

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

1st February 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

Welcome Back To The New School Year

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back!

The school was abuzz early yesterday morning as students, parents and carers waited excitedly for the school bell to ring. Funnily enough there seemed to be a lot of happy and relieved faces on the parents and carers. While the break is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time together, I am also glad to get some routines back and a different voice telling my children what not to do.



Walking into every classroom, there was nothing but smiles and excitement. As a staff, the feedback has only been positive as students have settled in so well to their new classes, with their classmates and our expectations. I also noticed a lot of growth spurts, back to school hair cuts and chatty students wanting to share what they got up to over the break.

I'd also like to welcome new students *Dayana* (3JA), *Kiana* (3EJ), *Uri* (3EJ), *Chantelle* (4RR) and *Chelsea* (2SC), *Lia* (1AS), *Alyssa* (5BW), *Aaliyah* (2EZ), *Haoming* (1SJ), *Ben* (5KW), *Ryan* (4SM), *Ruslana* (2EZ), *Olivia* (2NS), *Eve* (5BW), *Gilly* (2EZ), *Shryeman* (2SC), *Caleb* (3MR), *Allegra* (3MR), *Hugo* (1RR), *Mia* (5KW).

First Day for Foundation Students

This coming Tuesday we will be welcoming our Foundation students. What an exciting time as our newest members commence school. Undoubtedly there will be plenty of heightened emotions and to help this, there will be a free coffee cart to ease the nerves. Everyone is welcome to come along and grab a coffee, tea, chai or a decaf soy espresso.

Smart/Phone Watches

As part of our Mobile Phone policy, students are permitted to wear smart/phone watches to school. Students **must** have their watches on a setting that disables any SMS or phone call during school time of 9:00-3:30pm.

Year 3-6 House Swimming Carnival

Next Tuesday 6th February all students in years 3-6 will be walking to Aquarena to participate in the School House Swimming Carnival.

House Keeping – Assemblies and Contact Details

Just as a reminder, our school assemblies will now be held on Friday afternoons. This year, assemblies will no longer be online. Through student feedback, we are attempting to improve engagement and opportunities for our student voice leaders, so we will be using a three-week cycle where students will have a year level, sub-school (F-2 & 3-6) and whole school assembly. Our first whole school assembly will be Friday 1st March at 2:45pm in the gym. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

If you have moved to a new property or your emergency contacts have changed, please contact the office so we can update them.

Student Voice JSC/Enviro Leaders Elections

Twice a year every class elects two students to the student voice leadership positions of Environmental and Junior School Councillor. Any student wanting to apply for these roles needs to prepare and present a speech. Attached to the newsletter is information regarding the roles and what they need to do to prepare. Please note that because Year 6 students already hold the position of School and Environmental Captains, these positions have already been filled for this year level.

Privacy Statement

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, [click here](#) the privacy Collection Notice

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
TERM 1 2024	
Tuesday 6th February	Swimming Carnival Year 3 to 6
Monday 19th February	District Swimming
Tues 20th & Wed 21st February	School Photos
Friday 1st March	Whole School Assembly – Gym - 2.30pm
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 13th to Fri 15th March	Life Education Sessions year 1 & 2
Thursday 28th March	Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 27th May	
Monday 4th November	
2024 TERM DATES	
Term 1	Wednesday, 31st January – Thursday 28th March
Term 2	Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June
Term 3	Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September
Term 4	Monday 7th October – Friday 20th December

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another busy year at Templestowe Heights.

2024 School Fees

2024 school fees are due by Friday 29th February, 2024. Please remember to return the form with your payment. If you require a new form please contact the office.

Local Walking Permission

From time to time students take part in local walking excursions in the neighbourhood under the supervision of our staff. **All families are invited to provide consent** for this via the Events tab in their Compass account. This permission is due by Friday 29th February.

PG Movie Permission

Occasionally students may watch clips of PG Movies at school, while attending excursions, or on school camp under the supervision of our staff. **If you are new to the school or did not give consent in previous years you will receive a Compass** notification inviting you to complete the permission in the events tab. For existing families your previous permission will carry over for the duration that your child will be at our school. This permission is due by Friday 29th February.

Family Contact List (Buzz List)

Every year our class representatives compile a buzz list that is distributed to parents in your child's class. This list is used by your class rep to provide information about class and the school social activities and other relevant information. If you would like to be considered for the position as class representative please email the school at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Please see the Classroom Representative Guidelines attached to this Compass message for information about this role.

Once class representatives have been appointed you will receive a Compass email with your reps details so you may request to be added to the class family contact list.

Classroom Cuisine

Classroom cuisine will be operational for ordering lunch from Friday 2nd February. This service is available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please see the menu attached to this message.

FIRST AID NEWS

Dear parents and carers

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the [Get vaccinated webpage](#).
2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested.
The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT).

Free RATs are available from your local council where you can collect 2 packs of 5 RATs and an extra 2 packs for each person in your household. People with disability and their carers can get 4 packs of 5 RATs. You are not required to have a Medicare card and you can collect RATs as many times as you need. You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies and other retailers.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms.

If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support – these steps will help us all stay well.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9850 1796 and ask for an application form.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (WWC)

All parents and carers wishing to visit or volunteer at the school need to hold a valid Working With Children Check (WWC). This can be done online at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>. Once you have received your card please present it to the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS



BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1, 2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS NOW OPEN!

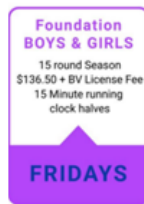
Expression of interest for next year is now open!

Please register your child if they would like to play Miniball next month.

Please do this ASAP so we can start sorting the teams before the season starts.

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

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



For more information, please email Natalie & Kate

thpsbasketball@gmail.com

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