

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 6

9th March 2023

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“inspiring learners for life”

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Picnic

Thank you to all our families who attended our Welcome Picnic event on Friday. It was a big turnout and so pleasing to see our community come together to celebrate the start of the school year. Thank you to Tim (Scott 6LS) and Oula (Matilda 4JG) for organising the sausage sizzle and for the THPS staff for helping out on the night.

Farewell Cassie

At the end of the week Cassie Johnson will commence family leave as she and partner Chris await the arrival of their first child. Cassie has been a member of our community since she commenced as a graduate teacher and we wish all the best as she starts her next exciting chapter. We look forward to hearing the news when bub arrives.

Parent/Carer-Teacher Discussions

We have concluded our first semester parent/carers-teacher discussions. These catch ups are focused on having an opportunity to sit down with your child's teacher and discuss their learning progress (social, academic & emotional). Most of our families booked in times, demonstrating how much they value a positive home-school partnership.

School Review

As part of the continual cycle of improvement, our school undertook a diagnostic review where the aim was to a) reflect on our previous 4-year strategic plans' goals & targets and b) set the direction of our next strategic plan. The rigorous and collaborative process has so far been an affirming one, our efforts in raising the quality of our teachers has positively impacted on our students' achievement results. A big thank you to our challenge partners Kate Buck (Principal, Brandon Park PS), Duncan Cant (Principal, Old Orchard PS) and executive team members Andrew Veal, Samantha Charlton and Jeanette Breen for being part of this process.

School Councillors for 2023

Nominations have now closed and we have finalised our 2023 School Council, as we are not required to hold an election. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our departing councillors- *Stuart McLay* and *Terence Polorotoff* for their contributions over four and two years respectively. Congratulations to our two new School Councillors *Reza Tajaddini* and *Jonathan Oppenheim* as well as returning councillor and current President *Kai Robotham*. Continuing on in their roles are councillors *Stamatina Pearce*, *Paul Gallo*, *Oula Olsen*, *Nick Pugliese*, *Karen Gray*, *Lynette Rump* (parent reps) and *Margaret de Haas*, *Jeanette Breen* and *Andrew Veal* (DET reps).

NAPLAN

Next Wednesday all students in year 3 and 5 commence their participation in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The first assessment is writing, with all students now participating in NAPLAN using adaptive testing on computers. Information to all year 3 and 5 parents was sent out on Monday via Compass.

As I have previously stated, we are proud of the attitude and work ethic of all our students since they have arrived back to school this year. Regardless of the outcome, all we ask is our students give these assessments their best effort.

Divisional Swimming Competition

Congratulations to Layan, Danny and Julius for their efforts in today's divisional swimming competition. Our three students displayed our school value of courage as they gave their all against very strong competition. Well done to Danny who came 3rd in backstroke, Julius who came 3rd breaststroke and Layan who came 1st in breaststroke and butterfly. Layan will now go through to the regional finals.



Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 1

Monday 13 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 15 th March	NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 Writing School Council – 7.00pm staffroom
Thursday 16 th March	NAPLAN - Yr 3 Language and Conventions Year 5 & 6 Summer Sport
Friday 17 th March	NAPLAN – Yr 3 Reading
Monday 20 th March	Harmony Day – wear Orange or a traditional Cultural outfit NAPLAN - Yr 5 Language and Conventions Whole School Assembly including JSC and Enviro leader Badge Presentation – Gym – 2.45pm
Tuesday 21 st March	NAPLAN - Yr 5 Reading
Wednesday 22 nd March	NAPLAN - Yr 5 Numeracy & NAPLAN catch up day
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 5 & 6 Summer Sport NAPLAN – Yr 3 Numeracy & NAPLAN catch up day
Friday 24 th March	NAPLAN catch up day
Monday 27 th March	NAPLAN catch up day Assembly via WebEx 571 909 455 – 3.10pm
Thursday 30 th March	Year 5 & 6 Summer Sport
Friday 31 st March	Year 6 Natural Disaster incursion
Tuesday 4 th April	Yr 5 & 6 Parent information evening Sex Education Victoria via Zoom - 7pm
Thursday 6 th April	Whole School Assembly including Easter Raffle draw - 1.30pm School gym Term 1 Ends 2.30pm

CURRICULUM DAYS

Monday 29th May

Monday 6th November

TERM DATES 2023

Term 1	Last day of term 1 Thursday 6 th April
Term 2	Monday, 24 th April - Friday, 23 rd June
Term 3	Monday, 10 th July - Friday, 15 th September
Term 4	Monday, 2 nd October – Wednesday, 20 th December

FROM THE OFFICE

Un Named Payment

We have an unnamed school fee payment for a Year 4 Student which was made at the office on Tuesday 21st February at approximately 11.56am via card. If you believe this may be you please contact us.

Payments due

Year 6 Natural Disasters incursion – 22nd March

School Photos

We are expecting the photos to be delivered in the last week of March.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony week is the celebration that recognises diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The JSC students have been busy creating posters to promote the free dress day that we will be having on **Monday 20th March**. Students are encouraged to wear orange to show their support or wear a traditional cultural outfit.

No donation is required for this day.

ANZAC Day Badges

From Tuesday 14th March, our JSC students will be selling ANZAC day badges. Our leaders will be visiting every classroom during the last session of each day. This will continue until the end of term (unless they're sold out prior).

Badges are \$2 and Wrist bands \$3. Please send correct change.

STEM CLUB

STEM Club has now commenced!

Every Thursday for Foundation – Year 2 students, and Friday's for Yr 3 -6 students at lunchtime in the STEM room.

STEM Club offers students the opportunity to challenge themselves to complete a Rubik's cube, learn how to code with a robot, and create objects with Lego.



Easter Raffle & donations – WE NEED DONATIONS FOR THE HAMPERS

The highly anticipated annual Easter Raffle will be drawn in the final assembly of term 1 on Thursday 6th April. Families can donate bought items to be included in the raffle hampers. Please bring donations into the office by Monday 3rd April. Please check ingredients and ensure all items are **NUT FREE**. Any Easter themed items welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets. Raffle tickets for each student will be sent home shortly and will need to be returned by Mon 3rd April.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

We are *delighted* to be running our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive in partnership with Bakers Delight The Pines, leading up to Easter. Prices are the same as in store but \$2 from every pack sold will be donated towards our school fundraising. Order forms will go out with the eldest child on Tuesday 14th March and will need to be returned to school no later than Friday 31st March. The Hot Cross Buns will be sent home from school on Wednesday 5th April (second last day of term).

Class Rep Meeting Term 1 2023

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a class rep this year. Our first class rep meeting will be held next Friday the 17th of March in the Boardroom (at the office). Please email us on thpspaf@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

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 – Lauren & Oula thpspaf@gmail.com



COMMUNITY NEWS



DONCASTER
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2023 Open Night

Wednesday, 22 March

5pm - 7pm

Principal's address followed
by a student-led tour

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**Sunday 26th March 2023
9:00am - 4:00pm
Finns Reserve, Templestowe Road**

Enquiries: Keith Anderson - 0412 558 066
Email: festival@templestowerotary.org.au

Rotary Club of Templestowe

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