Our News



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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 9

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Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mandated Phonics

This morning it was announced by Education Minister Ben Carroll that all government primary schools will be mandated to teach phonics and a new explicit teaching approach. This is reassuring news that will ensure children across the state are taught how to read with an evidence-based, scientific approach. This is on the back of the Victorian catholic education system and NSW education system mandating a similar model.

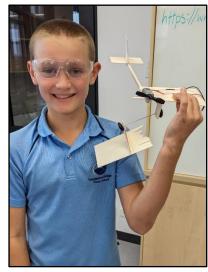


At Templestowe Heights Primary, we have been implementing a structured phonics approach and explicit teaching model for three years. We now implement the **science of learning**, moving away from a *philosophy* of teaching practice, instead following the evidence and research from cognitive science, education, psychology and neuroscience of how we learn (and teach) most effectively.

We have been extremely proud to be a school of influence in this space. Approximately 80 schools have visited us (teaching teams, leadership teams, principal networks) in the past two years to learn about how schools can implement elements of our teaching and learning model. We will continue to utilise evidence-based practices that can provide the best outcomes for our children to enable them to become well-rounded citizens.

Aeronautical Engineers

Year 6s have finished their aeronautical propulsion design unit in STEM. The product had students testing the speed and elevation of their constructed aeroplanes. What I also love is the resilience and problem solving of our students, as Wil's (pictured) aeroplane had a broken wing, but he managed to repair and fly it.



Year 4 Market



As part of their core knowledge curriculum on sustainability, all year 4 students participated in a Swap Market. The idea was centred on 'reduce, reuse, recycle' and promoted the idea that instead of throwing things out, what items from the household could students bring along that they didn't want anymore and swap.

P&F Meeting

Last night Lauren and Elisa hosted the *Parents & Friends* meeting. The purpose was to recognise the group as an association, linked officially to our school and to discuss future events coming up this year. We really do have wonderfully supportive community and now that we have emerged from the doldrums of lockdowns, it is noticeable how many of families value and attend our school events. We are always keen to have anyone give up their valuable time for any of our school events. If you are able to give some of your time, please contact thpspaf@gmail.com Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
Term 2 2024	
Monday 17 th June	Year 1 Yarra Valley Water Incursion
Wednesday 19 th June	School Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 5 & 6 Girls Footy (selected students)
Thursday 27 th June	JSC Pajama Day
Friday 28 th June	Whole School Assembly 1.45pm – Gym
	Term 2 Ends – 2.30pm
Term 3 2024	
Monday 15 th July	Term 3 Begins
Mon 15 th to Fri 19 th July	Year 1 Online Safety Workshop
Tuesday 16 th to Fri 19 th July	Foundation Online Safety Workshop
Thursday 18 th July	Mixed Netball Round Robin - Year 5 & 6
Monday 22 nd July	Whole School House Athletics
Mon 22 nd to Wed 24 th July	Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions
Friday 2 nd August	Whole School Mini Olympics Day
	Whole School Disco
Monday 5 th August	Year 2 Online Safety Workshop
Tuesday 6 th August	Year 5 Living and Growing Program
Friday 9 th August	Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
	Foundation Wildlife Xposure Incursion
	Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Saturday 10 th August	Annual Adult Social Event (10 Pin Bowling)
Tuesday 13 th August	Year 5 Living and Growing Program
Friday 16 th August	Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Tuesday 20 th August	Year 5 Living and Growing Program
Friday 23 rd August	Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Thursday 29 th August	District Athletics
Friday 30 th August	Father's Day Morning Treat and Father's Day Stall
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
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

Change of clothes



At this time of year where the oval and the school grounds are wet and muddy please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag. This applies to students in all year levels. We have had a number of accidents lately and have run out of spare clothing.

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.

JSC NEWS



PJ Day - Thursday 27th June - No donations required

Our final Semester 1 JSC event will be a PJ day on Thursday 27th June! Students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school, which will be very cosy for a June day. Wear your pyjamas, robe or even your oodie! Students must still dress appropriately for the weather, and must wear school shoes rather than slippers.

JSC - LIVING & LEARNING AT AJANI — FOOD PANTRY DRIVE



Just a reminder that the drive will be running until the end of **Week 10 (Friday 21st June)** so there is still time to bring in any food you wish to donate. Please ensure it is unopened and within its best before date.



BREAKING NEWS, Canteen is BACK!

We are pleased to announce that the canteen is opening for business once again from FRIDAY 7 June.

Our Year Six committee are Oscar, Lachie, Logan and Layan. We would also like to welcome Zara, Kas, Ava and Michael, our new Year 5 committee members.

This year we will continue to sell the same delicious products as last year, Snaps Chips, Juicy Icy Poles and chocolate chip cookies. **All items are \$2 each.**







Students wishing to purchase something each Friday simply need to bring their \$2 to school. Students in Years 1-6 will be able to purchase directly from the canteen during the first 15 mins of lunch play time. Foundation students can use the order form in each classroom and their goodies will be delivered during lunch eating time.

Please note, a summary list of ingredients is included below. A full list of dietary and allergy information is provided in the attachment to the newsletter and is also available from the office.

Barbecue Piranha SNAPS chips

Potato Flour (48%), Sunflower Oil, Rice Flour (7%), Corn Flour, Pumpkin Flour (4%), Sugar, Vegetable Powders (Tomato Onion, Beetroot, Garlic, Celery), Sea Salt, Yeast Extracts, Probiotics (Bacillus coagulans), Spices (Paprika, Turmeric, Tamarind), Natural Flavours.

Juicies Tropical Flavour

Fruit Juice(99.8%)[Fresh Pressed Apple Juice(95.8%), Reconstituted Fruit Juices(Orange, Pineapple, Apple, Passionfruit, Mango)], Natural Flavour, Ascorbic Acid(Vitamin C)

Choc Chip Cookies

White sugar; brown sugar; flour; salt; eggs; a leavening agent such as baking soda; a fat, typically butter or shortening; vanilla extract; and chocolate pieces

THPS Student Run Canteen Product Information Sheet.

Specific product information can be found attached to this COMPASS notification

We look forward to serving you,

THPS Student Run Canteen Committee.



Thank you to everyone who joined our annual P&F meeting online last night.

For those who missed it, I will be sending the minutes via the class reps to be distributed via whatsapp.

Upcoming events for Term 3:

Whole School Disco - Friday 2nd August

Annual Adult Social Event - 10th August (Ten Pin Bowling)

Father's Day Morning – Friday 30th August (Sweet Treat & Tea/Coffee/Hot Choc)

Father's Day Stall - Friday 30th August

Do you have some fundraising suggestions? – If so, please email us at thpspaf@gmail.com.au or come and have a chat to us when you see us around the school – we'd LOVE your input!

Looking for things to do over the weekend or school holidays? Why not buy the Entertainment Book, it has some great deals/discounts, and a portion of each sale goes back to the school! Click the link below for more information.

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





Parents and Friends Team









THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

















APEAKINTO THIS WELL

This week's theme in before and after school care is called 'BUILD YOUR OWN'! The children have been able to put their creative minds to the test, to produce their own artworks & designs.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLICK

Highlights thus far for the week have included chocolate crackle baking, our very own 'yo-chi style' froyo for afternoon tea, build-your-own fish bowl & origami butterfly creations! They all look amazing, well done kiddos!

COMMUNITY NEWS

This week coordinators across the north regions from TheirCare, were invited to a network meeting. This network meeting enabled us to meet with like-minded people to exchange ideas and strategies to improve the quality of our services for your children. Additionally, we engaged in a range of team-building exercises; including working with a team to build children's bikes, that were generously donated to the Salvation Army.















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BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 2, 2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS NOW OPEN!

Expression of interest for Season 2 is now open! Please register your child if they would like to play Primary School Basketball or Miniball (foundation students) next term. Please do this ASAP so we can start sorting the teams for Season 2.

This expression of interest registration is FREE:

Primary School Basketball https://www.trybooking.com/CSKYJ

Miniball https://www.trybooking.com/CSKYM

Season will run from the 22 July 2024 to the 13 December 2024.

MONDAY GRADE 5/6 BOYS & GIRLS

4 Rounds Of Grading 12 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals Cost:

\$195 + BV License Fees \$55 Finals Team Sheets

TUESDAY GRADE 3/4 BOYS

4 Rounds Of Grading
12 Rounds Regular Season
2 Rounds of Finals
Cost:
\$195 + BV License Fees

\$55 Finals Team Sheets

WEDNESDAY GRADE 1/2 BOYS & GIRLS

4 Rounds Of Grading
13 Rounds Regular Season
2 Rounds of Finals
Cost:
\$195 + BV License Fees

THURSDAY GRADE 3/4 GIRLS

4 Rounds Of Grading
13 Rounds Regular Season
2 Rounds of Finals
Cost:
\$195 + BV License Fees

\$55 Finals Team Sheets

FRIDAY FOUNDATION

18 Rounds
Regular Season
No Finals
Cost:
\$170 + BV License Fees

For more information, please email Natalie.

\$55 Finals Team Sheets

thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Can you help refill the Ajani food pantry?

We need donations of non-perishable food items



Pasta, rice and dry noodles





Toiletries

such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toilet roll





Kitchen essentials

such as oil, jams and spreads



Tea, coffee and long life milk





Cans and jars

such as tuna, soups, tinned vegetables and beans, pasta sauces etc.





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