

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 7

21st November 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”



**Monday 25 to Friday 29th November
Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Community to the Rescue!

Last Friday our students noticed one of our school chickens Snowflake had an injured talon. While Snowflake looked to be in some distress, so too were many of our students who were deeply concerned for our beloved feathered student. Karin Diep and Tanya Misquitta tried valiantly to repair her injury, however we were so fortunate that one of our parents Lydia is a vet and was able to come up to school and perform a medical procedure. Snowflake is now missing one talon but will make a full recovery. Thank you so much to Lydia, Karin, Tanya and the many concerned students that helped our feathered student.

Colours of the Rainbow Dress Up Day

Today students and staff were able to come dressed in the colours of the rainbow. This was a special day that our Junior School Council student voice leaders came up with. The money raised will 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.



Christmas Carols – Save the Date

In a fortnight's time on **Thursday 5th December from 6.00pm**, we will be hosting our school carols event. The purpose of this end of year event is to come together and celebrate the year we have had. It is an opportunity for families, who often don't get a chance to catch up, to come together and spend time with other families they don't often get a chance to do. At this event all students will perform one song and there may also be a special visitor in a red suit and long white beard.

Auburn South Primary Support

With the tragic event that took place at Auburn South Primary, our inner east schools network has come together to offer support to their community. A massive thank you to *Karen Woods* and *Reannan Rossi* for spending the day taking classes, to provide support and relief for colleagues who are still deeply impacted.

Year 6 Leadership Positions

Our year 5 students have been provided with information on whether they want to apply for our 2025 Year 6 Leadership positions. This is a completely democratic process (minus a campaign trail), where students prepare and present a speech to all year 3, 4 and 5 students as to reasons why they should be considered for the role. Students then undertake a preferential vote, where ultimately the student that receives more than 50% of votes will then represent their peers.

Zoo Excursion

As part of learning about native animals, our year 2 students visited the Melbourne Zoo, enabling them to see in person some of the animals they have been learning about. It was a huge day, with all the students coming back excited, whilst our staff and parent volunteers came back exhausted- a sign of a great day out. Thank you to Naomi Scott, Tori Tabbitt, Vikki Brereton, Sam (Dion 2NS), Emma (Lucas 2NS), Volista (Luis 2EZ), Stacey (Max 2EZ) and Ashley (Avery 2SC) for making this day so memorable for the students.



Light & Sound Incursion

As part of their *Systems and Cycles* science core knowledge curriculum, the year one students are learning about light and sound and how it can be produced. On Tuesday they had an incursion on this very topic, where they explored the concept with some hands-on activities.



Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Term 4 2024

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| Monday 25 th November | Year 3 Force and Motion Incursion Colin Corstorphin Nominations Close |
| Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th November | Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program |
| Mon 2 nd to Fri 6 th December | Year 3, 4 and Foundation Swimming Program |
| Thursday 5 th December | Christmas Carols Evening – from 6pm |
| Friday 6 th December | Year 5 Immigration Museum Excursion Whole School Assembly Gym – 2.45pm (All Welcome) |
| Mon 9 th to Fri 13 th December | Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Whole School Transition 2.30pm to 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Whole School Transition 11.30am to 12.30pm |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Parent & Carers And Mr Veal Farewell Morning Tea |
| 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 |

2024 TERM DATES

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| Term 4 | Ends – Friday 20 th December 1.30pm Dismissal |
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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

Foundation and Year 1 & 2 Swimming due Friday 22nd November

Year 5 Immigration Museum due Friday 29th November

Year 6 Graduation due Friday 6 December

2025 School Fee

2025 school fees will be posted on Compass this coming Monday. Please check you Compass account for details

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.

Lost Property

There are a large number of unnamed items in our lost property tub. Please ensure all items bought to school are clearly labelled so that they may be easily returned.

All unnamed items in the lost property tub at the end of day today will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

PARENT AND CARER SCHOOL SAVING BONUS CODE DISTRIBUTION

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From **Tuesday 26 November 2024**, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities. To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au (www.vic.gov.au). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

See the guide to the School Saving Bonus guide attached to this Compass notification for details on how to access and the allowance online.

JSC DONCARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The JSC's are collecting donations for the 2024 Doncare Christmas Appeal. Families are invited to bring a gift donation for a child or teen to open on Christmas Day, or alternatively a monetary donation can be given which is used to purchase vouchers for parents and carers.

We will have collection points for gifts throughout the school and for money donations at the office. Alternatively, you may scan the QR code to donate directly. Collections will finish up on Friday 13th December (week 10). Please note that Doncare have asked for new gifts only (no secondhand gifts).



CANTEEN NEWS

Tomorrow Friday 22nd November will be the final week of canteen for the year. A big thank you to our Year 5 and 6 canteen team and Janine Reid for running such a successful canteen for our school.

ENRICHMENT NEWS:

Mathematical problem solving encourages students to think critically and creatively about maths. It helps students develop really deep understandings and, improves the ability to connect and apply ideas across different mathematical contexts.



IT IS ALSO REALLY FUN!

This year a number of students had the opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills by participating in the Maths Games and Maths Olympiad Competitions, **as part of the Enrichment Program**.

There were over 30,000 students who participated in these very tough competitions and overall, our students did exceptionally well!

2024 MATHS GAMES RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

The following **Year 3** students completed the competition and were awarded an achievement certificate:

*Jayden (3JA); Elaine (3JA); Max (3MR);
Madison (3EJ); Caleb (3MR); Kabir (3MR);
Kit (3MR); Benjamin (3EJ); Brooke (3JA) & Elwood (3EJ).*



I would like to make special mention of Elwood (3EJ) who achieved the highest Y3 individual score and is awarded the Y3 MATHS STAR BADGE.

The following **Year 4** students completed the competition and were also awarded an achievement certificate:

*Lionel (4SM); Avery (4SM); Greg (4RR); Ivy (4SM);
Juliet (4BG); Susanna (4SM); Ryan (4SM); Austin (4BG);
Chloe (4SM); Janan (4RR) and William (4BG).*

I would like to make special mention of William (4BG) who achieved the highest individual score and is awarded the Y4 MATHS STAR BADGE.

The following **Year 5 & 6** students completed the competition and were also awarded an achievement certificate:

*Emerysn (6CS); Faith (6KS); Cooper (6KS) Layan (6KS) Quinlan (6KS)
Kas (5KW) Alex V (5LS) Ava (5BW) Elvis (5BW)*

I would like to make special mention of Elvis (5BW) who achieved the highest 5/6 individual score awarded the Y56 MATHS STAR BADGE.

2024 MATH OLYMPIAD AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A huge congratulations to the 2024 Maths Olympiad team, who were again awarded a “**Certificate of High Team Achievement**”.

This award is in recognition of the team’s combined success, which saw them score in the top 25% of team scores in Division J. This is an outstanding achievement, and I thank everyone for their contribution.



The following **Year 5** students completed in the MO competition and are receiving a certificate of achievement today:

Dash (5KW)- who’s results placed him in the top 50%:

The following students’ results placed them in the top 40%:

Zara (5LS); and Stanley (5LS);

The following students' results placed them in the top 25%.

Today they are receiving both a certificate and a badge to acknowledge their achievement:

Danny (5BW); Cooper (5BW) and Florence (5KW);

The following students' results placed them in the top **10% and they** are receiving both a certificate and a MO Pin in recognition of this incredible achievement:

Ludwin (5KW) and Michael (5LS)

Michael (5LS) achieved the highest Year 5 individual score. He also was the equal top scoring student overall and he received the highest overall score medal.

This year the following **Year 6** students completed the competition and are receiving a certificate of achievement:

Azlaan (6CS).

Jonny's (6CS) results placed him in the top 50%

Miller (6KS) results placed him in the top 40%.

This year the following students achieved scores that placed them in the top 30%.

Seb (6CS) and Ethan (6CS)

The following students' results placed them in the top 25%.

Today they are receiving both a certificate and a badge to acknowledge their achievement:

Oscar (6KS); Zev (6CS); and Leo (6KS).

The following students' results placed them in the top 20%.

Today these students are also receiving both a certificate and a badge to acknowledge their achievement:

Inca (6CS); Lachlan (6CS); Pranav (6KS); Logan (6KS); and Jayden (6CS).

The following students' results placed them in the top 10%:

Today they are receiving both a certificate and a MO Pin to acknowledge their achievement:

Sam (6CS); Nina (6CS); and Ian (6KS).

Ian (6KS) achieved the highest Year 6 individual score. He also was the equal top scoring student overall and received the highest overall score medal.

Congratulations to everyone who completed this challenging programme. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these students for their commitment and sustained efforts.

I could not be more proud!



Term 4 Events:

Next Up: Carols Night – Thursday 5th December 5pm to 8pm

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

TC Spring Market

Waste wise event

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Time: 4pm-7pm

What we have to offer!

LIVE MUSIC
henna tattoos, face painting, chocolate toss, sponge throw, basketball shoot out, a 'best dog' competition and biscuit decorating.

Come along to experience fun activities and try delicious food, don't forget to bring money to support the TC students! Open for anyone to come along!

CASH AND EFTPOS AVAILABLE

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.

Doncare also accepts gift cards, books and new toys for children and teens.

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