



# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 4 Week 10

7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

## Christmas Carols

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm to 8.00pm

Whole School Assembly Monday 11<sup>th</sup> from 2.45pm (All Welcome)



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Carols Tonight!

This evening we will be hosting our Christmas Carols event on the school oval. We encourage all families to come along with a rug, picnic dinner, drinks and listen to the children sing (with gusto) their carols song. The students have been busily and enthusiastically rehearsing their songs and this is an opportunity for us as a community to come together and celebrate the year that was.



Please come along from 5:30pm, with students asked to be sitting in their designated grade areas by 6:30pm. Carols will commence at 6:45pm. Our *Parents & Friends* have organised icy poles and soft drinks available for purchase.

#### Year 6 Captains

Congratulations to all our current year 5 students who showed our school value of courage and applied for year 6 leadership positions. Through a process of completing an Expression of Interest Form, preparing and presenting a speech and lastly a preferential voting system, we have now elected our year captains.

School Captains	Juliette (5KW)	Stefan (5KW)	
Environmental	Leo(5KW) & Jamie(5MR)	Art	Sienna(5MR) & Ian(5KW)
STEM	Kyle & Rafferty(5MR)	Library	Faith & Inca(5KW)
Goolagong	Azlaan(5MR) & Samara(5KW)	Cuthbert	Zev & Isabella S(5MR)
Bradman	Pranav & Maya(5MR)	Newcombe	Frankie & Emersyn(5MR)

#### Transition for 2024

On Tuesday we had the first of our two transition sessions. The purpose of these sessions are for students to familiarise themselves with their new teachers, classmates and classrooms in 2024. As I have mentioned before, change and the unknown is a daunting concept for many children (and adults). It is natural for children to be worried about what the next year brings, however stepping out of our comfort zone is part of the experience of building resilience.

We also have fifteen new students commencing with us next year and it was so pleasing to see our current students act as buddies to ensure our newest members felt supported. Our next and final transition session is this coming Tuesday from 11:30 – 12:30pm.

I would also like to introduce the newest staff members who will be joining THPS in 2024. I would like to welcome Ajay Singh (Bell St PS), Emma Zammit (Essendon North PS), Cath Shalders (Yarra Rd PS) and Stephanie Maxwell (Donnybrook PS).



## Looking toward 2024

As we continue to grow, we will have an additional grade in 2024 making it 23 straight-year level classrooms. Our specialist program will include Art, Library, Physical Education, Italian, STEM, Enrichment, Intervention and Tutoring.

2024 Staff	
Admin	<i>Rhys Coulson, Andrew Veal, Margaret de Haas, Anna Sanos, Tanya Misquitta, David Bruder</i>
Education Support	<i>Vikki Brereton, Kerry Clark, Kirsty Creek, Angelique Giacomini, Monia Iaconi, Navaara Matherson, Yvonne Tan</i>
Foundation	<i>Emma Vogel, Karen Diep, Jane Robinson, Jacquie Roche/Clare Harding, Stephanie Maxwell</i>
Year 1	<i>Reannan Rossi, Pennie Clark, Sarah Judge, Ajay Singh</i>
Year 2	<i>Samantha Charlton/Julie Gibbs, Naomi Scott, Emma Zammit</i>
Year 3	<i>Martin Ravindran, Liz James, Julianna Alexeev</i>
Year 4	<i>Jeanette Breen/Julie Gibbs, Renee Rooimans, Stephanie McNabb</i>
Year 5	<i>Karen Woods, Linda Spencer, Alex Bruinewood/Jessie Wenborn</i>
Year 6	<i>Kate Stacker, Cath Shalders</i>
Specialists	<i>Joy Birrell (Art), Tania Martini (Art and Literacy Intervention), Jaime Buccilli (PE), Dina Velona (Italian), Rosaria Deamicis (Italian), Ross Toogood (STEM), Janine Reid (Enrichment), Stu McLay (Tutor program)</i>

## Whole School Assembly

This coming Monday we will be hosting a whole school, face to face assembly in the gymnasium from 2:45pm. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

## Whole School Mosaic Piece

Cecile Gray, our artist in residence, has worked tirelessly all term with students to bring a design to life. The ceramic mosaic is an image of our community garden and chickens, complete with a cobbled path with the names of our graduating year 6 students. Please read on to learn more about it. We are so excited about seeing the finished product placed on the brick wall adjacent to the garden next week.

**Rhys Coulson**

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023	
TERM 4	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 Ends
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols Night from 5.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition for 2024 Classes – Session 2 (11.30pm -12.30pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Raffle Tickets Due
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 2024	
Term 1	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Term 2	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Payments Due

Christmas raffle tickets due – Friday 15<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.

### 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.

Year 1 x 1, Year 2 x 6 Year x 4, Year 5 x 3



### Term 4 Events:

#### Christmas Carols Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm

We are super excited to see everyone tonight!

As previously mentioned, no BBQ tonight, however, P&F will be selling Zooper Doopers (\$1.00) and cold drinks (\$2.00).

Please come and say hello! You will find us under the blue gazebo from 6:30pm.

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

Tickets have now been sent home for the Christmas hamper raffle – Prizes are family friendly and look fantastic prizes – feel free to check a few of them out that are on display in the office.

Tickets are \$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://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.

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





## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM TERM 4

## Whole school Mosaic and Grade 6 Legacy Piece 2023

We have been busy in the art room of late creating the whole school mosaic and the Grade 6 Legacy piece for 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our artist in residence Cecile Gray, for teaching all the students about mosaics and for assisting the Grade 6 students with their design ideas.

While every student had the opportunity to add their personal touch to the mosaic, the Grade 6 students had to come up with the final design inspired by the initial idea which came about at the beginning of term 4.

The grade 6 students had fun breaking and filing tiles to fit their drawings and ideas and gluing all the pieces into place.

Joy and I would like to thank:

all the students who had a go at designing and creating!

all the Grade 6 students who volunteered their lunch times to help Cecile.

the staff who had to move the panels (it was heavy), including Cécile's husband Victor.

And last but not least we would like to thank Cecile who from a small idea organised it all and helped our vision come to life.

## Happy Creating

## Tania Martini and Joy Birrell

## Visual Art Teachers

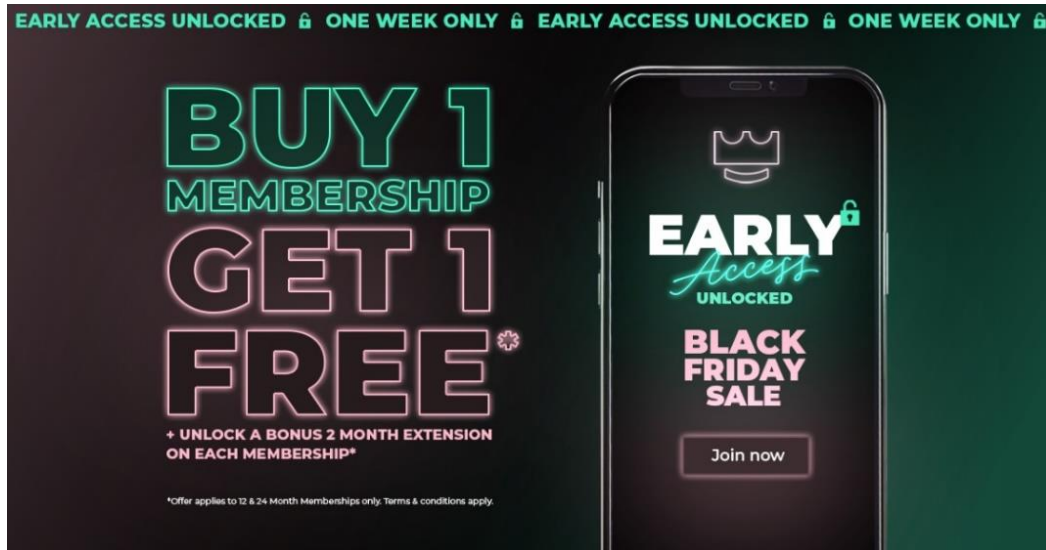




## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

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.



# 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/CNQBZ>

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

<b>Yrs 5/6 BOYS &amp; GIRLS</b> 3 rounds of Grading 10 rounds Regular Season 2 rounds Finals \$156.50 + BV License Fee \$55 Finals team sheet <b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>Yrs 3/4 BOYS</b> 4 rounds of Grading 11 rounds Regular Season 2 rounds Finals \$156.50 + BV License Fee \$55 Finals team sheet <b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>Yrs 1/2 BOYS &amp; GIRLS</b> 4 rounds of Grading 11 rounds Regular Season 2 rounds Finals \$156.50 + BV License Fee \$55 Finals team sheet <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>Yrs 3/4 GIRLS</b> 4 rounds of Grading 10 rounds Regular Season 2 rounds Finals \$156.50 + BV License Fee \$55 Finals team sheet <b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>Foundation BOYS &amp; GIRLS</b> 15 round Season \$136.50 + BV License Fee 15 Minute running clock halves <b>FRIDAYS</b>
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For more information, please email Natalie & Kate  
[thpsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:thpsbasketball@gmail.com)  
**GO HEIGHTS!!!**



# Brainworks Doncaster

One to one Teaching - Individualised Learning program

Core Skills English & Maths Program, Year 1-Year 10

Extension, Reinforcement and Remediation

Scholarship and Selective Entry Program

Assessment, Skill Development and Exam techniques

Sessions: Thursday 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm & 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
Saturday 11 am - 12.30 pm, 12.45 pm - 2.15 pm &  
2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Venue: MC2 Manningham City Square,  
687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster



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## PLAY PRIMARY SCHOOL Basketball

**NEW SEASON STARTING IN TERM 1 2024**

Prep Boys & Girls - Friday  
Yr1/2 Boys & Girls - Wednesday  
Yr3/4 Boys - Tuesday  
Yr3/4 Girls - Thursday  
Yr 5/6 Boys & Girls - Monday

Game times vary:  
4:10pm, 4:50pm, 5:30pm or 6:10pm

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**bulleen  
BOOMERS**

*Express your interest in joining now!*  
[www.trybooking.com/CNQEA](http://www.trybooking.com/CNQEA)



"From the 'outside  
in' a personal  
perspective"

## MY LIFE WITH AUTISM

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Come and hear Kerryn Burgoyne  
Speak on 40+ years of lived experiences

Topics will include:

- Overload issues including light/sound/sensory/social
- Aspektism for Teens/Adults
- The struggles with employment

**THURSDAY  
14TH DEC  
6:00PM**

**VENUE: DVLC  
GREENSBOROUGH**

**FOR REGISTRATION  
CALL:  
03 9435 9060**



## 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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### PLAY NETBALL

Come and join our family friendly club. Train on Thursday nights and play each Saturday at the Templestowe courts. From NetSetGo through to Open age groups.

FIND OUT MORE TODAY!  
[www.panthersjuniornetballclub.com](http://www.panthersjuniornetballclub.com)

