# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

9th February 2023

Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"inspiring learners for life"

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## **Welcome Foundation Students**

The day finally arrived as we welcomed our Foundation students for their first day of primary school on Monday. With bags on their back that often looked bigger than their wearer and clean, pressed uniforms, there was much excitement as the students walked into their classrooms. Thank you to our amazing Foundation Team of Jenna Milligan, Karin Diep, Jane Robinson and Emma Vogel on providing a successful and positive start for our newest members.





# **House Captains**

On Tuesday we held our speeches for the House Captain positions. Candidates were required to present a speech and a preferential voting system was used where all students in year 3-6 voted. Enormous courage was displayed by all our candidates, congratulations to this years' House Captains.

Bradman House	Cuthbert House	Newcombe House	Goolagong House
Angus 6JA & Camilla 6KS	Zach & Matisse 6JA	Arjun & Talia 6KS	Viraaj 6LS & Rose 6KS

# **Information Evenings (online)**

#### Foundation

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm, we will be hosting our Foundation information session. The purpose of this online session is to inform families of the learning opportunities and experiences for students Templestowe Heights Primary. Now that the students have settled, it is also an opportunity to ask further questions about the programs, routines and expectations. This online event will be hosted on **WebEx number 579 980 226**.

# Year 1-6

We will also be hosting our online Year 1-6 information session the following week, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm using the same **WebEx number 579 980 226**.

#### **Visiting Artist**

Michelle Searle visited our year 5/6 students in our new building to plan the indigenous art piece she will create. Michelle is a highly recognised indigenous artist from Awabakal Land (Newcastle region NSW), having recently designed the players top for the Geelong Football Club for this year's Indigenous Round.

The completed artwork will be placed on the back wall of the auditorium of our new building. Students provided feedback to Michelle about what the artwork might include, such as colours, patterns and themes that represents our school. We are really excited about seeing Michelle's progress and the finished piece.



School Captains Oliver and **Christina with Michelle** 

# **Swimming Carnival**

Today all students in year 3-6 walked to Aquarena to participate in the swimming sports. It was also our first opportunity for our House Captains to stir up the pride of the School Houses they lead. Students had an opportunity to compete in events or a fun leisure session. Thank you to Jaime Buccilli for organising this event and for all our staff for supervising and helping out on the day. We will announce the winning School House at our first assembly, that will be online, at 3:10pm this coming Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Rhys Coulson**

#### **Principal**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023			
TERM 1			
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Foundation Information Night 7.00pm via Webex 579 980 226		
	Year 5 & 6 Summer Sports begins - 9.11am every Thursday until 30 <sup>th</sup> March		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	District Swimming		
Tuesday 21st February	School Photos		
	Year 1 to 6 Information Night 7.00pm via Webex 579 980 226		
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Life Education Sessions – Foundation and Year 1 and 2		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Fees Due		
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> to Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Life Education Sessions – Foundation and Year 1 and 2		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Welcome Picnic - 5.30 to 8.00pm		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 1 Ends		
TERM DATES 2023			
Term 1	Last day of term 1 Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April		
Term 2	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		
Term 3	Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July - Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September		
Term 4	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December		

# **FROM THE OFFICE**

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another busy year at Templestowe Heights.

# **Payments Due**

School Fees - Tuesday 28th February

Life Education Foundation to Year 2 – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Inter School Sports year 5 & 6 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

## **PG Movie and Local Walking Permission**

Permission are due by Tuesday 28th February. Via COMPASS.

# On your COMPASS APP Choose:

- 1. Tap on the icon on the bottom right corner of your app
- 2. Choose "Events" tab and follow the prompts.



#### Family Contact List (Buzz List)

Every year our class representatives compile a buzz list that is distributed to parents in your child's class. This list is used by your class rep to provide information about class and the school social activities and other relevant information. Once class representatives have been appointed you will receive a Compass email with your reps details and you may request to be added to this list.

# **Over Due library Books 2022**

Tomorrow your child may come home with an overdue library book notice. We have 93 library books that are now well overdue from 2022, which equates to approximately \$1400. We are asking families to check under their child's bed and behind the couch for these books. If you are unable to locate the book, you may like to make a tax deductable donation to out Library fund to cover the cost of a replacement.

# **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.

# **VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (WWC)**

All parents and carers wishing to visit or volunteer at the school need to hold a valid Working With Children Check (WWC). This can be done online at <a href="https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au">https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au</a>. Once you have received your card please present it to the office.





# Welcome Picnic - Friday 3rd March

Our annual school Welcome Picnic will be held on Friday 3rd March from 5.30-8pm on the school oval. Bring a picnic dinner or buy a sausage in bread from the teachers' BBQ. Meet new parents, make new friends.

# **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 at:

https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/

# **THPS Gardening Group Facebook page**

Join the THPS closed Facebook group by searching for THPS Gardening Group or using the link. The Gardening Group is run by the lovely Laura David (Helena Hutchison) and manages the roster over weekends and school holidays to water and take care of our school vegetable garden.

https://m.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385/?ref=bookmarks

#### **THPS Chicken Roster**

If you would like to be included in the chicken roster to help look after our school chickens over weekends and school holidays, please contact the office to join the WhatsApp group.

# **THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page**

Join the THPS closed Facebook group by searching for THPS Parents & Friends Community and answering the question. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385">https://www.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385</a>

P&F Team - Lauren & Oula thpspaf@gmail.com



# 7 pm MON 13<sup>th</sup> FEB

Everyone welcome to attend online – Kate Stacker's Webex no 578 794 881

For more information, please email Natalie & Kate <a href="mailto:thpsbasketball@gmail.com">thpsbasketball@gmail.com</a>

GO HEIGHTS!!!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**





Ph. 1300 858 911

Musicorp holds weekly group lessons at your child's school. The term fee includes the lessons, book, music stand and instrument to take home and practice with.

Scan the QR code for full details, including pricing, available instruments and to enrol.

Or go to: www.polygon.ws/lessons











Come and try or register for the AUTUMN SEASON -February to June

- · Join new netball junior teams for the Autumn season
  - 9/u,11/u,13/u,15/u,17/u and Open Age Teams
- Or if you are new to netball, join us for NetSetGO
  - Australia's official starter program for girls/boys, aged 5-10
  - · Passing drills & shooting
  - · Ball games & practice matches
  - · Friendly coaches... make new friends
- NetSetGO and club training Tuesdays
- Team competitions Saturdays
- Venue: Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre Netball Courts

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