

Merry Christmas



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



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Newsletter Term 4 Week 11

14th December 2023

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



**Congratulations to our
graduating Year 6
Students**

Term 4 Ends Wednesday 20th December

Whole School Assembly 12.30pm - Gym

Students Dismissed at 1.30pm

Term 1 2024 Begins Wednesday 31st January

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A Safe and Well-Deserved Break

This week marks our last newsletter for the school year...and what a year it has been. There have been countless memorable moments, but the most important highlight undoubtedly has been how much each child at THPS has grown as a person throughout 2023.



It truly does take a village to raise a child and I am so grateful to be part of a community that is inclusive and positive to all. Our Carols had a huge attendance and it speaks volumes about the supportive culture we have built since the dreaded covid-years.



I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful staff for their professionalism and dedication in wanting the best for all students at THPS. Our school is in such a strong position, with the standards of teaching and learning we deliver. Thank you also to all parents and carers for ensuring you get your

child to school on time every day and for your unwavering support. Lastly, to our volunteers including *School Councillors, Parents & Friends, Class Reps* as well as *class and library helpers*, thank you so much for giving up even more of your precious time to keep our school running so smoothly.

I hope all families have an opportunity to fill their buckets, by spending quality time with friends and loved ones. Recharge your batteries and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 31st January.

Farewell students

Unfortunately the end of year inevitably means we have some families moving to different schools for a host of reasons. I want to wish all the best to Hisham(3TH), Zuwainah(FEV), Xavier(5KW), Indigo(4SM), Alia(4BG), Felix(1PC), Saxon(2NS), Lachlan(3TH), Leo(3TH), Tommy(4BG), Toby(4SM), Kiara(2PS), Eshal(FJM) and Melody(3TH). You are always welcome back at THPS and your new schools are lucky to have you.

During our graduation evening we also bid farewell to all families that are graduating from THPS now that their child is moving into high school. In recognition of all families that are finishing their time at THPS, whether it be one year or 13, we purchase a book for our library which is labelled on the inside front cover with their name.

THPS Basketball

Since its introduction roughly ten years ago, the THPS school basketball association has been a key element to building community within our school. This year we had 22 basketball teams, that competed in an afterschool competition. With parents and carers volunteering their times to be coaches, team managers, water bottle fillers, chauffers and even shoelace tiers, it really has been a source of fun and fulfilment as many of our students learnt the finer art of being part of a team sport.

Every season we are proud of all our students. Not all achieve the ultimate success, but they all give it a go and have fun while trying. Our A-grade Year 2 Girls team has been recognised by the Bulleen Basketball Association as having the best season of any primary school team across all ages since records have been kept.

The girls were undefeated (including the Grand Final) making this their 4th consecutive grand final win. Well done to Grace, Jasmine. T, Jasmine R, Kit, Olive and Cecilia on this impressive achievement. Coach Matt Hanson and Assistant Coach Adam Russel have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the girls. I am trying to poach them now to coach my own kids' teams!

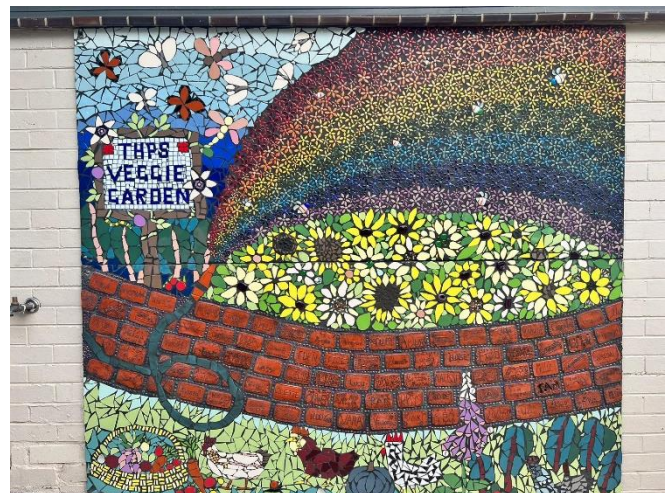
Year 6 basketball -Team 1, played their final primary school game ever on Monday. Well done team. They were runners up and fought valiantly! Thank you to Coach Richard (Oliver 6KS) and Manger Kristie (Jayden 6KS).



Art Mosaic

Our amazingly talented artist in residence Cecile Gray, had the big reveal on our whole school mosaic piece. Every single one of our 451 students contributed to the artwork, with our year 6 students completing their legacy piece, their names etched onto individual bricks along the pathway. This artwork has been a long time in the making, from its inception as an illustrated design to it coming to life through smashing tiles, the final product is stunning.

Thank you so much to Cecile and her support team as well as all the students for creating a lasting work of art that will be part of our school for a very long time to come.



Running Club



On Wednesday Jaime Buccilli ran out her final running club. This weekly morning running club has braved the heat, the cold and the rain all year, enabling our students and all members of our community to come along and run or walk laps. It has demonstrated to me how many children love to stay active, as well as parents, carers and staff. Thank you Jaime for providing this club all year, we hope it continues in 2024!

Semester 2 Reports

From 4pm Monday 18th December families will be able to access their child's semester 2 reports through the Compass portal.

Final Assembly

This Wednesday (20th December) we will be hosting our final school assembly at 12:30pm in the gymnasium. During this assembly we will bid farewell to our graduating class, present our badges for our 2024 year 6 leaders and draw the Christmas raffle. All members of our community are welcome to attend. Students will be dismissed early at 1:30pm.

Year 3 and 4 Writing

As part of our end of year celebrations, the Year 3 & 4s participated in a Christmas writing competition. They were all asked to respond to the following stimulus:

Writing - Christmas Response



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Do you **AGREE** or **DISAGREE**?



All of the students wrote brilliant and often moving scripts about all the wonderful ways they would like to be generous this season. Their anonymous writing was then judged by the [No More Marking](#) team who operate out of the UK and The Philippines. The two winning recipients will have their pieces read out at the final assembly and receive a prize for their wonderful writing.

You can read their responses below and come to the final assembly next Wednesday if you would like to see who they belong to! Happy holidays to everyone from the Year 3 and 4s.

From Year 3:

I think that giving is better than receiving because it makes me feel that the little presents are more ~~valuable~~ valuable than the bigger presents. I think it makes others feel much better if they at least have a just one present for Christmas. Here's an example in some countries such as places in Africa and some in Asia they probably only get like 5 presents for Christmas. But I'm happy to have donations such as Doncare donations, Christmas appeals, and Volunteers wanted for just 1 hour a week. It's not much time to see an elderly person each week and maybe give them a present every once in a while because if you do that to them they might ~~gain~~ feel safe around you and others give them presents, or just be very nice and please don't hurt them, or if they get hurt by somebody else don't be an bystander be an upstander because elderly people get weaker and weaker and weaker when they grow up. When these hurt you can say are you ok?? or even better call an ambulance and see them in the hospital each week ~~there in the hospital~~

From Year 4:

During Christmas, I agree that giving gifts is better than receiving. Giving gifts is the better option because when someone receives it you can see a spark of joy in their face and eyes. This can make you fill up with happiness and glad that they know you put thought into your gifts.

I know that when people put time and effort into something, it can make you know that they care about you and want you to have the best. I know from experience that if someone cares about you they will put thought and quality at mind instead of quantity.

Helping friends, family or even just people in need is a way of giving your time and effort to help. Donating gifts like food or money is a way of helping others less fortunate than you. It can help them make an experience for their kids or family. You can donate clothes, food, money, or excess stuff which can help make an magical experience for anyone at this time of year.

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Making someone happy is a joy that can't be given inside a nice, fancy box. A good gift has to be thought about and has to come from your heart. That is why I know that giving gifts is better than receiving.

Staff vs Students Netball Game

There was plenty of competitive spirit at lunch time today as our year 6 students competed against staff in a hotly contested netball game. Everyone enjoyed themselves as the ball zipped around the court. Linda Spencer and Karen Woods did an outstanding job as being impartial referees. Thankfully there were no strained hamstrings by staff.

Rhys Coulson
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 4

Friday 15 th December	Christmas Raffle Tickets Due
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 2024

Term 1	Wednesday, 31 st January – Thursday 28 th March
Term 2	Monday 15 th April – Friday 28 th June
Term 3	Monday 15 th July – Friday 20 th September
Term 4	Monday 7 th October – Friday 20 th December



TERM 1 2024	
Wednesday 31 st January	First day of school for students Year 1 to 6
Tuesday 6 th February	Swimming Carnival Year 3 to 6
Monday 19 th February	District Swimming
Tues 20 th & Wed 21 st February	School Photos
Monday 11 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Weds 13 th to Fri 15 th March	Life Education Sessions year 1 & 2
Thursday 28 th March	Term 1 Ends



FROM THE OFFICE

From the office Staff - Margaret Anna and Tanya



Wishing everyone in our school community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have a restful break.

The office will reopen on Wednesday 24th January 2024 and operate on reduced hours. 10.00am to 3.00pm

Please direct all urgent enquiries to our school email at:

templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

FIRST AID NEWS

Summer holidays are an important time for kids with asthma. During all the festivities, please don't forget to keep up your child's asthma management and medicine as prescribed. Good asthma management over the holidays means less time off school when kids return in the new year. To make sure your child stays as healthy as possible over the break and into 2024, you can take the following steps:

- Check your child's medication to make sure they're still in date.
- Keep using your child's preventer medicine as directed over the summer holidays, even if they're feeling well.
- If you're leaving the house or going on holiday, make sure you pack your child's asthma medicine(s) and a spacer.
- Book an Asthma Review with your doctor to get an updated written Asthma Action Plan during the holidays - you'll need this for Term 1 2024. Book in early as doctors can have limited appointments over the Christmas period.

Use Asthma Australia's School's Checklist for parents and carers:

https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AA_BTS2022_Asthma-Checklist_digital.pdf



What a wonderful year 2023 has been!

So many P&F events have brought us together; the Welcome Picnic, Easter raffle, Hot Cross Buns, Mother's Day Breakfast, Mother's Day Stall, the School Disco, Wild Party Animals Trivia Night, Father's day Breakfast, Father's Day stall, the Referendum BBQ, World Teacher's Day morning tea, the amazing tea towels, the carols evening, Ginger Bread

House kits and the Christmas raffle still to be drawn; P&F has had a very busy year!

Fundraising through these events has been incredibly successful, raising over \$10,000, that is all going straight back into our school.

And most importantly, we are very grateful that through these events our school community has come together more than ever this year - so many new connections and friendships have been made.

Thank you to everyone who offered their time, expertise, experience and love to this great cause - you know who you are!! We love and appreciate every one of you. A very special thank you to Oula Olsen and Tim Gilley who have been instrumental in our school's fundraising efforts for many, many years.

Next year is set to be another big one. If you are keen to join the fun, laughter, fundraising and friendship, please reach out personally, via the below QR code which will take you to the THPS P&F Facebook page, or in an email to thpspaf@gmail.com

We would love to have you onboard!

Merry Christmas everyone and we'll see you all next year!

Elisa & Lauren

THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page



Don't forget to join the THPS Parents & Friends closed Facebook group by scanning this QR Code. The joining process includes a few simple questions to answer. The Facebook group is a great way to stay up to date with all that is happening socially at school.



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/>



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

EARLY ACCESS UNLOCKED  ONE WEEK ONLY  EARLY ACCESS UNLOCKED  ONE WEEK ONLY 

BUY 1 MEMBERSHIP GET 1 FREE*

+ UNLOCK A BONUS 2 MONTH EXTENSION
ON EACH MEMBERSHIP*

*Offer applies to 12 & 24 Month Memberships only. Terms & conditions apply.



\$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.

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

GO HEIGHTS!!!



COMMUNITY NEWS


Brainworks

January School Holiday Program

Intensive Scholarship and Selective Entry Program
Assessment, Skill Development and Exam techniques

Core Skills Program (Year 2- Year 10)
Extension, Reinforcement and Remediation

Dates: 15th Jan to 19th Jan
Times: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Venue:
Balwyn Community Centre
412 Whitehorse Road



0476 145 263
balwyn@brainworks.com.au





JOIN THE FUN IN 2024!



NAB AFL Auskick is for everyone and offers an inclusive environment for ALL boys & girls aged 4 to 9 years at any skill level to play & have fun!

Clinics held on **Saturday mornings** from 9.30am - 10:30am at Warrandyte Reserve from **4 MAY FOR 14 SESSIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$99**. For more information please contact Kane or Beck - your Auskick Co-Ordinators email: warrandyteauskick@gmail.com

TO REGISTER FOR AUSKICK SCAN HERE





WJFC is the perfect place to create long lasting friendships, develop footy skills & maintain fitness. Rules are modified for younger age groups with zoning & no tackling, it's a terrific way to experience team sport!

Games are held on **Sundays** throughout the YJFL catchment area during terms 2 & 3. **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW: U8-U10 \$200, U11-YOUTH \$260** (after Early Bird \$220 & \$290 respectively). For more information please contact Irene (Secretary) email: secretary@warrandytejfc.org

TO REGISTER FOR WJFC SCAN HERE



NEW PLAYERS WELCOME - FREE UNIFORM FOR NEW U8, U9 + U10s

For more information regarding Auskick or WJFC please use email contacts below:
Auskick: warrandyteauskick@gmail.com
WJFC: secretary@warrandytejfc.org or www.warrandytejfc.org

Warrandyte Reserve - Corner Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd & Taroona Avenue


L&L ORTHODONTICS



EGCW All Girls Blast

Round Robin Comp for 5-12 year old girls
Learn how to bat, bowl, field and catch- all while making new friends

No equipment needed, no cost to participant. Only 6 players needed to form a team.



EGWC Round Robin All Girls Blast
Competition Registration




For more information please contact Sharon Lynas
slynas@cricketvictoria.com.au or 0438964251.
Register through QR code

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