



Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

23rd November 2023

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Swimming Program Foundation and Year 3 & 4

Monday 27th Nov to Friday 1st Dec

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Swimming Program

On Monday we commence our intensive swimming program for all Foundation, Year 3 and Year 4 students. This is a weeklong program as part of the government's water safety initiative to help ensure Australian children are safe and confident around water.

Classes for 2024 – Please Trust Us

Now that the big task of writing reports has been completed, our class teachers and education support team are creating grades for 2024. This is an extremely challenging task that we take seriously and can be very time-consuming. As part of our class formation policy, we ensure that every child will be placed in a grade with at least one of their nominated five friends they listed down. We do our best to ensure our classes are balanced.

Change is a big challenge for many children. No doubt most children have already started thinking about next year. New teacher, new classroom, new classmates, new routines, the unknown. As parents and carers we want the best for our child and when we see them worried or upset, our initial reaction is that we want to protect and help them to resolve their worries.

Please resist the inclination to approach the school if you have concerns about the placement of your child for their class in 2024. For anyone, moving out of our comfort zone presents challenges, but please remember this is normal as it builds resilience, something we all need as adults. Please trust our teachers and education support staff and know that your child will be well looked after no matter what class they are in for 2024.

Our transition sessions will be held on Tuesday the 5th and 12th December where students will meet their new teacher, in the physical space classroom they will be in with their new classmates.

Garden Stall Friday After School

This Friday at the end of the school day our Environmental Captains and leaders will be selling the produce harvested from our garden. A massive thank you to Laura, who comes in a couple of lunch times every week throughout the year to teach and guide our students in how to care and manage our growing garden. She is responsible for the increase in green-thumbed students and for creating a place for students to be engaged and safe in.

Christmas Carols

Our Christmas Carols Community event is fast approaching. Students, teachers and education support staff have been busily rehearsing their Christmas songs. The event, held from 6:30pm on Thursday 7th December is an opportunity for families and staff to come together and celebrate the end of the year we have had. We encourage families to bring their picnic rugs, dinner, drinks and enjoy the casual atmosphere whilst listening to carols. The Parents & Friends will be selling zooper doper icy poles and cans of soft drink on the night.

Rhys Coulson

Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 4

Monday 27 th November	Colin Corstorphin Award Nominations Close Library Closes for Borrowing
Mon 27 th Nov to 1 st Dec	Swimming Foundation and Year 3 & 4
Friday 1 st December	All Library Books to be Returned
Mon 4 th to Friday 8 th December	Swimming Years 1, 2, 5 & 6
Tuesday 5 th December	Whole School Transition for 2024 Classes – Session 1 (2.30pm -3.15pm)
Thursday 7 th December	Carols Night from 6.30pm
Monday 11 th December	Ginger Bread House Making Evening 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole School Transition for 2024 Classes – Session 2 (11.30pm -12.30pm)
Monday 18 th December	School Reports Via COMPASS – From 4.00pm Year 6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 6 Graduation lunch and Ceremony
Wednesday 20 th December	Term 4 Ends – Students dismissed at 1.30pm

TERM DATES 2023

Term 4	Monday, 2 nd October – Wednesday, 20 th December
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FROM THE OFFICE

Forms Due

Year 6 graduation excursion – Due Wednesday 6th December

Swimming Timetable

Foundation Year 3 and 4 - Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December

FEV and FBR – 11.00am to 11.45am

FKD and FJR – 11.45am to 12.30pm

4SM and 3TH - 11.00am to 11.45am

4RA and 3EJ – 11.45am to 12.30pm

4BG and 3HB – 12.30pm to 1.15pm

Are You Moving School in 2024?

For those families that are moving to new schools or homes can you please notify us via email at your earliest convenience as we are in the process of forming 2024 classes.

Tea Towel Fundraiser

If you missed out on a tea towel or remembered another person you could gift them to for Christmas, we have a few spares for each year level, please see the office if you would like to purchase these for \$16.00 each.

FOUND

- A pair of mushroom shapes kids earrings
- Garage door remoted control

If these belong to you please contact the office

LIBRARY NEWS



The library is closed for borrowing from Monday 27th November. All borrowed books need to be returned by Friday 1st December.



Term 4 Events

Christmas Raffle – Drawn last school assembly

This year we are changing things up a little, and we will not be holding a Christmas stall, instead

we will have a Christmas raffle, where the children will have the opportunity to choose their prize.

Tickets will be going home the week of December 4th. 3 tickets for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each. A sample hamper will be on display in the office as of Monday 4th December.



Gingerbread House making and kits – Monday 11th December 6:30pm

If you would like to participate in creating your very own Gingerbread house complete the form attached to this Compass message. **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**



Traditional Gingerbread House - \$50.00 each

Which gives you everything you need to create a beautiful finished product - 300g lollies, Icing figurine, Icing, Merry Christmas plaque, 2 pieces gingerbread, Cello bag, Piping bag, Board, 500g royal icing, Snow sugar

Gingerbread pieces kit - \$33.00 each

Includes 4 pieces of Christmas gingerbread shapes covered in white fondant with pattern impressed for ease of painting with small tub edible glue, sprinkles, paint brush, paint strip.

Sugar Cookie pieces kit - \$33.00 each

Includes sugar cookies pieces covered white fondant including small tub edible glue, sprinkles, paint brush, paint strip.

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://wwwcv.auspost.com.au/>

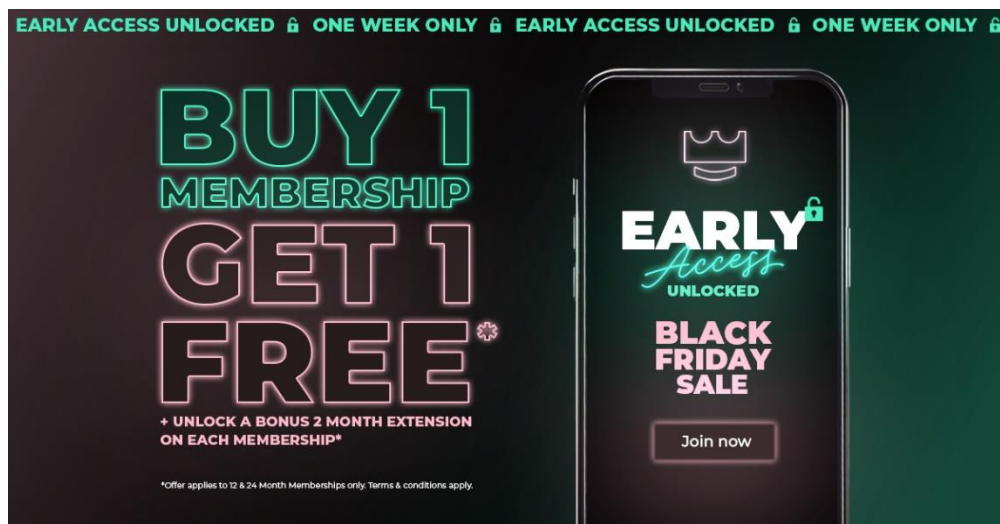
THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page

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.

Lauren & Elisa at P&F - thpspaf@gmail.com

Promotion Offer: Buy 1 Membership, Get 1 Membership Free (+ bonus 2 month Membership Extension)

Promotion Dates: 6 pm, Tuesday 14th November – Midday, Monday 20th November



\$13 from each Membership purchased is donated to our school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish of St. Gregory-the-Great




Catholic children who attend our Templestowe Heights Primary School are invited by St Gregory the Great Parish, Doncaster to participate in programs to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Could parents please contact the parish office on 9412 8425 or by email on DoncasterR E@cam.org.au.

The programs will be conducted by Margaret O'Donnell on Tuesdays after school.

There will be an information evening on Tuesday, 20th February at 5pm in St Gregory's Parish Room.

Thank you, in advance, for this kindness to our parish and to parishioners who may attend your school.

COMMUNITY EVENT
CHOOSING THE RIGHT PET



Join us for an evening with Dr. Kevin Foster – Founder of Vets in Melbourne

Presented by Friends of Manningham Dogs & Cats
Monday 27 November at 7.30 pm
53-55 Aranga Crescent, Donvale

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HARD QUIZ

Hey kids, for years Tom Gleeson has been challenging adults to **HARD** questions on **HARD QUIZ**.

This time, the kids get to have a go!

We're making some special episodes of **HARD QUIZ** - with kids!

So if you'll be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2024, have a topic you know more about than *anyone* else, and think you can be a *little* bit cheeky if Tom tries to outsmart you, then why not apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ**.

Get your parent or guardian to head to hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application!

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 28 Jan 2024.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!**

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