

# Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

9850 1796

**Newsletter Term 1 Week 6**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



**Welcome Picnic**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Labour Day Public Holiday  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Welcome Picnic Tonight**

This evening we are hosting our annual Parents & Friends Welcome Picnic. It is a chance to come along with a picnic rug to meet new or reacquaint with families. There will be a jumping castle that no doubt Mr Veal will be bouncing on the entire time as well as a drinks/icy pole station. Families are encouraged to bring dinner and drinks, with their picnic rugs, on the oval. The event runs from 5:30-7:30pm.

### **Congratulations Divisional Swimmers**

Well done to Julius (5KW), Lily (5LS) and Layan(6KS) for representing our school at the divisional swimming competition. They all gave it their best efforts and we are proud of them. We wish Layan all the best as she progresses to the regional event next week.



### **NAPLAN**

Next week our year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy* (NAPLAN). These series of tests provide us with information that helps us to monitor how the quality of our literacy and maths programs are going, as well as comparing our school's performance across Victoria and Australia. Whilst our students do perform exceptionally strong when compared to other schools, we are also mindful that these tests are seen as a point in time, and we do not place an emphasis on them.

We have always focussed on trying to be the best teachers and deliver the highest quality curriculum. Regardless of any outcome, we will always be proud of our students for giving things a go and having a positive attitude.

### **Running Club**

Well done to all our keen, energetic runners and walkers who came to school early on Wednesday to participate in the first running club for the year. Whether you are a runner, walker or skipper it is a great opportunity to come along and get active. Thank you to Jaime Buccilli for organising this weekly event and providing such a warm sense of community.

### **Hoop Time**

This year, we are inviting any THPS Basketball team to register and compete in the Hoop Time Tournament. These tournaments are a great opportunity for our teams (or a combined year level team) to play against other schools across the eastern region of Melbourne. For any parent/carers coach interested, please contact Natalie via email on [thpsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:thpsbasketball@gmail.com)

For further information regarding Hoop Time please the link below:

<https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/competitions/schools/hoop-time>



## School Council for 2024

Now that the nominations have closed, I am pleased to announce that Paul Gallo will serve on for a further two years while Kaul Shashank will join our Council for the first time.

I would like to thank outgoing Councillors *Karen Gray, Lynette Rump, Nick Pugliese* and *Stamatina Pearce* for their service whilst serving as School Councillors.

We still have a casual 1-year position that is available for any parent or carer interested. Please contact myself or Andrew Veal if you are interested.

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
TERM 1 2024	
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	Hot Cross Buns Orders Due NAPLAN Year 5 Conventions of Language JSC World Wildlife Day Fundraiser
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 Easter Raffle Tickets Due
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Buns Orders Delivered 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 Easter Raffle Drawn 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 5 Wheelchair Basketball - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 6 Natural Disaster Incursion - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Hot cross buns orders– Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

## Gardening Coordinator Needed

We require a green thumb to coordinate and care for our Vegetable garden along with more volunteers to help .

But what is required of you I hear you ask?

- The coordinator will be responsible for the purchasing of plants, mulch, compost etc, creating a watering schedule during the school holidays and organising volunteers to assist in the tasks below.
  - 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
  - Valid Working With Children Check required <https://wwwcv.auspost.com.au/>

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

## JSC WORLD WILDLIFE DAY FUNDRAISER



Hello everyone!

Our Semester 1 JSC Representatives are proud to present our very first fundraising event of 2024. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, students are invited to celebrate World Wildlife Day by dressing in an animal/environmental theme. This could be dressing up as your favourite animal, channelling your inner tree by dressing in green or something else creative to show your support for World Wildlife Day. A gold coin donation is encouraged in order to participate, and the funds raised will be donated to the Australian Conservation Foundation.



**DONCASTER**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

# 2024 Open Night

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Session 1: 5.00pm

Session 2: 5.45pm

Discover how the vision and approach of our Junior, Middle & Senior schools will maximise your child's learning outcomes.

*Achieving excellence together*

[www.doncastersc.vic.edu.au](http://www.doncastersc.vic.edu.au)

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E [doncaster.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:doncaster.sc@education.vic.gov.au)



**Bookings**  
are essential

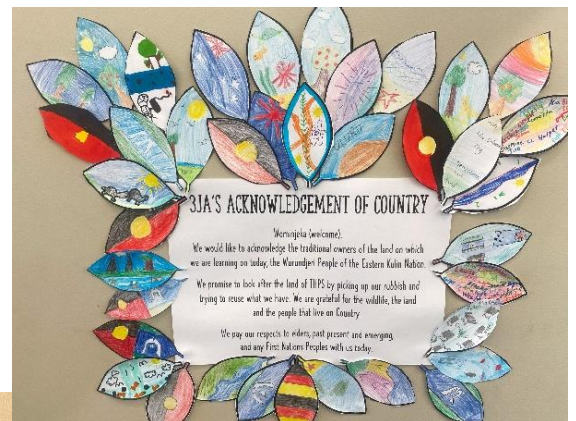
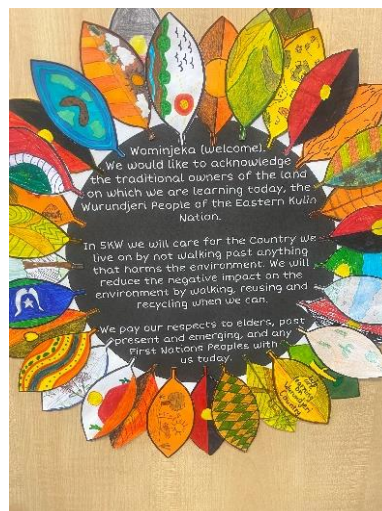
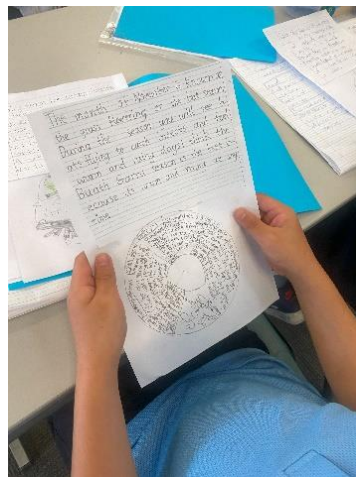
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## THPS RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The working group of staff and community members met at the end of last year to discuss THPS current inclusion practices for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. We are thrilled to celebrate some things happening around the school, from the creation of class Acknowledgements of Country – centred around caring for the land and keeping our school grounds free from rubbish – to curriculum planning. As we continue to collaborate on our action plan, we extend an invitation to any family/community members who wish to be a part of the working group. Our next meeting is scheduled on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please email Naomi if you wish to contribute [naomi.scott@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:naomi.scott@education.vic.gov.au)





## Term 1 Events:

### Tonight – The Welcome Picnic

We are so excited to see everyone tonight at the Welcome Picnic. Remember to bring a rug/chairs, dinner/nibbles. There will be entertainment for the kids, and P&F will be selling \$1.00 zooper doopers and \$2.00 drinks. (EFT available).

Thank you to our volunteers.

### Hot Cross Bun Drive

Forms have gone home for the hot cross bun drive – please note the dates were incorrect (Apologies!) Orders close Friday 15th March, with delivery to school on Monday 25th March.

### Easter Raffle

As mentioned last week, the highly anticipated annual Easter Raffle will be drawn in the final assembly of term 1 on Thursday 28th March.

### DONATIONS FOR THE HAMPERS NEEDED

From Monday 4th March until Friday 22nd March, families can donate bought items to be included in the raffle hampers. Please bring donations into the office (Please check ingredients and ensure all items are **NOT MADE WITH NUTS**. Any Easter themed items welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets. Raffle tickets for each student will be sent home next week and will need to be returned by Friday 22nd 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.

### 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

P & F 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

**WELCOME TO...**

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!!



The place to be  
these holidays!

# ART & TAG

autumn  
**HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM**



**Book now at [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)**  
Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

## Holiday Program Important Information!

### What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day — closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable — see below for details

### Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

### Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.  
If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

### TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

### Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

### Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided. Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



### Serious stuff!

#### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided. In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

### Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 470.

### Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.





**Theircare**  
where kids love to be!

**Templestowe Heights PS Theircare**

Times 7:00AM - 6:00PM

Location 276-300 High Street, LOWER TEMPLESTOWE VIC 3107

Call 0484 511 125

**\*\*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. \*\*Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.**

## There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

### 1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

### 2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is **extra support** for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies  
via myGov

Up to  
**90%**  
of child care costs  
can be covered  
by Child Care  
Subsidy!



For more information, call Theircare on 1300 072 410



**Excursion & Super Excursions days:** Arrive at the service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.



Excursion

Super  
Excursion

Special  
Activities

In-house  
Fun

Public  
Holiday

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1 APR

2 APR

3 APR

4 APR

5 APR

**Public  
Holiday!**

**Make it Messy!**



Enhance your messy and creative side! Anything goes with the anything but a Paintbrush challenge as you create works of art, but no paintbrushes allowed! Unleash your creativity and create amazing Clay Nature Prints, Symmetry Painting, Straw Face Painting and take part in a Fruit Basket Group Game!

From as low as \$8.84\*  
Full Fee \$88.40\*\*

**Marbled Pencil  
Case**



Get hyped for a day of colourful creations and feel Creative stirring! Our marbled pencil cases with a touch of artistic flair that you get to take home! Add a dash of colour to the streets with Sidewalk chalk art. Finally, challenge yourself with Outdoor Sponge toss Game and Pass the Water Challenge.

From as low as \$7.61\*  
Full Fee \$76.09\*\*

**Little  
Rockstars!**



Step into the rhythm at LA Rockstars Sound Lab! Immerse yourself in the world of music and creative expression. The fun just keeps going... Play the Recycled Material Musical Instruments, where creating music meets... Dive into clay Drama Bunnies, then unleash your artistic flair with Picasso Painting!

From as low as \$10.34\*  
Full Fee \$103.39\*\*

**Spotlight  
Spectacular**



Step into the spotlight with this showcase spectacle! Let your groove on with a Dance Party inspired by TikTok dances! But the fun keeps going... Play the Pass the Sound group game, create your own unique theatre puppets, and then take on the Count to 10 Challenge and the Spaces Jump improv game!

From as low as \$8.84\*  
Full Fee \$88.40\*\*

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

8 APR

9 APR

10 APR

11 APR

12 APR

**Colour Burst**



Step right up and experience the magic of this vibrant extravaganza. Dive into a spectrum of vibrant colours with Rainbow Cotton Ball Painting, whip up a yummy Mango Hydrangea Smoothie, find zen with a Yoga session, and get hands-on with Rainbow Cloud Slime. It's a kaleidoscope of fun for everyone!

From as low as \$8.23\*  
Full Fee \$82.34\*\*

**Movie Magic**



This autumn, for the first time in almost a decade, comedy icon Jack Black returns to his role as Pk, the world's most unlikely hungry fu master, with a hilarious, butt-kicking new chapter in DreamWorks Animation's beloved actor-comedy franchise: Kung fu Panda 4.

From as low as \$10.34\*  
Full Fee \$103.39\*\*

**ArtBlast Galaxy**



We are ready for the off! Launch your creativity into the stars and launch your way through Paint Rockets, dive into cosmos with Galaxy chalk, and tackle Thrums to Win it! Art Challenge. Engineer wonders with LEGO STECH Construction, fold luck into every corner with Origami Lucky Stars.

From as low as \$8.84\*  
Full Fee \$88.40\*\*

**World of  
Inflatables**



Dive into a world of bouncy fun at Inflatable World! Bounce and launch your way through inflatable obstacle courses. After the inflatable excitement, let the creativity flow with Fingerprint Stick Artprints, explore chemical reactions with Balloon Inflation, engage in lively Balloon Tennis, and craft adorable Cactus Hand Prints.

From as low as \$10.34\*  
Full Fee \$103.39\*\*

**Culinary Canvas**



Bon Appetite! Join us for a food festival! Delight as we craft, create and unleash food art, starting with Pizza Portraits, play Sky Banana Group Games, and create delightful edible art with Eat the Rainbow Fruit Salad. Then join in for Fingerprint Painting and modeling Clay Fingerbread People!

From as low as \$8.84\*  
Full Fee \$88.40\*\*



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### JOIN THE FUN IN 2024!

**nab AFL Auskick**

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](mailto:warrandyteauskick@gmail.com)

**Junior Bloods**

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.  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW: U8-U10 \$220, U11-YOUTH \$290**  
For more information please contact email: [secretary@warrandytejfc.org](mailto:secretary@warrandytejfc.org)

**REGISTER FOR AUSKICK**  
SCAN HERE



**REGISTER FOR WJFC**  
SCAN HERE



**GIRLS GALA DAY!**  
**Monday 18 March - 4.45pm to 5.45pm**  
For more information please contact email: [secretary@warrandytejfc.org](mailto:secretary@warrandytejfc.org)

**REGISTER FOR GALA DAY**  
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](mailto:warrandyteauskick@gmail.com)  
WJFC: [secretary@warrandytejfc.org](mailto:secretary@warrandytejfc.org) or [www.warrandytejfc.org](http://www.warrandytejfc.org)  
Warrandyte Reserve - Corner Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd & Tarroona Avenue

**L&L ORTHODONTICS**

## HOLIDAY TABLE TENNIS PROGRAM

乒乓球假期班

1-5 April 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

**CONTACT**  
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Messenger: Karen Li

Please note, we also offer school term classes on Tuesday



## Doncaster Calisthenics

# COME AND TRY CLASSES

First 2 classes are FREE!!

**Tuesdays**  
Tinies 4:30-5:30pm  
Subbies 5:15-7:15pm  
Masters 7:45-9:45pm

**Wednesdays**  
Juniors 5:00-7:00pm  
Inters 6:45-9:00pm



Venue-Templestowe Baptist Church  
For more information visit  
[www.doncastercalisthenics.org.au](http://www.doncastercalisthenics.org.au)



## BEHAVIOURS that CHALLENGE

DATE THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

The workshop will  
be presented by:

Emma Van Den Driesen- Youth Justice Mental Health  
Clinician  
Jessica Palegeorge - Intensive Mobile Treatment Team  
Clinician

This workshop will  
focus on:

- Understanding typical development and typical behavioural challenges in adolescents.
- Understanding Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder.
- Strategies and concepts important for use in management of difficult behaviours.

(Please note this seminar will not focus on Autism Spectrum Disorder)

Target audience:

Staff working in a range of settings including: education, child and family services, youth services, welfare, and out of home care.

Time: 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM

Cost: \$40.00 (including GST, and seminar materials)

Bookings &  
Registration:

Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behaviours-that-challenge-tickets-823319840807?aff=oddtcreator>

or if booking for 4 or more

Email to: [CommunitySeminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:CommunitySeminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au)

Seminar Location:

ONLINE DELIVERY

For further information, contact:  
Marion Bernard  
Community Engagement  
Seminars on 9871 7710

All prices and dates quoted are subject to change by CYMHS. Seminar fees are kept as low as possible. Enrolled participants will be notified of any changes to advertised programs when necessary. Participants are not entitled to a refund unless WRITTEN cancellation has been received at least 24 hours prior to the event. The department reserves the right to cancel any scheduled programs when necessary and course fees will be refunded if the course is cancelled. [www.easternhealth.org.au](http://www.easternhealth.org.au)