



News from 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 <u>to coordinate</u> 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://wwcv.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 the else creative to show your support for World Wildlife Day. A gold coin donation is encouraged.

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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/

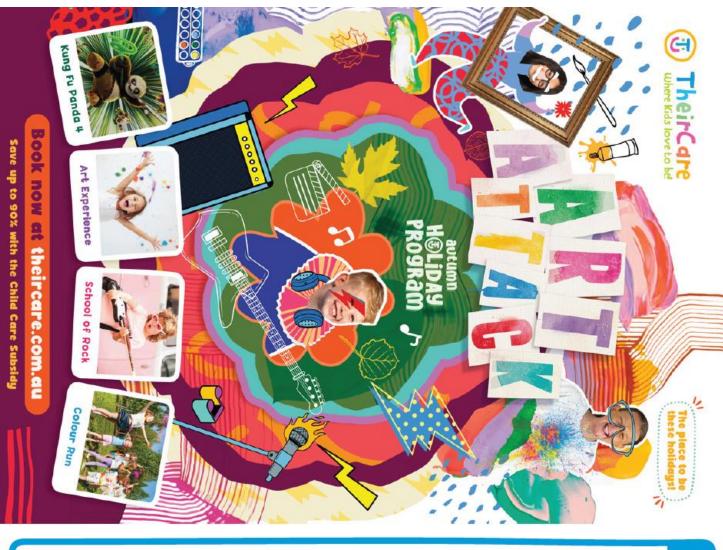
A current WWCC is essential, and a copy will need to be supplied to the office



Lauren & Elisa







Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

A labelled drink bottle for water A healthy morning tea and lunch



Suitable clothing for an active day — closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold



SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays



Don't forget!

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



₹ Medication

Redical Management Plan

Serious stuff

condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, All children who have been diagnosed with a medical

anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

a completed Medical Management Plan with

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

accept responsibility for loss or damage responsibility of the family. Their Care does not If brought to the service, these items remain the



necessary medication

a colour photo

Their Care provides

Breakfast and afternoon tea snack

on the day should the appropriate documentation or In the interests of child safety, care may be refused Conditions for booking that these are provided. & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education

nedication or medication not be supplied.

- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles



Child Care Subsidy

calculated using the full service operational hours Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Please note that subsidised hours are calculated



not the hours attended by the child.



to activities Unexpected changes

to run, an alternative activity will be provided In the unlikely event that an activity is unable

your invoice to reflect this. alternative cannot be sourced we will update severe weather or provider availability. If an due to unforeseen circumstances such as Activities and times are subject to change





Simply log into your account anytime to Changes to your booking

6:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410. make the relevant changes or call us between

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Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days | Less than 5 days * On the day Full Fee



When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible (120 hours from the start of the session) *Less than 6 days from the start of the booking



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





COMMUNITY NEWS

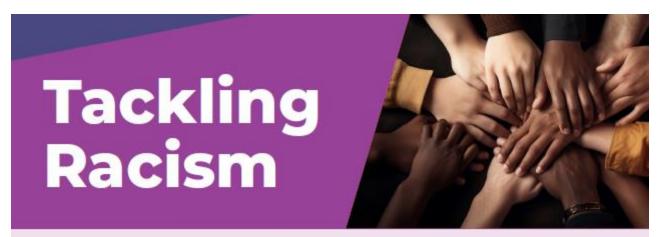


HOLIDAY TABLE TENNIS PROGRAM 乒乓球假期班

I-5 April 2024 Monday to Friday IOam to Ipm







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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