

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 3 Week 8

5th September 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

Whole School Assembly

Friday 6th September 2.45 pm – Gym (All Welcome)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank You Parents & Friends

On Friday we hosted our annual Father's Day breakfast and stall. Our breakfast was well attended, with the serving of hot chocolates, coffee from the coffee-cart and doughnuts in plentiful supply. Thanks to the generous donation from *TheirCare* and the amazing support from our *Parents & Friends*, the morning went off so smoothly.



Astronomical Society of Victoria Event



It's only four more sleeps until our community have an opportunity to explore the night sky. This coming **Monday 9th September at 7pm** on our oval, the Astronomical Society of Victoria will be bringing their special telescopes that will allow us to view the Moon, Saturn and other stars. We will make a decision at 2pm on Monday as we need to have clear skies and minimal cloud coverage. A compass message will be sent out to confirm whether or not it will be going ahead.

Book Week Celebrations

It has been a fun-filled week celebrating Book Week. Author's Jane Godwin and George Ivanoff have visited our students to share in their fascinating thought-processes of what it takes to create a book. Today we had a very enjoyable dress-up day, where our students and staff came dressed as characters from their favourite books. It was so good to see the excitement on the faces of our students as they guessed with their classmates what they were dressed up as. Photos of this amazing day can be found further on in this newsletter.

The library has also been open every morning for our community to enjoy. The Guess My Book quiz as well as the bookmark and short-story competitions have all built on the theme of celebrating the magic of books. Thank you to our amazing Librarian teacher Susan Bannister and Steph McNabb for driving this week, I don't know how we can top it next year!

Circus Training Comes to THPS

I never thought I'd walk into a classroom at THPS and see children spinning dinner plates, juggling balls or whirling with hoola hoops! Students in years 3-5 commenced their circus training in preparation for the special performance to be held on the last Friday of this term. So far, the students have all commented about how much fun it is, we are really looking forward to seeing them all perform their newly acquired skills in front of a live audience.



Nat Wexler

On an early Thursday morning, THPS hosted another nation-wide online professional learning event attended by over 1700 educators. The keynote speaker was Nat Wexler, an education writer, author, blogger and pod-caster who critically analyses systems and practices in writing instruction. She has co-authored *The Writing Revolution*, a framework we implement here at THPS to scaffold the knowledge we want our students to know in order to be successful writers. This PD was optional for our staff, showing you just how keen we all are to improve our own knowledge and practice to give our students the very best education.



Whole School Assembly Tomorrow

Tomorrow we will be hosting a whole school assembly in the gym. It commences at 2:45pm and all members of our community are welcome to attend.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
Term 3 2024	
Friday 6 th September	Whole School Assembly- 2.45 - Gym
Monday 9 th September	Astronomical Society of Victoria Event - 7.00 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
Term 4 2024	
Monday 7 th October	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 3 – Online Safety Workshop
Thursday 10 th October	Division Athletics
Friday 11 th October	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Year 5 & 6 Round Robin Volleyball (selected students only)
Monday 14 th October	Year 6 Graduation Photo 9.00am
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 5 & 6 Round Robin Basketball (selected students only)
Friday 18 th October	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Friday 25 th October	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Friday 1 st November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Monday 4 th November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Hoilday
Friday 8 th November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Performance Year 4 Scienceworks Excursion
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 melbourne Zoo Excursion
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 4 th November	
2024 TERM DATES	
Term 3	Ends Friday 20 th September
Term 4	Monday 7 th October – Friday 20 th December

FROM THE OFFICE

School Saving Bonus

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with the school. You can check this information on your Compass account.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, see the Parent/Care Information Sheet attached to this Compass message or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

Parent, Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey

Just a note to those families that were contacted to take part in the Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey, the survey closing date has been extended to Friday 20th September. We encourage all selected families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

REMOTE CONTROL CAR CLUB

Just a reminder that Friday 20th September on the last day of term during lunchtime there will be a Remote control car club race with trophies for the fastest and best cars. Join us for the group trials on Friday 13th September. Posters are placed around the school for further information. Can't wait to see you there.

LOST PROPERTY

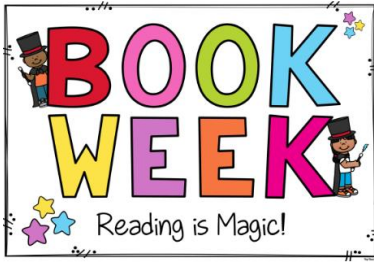
Our lost property tub is overflowing with unnamed school uniform and lunch containers. All unnamed uniforms not claimed will be donated to the second hand uniform shop. All non school uniforms will be disposed of or donated to charity. Please ensure all pieces of uniform, all lunch boxes, lids and drink bottles are clearly labelled to ensure their prompt return.

PRINT A CAR

On Thursday 22 August two teams of Year 6 students competed in the Quantum Print A Car challenge heats. Students went through a process of researching, designing, printing, assembling and documenting the process of a race car printed in 3D. There are many strict rules around the specifications of the car and harsh penalties if you go outside these guidelines. Congratulations to team Supersonic Ants (Miller 6KS, Leo 6KS and Zev 6CS) who managed to proceed through to the finals in November. The results are a combination of the speed of the car (including time penalties) and the documentation of their work through a portfolio and self evaluation. Both teams did a great job and we can't wait to see how the Supersonic Ants go in November!

Ross Toogood
STEM Teacher





It was fantastic to see so many book characters at school today. Thankyou to everyone who has been involved in celebrating Book Week. A special thankyou to Stephanie McNabb, our Library captains Faith (6KS) and Inca (6CS), and the JSC. It has been a wonderful team effort to coordinate our many activities and to highlight the importance of literature in our lives.

The students enjoyed meeting two Melbourne authors - Jane Godwin and George Ivanoff and had the opportunity to learn about their inspiration for writing. If you would like to purchase a book by either of these authors, please see the attached

flyers. Books will be delivered to the school and distributed to your child. For any assistance or further information, please see Mrs. Bannister in the library.

Susan Bannister
Teacher Librarian





Term 3 Events:

Father's Day Treat and Stall

Thank you

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Father's Day events this year. We hope you all enjoyed this special day with your loved ones.
Special Thanks to TheirCare for providing the coffee cart.



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://wvcv.auspost.com.au/>

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



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Parents and friend Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rotary Club of Emerald & District

KIDS FUN RUN

with **PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY**

24th November 2024 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook
Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children.
Proudly supporting Monash Children's Hospital

Trophies for all 600+ who run
Train rides on the day
Show bags & certificates for runners

Registrations Now Open!!

Sunday 24th November 2024
Puffing Billy Railway Station Gembrook

A fun day out for all the family
Raising funds for
Childhood Cancer Research
at the
Monash Children's Hospital



SCAN ME

<https://www.emeraldrotary.org.au/page/kfrwpb>



Australian Air League

Doncaster Squadron Open Night

Monday 14th October, 7.00pm - 8.00pm
at Greythorn Bowling Club, 7 Gregory Court Doncaster

Fun - Friendship - Aviation - Community Service - Leadership
We warmly welcome you and your family to the Air League Doncaster Squadron Open Night. New Cadet places are now open for girls and boys aged 8 to 18. Come and discover the amazing experiences and opportunities the Air League offers your child, as you see the Cadets in Drill and hear about the Australian Air League. We train Monday evenings in Doncaster and have monthly weekend events.
www.airleague.com.au



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