

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

16th May 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

Whole School Italian Magic Show Incursion - Tuesday 21st May

Year 5 & 6 Camp to Phillip Island Wed 22nd to Friday 24th May

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cross Country



On Tuesday 55 students across Years 4-6 represented our school at the District Cross Country competition. The event was held at Ruffy Lake Park and the course is made famous by a steep hill right near the finish line, lulling the runners into a false sense before breaking their souls!

Thanks to Jaime Buccilli, who has been running with the students every morning before school, preparing them in the lead up to this event and to Kate Stacker and Karen Woods for supporting our students on the day. Congratulations to Dash (5KW), Zia (5BW), Chloe (4BG) and Janan

(4RR) who have made it through to the next round.

You are also probably wondering about the black and white photo? This was the District School girls u12 Cross Country race, shall we say, some time in the 1980s. Leading up the front is our very own Kate Stacker, representing THPS. Kate tells the story on that particular day she was on grade 5/6 camp so her grandparents collected Kate from camp to participate in this event. While she never told me what position she came in the race, Kate did say she remembers just wanting to get back to the camp to be with her friends!



Congratulations Layan

Layan (6CS) has been selected to represent Victoria in the upcoming national swimming carnival. Layan will fly to the Gold Coast in July to compete in her pet event – 50m Breaststroke. This is an amazing achievement, we are so proud of you Layan!



5/6 Camp

On Wednesday our year 5 and 6 students will be boarding a coach and making their way to Philip Island for 3 days and 2 nights. The students will create some lasting memories as well as some sleep-deprived staff. A massive thank you to Kate for leading the organisation of this worthy event and for our staff of *Cath Shalders, Karen Woods, Linda Spencer, Steph McNabb, Andrew Veal* as well as parents *Goran, Neetesh, Despina, Oula* and *Socates* for giving up their precious time to care for our students.

Mothers Day

Last Friday we were overrun with Mums and their children attending our Mother's Day Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed a tea, coffee or hot chocolate and some lovely jam and cream scones in the middle yard before school. They were delicious!

Thank you to the large number of staff who helped prepare the hot drinks and deliver our scones to the mums. A massive thank you to Lauren and Elisa for all their hard work in getting this event organised.

I hope our mums enjoyed the morning and were spoilt even more on Mother's Day last Sunday?

THPS Conference

This Saturday we are hosting a sell-out conference at Templestowe Heights Primary. The event is titled ***The Behaviour Curriculum*** and our facilitator for the day is world renown expert Tom Bennett (OBE). We are extremely excited and honoured to host Tom, who is the UK Education Department's independent behaviour advisor.

We all understand that effective behaviour management, whether it be as a parent or teacher, is vital to establish an environment for children to thrive. At Templestowe Heights Primary School, we have established our own behaviour curriculum, a set of expectations we aim for all students to achieve that will support our goal of a calm, orderly and predictable learning environment.

Smile Squad

All students would have now received their free toothbrush and toothpaste from the Smile Squad. This free dental service that provides dental check-ups and treatment to all school students at school. Information is included in this newsletter.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
Term 2 2024	
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
Tuesday 4th June	Year 5 Parliament Incursion
Thursday 6th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 7th June	Foundation Myuna Farm Excursion
Monday 10th June	Kings Birthday – Public Holiday
Thursday 13th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 28th June	Term 2 Ends
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 27th May	
Monday 4th November	
2024 TERM DATES	
Term 2	Ends - Friday 28th June – Dismissal - 2.30 pm
Term 3	Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September
Term 4	Monday 7th October – Friday 20th December

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments due

Year 5 Parliament incursion – due Thursday 28th May

Foundation Myuna Farm excursion – due Friday 31st 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. Enrolments close Friday 26 July 2024.

LIVING & LEARNING AT AJANI – FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Over the next five weeks, the THPS community will be collecting donations for the Living & Learning at Ajani Food Pantry. This community hub is a resource available to families in the Manningham area experiencing food shortage issues. The following items can be donated to the food pantry:

- Pasta, rice, dry noodles
- Sweet and dry biscuits
- Toiletries, e.g. shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toilet rolls
- Kitchen essentials, e.g. oils, spreads, jams
- Tea, coffee and long life milk
- Cans and jars, e.g. tuna, soup, tinned vegetables/beans, pasta sauce

If you are able to donate any of these items, please send them in with your child where they can be dropped off at donation points in the Front Office, the Year 1 Learning Space or the 5/6 Learning Space. Donations can be brought in until Friday 21st June (week 10).

The JSC are grateful in advance for your generous donations to this wonderful cause.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS!

On Tuesday, 57 students from THPS competed in the District Cross Country race at Ruffey Lake park. I am so incredibly proud of these students for their dedication with extra training sessions before school and their perseverance in completing the challenging track.

An extra special congratulations to Zia (5BW), Dash (5KW), Janan (4RR) and Chloe (4BG) who placed in the top 10 on the day and will progress onto Division Cross Country on 4th June.





Smile Squad is coming to this school

Dear Templestowe Heights Primary families,

The Smile Squad team from health Ability are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by the 14th of June 2024.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The health Ability Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Michelle Duclos

Smile Squad Coordinator



Term 2 Events:

Happy Mother's Day to all our beautiful mums, we hope you all had a lovely day on Sunday.



The weather was perfect for our Mother's Day get together on Friday morning, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for all your help! You make such incredible waitstaff, bakers and hot chocolate makers!! 😊

Thank you also to our wonderful shop assistants, Libby, Jenny, Ruth, Kat, Julie, Amy & Katie who volunteered their time to play shop with us. Thank you for being so generous with your time, we just can't thank you enough.

Entertainment book – [THPS - Entertainment link](#)

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

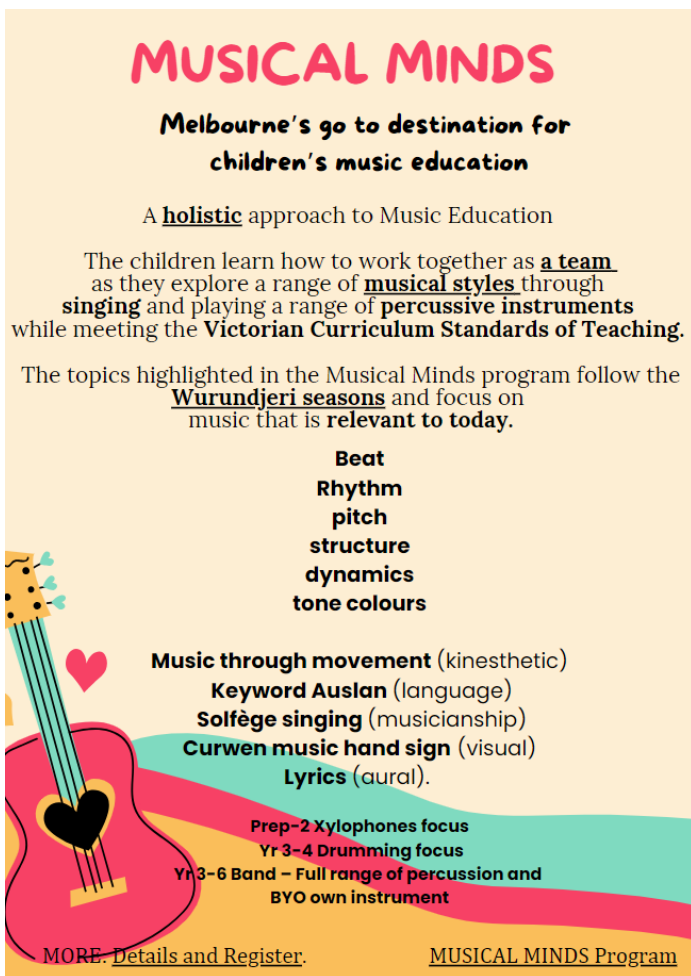
Parents and Friends Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

Extra-Curricular Music Opportunity

As part of our extra-curricular program, we are considering whether to offer a before/after school musical program. Musical Minds (<https://musicalminds.com.au>) are offering students an opportunity to participate in a weekly before or after school program that teaches children about different musical styles through singing, instruments, movement and key word Auslan. The lessons are \$15 per session and for those interested in participating please complete the very simple expression of interest form below:

<https://forms.gle/tpK439zZkNzZ1Lwe8>



MUSICAL MINDS
Melbourne's go to destination for children's music education

A **holistic** approach to Music Education

The children learn how to work together as **a team** as they explore a range of **musical styles** through **singing** and playing a range of **percussive instruments** while meeting the **Victorian Curriculum Standards of Teaching**.

The topics highlighted in the Musical Minds program follow the **Wurundjeri seasons** and focus on music that is **relevant to today**.

Beat
Rhythm
pitch
structure
dynamics
tone colours

Music through movement (kinesthetic)
Keyword Auslan (language)
Solfège singing (musicianship)
Curwen music hand sign (visual)
Lyrics (aural).

Prep-2 Xylophones focus
Yr 3-4 Drumming focus
Yr 3-6 Band – Full range of percussion and BYO own instrument


MORE: [Details and Register](#). [MUSICAL MINDS Program](#)




Can you help refill the Ajani food pantry?
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