

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 2 Week 3

2nd May 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

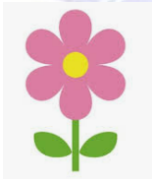
Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Mother's Day Stall and Sweet Treat

Friday 10th May 8am to 8.45 am



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cross Country

On Wednesday afternoon all students in years 3-6 participated in the House Sports Cross Country event. It was pleasing to see the smiles on the students' faces as they ran the 1km course that took them out of the school grounds, up High Street, down Lynwood Parade, onto Templestowe College's oval and then back finally onto THPS' oval.



The older students showed maturity and set paces that they were able to hold throughout the entire distance, whilst the first timer year 3 students continued the tradition of sprinting the first 200metres before getting stitches and walking. Everyone got into the House spirit with their loud encouragement and cheering. Thank you to Jaime Buccilli who did an amazing job in organising this event and a massive thank you to the many parents and carers who volunteered their time.



The Impact of Being Late to School

Whilst we know morning times can be a challenge for busy families, it is so important that we aim to get our children to school before 9am. Our classrooms open at 8:45am and are an opportunity for students to set themselves up for the day. The statistics on the following page paint a picture of just how important it is to get to school on time, as missing the first five minutes of learning time each day equates to the equivalence of missing three and a half school days each year.

Nobody likes being late. Walking into a classroom once a lesson has commenced can also create anxiety for children. So please, if you are having any difficulty getting your child to school by 9am, please contact your child's teacher or speak to either myself or Andrew Veal, as we are all here to help.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Behaviour Curriculum

Recently you may have seen the media regarding new guidelines on how schools can help ensure students behave appropriately. The new framework, created by the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO), found that teachers can spend up to 20% of their day dealing with disruptions which equates to one day per week. At Templestowe Heights, we have created a behaviour curriculum, that we introduced at the start of the year and follows the guidelines set out by AERO.

All staff have worked very hard this year in creating a safe, orderly and calm learning environment. By setting clear, high expectations, consistent routines and clear rules provides all students with a sense of predictability and conditions for them to achieve their optimal best. For more information please read the following article:

[Stricter school discipline making comeback under new behavioural curriculum framework | news.com.au — Australia's leading news site](https://www.news.com.au/education/stricter-school-discipline-making-comeback-under-new-behavioural-curriculum-framework/news-story)

Safety

As part of our safety policy, all year 4 students will participate in an online safety course this week. We also have many of our staff undertake First Aid level 2 training over the next two weeks.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This coming Wednesday, 8th May at 6:30pm we will be holding our AGM. The purpose of this meeting is to celebrate the achievements of 2023 and provide some context and further information about the programs we run at Templestowe Heights Primary. Light refreshments in our new auditorium will be accompanied by a key-note presentation that will give attendees an insight into the teaching & learning at THPS as well as the key drivers of how we became a top-10 government ranked school. We will also share School Council's achievements during 2023 and a better insight into the roles and function of Council.

Please contact the office on 9850 1796 or email templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you would like to join.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
Term 2 2024	
Friday 3rd May	Foundation to Year 2 Cross Country
Tuesday 7th May	Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball Incursion
Wednesday 8th May	Annual General Meeting - 6.30pm School Council Meeting – 7.00pm
Thursday 9th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 10th May	Mother's Day Sweet Treat and Stall Whole School Assembly – 2.45pm - Gym
Tuesday 14th May	District Cross Country
Thursday 16th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports 1pm to 3pm
Monday 20th May	Year 4 Edendale Farm Excursion
Tuesday 21st May	Whole School Italian Magic Show Incursion
Weds 22nd to Fri 24th May	Year 5 & 6 Camp to Phillip Island
Monday 27th May	Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Thursday 30th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports 1pm to 3pm
Thursday 6th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports 1pm to 3pm

Friday 7 th June	Foundation Myuna Farm Excursion
Monday 10 th June	Kings Birthday – Public Holiday
Thursday 13 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports 1pm to 3pm
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 27 th May	
Monday 4 th November	
2024 TERM DATES	
Term 2	Ends - Friday 28 th June – Dismissal - 2.30 pm
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

Year 4 Edendale Farm due Friday 10th May.

Whole school Italian magic show due Tuesday 14th May.

Foundation 2025 Enrolments

Enrolments for foundation 2025 are now open. If you are an existing family with a younger **sibling**, please contact the office to collect an enrolment form.

N95 MASKS



We have a number of N95 masks here at the office that have expired. If you would like some please contact the office.

THPS Mums and Carers

Please join us on

Friday 10th May

Between 8.00 – 8.45am

for our Mother's Day Celebration

Mums and carers are invited along for a hot drink and a treat to thank you for how special you are!

(Drinks and treats served from the Canteen window in the middle yard)

Your child's classroom will also be open from 8.45 – 9am. Please take this opportunity to visit and see where they sit and what they are working on.



GR 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY!

On Wednesday we had the perfect weather for the Gr 3-6 House Cross Country race where children competed in a 1km, 2km or 3km race. A huge congratulations to the Gr 4-6 children that have progressed onto District Cross Country in two weeks time. Thank you to all the teachers and parents that helped on the day! 😊





Term 2 Events:



Mother's Day Sweets and Treats – 8am Friday 10th May

Come join us for coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a sweet treat near the canteen window from 8am.

Classrooms will be open for visiting from 8:45am-9am, which is a great opportunity to see what your child/ren are up to.

Mother's Day Stall – Friday 10th May

Payment forms have been sent home – if you require another one, please see the office.



Thank you so our wonderful parents who have already contacted us to help out!! Anyone else wanting to helps us for an hour or so between 9am – 12pm to play shop with our beautiful kids, please reach out via email thpspaf@gmail.com or catch us around the school.



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

Parents and Friends Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAEKWONDO

Bring your family to train with our family

⇒ Classes available for ages 4 and up.

Available locations:

- ⇒ Ivanhoe East
- ⇒ Lower Templestowe
- ⇒ Blackburn North
- ⇒ Doncaster East



Contact Master Carmelo on
0422 193 793 to organise
your free trial lesson.



Affirmative Consent and You

With Chanel Contos and Expert Panel

Tuesday 21 May 2024, 7.15pm – 8.30pm



This free webinar will explore the concept and practice of affirmative consent and what it means for all relationships – young and old.

Our guest speaker, Chanel Contos, is the Executive Director of Teach Us Consent. Chanel is a well-known and passionate advocate for education and empowerment in the realm of consent and sexual health.

Chanel will be joined by a panel of local experts in the areas of law and sexual assault.

The webinar will clarify recent Victorian law changes about consent within sexual relationships.

To Register: [Click](#) or scan

In a world where conversations about consent can sometimes be met with discomfort or resistance, our event aims to spark open dialogue and promote understanding.



Teach Us Consent is an organisation providing holistic consent education to the public and advocacy for structural reform to prevent normalised sexual violence.

Chanel Contos appearing courtesy of Saxton Speakers Bureau.

This event is part of the 2024 Health and Wellbeing Series, brought to you by collaborating Eastern Metropolitan Region Councils. For further information contact: CDEnquiries@whitehorse.vic.gov.au



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