:45am we encourage all students to take their special guests to their classrooms to show them their workbooks. Throughout the morning there will be a Father's Day stall put on once again by our amazing Parents & Friends.

Tournament of the Minds

On Sunday fourteen year 5/6 students represented our school in the Tournament of the Minds (TOM). It was the culmination of 6 weeks of planning and execution as the students presented their solution to a challenge that required them to work together and think critically as well as creatively to solve a challenge. The two teams were extremely nervous and excited on the day and we are proud of their efforts in giving it their best shot. A big thank you to our wonderful staff, as this opportunity would not have been possible if it weren't for Sylvia Petrovska, Janine Reid, Julianna Alexeev and Linda Spencer. Well done to *Piper, Edie, Charlotte (5/6S), Sienna, (5/6F), Helena, Angelena, Lucy, Veeraj, Sangya (5/6B), Christina, (5/6K), Anthea, Amelia, Dom and Sophie (5/6A)*.



Library Volunteers

Now that the library is fully operational, we are seeking volunteers from our community to support the upkeep of this new and exciting space. Information will go out on Monday in the weekly communication.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 3

Thursday 25 th August	Year 3-6 Italian/Performing Arts Incursion
Friday 26 th August	Father's Day Breakfast and Stall
Wed 31 Aug to Fri 2 nd Sep	Year 3/4 Camp -Wombat Corner
Thursday 1 st September	Foundation to Year 1/2 Performing Arts/Italian Incursion
Friday 2 nd September	Foundation to Year 1/2 Bush Dance Lessons
Wednesday 7 th September	Pupil Free Day – No school for Students
Friday 9 th September	Foundation to Year 1/2 Bush Dance
Thursday 15 th September	Foundation Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
Friday 16 th September	Parent Opinion Survey Closes Term 3 Ends 2.30pm Dismissal

TERM DATES 2022

Term 3	Monday 11 th July to Friday 16 th September
Term 4	Monday 3 rd October to Tuesday 20 th December

Pupil Free Days

Wednesday 7 th September
Monday 31 st October

FROM THE OFFICE

Foundation 2023 Enrolments

We are now preparing our foundation classes for 2023. If you are an existing family with a younger sibling, please contact the office to collect an enrolment form.

PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIANS OPINION SURVEY

Parent Opinion Survey responses close on Friday 16th September. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any time that is convenient within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians via the school's Annual Report to the Community. Last year we used the survey results to plan our return to face to face teaching and develop our new English curriculum.

Farewell Grover

Dear THPS Students, Families, Colleagues and Community,

It is with unspeakable sadness that I write to inform you that Grover has died. He was twelve years and five months old.

As many of you know, with the generosity of spirit of THPS, I have raised eight pups for Guide Dogs Victoria. Grover was my pup-number-two. He came to me at the age of five months. Oh my, he was a 'wild child.' He jumped and chewed and bounded and investigated and eventually settled into a calmer life.

Grover went on to become a Guide Dog. We were all so proud of him. His blind handler and I became friends over the years. During his working life, I had him to stay so she could go over-seas or on local holidays with sighted-guides. He came to school with me each time she went away. And then he needed to retire. When Grover let her know it was time for him to stop working, I had the privilege and absolute joy of receiving him in his retirement. Same family, same house, same school, same support. The best for him. Thank you so much.

Over the twelve years of his relationship with me, my family and THPS, Grover has brought himself to all of us. He was just himself all the time; no agenda, no pretence and always benevolent. So many, many people have loved him, benefited from his presence and the comforts he brought. He served as a steadfast and hard-working Guide Dog for seven years. He has helped my other Guide Dog pups to 'learn the ropes.' He has served the children in my classes, and the classes of others, by his very presence. A student told me once, "*Ms. James, when I feel sad about leaving my family to come to school, I think about Grover and he helps me want to come.*"

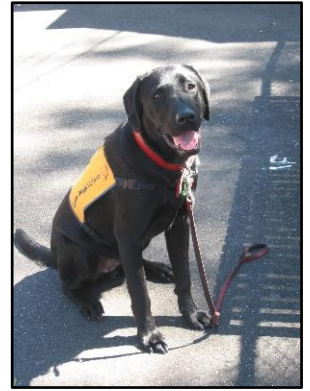
His legacy is immense. He has impeccably demonstrated how sensate, intelligent animals can help others. He has taught children respect, responsibility, gentleness, kindness, loyalty, the joys of animal companionship, animal husbandry, the powers of observation... and how to persevere however tough things might be. He has also taught children to pick up after themselves or he'll get it, especially if it's food!

Since his retirement, Grover has come to school every day. He loved being with people of all sorts and from everywhere. He had no discrimination or bias. If one was nice to him, played with him, patted him gently, rubbed his tummy or simply laid a hand upon him, he loved. Children liked to see him and to have him in their classroom. He was so familiar with the school he wandered here and there and simply plopped where there was a friendly, warm and sunny spot. He sometimes spent a day in the office, with Mrs. Matthews, Mr Coulson, Mr Veal and Margaret. He would keep an eye on the entrance, right where people wanted to walk. So he would be noticed! And not miss out on a pat or a kind word.

More recently, he loved an uninterrupted snooze! He hated the isolation of lockdowns, loved to lie in the sun until he nearly steamed and, whilst he thoroughly enjoyed a wallow in the pool, pond, lake, river or ocean, he hated the garden hose!

Grover has greeted people on school tours and our visitors to the classroom. He was in videos we did during lockdowns and has featured in school photos. He has been read to, received gifts, played ball and 'throw the teddy' and even been used as a pillow. He tolerated so much fun and nonsense! He's become famous in our growing community over many years and I know of no other dog whose fan-club is so immediate and large.

I know that the children across the school, especially in 3/4J, will miss him enormously. I know that adults here will also miss his calm, gentle, almost ever-knowing presence. We will, as we always do, look after one another and we will keep Grover in mind.



Baby pup Grover in the nursery, GDV

I have been so very glad to have had the privilege of knowing Grover for so many years and for the support of the school, which has allowed me to share him with you all.

My family and I have loved Grover and he will always be an outstanding beat in our hearts.

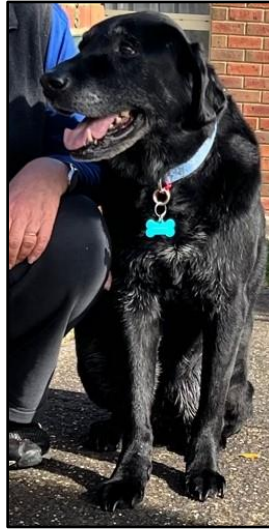
Thank you.

Kind regards,

Liz James



Birthday dog



Handsome boy



Lazing in the sun



The hose stopped running, I can relax!



Beautiful face



Out to breakfast



Winter holidays 2021



Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 26th August - TOMORROW

Join us anytime between 8-8.50am 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.

Father's Day Stall – Friday 26th August - TOMORROW

Our annual Father's Day Stall is back tomorrow! Your child can choose something special for their dad, grandfather or another important person from a wonderful selection of gifts. Gifts must be pre-paid and are \$5 each. Forms for the stall should have been returned to the office on Monday. Thanks to Bec Banez and Julie Ceravolo for leading this event.

Entertainment Book

We are selling The Entertainment Book online. <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/186857h>

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



Student	Class	HIGH FLYERS WEEK 6 Term 2
Oscar	FD	Congratulations Oscar for displaying the character strength of RESPECT and LOVE of LEARNING. I am so proud of how you show respectful listening in class and in the way you try your best when completing class work. I also love how you consistently volunteer to share your thinking with the class. Thank you for being such a polite and friendly member of FD OScar. We are so lucky to have you!
Ruby	FR	Congratulations Ruby for displaying the character strength of perseverance and kindness! You have been spotted this week carefully working on your learning tasks and putting in your very best effort! I am proud of you giving each task a go. You are always a kind and caring member of our classroom. Thank you for being a STAR and being an important part of our team! Keep it up Ruby!
Hayley	FT	Congratulations Hayley for displaying the character strength of KINDNESS. Hayley you have been spotted showing kindness regularly throughout this year and some of your recent kind acts have been so wonderful to see. You have helped others without hesitation. What a wonderful strength you have. Well done and thank you!
Aisha	12C	Aisha, you have been displaying a love of learning and great enthusiasm for everything we do. We love to hear you sharing your ideas and making new friends. You try very hard and are learning so much! Thank you for sharing your knowledge of sounds and spelling with 1/2C. Keep it up, Aisha!
Kai	12J	Kai, it has been wonderful to see you bring your enthusiasm and love of learning to our classroom every day. You have shown great persistence and positivity when trying new and challenging tasks. We love having you in 1/2J and seeing you smile! Keep up the fantastic effort, Kai! We are so proud of you.
Louis	12K	Louis, you are our High Flyer this week for your persistence, your kindness and your love of learning. You have persevered through challenges and used different strategies to help you manage them. And you have shown great emotional awareness in doing so! You also often show kindness to your peers, and we are inspired by your love of learning. We love hearing your thoughtful contributions to our class discussions. Keep on bringing your wonderful self to our classroom, Louis!
Saxon	1/2M	Congratulations Saxon, this week you have displayed the character strengths of Curiosity and Love of Learning. Throughout Science Week you have asked inquisitive questions. During our class discussions, you have shared your thoughts and ideas about glass, light and sound. You have also shown focus and determination in our Literacy lessons, especially during Phonics. Keep up the amazing work Saxon!
Christian	1/2R	Christian, congratulations on being 1/2R's high flyer for this week! You consistently demonstrate kindness towards your classmates and ensure that you are always treating others with respect. This week you have put in your best effort into your handwriting and sentence building and this has really paid off! You should be very proud of yourself, please continue to be your best. Well done Christian!
Lachlan	12V	Lachlan this week you have been chosen as 1/2V's high flyer for showing the Character Strength of perseverance. When faced with challenging situations and emotions you continued to push through. I am so proud of your effort. You are such a wonderful friend to those around you and you bring humour and fun into the classroom each day. Thank you for being a kind, thoughtful and considerate member of 1/2V. Keep up the excellent work Lachy
Kaylee	34B	For settling into T.H.P.S so well and trying very hard with all tasks. We love how you display a love of learning and are becoming more confident each week. Congratulations on sharing your ideas during our vocabulary lesson. Keep up the good work Kaylee.

Tayla	34D	Tayla has shown recent progress in all areas, but notably in maths. Your perseverance and patience have assisted your growth, this is evident by your participation in class discussions. You are raising your hand more often, and are more confident in your responses. Well done Tails!
Eishani	3/4J	Eishani, you are coming out of your shell in class, demonstrating your courage! You are contributing more to discussions and we love to hear what you have to say. Your open-mindedness about the roles different people can play in life is a credit to you. I loved that in your narrative, your fire-fighters were women! Well done Eishani. Be proud!
Gordon	3/4R	Gordon, you have been a star student throughout the year, modelling good behaviour, a growth mindset, and a positive attitude towards your work. Your writing has improved so much over the year, and I enjoy reading your stories with their twists and turns. Keep up the great work and continue to be a superstar in the classroom. Well done!
Edward	5/6A	Edward, this week you have shown enthusiasm for all things science and glass! It's been fantastic to see you actively participating in all of our Science Week activities and your prior knowledge is an asset to our class discussions. You were also an excellent team member and engineer when creating your marble run. Keep up the great work Ed!
Rose	5/6B	Your positive sunny disposition and "can-do" attitude to everything. Rose, I love the way you always have something thoughtful to contribute to class discussions. You constantly look for solutions rather than problems and are happy to include everyone in your thirst for learning. A star!!!
Joshua	5/6F	Josh, you have been recognised for the team work skills you demonstrated when creating a marble run this week. You showed respect to each team member by listening to their ideas and used the strategy of trial and error to determine the best option. Additionally, you were able to articulate in your reflection the materials you would use next time to create a more successful marble run. Keep up this great effort!
Peyton Violet Priya	5/6K	For working so collaboratively with your group to build a very creative marble run. You all contributed your ideas in a calm and supportive way and it was wonderful watching you work so well as a team. Congratulations on a job well done!!



BASKETBALL NEWS



SEASON 2 HAS COMMENCED!

We have a few spots left in some teams – 3/4 girls & 5/6 girls

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

GO HEIGHTS!!!



MINIBALL NEWS



TERM 3 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN!

Please enroll using the link

<https://www.trybooking.com/CAEGX>

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

GO HEIGHTS!!!



TheirCare

where kids love to be!

Templestowe Heights Primary School

At the beginning of last week, we welcomed our new coordinator Jeffrey to the service. Jeffrey comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge having worked in the industry for the past 18 years, and more recently, as an Area Manager for TheirCare for the past year. Please feel free to pop into the TheirCare space and say hello.



Week 6 & 7 – Dance / Music & Movement

We had an amazing fortnight of music and dancing. Utilizing YouTube, we had the children request their favourite "Just Dance" videos which they could then copy along with. We even showed the children some of our favourite songs from the "old days".

Watching the smiles and hearing the joy in their laugh was absolutely incredible.

We also had some creative minds working with the Lego, Playdough, Plasticine along with games out on the playground. To cap off a great week, we had the children creating their own paper planes on Friday and seeing who could fly theirs the furthest.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Holiday program brochure is now available at <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/templestowe-heights-primary-school/>

We have an amazing fortnight of fun planned including trips to the Doncaster Cinemas and Melbourne Museum. Bookings now open!



PUPIL FREE DAY **WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST**

TheirCare will be offering ALL DAY CARE
7am – 6pm.

Please ensure to book early.

MEDICAL ABSENCES

Did you know that if you provide TheirCare with a Medical Certificate for your child, we can waive all fees for the sessions. And they don't count towards your 42 days allowable absences.

Contact Service

Phone: 0484 511 125

Email: templestoweheights@theircare.com.au

Contact Head Office

Phone: 1300 072 410

Email: info@theircare.com.au

Service Times

Before School: 7:00am – 8:45am

After School: 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Holiday Program: 7:00am – 6:00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE NEXT GENERATION

- 3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
- NATURAL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT
- NUTRITIOUS MENU
- CHILD-LED LEARNING
- EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS
- RELAXATION AND WELLBEING ROOM

OPENING SOON

Templestowe Kids is a purpose built and family operated centre. We offer engaging and inviting natural spaces for your children to interact, learn & grow

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Email: hello@templestowekidself.com.au



Bulleen Templestowe Little Athletics Club

Come & Try Little Athletics and Join The Fun!

Two Free Trials for all new athletes

All ages-Under 6 through to Under 17

Fun, friendly competition

Run!

Jump!

Throw!



Everyone Welcome

Meet New Friends

Build Confidence

Track and Field season starts Saturday 1st October & runs through to Easter!

\$120 for U6-U8 athletes

\$180 for U9-U17 athletes

Time: Saturday 1st October 8:30am

Where: Tom Kelly Athletic Track

125 George Street, Doncaster East VIC 3109

For more information email / phone:

Club Manager: Scott Hanslow (father of Danny Hanslow year 3/4D)

btclubmanager@gmail.com / 0402 319 127

Register for free trial membership online at: www.lavic.com.au

Navigate to "New Members Click Here" > "Trial Athlete Portal"
> "Register for Trial Athlete Offer"

Remember to select "Doncaster" as your Trial Centre Location



Vista Valley Kindergarten

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 27th August
10am - 2pm

Join us for a wonderful day to celebrate 50 years of our kindergarten in the Bulleen Community!

• Official Welcome & Cake Cutting •

• Food & Drinks •

• Kids Activities, Face Painting, Scavenger Hunt & much more! •

• Meet our Educators - enrolments for 2023 & 2024 now open •

• All Past, Present & Future Families welcome •

3 Vista Street Bulleen 3105

