



# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

## **Whole School Transition for 2024 Classes**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### **Our Transition Program**

The 2024 Foundation students had their fourth and final transition session on Friday. This final session was a half day where our newest students met their buddies. Next year there will be five Prep classes, meaning our foundation students will be our largest cohort as they move through the school- so look out!



This coming Tuesday from 2:15-3:15pm we will be having the first of two transition sessions. On these sessions the students will meet their new teacher, classmates and the classroom they will be in for 2024.

As I have mentioned previously, staff have spent countless hours creating the classes for 2024. In line with the Classroom Placement Policy, we aim to get the balance right and ensure every child has one of their five selected friends. Change is a big thing and every year there will always be children who are upset because they didn't get the exact friend or teacher they had hoped for.

As parents and carers it is only natural to want to advocate for our child and consider contacting the school to request changes. Dealing with small disappointments is part of life and it builds our resilience, a skill we need as adults. Please trust us and know that your child will be well looked after regardless of what class they are in for 2024.

#### **Departing Staff**

It is with a heavy heart I share the news that Hugh Beasley, Janneke Koenen and Peter Sartori are leaving THPS at the end of the school year. All three have made significant contributions to our school and the narrative we have built, including the dreaded lock-down years. They have all helped to drive the standards we have now come to expect in our teaching and learning program and overall they are just three amazing people. We will miss them as they embark on the next chapter of their professional journeys that includes the construction industry, VCAL education and an independent school (can you guess who is doing what?)



#### **Carols Picnic Event This Thursday**

This Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> December) we will be hosting our Carols event on the school oval. The purpose of this event is to come together as a community, with your picnic rugs and celebrate 2023. Students will sing their year level Carols song and there will be icy poles on sale run by the *Parents & Friends*. There may also be a special visitor, with a long white beard in a red suit to bring lollies to the children.

Come along from 5:30pm, with Carols commencing at 6:45pm. At 6:30pm we require all students to sit on the marked section of the oval in their year levels, ready to perform. Students can come dressed as festively as they like (no school uniform). We can't wait to see many of you there on the night!

## Swimming Program

Our Foundation, Year 3 and 4 students have almost completed their week-long intensive swimming program. It is a hectic week both at school and home as we organise buses, groups, different eating times and not to mention ensuring bathers are dry and ready for the next day! Thank you to our staff and families for making this week-long event run like clockwork.



## Student Leadership

At the completion of a preferential voting process on Tuesday afternoon, I am pleased to announce that *Juliette* and *Stefan (5KW)* are our 2024 School Captains. The process of electing our school captains falls squarely on our students and not our staff. Our school captains are elected to represent their peers and not the THPS Staff.

While it is exciting for Juliette and Stefan, our students that were unsuccessful will be naturally disappointed. All students that applied for the position demonstrated courage and respect as they delivered their speeches to all Year 3-5 students.

## 2024 Parent Payments

Today parent payment information will be coming home with the youngest child. This information outlines our fees for the next school year and can be paid at anytime.

## Chris Varney – I CAN

Last week Chris Varney, the CEO from I CAN came to talk to our year 5&6 students as well as afterschool session for THPS staff. Chris was inspiring as he spoke with clarity about what it is like growing up with autism. He shared many stories and explanations that built understandings on tolerance and acceptance for our students. Chris now heads up an organisation that employs 84 neurodiverse staff, focusing on mentoring younger people that are not neurotypical. For more information please click the link below.

<https://icannetwork.online>

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023	
TERM 4	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	All Library Books to be Returned
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 (2.30pm -3.15pm)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols Night from 6.00pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Ginger Bread House Making Evening 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition for 2024 Classes – Session 2 (11.30pm -12.30pm)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Reports Via COMPASS – From 4.00pm Year 6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation lunch and Ceremony
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 4 Ends – Students dismissed at 1.30pm
TERM DATES 2023	
Term 4	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Forms Due

Year 6 graduation excursion – Due Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Swimming Timetable

Swimming Years 1, 2, 5 & 6- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### Grade 1 & 2 Students

Group 1 - 10.00 – 10.45am

Group 2 - 10.45 – 11.30pm

Group 3 - 11.30 – 12.15pm

#### Grade 5 & 6

Group 1 - 11.00 – 11.45am

Group 2 - 11.45 – 12.30pm

Group 3 - 12.30 – 1.15pm

Students will be leaving school half hour before their lesson.

### Are You Moving School in 2024?

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

### Tea Towel Fundraiser

We have a few more tea towels left to sell at a cost of \$16 each. Please come to the office if you would like to make a purchase. 1 x year 6, 3 x year 3, 5 x year 4, 6 x year 2, and 1 x year 1. Be quick before they run out.

### Canteen News

Our last student run canteen will be held this week. That you to Mrs Reid and her team of student helpers for the time and effort put into this enterprise.

## LIBRARY NEWS



All library books need to be returned by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The library is now closed for borrowing for 2023.

## Reconciliation Action Plan

I am pleased to inform you that Templestowe Heights Primary School has committed to developing a [Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#).

Our RAP supports our school to build knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and contributions.

Through our RAP, we will strengthen relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom, around the school, and with the community.

Developing our RAP is a long-term commitment, one that requires ongoing consideration and collaborative effort. Within our community, there is unique knowledge and valuable experience that we would love to see reflected in the development and implementation of our RAP.

We are seeking your input and support so that our RAP creates meaningful and sustainable change. This letter is a call to action for parents/carers/students/community members to express their interest in joining our RAP Working Group.

RAP Working Group members are dedicated to driving reconciliation within our school community, and can support with the coordination and administration of RAP initiatives.

If you would like to discuss being involved in the RAP Working Group, please get in touch with Naomi via email: [naomi.scott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:naomi.scott@education.vic.gov.au)

We're building our RAP using Reconciliation Australia's Narragunnawali program. Find out more about this excellent program: [reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali](https://reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali)

*Templestowe Heights Primary School is on the land of the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation.*

*I acknowledge all First Nations Peoples as the traditional custodians of this land. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging and recognised the valuable contributions made by all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.*

## FIRST AID NEWS

### Thunderstorm asthma and Hay Fever— 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 you can 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.

**If your child suffers from hay fever please have a pharmacist or doctor fill out the attached Allergic Rhinitis treatment plan so appropriate medication can be administered to your child if required.**

### Find out more

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

**Tanya Misquitta**

**First Aid Officer**





## Term 4 Events:

### Christmas Carols Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

We are looking forward to seeing so many faces for the Christmas carols on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This year there will be no BBQ, however, P&F will be selling Zooper Doopers (\$1.00) and cold drinks (\$2.00).

### Gingerbread House making and kits – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm

Forms will go home this week if you would like to participate in creating your very own Gingerbread house. **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

### Christmas Raffle - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Raffle tickets will go home next week to win some fantastic prizes – feel free to check a few of them out that are on display in the office.

Tickets will be \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$10.00.

### 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.

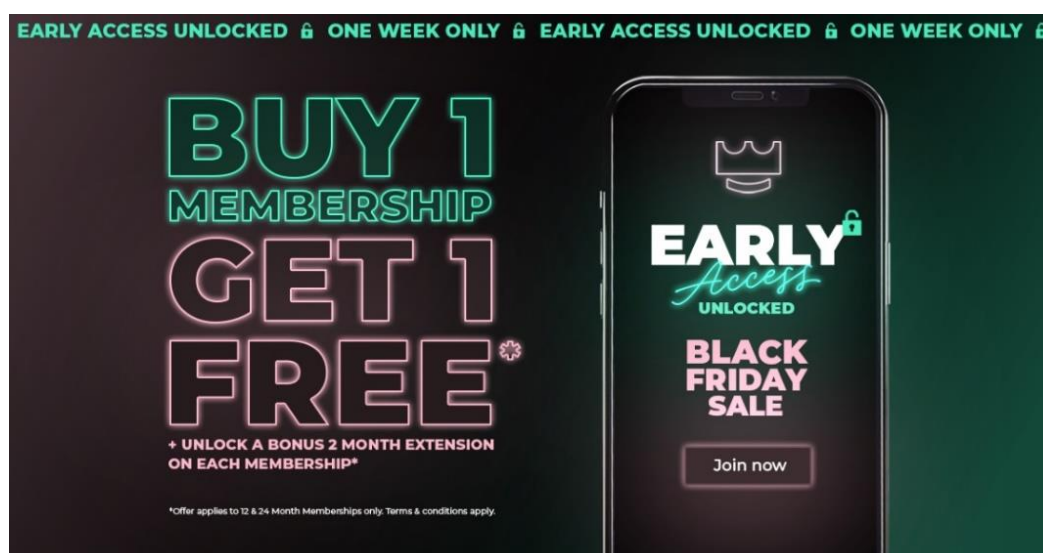
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### Promotion Offer: Buy 1 Membership, Get 1 Membership Free (+ bonus 2 month Membership Extension)

Promotion Dates: 6 pm, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Midday, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November



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



# BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1, 2024

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS NOW OPEN!

**Expression of interest for next year is now open!** Please register your child if they would like to continue with Primary School Basketball next year. Please do this ASAP so we can start sorting the teams for next year.

This expression of interest registration is FREE: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNQ8Z>

Season will run from the 19 February 2024 to the 28 June 2024.

**Yrs 5/6  
BOYS & GIRLS**

3 rounds of Grading  
10 rounds Regular Season  
2 rounds Finals  
\$156.50 + BV License Fee  
\$55 Finals team sheet

**MONDAYS**

**Yrs 3/4  
BOYS**

4 rounds of Grading  
11 rounds Regular Season  
2 rounds Finals  
\$156.50 + BV License Fee  
\$55 Finals team sheet

**TUESDAYS**

**Yrs 1/2  
BOYS & GIRLS**

4 rounds of Grading  
11 rounds Regular Season  
2 rounds Finals  
\$156.50 + BV License Fee  
\$55 Finals team sheet

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Yrs 3/4  
GIRLS**

4 rounds of Grading  
10 rounds Regular Season  
2 rounds Finals  
\$156.50 + BV License Fee  
\$55 Finals team sheet

**THURSDAYS**

**Foundation  
BOYS & GIRLS**

15 round Season  
\$136.50 + BV License Fee  
15 Minute running  
clock halves

**FRIDAYS**

For more information, please email Natalie & Kate

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOLIDAY TABLE TENNIS PROGRAM

乒乓球假期班

8-12 January 2024  
Monday to Friday  
10am to 1pm

6-16 Joseph St, Blackburn North  
Cost: \$70 per day

Please bring bat, water and snacks  
For ages 6-12, all skill levels welcome

COACH KAREN LI  
2 Times Olympic Representative  
4 Times Commonwealth Games Representative  
3 Times Oceania Champions  
7 Times NZ National Champions

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### KAREN LI TABLE TENNIS

乒乓球训练班

### SCHOOL TERM TUESDAY CLASS TIMETABLE

BLACKBURN NORTH  
6-16 Joseph Street

Tuesday:

4:15-5:15pm Beginner

5:15-6:15pm Beginner and Intermediate

6:15-7:15pm Intermediate and Advanced

7:15-8:15pm Intermediate and Advanced

FOR AGES 6-12 – ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

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