

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 11

27th June 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Last day of Term 2 - Friday 28th June – Assembly in the Gym at 1.30pm

Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

Term 3 Begins Monday 15th July

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Safe Break!

After eleven weeks we have finally made it to a well-earned break. From the many incursions, excursions, camp, cross country, maths games, student-run canteen, conferences, school visits, free-dress days, fundraising events, lunch time clubs and gardening on top of all the quality learning taking place within all our classrooms, it really has been a huge term.

I hope families have an opportunity (whether it is one day or more) to recharge and reset from the busy-ness of a school term. I want to thank our amazingly committed staff for providing the very best opportunities for all students. Templestowe Heights Primary is such a positive, thriving place to come to every day and I'm so incredibly grateful to be part of such an inclusive, supportive community. As a reminder we finish at 2.30pm this Friday with a whole school assembly at 1.30pm in the gym. All Welcome.



Student Reports

Families are able to access their child's semester 1 school report via their Compass portal. Please take the time to read these reports, if possible, with your children and celebrate all their achievements.

Welcome New Students

We would like to welcome new students Ally (6KS), Olive (4SM) and Ray (1SJ) to our learning community. Moving schools, homes and countries is a huge challenge and you have all settled in so quickly to school life.

THPS Basketball

Congratulations to all teams for completing another season of basketball. The main purpose of our THPS basketball teams is to have fun, whilst playing with your school mates and learning the game of basketball. A massive thank you to Natalie (Chloe 4BG & Matthew 2EZ) for her leadership of our Templestowe Heights Basketball Association for the 18 teams and all our dedicated parents, carers and older siblings for taking on roles of coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, uber drivers and hydration executives. On a special note, a big congratulations for our teams that were fortunate enough to win their grand finals and become premiership players! I hope there were wild celebrations at McDonalds post-game.

Dogs in School Policy

As part of a review of our school policies, our Dogs in School needs to be updated. Currently, dogs are not permitted in the school yard at drop off or pick up times.

Being a dog lover, it pains me to place a restriction on dogs entering our school grounds during these times however for many children there is genuine fear as well as the unpredictable nature presents a safety risk for our children.

Our Dogs in School Policy will be updated early next term, however in the meantime I urge all dog owners to please minimise the risk of any incidents by not having your dogs near groups of children in our school grounds.

Pyjama Day

There was a look of snugness and comfort on our students faces as I walked through the classrooms today for our PJ Day. Thank you to our JSC student leaders for organising this day, a fitting time to come dressed in our PJs as we end the term on a cold winter day.



Victoria Auditor General Office (VAGO) Report

Recently the VAGO published a report into the review of the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI). The TLI was an action borne from the lockdowns to support all government schools with additional funding to hire tutors to bridge the learning gaps as a result of the covid pandemic. While the report identified a whole list of reasons why the tutoring initiative was not successful, it was not the story for Templestowe Heights Primary.

In a recent visit an evaluation from the Department of Education on our TLI, we received the highest possible outcome based on a set criteria. We use a research-based intervention program for identified students through assessments of having gaps in their knowledge. The impact that these sessions have had on our students has been extremely positive and we have felt the funding we received has significantly added value to our school programs.

I want to acknowledge Stuart McLay, who is leading and delivering our tutor program. Being an ex-secondary school English and Literature teacher, his knowledge and own professional growth in learning our structured phonics THPS curriculum has helped him deliver on such a hugely successful program.

Fly Me Out of Here!

Students in year 6 have been learning about flight propulsion and aerodynamics during their STEM lessons. Students have made aeroplanes, complete with motors and now have a chance to fly a plane in a simulator. A massive thank you to Ross Johnston from the Doncaster Squadron of the Australian Air League for lending the simulator for our school and to pilot Craig (Avery 4SM) who ran master class sessions for our students. Lastly, thanks Ross Toogood for providing such an engaging and unique experience for our students.



Girls Football

Congratulations to our girls AFL football team on representing our school at the recent District football carnival. The girls had a fun time learning about the sport as well as dancing to the music being played between matches. Thank you Jaimie Buccilli for organising this worthwhile event.

Rhys Coulson

Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Term 2 2024

Friday 28th June	Student Run Canteen Closed Whole School Assembly 1.30pm – Gym Term 2 Ends – 2.30pm
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Term 3 2024

Monday 15th July	Term 3 Begins
Mon 15th to Fri 19th July	Year 1 Online Safety Workshop
Tuesday 16th to Fri 19th July	Foundation Online Safety Workshop
Thursday 18th July	Mixed Netball Round Robin - Year 5 & 6 selected student only
Monday 22nd July	Whole School House Athletics Carnival
Mon 22nd to Wed 24th July	Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions
Friday 2nd August	Whole School Mini Olympics Day Whole School Disco - 6.30pm
Monday 5th August	Year 2 Online Safety Workshop
Tuesday 6th August	Year 5 Living and Growing Program
Friday 9th August	Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion Foundation Wildlife Xposure Incursion Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Saturday 10th August	Parents & Friends Adults Only Social Event (10 Pin Bowling)
Tuesday 13th August	Year 5 Living and Growing Program
Friday 16th August	Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Tuesday 20th August	Year 5 Living and Growing Program
Friday 23rd August	Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Thursday 29th August	District Athletics
Friday 30th August	Father's Day Sweet Treat/Hot drink and Father's Day Stall



PUPIL FREE DAYS

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

Athletics Carnival – \$10.50 due Friday 28th June

Student Living Arrangements Update

From time to time, family circumstances change. Please ensure you update the school about any new living arrangements via email at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Foundation 2025 Enrolments

Enrolments for Foundation 2025 **close on Friday 26th July**. If you are an existing family with a younger **sibling**, please contact the office to collect an enrolment form.

STUDENT RUN CANTEEN NEWS

Due to the early finish this Friday 28th June there will be no student run canteen at lunchtime.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS NEWS

Last week our Environmental Leaders banded together to collect rubbish around the school grounds. With enthusiasm, they found all sorts of wonderful treasures to dispose of and were super proud of their efforts! Thank you, Enviro's!



ART *with Cecile* AFTER SCHOOL



Get **inspired!** Get **creative!** Explore drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture in a **fun** learning environment

Term 3
THPS Art Room
Tuesdays, 3.45–5.00 pm
Classes start **16 July 2024**
Grades 3–6. Places limited.

TERM 3 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

\$350 for 10 week term.
Materials included.
New students receive a take home visual diary.

Click or scan to enrol



 art@cecilegray.com
 0438 515 836
 cecilegray.com/classes





Term 3 Events: Mark these dates in your calendar!!

THPS WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO

Friday the 2nd of August 6:30-8pm

Bring your disco moves!!

This year our little rockers can have their face painted with Glow in the Dark Face Paint if they wish! (Non-toxic and washable of course).

\$5 per child. More information and the permission slip will go home in the first week of Term 3.

(Please note: Mobile phones, glow sticks or any toys brought from home will not be permitted in the gym)

THPS SOCIAL EVENT BOWLING

Saturday the 10th of August 7:30pm

@ Zone Bowling Forest Hill.

2 games of Bowling \$28 per person with food & beverages available for purchase via QR Code from your bowling lane.

Set up for teams of 6, however, please don't worry if you don't have 6 people, we will look at joining teams together if needed.

Bookings can now be made:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CTDBF>



Pancake Parlour School Rewards is BACK!

Help support THPS with PANCAKES!!!

Simply download The Pancake Parlour app, follow the prompts to join the school rewards program Or click on this link <https://www.pancakeparlour.com.au/school-rewards-join-an-existing-school>

Every time you dine at the Pancake Parlour show them your barcode in the app and THPS will gain the points, which turn into great prizes for the school, such as guest speakers, vouchers and cash.

Want the 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 <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

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



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Lauren & Elisa

Need to contact us? thpspaf@gmail.com

Parents and Friends Team

Basketball has finished for Season 1 2024!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to coach, team manage and train our players, and to all the parents who have scored, helped with lifts etc – it's a team effort and we couldn't run this program without your valuable contributions and support.

This season we had 14 Primary School teams and 4 Miniball teams. Of our 14 PS teams, 11 played finals, 6 played in their grand final match and 3 won their grand final! **Amazing result!**

Please enrol your child for next season if you haven't already: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSKYJ>

GO HEIGHTS!!!



STRIVE SPORTS ACADEMY

SPORT CLINIC FOR KIDS
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
COST: \$85
AGES: 5-14 YEARS

BOX HILL CITY OVAL

THURSDAY, 4TH JULY
9:00AM - 3:00PM



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MELBOURNE'S LEADERS IN MUSIC EDUCATION

TEACHER: MATT DAVIDSON

MATT IS A GUITARIST, VOCALIST & PRODUCER. MATT HAS WORKED WITH CHILDREN ALL AROUND THE WORLD. INSPIRING MINDS THROUGH MUSIC, LEADERSHIP & CREATIVITY. FULL BIO ON WEBSITE

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM!

TERM 3 - THURSDAYS!

45 MINUTES SESSION

8AM - 8:45AM AND 3:40 - 4:25PM

LET'S LEARN HOW TO PLAY, IDENTIFY AND CREATE MUSIC

Musical Minds captured students' attention quickly, with it's quirky lyrics and seamless transitions between instruments. I highly recommended this program, it was extremely engaging for all students and teachers!

Google Review from Albert Park Primary - Classroom Teacher. S Psomotrags

BOOK NOW 

[MUSICALMINDS.COM.AU/THPS/](https://musicalminds.com.au/thps/)



Hansel and Gretel



Follow the trail of breadcrumbs to the Doncaster Playhouse over the July school holidays for Playhouse Pantomimes' original musical adaptation of 'Hansel and Gretel!' Based on the classic Grimm Brothers fairy tale, our version tells the story of a young brother and sister who get lost in the woods and discover a gingerbread house, but who lives there? There will be songs, audience participation and lots of laughs for the whole family.

Runs from July 1-13, 10:30am & 1:30pm daily at the Doncaster Playhouse

Children under 2 on laps are free
www.playhousepantomimes.com.au

Monday 1 July 2024 - Saturday 13 July 2024 (UTC+10)

LOCATION

Doncaster Playhouse
679 Doncaster Road, Doncaster Victoria 3108

ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost

\$20 per session/assessment.
Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:

Telephone: 03 9214 8653

Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kxjje5YcM>

