

# Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

9850 1796

*Newsletter Term 1 Week 2*

*6<sup>th</sup> February 2025*

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Foundation Parent/Carer Information Evening 6.30-pm**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – House Swimming Sports Year 3 to 6**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome Class of 2031

There was a positive buzz on Wednesday as our newest and youngest Foundation students arrived for their first day of school. You could not wipe the smiles off the faces of the parents, carers and other family members who came along for this special occasion. The week has gone so smoothly, and it is all thanks to everyone involved in making this big transition run so well.

Thank you to the amazing Foundation Team of Emma, Jane, Steph, Clare and Rebekah, as well as our equally talented education support team of Kerry, Yvonne and Nav for the care you have all provided to our class of 2031...only 1206 school days to go.

### Sound Studio



Ross Toogood has been busy over the summer, planning and creating a sound studio for Templestowe Heights Primary. This is part of our STEM curriculum and student leadership program, where students will be able to use this space for sound recordings linked to movie making, media studies, a student radio station and a podcast for our online assemblies.



### Crossing Supervisors Tomorrow

Families will notice that tomorrow all crossing supervisors will be wearing a visible ribbon on the top layer of their clothing. This is to honour Brian Beach, who was tragically killed whilst on duty at his crossing in Wodonga. School Crossing Victoria wish to honour him, however it is also a reminder of the dangers we all face in keeping everyone safe.

### Foundation Information Evening

This coming Tuesday at 6:30pm we will be hosting our information session for our Foundation families. The session will provide further information about our teaching approach and help families get a better understanding of the routines and expectations of school life. This session is for parents and carers only and will be held in the auditorium in our new building.

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

## Term 1 2025

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Foundation Parent/Carer Information Evening – 6.30pm (New Building) Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	House Swimming Sports Year 3 to 6 – 9.00am to 12.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	District Swimming
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photos – Foundation to Year 3
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photos - Year 4 to 6
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 to 6 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6.00pm School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Assembly 2.45pm – Gym-Badge Presentation Ceremony
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am) Welcome Picnic 5.30pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Online Safety Incursion Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Online Safety Incursion
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Education Year 1 & 2
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm

## 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

### 2025 School Fees

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

### 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 and other relevant information. 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](mailto: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 email with your reps details so you may request to be added to the class family contact list.

## PARKING



At this busy time of the year, please be mindful of students and other drivers when parking around the school. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us. **The carpark is for staff only.** Please do not use the staff carpark for pickups and drops offs at any time and please do not walk your children through the car park.

## FIRST AID UPDATE

If your child has developed a new medical condition or had changes to their existing medical condition please ensure you contact Tanya Misquitta at the school office with these updates at [Tanya.misquitta@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tanya.misquitta@education.vic.gov.au).

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taking place over 2 days this year, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Information regarding how to order is below. Orders need to be **placed online** before the cut off date otherwise extra charges may apply.

- Foundation to year 3 photos Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 4 to 6 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

# Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **17/02/2025 & 18/02/2025**



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## DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

**!** Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day.** Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **AP68DBH7**



**Templestowe Heights**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Scan to order!



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**IMAGE** School Photos



## SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

Parents are reminded to allocate their SSB payment to the school for school activities or to the school uniform nominated supplier (PSW) by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SCHOOL PERMISSIONS

### Local Walking Permission

From time-to-time students take part in local walking excursions in the neighbourhood under the supervision of our staff. **All families are invited to provide consent** for this via the Events tab in their Compass account. This permission is due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February and is renewed annually.

### Online Communication

The school uses an online communication and management platform (COMPASS). It provides a login portal for parents to access student reports, attendance and to communicate to your child's teacher. **New families to the school will receive a Compass** notification inviting you to complete the permission in the events tab. For existing families your permission was given on the enrolment form and will carry over for the duration that your child will be at our school. This permission is due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### Digital Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

Students use the internet and digital technologies at school as a teaching and learning tool. These are used as valuable resources but acknowledge they must be used responsibly. **New families to the school will receive a Compass** notification inviting you to complete the permission in the events tab. For existing families your permission was given on the enrolment form and will carry over for the duration that your child will be at our school. This permission is due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### Photo Permission

There are occasions during the school year when staff photograph, film or record students participating in school activities or events. **New families to the school will receive a Compass** notification inviting you to complete the permission in the events tab. For existing families your permission was given or withheld on the enrolment form and will carry over for the duration that your child will be at our school. This permission is due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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

**GO HEIGHTS!!!**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### AHEPA GREEK SCHOOL

Ελληνικό Σχολείο ΑΧΕΠΑ

IVANHOE



AHEPA GREEK SCHOOL operates at IVANHOE GIRLS GRAMMAR, Marshall Street, Ivanhoe, on MONDAYS from 4.30 -7.30 pm.

**Enrolments for 2024 have already commenced!**

Οι εγγραφές για το 2024 αρχίζουν και το Σχολείο αρχίζει την Δευτέρα 29 Ιανουαρίου!



The school offers:

- ❖ Teaching of the Modern Greek Language with contemporary programs authorised by the Education Department of Victoria
- ❖ Qualified, dedicated and caring teachers and assistants with love and respect for your child
- ❖ A Happy and Safe family environment that put us above the rest
- ❖ Low school fees
- ❖ Language, Ethos and Greek Orthodox culture
- ❖ Greek Dancing and Drama classes, songs and many more cultural activities
- ❖ FREE 1st Term Trial for 4 year olds.

AHEPA GREEK SCHOOL is a not for profit institution run by AHEPA. Our Vision is to provide a holistic children's Greek teaching program in a positive, safe and civilised family environment complimented by love and care.

For further details please contact Mrs Tasia Manos on 9527 9053 - 0425 750 273  
Για πληροφορίες, παρακαλώ επικοινωνήστε με την Κυρία Τασία Μάνος 9527 9053 - 0425 750 273.

Email: [ahepagreekschool@ahepa.org.au](mailto:ahepagreekschool@ahepa.org.au)

Website: [www.ahepagreekschool.org](http://www.ahepagreekschool.org)



## Eltham Calisthenic College TWO FREE CLASSES

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0417 599 623

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FITNESS  
FUN**



# ART *with Cecile* AFTER SCHOOL



Get **inspired!** Get **creative!** Explore drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture in a **fun** learning environment



## Term 1, 2025

THPS Art Room

**Tuesdays, 3.45–5.00 pm**

Classes start **11 February 2025**

**Grades 3–6.** Places limited.

**TERM 1 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

\$280 for 8 week term. Materials and take home visual diary included.

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to enrol*



-  [art@cecilegray.com](mailto:art@cecilegray.com)
-  0438 515 836
-  [cecilegray.com/classes](http://cecilegray.com/classes)



# Access Psychological Treatment and Assessments

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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:

**Templestowe Heights Primary**  
**Rhys.Coulson@education.vic.gov.au**  
**Tel: (03) 9850 1796**

or

**Elysium Psychology**  
**katrine@elysiumpsychology.com.au**  
**Ph. 0491709555**

## 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