



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

5th December 2024

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”



Christmas Carols Evening Thursday 5th December

From 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Whole School Assembly Friday 6th December

All Welcome



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Carols Event Tonight

This evening we will be hosting our Christmas Carols event on the school oval. We encourage all families to come along with a rug, picnic dinner, drinks and listen to the children sing (with gusto) their carols song. The students have been busily and enthusiastically rehearsing their songs and this is an opportunity for us as a community to come together and celebrate the year that was.



Please come along from 5:30pm, with students asked to be sitting in their designated grade areas by 6:30pm. Carols will commence at 6:45pm. Our *Parents & Friends* have organised icy poles and soft drinks available for purchase. There will also be a special visitor from an elderly man with a long white beard in a red jump suit.

State Champions!

On Monday the amazing team of *Eveleigh, Avery* (4SM), *Cecile* (3JA) *Harper, Chloe* (4BG) and *Janan* (4RR) won the Hoop Time state championship. The tournament had over 150 schools and three rounds (district, region and state) and the girls went undefeated throughout! A big thank you to supercoach Matt (father of Cecilia) and team manager Natalie (mother of Chloe) for making this happen.

Print-a-Car

Last Friday Zev (6CS), Leo and Miller (6KS) represented our school at the Quantum Print-a-car state competition held at La Trobe University. An incredible achievement to have designed and raced the fastest primary school car. A big thank you to Ross Toogood for supporting the students along their journey. To read more scroll further down in this newsletter.



2025 Class Transition Session

On Tuesday we will have the first of our two transition sessions from **2:40-3:20pm**. The purpose of these sessions are for students to familiarise themselves with their new teachers, classmates and classrooms in 2025. As I have mentioned before, change and the unknown is a daunting concept for many children (and adults). It is natural for children to be worried about what the next year brings, however stepping out of our comfort zone is part of the experience of building resilience.

We also have twenty new students commencing with us next year and there will be no shortage of students volunteering to be their buddies to help them settle into THPS-life.

I would also like to introduce the newest staff members who will be joining THPS in 2025. A warm welcome to *Laura Hicks* (Lake Gwelup Primary WA) *Sharmini Philp* (Wonga Park Primary) and *Lara Zubic-Yette* who is a graduate teacher and an ex-THPS student!



Legacy Piece

Our artist in residence, Cecile (Florence 5KW), has working tirelessly with our year 6 students to design and create our 2024 Legacy Piece. You can see it outside 1AS classroom in the middle yard. A series of native animals created in clay and placed on totems. Please come along and view it tonight during our carols event.



Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024	
Term 4 2024	
Friday 6 th December	Year 3, 4 and Foundation Swimming Program Ends
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Carols Evening – from 6pm to 8.00pm
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 2.40pm to 3.20pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole School Transition 12.00pm to 12.45pm Parent & Carers Morning Tea – 10.30am
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

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

PSW (Primary School Wear Information)

PSW is currently open Monday to Saturday to assist families with the end of year rush. Families are able to book a 20-minute appointment via the PSW website from now until early January with a dedicated team member to assist you and your child. It makes the whole shopping experience that much better and less overwhelming for new students.

Please note from mid-January PSW do not take appointments, and they often have very long queues. This can be overwhelming for some students. If parents are worried their children will grow, please know that the PWS team will fit for growth. If all clothing items have their tags on them, are not worn, washed or labelled they can be exchanged for a different size prior to the child commencing at school.

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.



CHRISTMAS TRADING 2024

LAST DAY OF TRADE
SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2024

STORES REOPEN
THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2025

 **UniformGroup**

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).



PRINT A CAR

Last Friday, 29 November, our school was represented at the state finals of the Print A Car challenge by three Year 6 students, Leo (6KS), Miller (6KS) and Zev (6CS), aka The SuperSonic Ants. Having started working on this project way back in March this group progressed through the heats in August, the team took their 3D designed and printed car, their portfolio (documenting their work) and poster to Quantum Victoria where they raced against 9 other Primary Schools (also 10 Secondary schools attended). The team did an outstanding job both on the day and throughout the year, with their hard work paying off. Whilst not winning the overall prize, they were recognised with the fastest car from all the Primary Schools (and only beaten by 1 Secondary School). Congratulations boys, a fantastic performance.

Ross Toogood
STEM Teacher





RUNNING CLUB!



We have run, jogged, walked and stretched our way to the very last session for 2024! Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who have joined me for Wednesday morning running club each week. It has been wonderful seeing you exercising and keeping fit and I look forward to seeing you again in 2025!

Ms Jaime Buccilli 😊





Term 4 Events:

**** TONIGHT** Thursday 6th December – Christmas Carols**

P & F will be selling Zooper Doopers for \$1.00 and Soft Drink/Juice boxes/water for \$2.00
Cash and EFTPOS will be available. Thank you to our volunteers helping out tonight
Looking forward to seeing you all!!

The famous Christmas Raffle is back!

Purchase your tickets now to go into the draw to win one of:

- 14 Christmas Hampers filled with gifts & Christmas goodies for the whole family!
- 4 AFL tickets to a game at MCG or Marcel Stadium (donated by TheirCare)
 - \$100 Pancake Parlour voucher

Tickets - \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10 (purchase optional). Please return tickets and payment by **Friday 13th December**. (Ensure child's full name and class is written on each ticket to go into the draw). More tickets available at the office.

Raffle will be drawn at the final Assembly on **Friday 20th December**.

Pancake Parlour School Rewards!

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 <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



BASKETBALL NEWS



Season 1, 2025

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS NOW OPEN!

Expression of interest for Season 1 next year is now open! Please register your child if they would like to play Primary School Basketball or Miniball (foundation students) in 2025. Please do this ASAP so we can start sorting the teams for next year.

This expression of interest registration is FREE:

Primary School Basketball <https://www.trybooking.com/CXME0>

Miniball <https://www.trybooking.com/CXMFQ>

Season 1, 2025 will run from the 17 February 2025 to the 4 July 2025.

MONDAY GRADE 5/6 BOYS & GIRLS	TUESDAY GRADE 3/4 BOYS	WEDNESDAY GRADE 1/2 BOYS & GIRLS	THURSDAY GRADE 3/4 GIRLS	FRIDAY FOUNDATION
4 Rounds Of Grading	4 Rounds Of Grading	4 Rounds Of Grading	4 Rounds Of Grading	15 Rounds
9 Rounds Regular Season	12 Rounds Regular Season	12 Rounds Regular Season	12 Rounds Regular Season	Regular Season
2 Rounds of Finals	2 Rounds of Finals	2 Rounds of Finals	2 Rounds of Finals	No Finals
Cost:	Cost:	Cost:	Cost:	Cost:
\$175 + BV License Fees	\$175 + BV License Fees \$55 Finals Team Sheets	\$175 + BV License Fees \$55 Finals Team Sheets	\$175 + BV License Fees \$55 Finals Team Sheets	\$160 + BV License Fees

For more information, please email Natalie.

thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish of St. Gregory the Great

Catholic children who attend our school are invited by St Gregory the Great Parish, Doncaster to participate in programs to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation,

Holy Communion and Confirmation. Could parents please contact the parish office on 9412 8425 or by email on DoncasterRE@cam.org.au. The programs will be conducted by Margaret O'Donnell on Tuesdays after school. There will be an information evening on Tuesday, 4th February 2025 at 5pm in St Gregory's Parish Church. Specific details for celebrating each sacrament will be made available at that meeting.

Bulleen Preschool

'Learning Through Discovery'

Our innovative and exciting learning journeys, will encourage your child to discover themselves by exploring nature, materials and friendships.



We currently have vacancies for 2025 & 2026

We are offering **Free Kindergarten 15 hours** in our 3 & 4 Year old groups.

Visit our Website: ykinders.org.au/centres/bulleen/ or visit our Facebook Page **Bulleen Preschool** and learn more about our program.

Contact the preschool to arrange a tour:

Ph: 4329 0426

Email: bulleen@ykinders.org.au





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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www.doncare.org.au

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Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details



Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.



TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles



Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.



Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.



Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.



Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

