

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 7

14th March 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

World Wildlife Day Fundraiser Friday 15th March

Dress Up as your Favorite Animal – Gold Coin



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Picnic

The weather set the scene for a perfect evening for last Thursday's annual *Parent & Friends Welcome Picnic*. The event was well attended, our strong sense of community on full show. It was wonderful to see the many children, parents and carers all enjoying themselves on their picnic rugs, eating, drinking and catching up with one another. The jumping castles were a hit as were the drinks/icy pole tent. Thank you to Elisa, Lauren and all the supportive parents and carers for organising this event.

National Assessment Program

Our year 3 and 5 students have commenced participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). While there were several internet glitches and an outage during the writing test, the students took it in their strides as they typed their stories without fuss. The testing window will finish at the end of next week. As I continually mention, we do not place any pressure on the students to perform well, we are just proud of them for giving it their best efforts.

Welcome Penny

Whilst we already have Pennie Clark and Penny Taylor, we thought-why not one more? We would like to welcome Penny Lamble, who is our Business Manager until the end of term while Margaret is on leave. Penny has a wealth of experience and knowledge and has been welcomed so warmly by our students. The challenge has been set, can Penny learn all 493 student names by the end of March?

Extra-Curricular Activities

In recent years we have endeavoured to provide extra-curricular opportunities for our students. The purpose of these activities are for students to have opportunities that they have an interest or passion for. We are also fortunate that some of our staff run these lunch time tasks. Currently we have eight extra-curricular activities:

STEM	Gardening	Remote Control Cars	Chess
Private Instrumental	Basketball	Running	Piano

Incursions Galore

This week we have had many visitors come and speak with our students. *Life Education* have run sessions with our year 1&2 students around healthy lifestyles. We have also had the Fire Brigade Education visit our Foundation students this Friday. Both these visits are part of building further understandings for our students of the topics being taught in our core knowledge curriculum.



Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

TERM 1 2024

Friday 15 th March	Hot Cross Buns Orders Due NAPLAN Year 5 Conventions of Language JSC World Wildlife Day Fundraiser Life Education Sessions year 1RR & 1SJ	
Monday 18 th March	NAPLAN Year 5 Numeracy	
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 5BW & 5LS Online Safety Incursion	
Wednesday 20 th March	NAPLAN Year 3 Reading School Council Meeting 7.00pm	
Thursday 21 st March	NAPLAN Year 3 Conventions of Language Year 5KW Online Safety Incursion	
Friday 22 nd March	NAPLAN Year 3 Numeracy Easter Raffle Tickets Due	
Monday 25 th March	Hot Cross Buns Orders Delivered Year 6 Natural Disaster Incursion	
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball Clinic	
Thursday 28 th March	Whole School Assembly -1.30pm – Gym Easter Raffle Drawn Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm	

Term 2 2024

Monday 15 th April	Term 2 Begins
Thursday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
Wednesday 1 st May	Cross Country Year 3 to 6
Friday 3 rd May	Whole School Assembly 2.45 - Gym
Tuesday 14 th May	District Cross Country
Weds 22 nd to Fri 24 th May	Year 5 & 6 Camp to Phillip Island

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday 27th May

Monday 4th November

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1	Term 1 Ends - 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

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments Due

Just a quick reminder school fees were due at the end of February. If you have misplaced the form please contact the office for a copy.

Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball - Friday 15th March.

Year 6 Natural Disaster Incursion - Friday 15th March.

Hot cross buns orders– Friday 15th March

Easter Raffle Tickers – Friday 22nd 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 15th 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.





Term 1 Events:

The Welcome Picnic

What a wonderful time everyone seemed to be having at the welcome picnic. It was so lovely to see so many new faces.

A super special thanks to our volunteers; Jade, Dionne, Taryn, Libby, Elen, Bec, Jeanette and Rhys.

Hot Cross Bun Drive - Orders Close **TOMORROW** Friday 15th March

Orders close Friday 15th March, with delivery to school on Monday 25th March.

Easter Raffle - **WE NEED DONATIONS FOR THE HAMPERS PLEASE!!**

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

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 **NUT FREE**. Any Easter themed items welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets. Raffle tickets for each student have been sent home 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

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

Bookings are essential
visit doncastersc.vic.edu.au

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The place to be these holidays!

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autumn HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Book now at 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 072 410.

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.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

COMMUNITY NEWS



JOIN THE FUN IN 2024!

nab AFL Auskick WJFC 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

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

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

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

L&L ORTHODONTICS

Warrandyte Reserve - Corner Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd & Taroonia Avenue

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

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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

Tackling Racism



Join us on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to explore reporting barriers and support needs for those experiencing racism.

 **Thursday, 21 March**
5.00pm to 6.45pm
Ajani Community Hall, 284 Thompsons Road, Templestowe Lower

Manningham Council has partnered with Victoria University on a project to map racism and understand our community's experiences.

- Hear from Dr. Mario Peucker, Victoria University, sharing key findings from his research and mapping racism in Victoria.
- Gain insights from Lingzhi Ruan, Women's Health East, discussing anti-racism efforts with Mandarin-speaking women.
- Engage with a local panel, featuring community members and the Eastern Community Legal Centre, sharing their experiences and strategies for tackling racism.
- Learn about a new initiative, led by Manningham Council and VicHealth, partnering with young people to build inclusive communities.



RSVP by Thursday, 14 March 2024.

 manningham.vic.gov.au/events/tackling-racism

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