

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 5

7th November 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”



**Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day
'Lest We Forget'**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

The Melbourne Cup Public Holiday and pupil-free day provided a slight reprieve from the end of year busy-ness. Our teachers are actively assessing, and writing Semester 2 reports, forming 2025 classes and preparing the transition sessions.

On Wednesday our 2025 Foundation students experienced their second transition session. There was definitely a greater feeling of calmness as our pre-schoolers got used to expectations and routines of school life. Thank you again to all staff that supported our current and future Foundation students.



Backyard Blitz

Just like the television show- *Backyard Blitz*, you may have noticed a rejuvenated chicken enclosure and community garden suddenly appear in recent weeks. This is all thanks to some amazingly passionate and generous staff, parents, carers and students who gave up their holidays and weekend to complete these tasks. Staff members Naomi Scott, Renee Rooimans, Alex Bruinewoud, Liz James and Peggy (Alex's mother in law) cleaned, weeded and landscaped the community garden, making it look like it is ready to be entered into the Chelsea Flower Show. The summer planting is doing well, ready for a harvest towards the end of the school year.

Annabel (5BW) researched (with great support from mums Caroline and Miranda) and identified what was needed to ensure our chickens were cared for to a level not too dissimilar to what it would be like to stay at the Grand Hyatt. Karin Diep as well as our Environmental Leaders Jaime(6KS) and Leo(6KS) also chipped in with supporting the chickens and over the weekend Annabel, Caroline and Miranda did a power of work to make the space come alive.

Hooptime Basketball

Congratulations to our girls! Frankie, Bella, Emersyn, Juliette, Ava and Zia (coached by Aaron Robotham) played five games of basketball at Nunawading Stadium to win the Basketball Victoria Hoop Time Senior All Stars Girls Qualifying Finals. They will progress to the State Finals held in early December.



Andrew Veal –


As we celebrate the end of an illustrious career, the past 15 years of which as Assistant Principal at Templestowe Heights Primary, we wanted to help the community learn more about our beloved Mr Veal. Rex (FJR) approached me yesterday morning and explained to me that we will never get another Mr Veal to replace Mr Veal...we need to get another Assistant Principal. And Rex is correct, there will never be another Mr Veal, that is for sure.



For those few people that have never heard him talk about himself so fondly, which he does at every opportunity, Andrew played AFL at the highest level for the Fitzroy Football Club, and he even has his own footy card (see image). Andrew taught as classroom and PE teacher across many different schools as he started out his career, finally settling in Reservoir Primary for a while and then Antonio Park Primary. Andrew married his childhood sweetheart Deborah and raised three children, two sons Jayden and Taylor as well as daughter Jasmine. He also regularly made the long drives after school to Ballarat and later Bacchus Marsh where he played AFL at a very high standard. He was also a talented junior cricketer and golfer.

A feature of Andrew as a classroom teacher was his talent as an illustrator, no doubt taking after his father who was a sign-writer. Andrew was renowned for drawing images and detailed pictures that matched what his students were learning about in class, however more often than not, he enjoyed designing funny drawings depicting staff and students. The modernisation of our school buildings and grounds is all down to Andrew's keen eye and vision, seeing and designing all our indoor and outdoor spaces. In recent times Andrew has become a grandparent to granddaughter Bobby and more recently grandson Ryder. As he reaches the final 6 weeks before retirement, please make sure you reminisce with him if you see him, as we all know he will do anything in the coming weeks to avoid working, so having a chat is what he will be doing best.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
Term 4 2024	
Friday 8th November	Foundation to Year 2 Circus Skills Performance Year 4 Scienceworks Excursion
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day 
Tuesday 19th November	Year 1 Light and Sound Incursion
Wednesday 20th November	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Thursday 21st November	JSC Colours of the Rainbow Day Gold Coin Donation for the Amaze Foundation
Wednesday 25th November	Year 3 Force and Motion Incursion
Mon 25th to Fri 29th November	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program
Mon 2nd to Fri 6th December	Year 3, 4 and Foundation Swimming Program
Thursday 5th December	Christmas Carols Evening - 5pm to 8pm
Friday 6th December	Year 5 Immigration Museum Excursion Whole School Assembly Gym – 2.45pm (All Welcome)
Mon 9th to Fri 13th December	Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program
Tuesday 10th December	Whole School Transition 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Whole School Transition 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 18th December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 19th December	Graduation Rehearsal and Lunch – Students Only Graduation Ceremony in the Evening – Families Welcome
Friday 20th December	Last day of Term 4 – Students Dismissed 1.30pm
2024 TERM DATES	
Term 4	Ends – Friday 20 th December 1.30pm Dismissal
2025 TERM DATES	
Term 1 - Thursday 30th January to Friday 4th April	
Term - 2 Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 4th July	
Term 3 - Monday 21st July to Friday 19th September	
Term 4 - Monday 6th October to Friday 19th December	

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments due.

Year 1 Light and Sound due Friday 8th November

Year 2 Melbourne Zoo due Friday 8th November

Year 3- 6 Swimming due Friday 15th November

Foundation and Year 2 Swimming due Friday 22nd November



All unnamed lost property will be donated to the second hand uniform shop at the end of the school day this Friday. All non-school items will be donated to charity. Please come to the lost property tub in the office area before this time.

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! The Year 3 and 5 reps will be coming around again this week 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 RSL 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: Next Up: Carols Night - 5th 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 at <https://wwcv.uspost.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

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

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

\$12 Adults

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



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