

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 8

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Courage Respect "inspiring learners for life" Responsibility

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Nowruz

Happy New Year to all our Persian families for the end of an old and the start of a new year on 21st March.

Harmony Day

Congratulations to our Student Voice Leaders for organising our Harmony Day celebration on Monday. It was a great opportunity to acknowledge the many different cultures that form our diverse community.



Welcome New Students and Staff

I would like to welcome Elena (6KS) and Samiar (FEV) to our community. Both have settled in well to their new classes and have made friends already. We look forward to seeing you both grow as learners. We would also like to welcome our ICT Technician, Jim Alevizos.

Walking and STEM Clubs

On Tuesday at recess times, our PE teacher, Jaime, runs a walking club. The purpose is for students to get active during break times. Many of our more competitive students set challenges with how many steps they want to achieve. All students are permitted to attend; the more the merrier.

Our STEM lunchtime clubs (F-2 Wednesdays & Yr. 3-6

Thursdays) have been a roaring success. The students enjoy coming into our newest learning space and dabbling in Lego, coding and robotics. Thank you to our dedicated STEM teacher Ross for scheduling these clubs and provide our students with an opportunity to engage with their passions at lunch time.







School Review

Today we had our review panel spend their second day at Templestowe Heights Primary. As part of the Department of Education's continuous cycle of improvement, our review panel is here to support us in setting our next four years' goals and targets for our 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. It was a big day of discussions and forums, with the panel meeting with staff, students, parents and carers to help support what are our areas of strength and opportunities for growth at Templestowe Heights Primary. Thank you again to our review panel, consisting of our lead reviewer John Haines, School Council Treasurer *Stamatina Pierce*, challenge partners *Kate Buck* (Principal, Brandon Park PS), *Duncan Cant* (Principal, Old Orchard PS), Senior Education & Improvement Leader *Carolyn Elliot* and executive team members *Andrew Veal, Samantha Charlton* and *Jeanette Breen*.

Visitor to Year 2

Last Friday, Year 2 students had Ben Birch (father of Ollie B in 2PS & Vascular Surgeon at St Vincent's Hospital) visit to talk about the human body. Ben answered lots of curious questions from students and did a serious operation on a bunny rabbit who had a "nail" in his arm. Students were able to see what surgery looks like and how the doctors, surgeons and nurses treat patients in hospital. It was a great experience for all students to connect their knowledge of the human body and hear from a parent or carer that works in the field. Thank you Ben!





World's Greatest Shave - Edie

Edie (6JA) took part in the World's Greatest Shave, where she very confidently explained at our whole-school assembly that she raised \$1,334 towards leukaemia research. This year, there were 14,087 shavers for this special event, raising a combined total of \$9,262,028. We are very proud of Edie for showing courage in supporting the fight towards an illness that affects so many families.



Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 1		
Friday 24 th March	NAPLAN catch up day	
Monday 27 th March	NAPLAN catch up day	
	Assembly via WebEx 571 909 455 – 3.10pm	
Tuesday 28 th March	Foundation Fire Education Incursion – Session 2	
Thursday 30 th March	Year 5 & 6 Summer Sport	
Friday 31 st March	Year 6 Natural Disaster Incursion	
	Hot Cross Bun Orders Due	
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	
PUPIL FREE DAYS		
Monday 24 th April		
Monday 29 th May		
Monday 6 th November		

TERM DATES 2023		
Term 1	Last day of term 1 Thursday 6 th April	
Term 2	Wednesday 26 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

FIRST AID UPDATE





In recent weeks we have had a number of students who are coming to school unwell. If your child presents with cold or flu like symptoms, headaches, sore tummies and is not generally feeling well please keep them home until all symptoms have ceased. Everyone needs to do their bit to keep our

community safe.

ANZAC DAY APPEAL



Our JSC students are 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. All proceeds will be donated to the Templestowe RSL in support of all current and former service men and women and their families. Thank you for

your support



PERFORMING ARTS-DRAMA

Shakespeare-Year 6

As part of the Year 6 Term 1 Drama unit, students have been exploring the play 'Romeo & Juliet' of William Shakespeare and the ways character, symbolism, language, and genre shape the experience of Shakespearean drama. As part of celebrating World Poetry Day on Tuesday 21st March, students studied the techniques of 'Blackout Poetry' involving choosing words from the 'Prologue' of Romeo & Juliet to create their own poem and theme. Below are some examples of the student's lyrical artistic pieces! Mrs Petrovska (Performing Arts Teacher)

THE PROLOGUE







🌱 PE NEWS – TÆEKWONDO! 🌱

These past few weeks the Grade 1 and 2 students have been participating in Taekwondo clinics provided by Weiwu Taekwondo, who focus on self-defence, fitness and discipline. Students learnt skills such as striking, kicking, blocking and even got to try board breaking. So much fun!



If your child would like to continue with their Taekwondo skills, WeiWu Taekwondo offer two free trials for new customers in Mitcham or Burwood. Contact: Joyce 0418 811 338 www.weiwutaekwondo.com.au info@weiwutakewondo.com.au





All the best to our superstar swimmer Layan (5KW) as she competes in Butterfly and Breaststroke at the Regional Swimming competition tomorrow. Good luck Layan!!!



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 <u>NUT FREE</u>. Any Easter themed items welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets. Raffle tickets for each student have now been sent home and will need to be returned by **Monday 3rd April**. If you would like to buy more, they are available at the office.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

We are *delighted* to be running our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive in partnership with Bakers Delight The Pines. Prices are the same as in store but \$2 from every pack sold will be donated towards our school fundraising. You will need to return the order forms to school no later than **FRIDAY the 31**st of March.

Hot Cross Buns will be sent home from school on Wednesday the 5th of April (second last day of term).

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 <u>https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/</u>

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, Amy & Nikki <u>thpspaf@gmail.com</u>

COMMUNITY NEWS

MANNINGHAM FAMILY FESTIVAL at FINNS

Fun for the whole family

Craft and Food Stalls, Children's Rides, Animal Farm, Camel & Pony Rides, Entertainment

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

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



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COMMUNITY GRANTS MANNING



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TEMPLESTOWE BOWLING CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY FUNDAY SUNDAY 30TH APRIL

The Templestowe Bowling Club celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year, being one of the oldest sporting Clubs in the Manningham area. The theme of our celebrations not only recognises our history but seeks to reinforce our commitment to the Community, with a range of activities.

One of these activities is a **Big Family Fun Day on the <u>30th</u> April** to be held at our Club. It is planned to be an afternoon of fun, for the whole family, with lots of free activities.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could promote this Fun Day by displaying the enclosed flyer in your March/April newsletter to families. Your support of this day would be greatly appreciated.

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