

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 1

10th October 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

Welcome back to Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back!

On Monday morning it was a pleasing sight to see students, parents and carers eagerly waiting outside the school buildings for the bell to ring to enter their classrooms. Walking through classrooms, I enjoyed seeing everyone (except for Sydney Swans and Melbourne Storm supporters) looking refreshed and happy to be back.



We would like to welcome our new education support staff member *Jun*, who will be working with students in Years 1-4. *Asyiah* also commences with us as a new student in 4RR. Lastly, we also have another new student in 3EJ, which is four-legged and named Moana, who has also commenced. Moana is a puppy learning to be a Guide Dog, and you can read more about this further on in the newsletter.

2025 Class Formations

Planning is well underway for 2025 (can you believe it is already term 4?). As part of our Class Formation Policy, teachers will facilitate a process where we ask all children to list five friends. We guarantee that every child will have at least one of those five friends in their class for the following year. As part of this process we provide families the opportunity to make requests for 2025 class placements. Requests may relate to friendship concerns, learning issues or family matters. All requests must be directed, via email, to the Principal at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Friday 25th October. **Requests cannot be made for children to be placed with a particular child or teacher.**

Channel 7 Visit

On Monday Channel 7 visited THPS to learn more about our teaching and learning model and La Trobe University's Momentum Schools Project. For the past three years, we have shifted the way we teach in classrooms to an explicit approach, grounded in the science of learning. We now have a greater understanding of how we learn best, which means we can teach more effectively. The way we teach is now influenced by making sure we consider the load on children's working memory and ensuring they are focused to move their new skill or knowledge from their working memory into their long-term memory. We consider the end goal of what we want children to learn, break it down into small steps and then introduce the information sequentially, making sure children have learnt the previous step before moving on.



As part of the Victorian Government's mandate, all schools must move towards an explicit teaching approach (as well as 30 minutes a day of phonics) within three years. We will be a host school for La Trobe University's Momentum Schools Project, supporting schools across the state in adopting this new explicit approach. Thank you to our School Council President Kai Robotham as well as Year 1 leader Reannan Rossi and the children of 1RR for showing our Channel 7 Reporter Jackie Quist their amazing phonological knowledge and skills. Keep watching the Channel 7 news, we were told it will be on at some stage this week!

Building Works Over the Break

Over the term break we undertook building works to enhance our school. We refined our main meeting room with cabinetry and established an additional front office. We relocated 5KW's airlock sealed doors to block out the sound that seemed to always pass down the corridor into the classroom. 9 new split systems were installed ensuring all classrooms now have effective heating and cooling. Lastly, we extended the floor space of the library that will now create a new study centre complete with tables and chairs. A massive thank you to Andrew Veal for his project-managing expertise throughout the holidays, ensuring the school continues to look so impressive.



Core Knowledge in Action!

As part of the year 6s rich literature studies, they are currently reading the novel *The Blackbird Girls*, by Anne Blankman. Set in 1986, during the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster, the backfilling of knowledge is required so students can gain a deeper understanding and make connections to what they are reading. Building understandings about capitalism, communism and socialism through general knowledge lessons, it has been fascinating to hear what the students think about these political and economic systems, as stated by Johnny in 6CS: *Capitalism is a much better form of government than communism or socialism. Regardless of country status, capitalism promotes productive behaviour and aims to benefit people who contribute to society. While communism aims to give power to the people and socialism aims for overall equality in society, of which end up mostly corrupt, capitalism strives to create a better, more prosperous community.*

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Term 3 2024

Monday 7th October	Term 4 begins
Thursday 10th October	Division Athletics
Friday 11th October	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Year 5 & 6 Round Robin Volleyball (selected students only)
Monday 14th October	Year 6 Graduation Photo 9.00am
Wednesday 16th October	Year 5 & 6 Round Robin Basketball (selected students only)
Friday 18th October	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Fun Food Day - ORDER CLOSE TODAY
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 3 – Online Safety Workshop
Friday 25th October	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Tuesday 29th October	Fun Food Day
Friday 1st November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Monday 4th November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 8th November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Performance Year 4 Scienceworks Excursion

Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th November	Year 3 and 4 Swimming Program
Mon 2 nd to Fri 6 th December	Year 5, 6 and Foundation Swimming program
Mon 9 th to Fri 13 th December	Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 19 th December	Graduation rehearsal and lunch – Students Only Graduation Ceremony in the Evening – Families Welcome
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Term 4 – Students Dismissed 1.30pm
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 4 th November	
2024 TERM DATES	
Term 4	Ends – Friday 20 th December 1.30pm Dismissal

FROM THE OFFICE

Fun Food Day

On Tuesday 29th October we are having a special lunch day. All orders need to be returned with payment by Friday 18th October to allow our Parents and Friends time to purchase the food items and prepare for the day. Order form will come home with your child today.

No late orders can be accepted.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second-hand uniform shop is **closed this week** due to renovations and will reopen again from next week every afternoon from 3pm to 3.45pm. All tops and dresses \$5, all bottoms \$2, School bags, hats and satchels \$5.

Change of Clothes

We have a limited supply of uniform items to loan to students with muddy or soiled clothing, so we would suggest putting some spare clothes in your child's school bag in case of emergency. Underwear, shorts, tracksuit pants and socks are in particularly high demand! A reminder to ensure that any clothes your child wears or brings to school are clearly labelled with your child's name so that we can avoid items getting lost.

If your child has borrowed clothes from the school recently, can you please ensure they are washed and returned to the office ASAP (excluding underwear).

School Start Bonus

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

By Friday 18 October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact the office if needed.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the Department of Education website, with key information now available in 14 different languages.

GUIDE DOGS PUP NEWS

Hallo everyone!

I am pleased to say that, with the support of Mr. Coulson and THPS, I am raising yet another pup for Guide Dogs Victoria (GDV).

Moana is the ninth pup that I have raised for GDV. She is five months old, very sweet, wanting to please, full of the joy of life and with a little bit of puppy-craziness thrown in for good measure. She is the great-granddaughter 4-times down the line of Odette, who I raised about eight years ago.

The students in 3EJ are fantastic, being calm and sensible around the pup. One-by-one, everyone will have a pat and a play with Moana. At the moment, she is learning her way around and about how things work at school. All the people! The music! The bells! Oh! And the sounds of children playing! And the chickens! And the space! So much for a pup to take in! You will see us around in the yard.

Kind regards to all,
Liz James



THE ARTROOM NEEDS YOUR HELP ASAP!

We need to collect 60 large tins
(800g size).

And 30 large yoghurt containers
(900g-1kg size).

Please make sure these are clean before
donating to the box at the office.

Thank you - Tania & Cecile



ART *with Cecile* AFTER SCHOOL

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

Term 4
THPS Art Room
Tuesdays, 3.45-5.00 pm
Classes start **8 October 2024**
Grades 3-6. Places limited.

TERM 4 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

\$325 for 9 week term.
Materials included.
New students receive a take home visual diary.

Click or scan to enrol

art@cecilegray.com
[0438 515 836](tel:0438515836)
cecilegray.com/classes

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Elysium Psychology

**Meet
Aneka Srinivasan
Registered Psychologist**



What can therapy help with?

- Social anxiety
- Academic stress
- Bullying
- Body Image
- Mood disorders
- Learning difficulties
- ASD/ ADHD

How can I access this service?

Aneka will be working on-site every Thursday from Term 2. Sessions are 50 minutes and students need a Mental Health Care Plan from the GP or NDIS

Contact us today:

Templestowe Heights Primary
Rhys.Coulson@education.vic.gov.au
Tel: (03) 9850 1796

or

Elysium Psychology
aneka@elysiumpsychology.com.au
Ph. 0491709555

Assessments:

- ADHD
- ASD
- WISC
- WIAT
- SLD



Term 4 Events:

We hope everyone is well rested from the school holidays and is ready for a fun-filled term 4.

It has been so nice to have the sun shining for our first week back! So P&F have decided that means its BBQ weather!! And on **Tuesday 29th October** will be putting on a BBQ lunch for everyone. (please note, we have tried to cater for all dietary requirements – forms have more detail regarding options).

The lunch order will include: a sausage in bread roll, a golden circle juice box and a large chocolate freckle – all for \$5.00!

Forms will be going out today/tomorrow.

We will be looking for some helpers on the day and will send out a link to volunteer next week, however if you are super keen, please email us at thpspaf@gmail.com

Other events to come WATCH THIS SPACE:

Christmas Carols zooper doper and drinks stall

Christmas raffle



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://wvc.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

COMMUNITY NEWS



We're coming to town

Give life. Give blood in Eltham.
15 to 25 October



We're popping up at:
Eltham

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Rd

See website for opening hours

Book your donation now



13 14 95

give blood

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 the 1000 & 2000m races!
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



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

Can you make a child's holiday season magical this year?

With the generosity of our local community, Doncare provides families with joy during the holiday season.

You can give families the dignity and power to choose gifts that will make their child's holiday season magical.

Please scan the QR code to donate. Doncare will purchase gift cards to give to our parents and carers. Thank you.

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www.doncare.org.au

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Join Us for a day of Fun at the Roller Coaster Run on October 19 at 10am at the Kalorama Memorial Reserve

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Term 4 Parenting Programs

Building Better Behaviour Online

This 6-week program is for parents of 2 to 7-year-olds who are concerned about their child's behaviour. Learn how to set boundaries with young children and become a calmer and happier parent

Dates: Tuesdays - 15th Oct to 26th Nov 2024
(no session on 5 November)

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Cost: Free - spaces are limited

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Surviving Separation Online

An 8-week online program for parents going through a separation. Learn new ways to support children and resolve conflict after separation.

Dates: Mondays - 21 Oct to 16th Dec 2024
(no session on 4 November)

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Cost: Free - spaces are limited

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org

Tuning in to Kids Online

A six-week program for parents of 4-12 year old children. Explore emotion-focused parenting techniques to help children deal with difficult emotions, such as anxiety, anger and grief. Find solutions for challenging behaviours.

Dates: Mondays - 21st Oct to 25th Nov 2024

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Cost: Free - spaces are limited

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Parenting Anxious Children Online

A six-week program for parents of 4 to 12-year-olds. Learn about childhood anxiety and discover strategies to help children cope with change and build resilience.

Dates: Thursdays - 24th Oct to 26th Nov 2024

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Cost: Free - spaces are limited

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE



Term 4 Parenting Programs

Talking Teens Online

This six-week program is for parents of 12 to 18-year-olds. Explore strategies to manage conflict, improve communication, deal with feelings and develop a positive relationship with your teen.

Dates: Mondays - 21 Oct to 2nd Dec 2024
(no session on 4 November)

Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Cost: Free - spaces are limited

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Enquiries: deborah.trengove@anglicarevic.org.au

Dads Matter Online

This six-week program is for dads to explore the important role they play in their children's lives. Discover strategies to improve connections and communication with your child.

Dates: Tuesdays - 22nd Oct to Tue 3rd Dec 2024
(no session on 5 November)

Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Cost: Free - spaces are limited

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Emotion Focused Parenting

A six-week program for parents of school-aged children to explore emotion-focused parenting techniques. Help your child deal with difficult emotions, such as anxiety, anger and grief, and find solutions for challenging behaviours.

Dates: Mondays 21st Nov to 17th Dec 2024

Time: 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm

Cost: Free - spaces are limited

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Strengthening Parents Support

Support Groups for parents of a child with a disability or developmental delay - with or without a formal diagnosis

Online - Thu 10:30am (fortnightly)

Lilydale - Tue 10:30 am (monthly)

Bayswater - Wed 10:30 am (monthly)

ADHD - Thur 10:30 am (fortnightly)

Enquiries: Michelle 0438 646 744

Bookings: [click here to register](#)

PARENT*ZONE*