



Our New

August to
May
"Hats On"
Day



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

15th August 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Friday 16th August -Whole School Assembly 2.45pm - GYM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Building Our Knowledge

During our pupil-free day on Monday, all classroom teachers undertook professional learning workshops to help them better understand the new THPS Mathematics Curriculum Map. This is our main strategic goal for 2025. It was an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the changes to the topics and content that will now be taught across classrooms. Some of our specialist teachers took the opportunity to visit other schools while the rest remained at school undertaking their own professional learning.



When we consider other professions, such as surgeons, mechanics, trade apprentices, basketball referee training and even professional athletes, they all have opportunities to view each other's or their own practice and receive feedback on it. To support the professional growth of all our teachers, on Wednesday afternoon we introduced our new peer coaching model.

This new model will provide all teachers with the opportunity to film their own teaching practice and receive feedback from their peers. The goal is that if we can improve our teaching practice, it will have better outcomes for our children. I feel so fortunate and grateful that our staff have a collective commitment to wanting to be the best teacher they can.

National Science Week

During this week and next, all students will be celebrating National Science week during STEM lessons. This year's theme is *Species Survival – More Than Just Sustainability* and we look forward to hearing all about it with Ross Toogood.

Visitors to Templestowe Heights Primary

On Tuesday we hosted a visit from ten primary school Principals from New Zealand. They spent the half day learning about our approach and then seeing it in action across classrooms.

In the past eighteen months, we have had 96 school leadership teams visit THPS to learn from our evidence-based teaching and learning model. Our stance will always be that we will support any school that is on a journey to improve their approach to teaching and learning if it means more children will ultimately have access to high quality curriculum and practice.

Our staff never get worried or nervous about the prospect of visitors coming into their classrooms and watching them teach. I would like to thank all our teachers for continually providing a warm and welcoming environment. Just like all our school visitors have continually stated, I am so proud of the quality of the lessons they design and deliver.

Down Ball Tournament

Jaime Buccilli and Stephanie McNabb bravely took a small army of year 3 to 6 students to the state down ball tournament. Please read her article further on in this newsletter.

Hats On

As per our Sunsmart policy, students must wear their school hats (legionnaire or wide-brimmed) during recess/lunch play times and all outside PE classes. For anyone requiring a school hat, they can be purchased directly from PWS or here at the office.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Term 3 2024

Friday 16 th August	Whole School Assembly- 2.45 - Gym Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Tuesday 20 th August	Year 5 Living and Growing Program Year 3-5 Circus Skills
Wednesday 21 st August	School Council Meeting 7pm
Friday 23 rd August	Year 6 Living and Growing Program
Thursday 29 th August	District Athletics
Friday 30 th August	Father's Day Sweet Treat/Hot drink and Father's Day Stall
Monday 2 nd September	Year 3-5 Circus Skills
Wednesday 4 th September	Foundation to Year 2 Author Vist
Thursday 5 th September	BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY Year 3 to 6 Author Vist
Friday 6 th September	Whole School Assembly- 2.45 - Gym
Monday 9 th September	Astronomical Society of Victoria Event - 7.30 to 8.30pm
Friday 13 th September	Year 3-5 Circus Skills
Wednesday 18 th September	Year 3-5 Circus Skills
Friday 20 th September	Circus Skill Performance 11.30am to 1.00pm End of Term 3 Students dismissed at 2.30pm

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday 4th November

2024 TERM DATES

Term 3	Ends Friday 20 th September
Term 4	Monday 7 th October – Friday 20 th December

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

District athletics – \$17 due Friday 23rd August (selected students only)

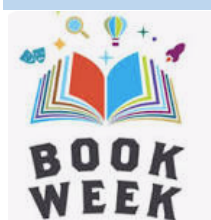
Book week author visit - \$5 due Tuesday 27 August

PARKING



We have had a number of near misses in and around the school recently. Please be mindful of students and other drivers when parking around the school. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us. **The carpark is for staff only.** Please do not use the staff carpark for pickups and drops offs at any time and walk your children around the perimeter of the carpark. Manningham council will be patrolling our area in the days to come.

LIBRARY NEWS



A reminder that the library is open during Monday lunchtime for student reading and borrowing.

This year we will be celebrating Book Week and the magic of reading with a dress-up day and author visits. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 5th September. Please ensure that student costumes are age appropriate and suitable for wearing all day whilst learning. Students are encouraged to be creative. (Please no superhero costumes.)

You may wish to take inspiration from this year's theme: Reading is Magic. Think about how reading can take you to other worlds, reading helps you explore new ideas and reading helps you to understand a different person.

Susan Bannister Teacher Librarian



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

Father's Day Sweets & Treats

Friday 30th August 8am-9am

Dads!! 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 kids are up to.



Father's Day Stall

Friday 30th August 9am-12pm

Notices will go out next week for the annual Father's Day Stall, where our children can buy something special for their Dad, Grandparent and other special person \$5.00 per gift

Volunteers needed! We would love some help with the stall for an hour or so between 9am – 12pm

To come play shop with our beautiful kids, please reach out via email thpspaf@gmail.com or catch us around the school



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 at <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

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



Lauren & Elisa

Need to contact us? thpspaf@gmail.com

Parents and friend Team

PE NEWS!

On Tuesday, 39 students from THPS travelled to Maroondah Nets in Heathmont to compete in the second ever Victorian Downball tournament. 88 teams from schools across Victoria competed in this event. A huge congratulations to all our Grade 3 to 6 students for their teamwork, sportsmanship and amazing Downball skills.



COMMUNITY NEWS



AUSTRALIAN PLANTS EXPO
native plant fair Eltham
14 - 15 SEPTEMBER 10am - 3pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham

native & indigenous plants, books on related subjects,
Pots & gift stalls, new displays, refreshments & more

Adults \$5, Concessions \$4

Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group Inc No. A0039676Y



YARRA EAGLES
BASKETBALL CLUB

NEST PROGRAM
FREE FREE FREE FREE

JOIN A GREAT CLUB AND START YOUR BASKETBALL JOURNEY
Conducted by Director of Coaching - Sandy Kannangara

Register your details here to join



SQUAD 1 JUNIOR NEST
WHO: AGES 4-6 YEARS

SQUAD 2 NEST
WHO: U9 & U11

WHEN: 5PM-6PM MONDAYS
WHERE: MARCELLIN COLLEGE

BOYS & GIRLS



2024/25 TRACK & FIELD TRAINING SESSIONS

STARTING WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2024
@ DONCASTER LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

MONDAYS 4.30-5.30PM
DISCUS - SHOT PUT
HIGH JUMP - SCISSORS
ATHS BASICS (U6-U8)

MONDAYS 5.30-6.15PM
MIDDLE DISTANCE
SPRINTS



DAVE THOMSON
NEW TRACK & FIELD COACH

WEDNESDAYS 4.30-5.30PM
JAVELIN/TURBO JAVELIN
LONG JUMP/TRIPLE JUMP

WEDNESDAYS 5.30-6.15PM
MIDDLE DISTANCE
SPRINTS/HURDLES

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