

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

30th January 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

Welcome Back to the new School Year

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back!

It was great to see the positive buzz outside all the classrooms this morning as our students arrived early for their first day of school. While walking through the classrooms today, they were full of smiling faces with the students eager to share what they had been up to over the break.

Having our students all arrive prior to the first bell is a reflection of how much our families care about their child's education. Alternatively, it could also be because parents and carers were desperate to get their children out of the house and back to some routines and structure!

With the new school year commencing we would also like to welcome new staff. **Stephanie Deghani** has settled in so seamlessly into the role of Assistant Principal, while the same could definitely be said about our new class teachers **Laura Hicks (2LH)**, **Sharmini Philp (5SP)** and **Lara Zubic-Yette (4LZ)**.

We have many new students in years 1-6 that started their journey with us today. Arthur (1AS), Mira (1KD), Khaled (1AS), Adrian (2NS), Ethan (2EZ), Enuara (2NS), Yang Yi (2EZ), Shona (3JA), Sophia (3MR), Zack (3JA), Oliva (4SM), Olive (4SM), Alexander (4LZ), Vivienne (4RR), Indiana (5SP), Li-Yang (5LS), Reed (5LS), Hunter (5LS), Eva (5SP), James (5SP), Radin (6SM) and Amelia (6BW). We wish them all the best as they grow as learners in our community.

Happy Chinese New Year

I would like to also wish a prosperous year ahead to all our families who celebrated the Chinese New Year. No doubt there were many red envelopes being gifted out to the children in what is now the Year of the Snake.



First Day for Foundation Students

This coming Wednesday we will be welcoming our Foundation students. What an exciting time as our newest members commence school. Undoubtedly there will be plenty of heightened emotions and to help this, there will be a free coffee cart to ease the nerves. Everyone is welcome to come along and grab a coffee, tea or chai.

Smart/Phone Watches

As part of our Mobile Phone policy, students are permitted to wear smart/phone watches to school. Students **must** have their watches on a setting that disables any SMS or phone call during school time of 8:45am-3:30pm.

House Keeping – Assemblies and Contact Details

Just as a reminder, our school assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons using a three-week cycle where students will have a year level, sub-school (F-2 & 3-6) and whole school assembly. Our first whole school assembly will be Friday 28th February at 2:45pm in the gym. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

If you have moved to a new property or your emergency contacts have changed, please contact the office so we can update them.



Student Voice JSC/Enviro Leaders Elections

Twice a year every class elects two students to the student voice leadership positions of Environmental and Junior School Councillor. Any student wanting to apply for these roles needs to prepare and present a speech. Students that are interested in applying for these positions will receive role descriptors from their class teachers.

Year 3-6 House Swimming Carnival

On Friday 14th February all students in years 3-6 will be walking to Aquarena to participate in the School House Swimming Carnival.

Privacy Statement

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, [click here](#) the privacy Collection Notice.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025	
Term 1 2025	
Wednesday 5th February	Foundation students first day of school
Friday 14th February	House Swimming Sport
Mon 17th & Tues 18th February	School Photos
Monday 17th February	District Swimming
Wednesday 19th February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 28th February	Whole School Assemblby -2.45pm - Gym
Wednesday 19th March	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 4th April	Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm
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

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another busy year at Templestowe Heights.

2025 Parent/Carer Contributions

2025 school fees are due by Friday 28th February, 2025. Please remember to return the form with your payment. If you require a new form please contact the office.

Classroom Cuisine

Classroom cuisine will be operational for ordering lunch from Monday 3rd February. This service is available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please see the menu attached to this message.

Family Contact List (Buzz List)

Every year our class representatives compile a buzz list that is distributed to parents in your child's class. This list is used by your class rep to provide information about class and the school social activities.

If you would like to be considered for the position as class representative please email the school at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Please see the Classroom Representative Guidelines attached to this Compass message for information about this role.

Once class representatives have been appointed you will receive a Compass message with your reps details so you may request to be added to the class family contact list.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS (SSB)

Parents carers are reminded to allocate their SSB payment to the school for school activities or to the school uniform nominated supplier (PSW) by Monday 30th June 2025. The guide to the School Saving Bonus is attached to this Compass notification for details on how to access the allowance online.

Please note families who have chosen to allocate their SSB payment to school activities will have the cost of any upcoming excursions/incursions deducted from this amount as they arise. If you do not wish for this to happen please email the school office.

STUDENT MEDICAL EXPENSES

Parent/carers are reminded that they are liable for all medical expenses incurred as a result of a student injury or medical need, including transport costs such as ambulance costs (this may include an air ambulance should that be considered necessary) while at school or participating in a school activity.

Parent/carers may not be informed prior to an ambulance being called depending on the situation. The staff will use their judgment as to what action to take in cases of a student's accident or sudden illness.

We encourage parents/cares to have up to date ambulance cover and medical insurance.

Student accident policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. It is highly recommended that families have Ambulance Victoria Membership Cover if it is not included in your private health cover. Ambulance costs are very expensive and are not covered by Medicare.

DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY

Parents/carers are reminded that any personal item/property that is brought to school by a student is the responsibility of the students' and is not the responsibility of the school and is not covered by school insurance. Students are responsible for personal items/property they bring to school. Neither the Department nor the school is responsible if any student's personal item/property is lost, stolen or damaged.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9850 1796 and ask for an application form.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (WWC)

All parents and carers wishing to visit or volunteer at the school need to hold a valid Working With Children Check (WWC). This can be done online at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>. Once you have received your card please present it to the office.

CHICKEN HELPERS NEEDED



Our adorable chickens; Snowflake, Shadow, Cherry, Hedwig and Spikey would love your help! If you and/or your family can spare some time (be it one day or multiple days) on the weekends, public holidays or school holidays to help feed, water and check on our feathered friends, then we would love to hear from you!

The children enjoy interacting with the hens and they bring a lot of joy and solace during recess and lunch times. Family helpers can also keep any eggs that have been laid whilst on duty! Each term, a roster will be sent out along with care instructions. No prior experience is needed.

To register your interest or for further information, please email xuanmykarin.diep@education.vic.gov.au.



BASKETBALL NEWS



GRADE 3/4 GIRLS NEEDED!

Grade 3/4 girls are needed to fill spots in a team!! If you have a daughter that would be interested in joining, please register using the link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXME0>

Grade 3/4 girls play Thursday afternoons.

For more information, please email Natalie & Kate

thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!!

Access Psychological Treatment and Assessments

Elysium Psychology

**Meet
Katrine Anthoulas
Provisional Psychologist**



What can therapy help with?

- Social anxiety
- Academic stress
- Bullying
- Body image
- Mood disorders
- Learning difficulties
- Emotional Regulation
- Sleep difficulty
- ASD
- ADHD

Contact us today:

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Tel: (03) 9850 1796

or

Elysium Psychology
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How can I access this service?

Katrine will be working on-site every Wednesday from Week 2, Term 1, 2025

Sessions are 50 minutes.
MHCP required - no gap fee
NDIS Fees may apply