

# Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 1 Week 5

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

## **Whole School Assembly & Badge Presentation Ceremony** **Gym - 2.45pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### **Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions**

Thank you to all our families who made a time to meet their child's class teacher. These discussions are an opportunity for families to meet the teacher to discuss their progress and future learning. As always, we have a big turnout, indicating how important our community values the home-school partnership. Well done also to some of our students for attending, particularly those who came in their pyjamas!

#### **Whole School Assembly**

This Friday we will be hosting our first whole school assembly for **all students in Year 1-6**. The assembly will be held in the gymnasium at 2:45pm with the special event of all Junior School Councillors and Enviro Leaders receiving their badges. These assemblies are planned and run by our Year 6 Captains, they are very excited (and a little nervous) to be running their first one. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

#### **Cyber Safety Sessions**

As part of our Child Safety policy, all students in years 5 and 6 will be participating in cyber-safety workshops in March. These sessions, facilitated by Evolve Education, help students to develop strategies for managing negative online behaviour and to de-escalate digital drama. They also detail a person's rights online, in particular, information about online behaviour and the law.

#### **Welcome Picnic Next Thursday**

Next Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> March) our wonderful *Parents & Friends* will be hosting our annual Welcome Picnic. The purpose is for our community to come together and welcome the start of the school year. It is also an opportunity for children, parents and carers to put faces to names and chat with THPS staff. The event runs from 5:30-7:30pm on our school oval and families are able to come along with their own dinner, snacks, drinks and of course a picnic rug. There will be a jumping castle for the younger children and an obstacle course for the older children. A drinks/icy pole station will also be available.

#### **School Council Nominations**

Interested in joining the THPS School Council? We have four positions available to join our school council on a two-year tenure. Information was sent out on Monday regarding what School Council's functions are as well as nomination forms. Please contact the office if you would like further information.

#### **Extreme Weather**

Thank you again to everyone for welcoming all members of the Warrandyte Primary community. As part of the Department of Education's Fire Safety Plan, our school is the nominated shelter in place when there is an extreme weather forecast for Warrandyte Primary. Feedback once again was nothing but positive, with our visitors made to feel welcomed.


#### **NAPLAN**

In a fortnight's time, our year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is now completed online (with the exception of year 3 writing test which is paper and pencil) and

it measures each child's knowledge and understandings in key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

As a school we have never focussed on providing our students with countless practices tests, rather we have focussed on quality teaching. Our dedicated year 3 and 5 teachers have provided our students with opportunities to ensure when they sit these tests they are prepared and confident. Regardless of the outcome, all we ever ask is our students give it their best effort.

### Help Needed

 We have a family that has challenges transporting their Grade 4 child to school each morning. We are enquiring on their behalf to see if anyone in our community who lives near Curnola Avenue Doncaster, off High Street, would be able to assist them.

If you are able to help please contact the office.

### High Flyers

Congratulation to all of our high flyer award recipients from last week.



**Rhys Coulson**  
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
TERM 1 2024	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Assembly & Badge Presentation Ceremony – Gym - 2.45pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Online Safety Incursion
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Welcome Picnic 5.30pm
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
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 Writing
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN Year 5 Reading
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN Year 5 Conventions of Language
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN Year 5 Numeracy
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5BW & 5LS Online Safety Incursion
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN Year 3 Reading School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	NAPLAN Year 3 Conventions of Language Year 5KW Online Safety Incursion
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	NAPLAN Year 3 Numeracy
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Natural Disaster Incursion
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball Clinic
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

Year 1 and 2 Life Education due Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### Keen Gardener/s Needed

Do you have a green thumb?

You don't mind getting dirt under your nails?

Have you some time to spare?

The school requires parents/carers to help care for our Vegetable Garden, ably assisted by our two Environmental Leaders.

But what is required of you I hear you ask?



- Opening of the vegie garden once a week
- The usual gardening tasks of weeding, planting, mulching, watering and feeding
- Assisting our students to get their hands dirty in the garden performing many of the above tasks
- Selecting the produce to be sold to our community
- Purchasing of plants mulch, compost etc.
- Valid Working With Children Check required <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

If you are able to assist us please contact the office.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAINS NEWS

### Veggie Patch

This coming Monday after school, we will be selling veggies freshly picked from our garden in the morning. Prices range from \$2 to \$5 and payment can be made by cash or card.

Tomatoes, Zucchini, basil and more including freshly laid eggs from our chickens.

### Nude Food

Just a reminder that Mondays are Nude Food Days. We encourage all families to pack a wrapper free lunch on this day.

That's all from us

**Environmental Captains**

**Jamie and Leo**



## Term 1 Events:

### Welcome Picnic Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 5:30pm

We would love to see all the new THPS faces at the Welcome Picnic. There will be entertainment for the kids, so bring a rug some nibbles or dinner and come join us at the oval at 5:30pm.

P&F will be selling Zooper Doopers for \$1.00 and soft drinks/juice/water for \$2.00.

**We are looking for some volunteers to help out**, so if you are interested in manning the till, or helping with service and stock, please send an email to: [thpspaf@gmail.com](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com). You will need to show your working with children's check to the office prior to the evening.

### **Easter Raffle & donations – WE NEED DONATIONS FOR THE HAMPERS**

The highly anticipated annual Easter Raffle will be drawn in the final assembly of term 1 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Families can donate bought items to be included in the raffle hampers. Please bring donations into the office From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please check ingredients and ensure all items are **NUT FREE**. Any Easter themed items welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets. Raffle tickets for each student will be sent home shortly and will need to be returned by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross Bun order forms will be sent home with the eldest child in each family next week. Orders close Friday 15<sup>th</sup> march, with delivery to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### **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.

**If you LOVE Facebook/social media and would like to help manage the THPS P&F page please send us an email! We'd LOVE you to help.**

### **Working With Children Check (WWCC)**

A WWCC can be applied for free of charge by scanning the QR Code or online at <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

A current WWCC is essential, and a copy will need to be supplied to the office.

Looking forward to seeing everyone real soon!

Parents and Friends Team

**Lauren & Elisa**

Templestowe Heights Primary School

**A THPS Parents & Friends Event**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR**

**WELCOME PICNIC**

**THURSDAY THPS SCHOOL**  
**7TH MARCH OVAL**  
**05:30PM - 07:30PM**

**ALL WELCOME**

*Whats On:*

- Jumping & Obstacle Course Castle
- \$1.00 Zooper Doopers
- \$2.00 drinks (soft drinks/water/juice boxes)
- \*Eftpos available

**Bring your picnic rugs and hampers and come enjoy the evening with us!!**



Templestowe Theircare acknowledge the traditional custonians of the land, and we pay our respects to Elders both past, present and emerging



### Hat and Bib reminder

For the duration of term one, all students in before and after school care are required to wear a hat and bib outside.

Bibs and hats will be provided, however, please feel free to bring a hat for your child!



### STEM WEEK

This week's theme is 'STEM' Activities include sensory jar cards, 'what's that smell?', grow a rainbow experiment, blueberry muffin baking, lego marble maze and more!

### THEIRCARE LEGEND OF THE WEEK

This week's first Theircare award of the week goes to **Lily Kille** in grade 4!

Lily has been an excellent role model at theircare, and a friendly and welcoming presence for all the preps. Keep up the great work Lily!

### PROGRAM PLANNING

As we continue to have an increase in attendance, with a total of 70 children who attended before school care and 147 children in after school care just for last week, we wanted to address how the program runs!

Whilst all activities remain optional, two planned activities are chosen each session, that are modelled utilising the 'My Time, Our Place Framework.'

This framework encompasses 5 learning outcomes for school aged children, with emphasis on providing a safe environment for your child to develop a strong sense of identity, a sense of connectedness to the world around them, strong sense of wellbeing, confident and involved learners and effective communicators.



Nate enjoying the morning sun, playing octopus!



Hanna doing some crafty beading



### PUTTING PLANNING INTO PRACTICE

This is achieved by utilising a multitude of resources, including interaction between educators and also children, as well as implementing weekly key themes to construct an engaging program. Additionally, we encourage parents and guardians to provide any constructive feedback or suggestions you believe would be valuable to our program for your child.



#### TIMES

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

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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

  
**MANNINGHAM  
FAMILY FESTIVAL  
at FINNS**  
**Fun for the  
whole family**

Craft and Food Stalls,  
Children's Rides, Animal Farm,  
Camel & Pony Rides, Entertainment

**Sunday 24th March 2024  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
Finns Reserve,  
Templestowe Road**

Enquiries:  
Keith Anderson - 0412 558 066  
Email:  
keith.an@bigpond.com

**Rotary**  
Manningham City

Sponsors for this event:  
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**Templestowe Auskick Centre**

**Templestowe Park - Friday 5pm  
3/5 - 26/7 (10 sessions)**

  
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**YARRA  
EAGLES**

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**REGISTRATION CLOSSES  
17TH MARCH 2024**





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**Time:** 9.30 am-2.30 pm

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