



# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 4 Week 4

26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

**Online Assembly**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October WebEx 571 909 455**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome Back Campers

Our year 5/6 students have all safely returned from their 3-day outdoor adventure camp to Camp Howqua. From all reports the students had the most amazing time, with team-building exercises, horse riding, water slides and high ropes course. We are so fortunate to have such committed THPS staff, parents and carers who attended the camp. A huge thank you to fearless leader *Kate Stacker*, and support by *Linda Spencer*, *Julianna Alexeev*, *Martin Ravindran*, *Karen Woods*, *Peter Sartori*, *Despina Alleri*, *Jane Young*, *Stamatina Pearce*, *Kiraly Pugliese*, *Goran Licinar* and *Tim Gilley*.



### Respectful Relationships Parent/Carer Session

As part of the state government's mandatory **Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships (RRRR)** curriculum, this year our students have been learning to develop their social, emotional and positive relationship skills. As students commence learning about the curriculum's topics 7 & 8- *Gender & Identity* and *Positive Gender Relations*, we invite you to an information session.

The information session will be co-run with *April Miller* and *Aimy Skym*, the Department of Education's Respectful Relationships Liaison Officers. They will help to explore and build background knowledge of why these topics are being taught. From a school perspective we will explain how we will ensure the class sessions establish safe spaces and promote our child safety policy. The information session will be held at **6pm in the staffroom on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

For further information the RRRR syllabus for each year level can be downloaded:

**RRRR - Department of Education & Training** (Copy and paste into your browser). Please contact the office on 9850 1796 or email on [templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to register to attend.

## Culture, Diversity and Citizenship

As part of the Year 4 students' core knowledge curriculum, they have been learning about theirs and others' family histories. The students have created an expo, that includes family artefacts and video interviews of every student discussing their heritage. The classrooms were open this afternoon, allowing our families with the opportunity to come in and hear other stories and share in their child's learning.



## 2024 Foundation Transition

Next Friday our 2024 Foundation students have their first transition session. What a special time as our newest members begin to familiarise themselves with what will be their classrooms next year. Thank you to the dedicated Foundation team for planning the 4 transition sessions that will enable the children to feel comfortable and confident when commencing at THPS next year.

## 2024 Planning

As part of the process of creating classes for 2024, we are asking if parents or carers have any special requests relating to their child's grade placement for 2024, that they place it via the school office email at

[templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. As part of our class formation policy, teachers will facilitate a process where we ask all children to list five friends, where we are able guarantee that every child will have at least one of those five friends in their class for the following year, as per policy.

Requests may relate to friendship concerns, learning issues or family matters. Requests cannot be made regarding individual teachers and parents/carers are unable to select their child's friends on their behalf.

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

### TERM 4

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Assembly Online WebEx No. 571 909 455
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Respectful Relationships Parent/Carer Session - 6pm Staffroom
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 1 Light and Sound Incursion
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Free day – No School For Students
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Swimming Foundation and Year 3 & 4
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming Years 1, 2, 5 & 6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition for 2024 Classes – Session 1
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols Night
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Ginger Bread House Making
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition for 2024 Classes – Session 2
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 4 Ends – Students dismissed at 1.30pm
<b>PUPIL FREE DAYS</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	



## TERM DATES 2023

Term 4

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### Forms and Payments Due

Year 1 Light & Sound Incursion Due – Thursday 27 October

### FIRST AID UPDATE

#### Thunderstorm asthma — be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Templestowe Heights Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

#### How do you prepare

During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

#### Find out more

For more information, visit your general practitioner (GP) or visit the [Better Health Channel](#).



#### Term 4 Events

##### Tea Towel Fundraiser –

Thank you to everyone who purchased a tea towel. The order has been placed and will be arriving mid November. We will let you know when they are being sent home.

#### World Teachers Day – 27 October 2023

Parents and Friends would like to acknowledge all the wonderful Teachers, Support crew and the exceptional Administration staff at THPS, who all work tirelessly to make our school the loving, supportive and successful learning space that it is. **THANK YOU!**

#### Working With Children Check (WWCC)

If you are keen to donate some of your time to assist with various school activities, we would love to hear from you!! A WWCC is required and can be applied for free of charge online at <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

#### THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page

Please join the THPS closed Facebook group by clicking this link [THPS FACEBOOK GROUP](#) or search for THPS Parents & Friends Community and answering the questions asked.

**Upcoming Events-** Christmas Raffle, Carols Night and Gingerbread House Making

Lauren & Elisa at P&F - [thpspaf@gmail.com](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)



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### JUNO

Juno is an affectionate grey and white 3 month old Dwarf Mini Lop Bunny. He loves lots of cuddles and spending time with the family and is looking for a home where he can be provided with lots of love and attention. Juno is calm and inquisitive and adapts very easily. He must find a home soon.

For further inquiries please contact:  
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