

# Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

## Foundation Information Night

**6.30pm Online via Webex 579 980 226**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Welcome Graduating Class of 2030!

On Tuesday we 'officially' welcomed our newest members to Templestowe Heights Primary. There was a sea of excited Foundation students as they entered their classrooms wearing freshly pressed, pristine uniforms that will never look that clean again. Thank you to our amazing Foundation Team of *Emma Vogel, Karin Diep, Stephanie Maxwell, Jane Robinson, Jacqui Roche* and *Clare Harding* on providing a successful and positive start for our newest members.

#### Parent/Carer Information Evenings

##### Foundation

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm, we will be hosting our Foundation information session. The purpose of this online session is to inform families of the learning opportunities and experiences for students at Templestowe Heights Primary. Now that the students have settled, it is also an opportunity to ask further questions about the programs, routines and expectations. This online event will be hosted via **WebEx number 579 980 226**.

##### Year 1-6

We will also be hosting our online Year 1-6 information session the following week, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 6:30pm using the same **WebEx number 579 980 226**.

#### Parent/Carer-Teacher Discussions

In the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our first semester parent/carers-teacher discussions. The purpose of these 10-minute catch ups are for families to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress settling in. Parents and carers will have the option of having them face to face or online. Information will be coming out next week explaining how to book a preferred time.

#### Writing Assessment

All students in years 2, 4 and 6 participated in a national writing assessment project with over 100 schools, led by Templestowe Heights Primary School. Students wrote (or typed) a piece based on a narrative prompt. The results will help support our whole-school writing program and identify where our students sit comparatively as well as identify gaps in student knowledge.



## Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday all students in years 3-6 walked down to the Aquarena Centre to participate in the House Swimming Carnival. House pride was at fever pitch as our students raced and encouraged one another. Students had an opportunity to compete in events or a fun leisure session. The highlight was the staff vs. student relay race and thankfully there were no Workcover claims for injuries to our staff.

Thank you to Jaime Buccilli for organising this event and for all our staff for supervising and helping out on the day. We will announce the winning School House at our first whole-school assembly on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2:45pm. A massive thank you also to Despina (Julius 5KW) for taking our photos.

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

### TERM 1 2024

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Foundation Information Night 6.30pm Online via Webex 579 980 226
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	District Swimming
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> February	School Photos
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 1 to 6 Parent/Carer Information Night 6.30pm - Online Via Webex 579 980 226 School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Assembly & Badge Presentation Ceremony – Gym - 2.40pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Online Safety Incursion
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Welcome Picnic
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Education Sessions year 1 & 2
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5BW & 5LS Online Safety Incursion
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5KW Online Safety Incursion
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Assembly -1.30pm - Gym Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm

### PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday 27th May

Monday 4th November

## 2024 TERM DATES

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

2024 school fees are due by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

### School Photos

School photos will be taking place over 2 days this year. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Order forms will be coming home today. Please note every order is individually names and need to be **placed online** before the cut off time otherwise extra charges may be applied. Please see your child's form for further details.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> February.

### PG Movie Permission

Occasionally students may watch PG clips 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 have received 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## PARKING



At this busy time of the year, please be mindful of students and other drivers when parking around the school. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us. **The carpark is for staff only.** Please do not use the staff carpark for pickups and drops offs at any time and please do not walk your children through the car park.

## FIRST AID UPDATE

If you child has developed a new medical condition or had changes to their existing medical condition please ensure you contact Tanya Misquitta at the school office with these updates at [Tanya.misquitta@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tanya.misquitta@education.vic.gov.au) .

## 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.

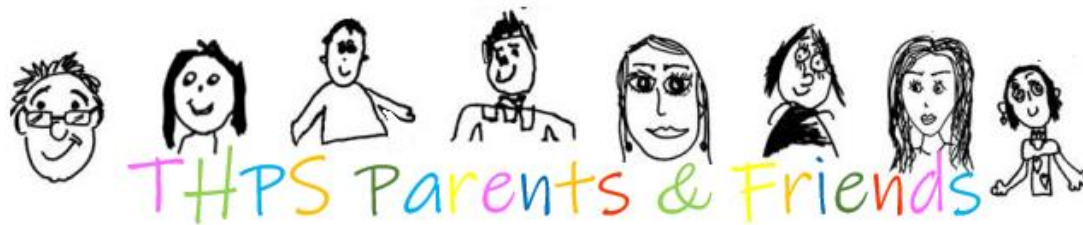
If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

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.





Hello from Parents & Friends! We hope you all had a wonderful break and ready for a fun-filled time at THPS.

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome to all new and existing families to the community.

P&F is here to promote welfare, provide support to the school community and of course to host social and fundraising events.

If you are keen to donate some of your time to assist in any way, please reach out via email [thpspaf@gmail.com](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com). Please also use the QR codes below to obtain your Working With Children Check (WWCC) and to join our closed Facebook group.

### THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page



Don't forget to join the THPS Parents & Friends closed Facebook group by scanning the QR Code or by searching for the THPS Parents & Friends Community group. 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)

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.

### Term 1 Events:

We have a whole heap of events and fundraising coming up, including an inhouse meeting for all class representatives and event coordinators.

Watch this space for up coming events and how to get involved.

P & F Team

**Lauren & Elisa**

WATCH THIS SPACE ...  
GOOD THINGS ARE  
COMING!



## 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](mailto:thpsbasketball@gmail.com)

**GO HEIGHTS!!!**

Theircare acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and emerging and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.

## Coordinators Address

For those who don't know me, my name is Molly, and I have been fortunate enough to continue the role as Coordinator at Templestowe Heights Primary School, for Before and After School Care.



Ensuring I create a supportive and enjoyable environment for children to thrive, has always been an ambition I continuously strive to achieve. Currently studying a Bachelor of Education, has proved to be a great asset to implement within my role at our Theircare service, as well as my former experience in previous OSHC and various school related settings, and additionally, as a former kids swim instructor.

Now that part is out the way...

I would like to say a warm welcome back to Templestowe Heights P.S families, it has been so lovely to see many familiar and new faces at our BCS and ASC service!

Our Holiday Program duration from the 8th - 25th of Jan, proved to be a great success for both children and the staff.

It was filled with many adventure-packed excursion and incursion programs, and averaged 35 children in attendance, with many days reaching maximum capacity.

Our most memorable days included the 'Movie Magic' excursion to the cinemas to view Wish, Melbourne Zoo excursion, 'Ninja Warrior' excursion, our 'Pizza Party' day to La Porchetta where the children were able to make and eat their own pizzas, a 'Jump n' Jam' Bounce excursion day, and many more (both incursion and our in house fun days)! It was great to see many new friendships being formed, as well as existing, and we look forward to our next term holidays!

If you have any questions regarding the operation of the service or general inquiries, please don't hesitate to reach out using the the contact details provided, and I look forward to working with Templestowe Heights P.S in 2024 :)



*Excursion to La Porchetta*

# Welcome!

## Week 2 Theircare reminders -

As we conclude our summer HP, we have accumulated an overflowing pile of lost property.

Whilst we think they'd look great on staff, I think they'd look even better on the children they belong to!



**MELBOURNE ZOO  
EXCURSION!**



**DIY HATS**





### TIMES

**Before School:** 7:00AM - 8:45AM


**After School:** 3:30PM - 6:00PM

### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**KOONUNG**  
Secondary College

### Koonung Secondary College School Tours

Exploring options on your child's future education is very important.

At Koonung Secondary College, we welcome prospective parents and students to view our College in action. Weekly school tours running on Tuesday and Fridays at 9.15am

To reserve a place on one of our tours please register your name on the following Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/1178349/sessions>

<https://www.koonung.vic.edu.au/>

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- ★ **persuasion**
- ★ vocal variety



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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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**OPEN DAY** **SUNDAY**  
**11TH FEB**  
**BULLEEN PARK**  
**10 AM - 1 PM**

 **JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**   
BOYS / GIRLS from  
U8's to COLTS/YOUTH GIRLS  
SEASON STARTING SUN 14th APRIL  
EMAIL: [bullantssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bullantssecretary@gmail.com)

 **BULLEEN AUSKICK CENTRE**  
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4 - 7 YEARS  
SESSIONS START SAT 4TH MAY  
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