

# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 4

31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Pupil Free Day (No School)**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (No School)**

## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

### Pupil Free Day this Monday

This coming Monday the school is closed due to a pupil-free day and Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. TheirCare are open this Monday and running a program for families requiring this service.

### Thoughts with Auburn South Primary

The tragic event that took place at Auburn South Primary on Tuesday afternoon cannot be put into words. Our thoughts are with Principal Marcus Wicher and his community.

### Foundation 2025 Transition

It gives me great pleasure in unveiling the Foundation team for 2025. We will have four Foundation classes next year with **Emma Vogel** (leader), **Jane Robinson**, **Rebekah Avramidis/Clare Harding** and **Stephanie Maxwell**.



This morning our future Foundation students experienced their first transition session in readiness for commencing at THPS in 2025. It is an exciting time as our preschoolers (as well as their parents and carers) get familiar with the classroom, classmates and teacher they will have in their first year of primary school. A big thank you to our 2025 Foundation team as well as our ES staff, Yvonne, Monia, Navaara and Kirsty who so warmly welcomed our youngest students.

### Welcome Steph

I’d like to welcome Stephanie Dehghani, current Learning Specialist at Lalor Gardens. Stephanie is at THPS for three weeks while she undertakes her internship through the Victorian Academy of Leadership.

### Special Food Day

It’s the little things...but having a special lunch option can be a very exciting experience for many children. Thank you to our *Parents & Friends* leaders Elisa and Lauren for the power of work they did in organising this event. We had approximately 420 orders on the day, providing a major logistical challenge that was met with precision.



## 2025 Planning

The end of the year is often a time when families may be moving residences. For any family that is moving from THPS at the end of the school year, can you please notify the school via email as this helps us with our planning for the 2025 school year. [templestowe.heights@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights@education.vic.gov.au)

As part of our class formation policy, later on in the school term classroom teachers will facilitate a process where we ask all children to list five friends, where we are able guarantee that every child will have at least one of those five friends in their class for the following year, as per policy.

## Lock Down Drill

As part of our Emergency Management Plan, this afternoon we held a lockdown practise drill. The students and staff remained calm throughout and it was completed within 5 minutes.

## Colin Costorphin Award


Each year our school community confers its highest student honour, The Colin Corstorphin Memorial Award, upon one student from Year 6. This award recognizes the student to have demonstrated our school values and represented themselves and Templestowe Heights Primary to an exceptional standard. More information is found on the nomination form attached to the Compass message.

## Rhys Coulson

Principal

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

## Term 4 2024

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Public Hoilday
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Performance Year 4 Scienceworks Excursion
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day 
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Light and Sound Incursion
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	JSC Colours of the Rainbow Day Gold Coin Donation for the Amaze Foundation
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Force and Motion Incursion
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3, 4 and Foundation Swimming Program
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carols Evening - 5pm to 8pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Immigration Museum Excursion Whole School Assembly Gym – 2.45pm (All Welcome)
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation Rehearsal and Lunch – Students Only Graduation Ceremony in the Evening – Families Welcome
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 4 – Students Dismissed 1.30pm
<b>PUPIL FREE DAYS</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>2024 TERM DATES</b>	
Term 4	Ends – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Dismissal

## 2025 TERM DATES

Term 1 - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Term - 2 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second-hand uniform shop is open for business every afternoon from 3pm to 3.45pm. All tops and dresses \$5, all bottoms \$2, School bags, hats and satchels \$5.

Donations welcome Please bring them to the school office.

## JSC NEWS

### Remembrance Day Poppies

Hello from the JSC and Environmental reps! Over the next week, the reps in Years 3 – 5 will be selling Remembrance Day merchandise throughout our school. Poppies, wristbands, badges and pens are available for purchase, and reps will be circulating through the classrooms each day to sell them. All proceeds are donated to the Poppy Appeal which supports Veterans throughout Australia. Items and prices can be seen below. If you would like to purchase an item, please try to bring the correct money as we are unable to provide change.



### Colours Of The Rainbow Dress Up Day

We are also holding a 'colours of the rainbow' dress up on Thursday November 21st! Students can wear clothes in one or many colours of the rainbow, or might choose to wear clothing with rainbows on them. We ask that students bring a gold coin donation on this day, with money raised to be donated to Amaze Australia, an organisation working to create an autism-inclusive Australia by building awareness in the community and supporting autistic individuals and their families.





## Term 4 Events:

### 25 October - World Teacher's Day

On behalf of our whole school community, we would like to use this opportunity to acknowledge all the wonderful staff, ie- teachers, support crew, our admin stars and everyone that offers their time to THPS; all who work tirelessly to make our school the loving, supportive and successful learning space that it is. Thank you ❤️



P&F team are especially grateful for all the many bits and bobs you support us with on a daily level. You are all just the best! So to show just how grateful we are P&F provided morning tea.



### 29 October - Fun Food Day

What an amazing day we had providing 420 lunches – it was organised chaos, that could not have been achieved without the amazing help of: Tayrn, Juliana, Pam, Lu, Darren, Erik, Katie, Michelle & Cat!

Thank you also to the Grade 6 crew for delivering the lunches to classrooms. We hope everyone enjoyed their lunch!



## Next Up: Carols Night - 5<sup>th</sup> December

### 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](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **AUDITION for the Australian Youth Choir 2025.**



Enrolments for 2025 are now open  
to boys and girls from 9 years of age.



An opportunity to develop:

- singing
- musicianship; choral repertoire
- confidence
- self-esteem
- new friendships



Weekly rehearsals in Canterbury during  
school Term with performance opportunities  
included in the year.

### **AUDITION NOW FOR 2025**

Appointments are available by contacting us:

EMAIL: [office2@niypaa.com.au](mailto:office2@niypaa.com.au)

CALL: 9836 2877 (leave a message for a return call)

Est. 1975, the Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth  
Performing Arts Australia (NIYPAA) ABN 28 007 124 629

## **Summer Shorts - Ruffey Lake Park**

Sunday Nov 10th  
11.00 - 12.00am  
The Boulevard  
entrance, off  
George St

Come and try  
orienteering – easy  
courses for novices with  
coaching and assistance

No equipment required,  
just bring the family

For further information and to enter:  
<https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/20588>  
Email [cormac3084@gmail.com](mailto:cormac3084@gmail.com)

\$12 Adults

\$6 13-20 years, under 13's free



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