

Respect



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Primary School 9850 1796

Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

6th February 2025

Templestowe Heights

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Thursday 13th February - Foundation Parent/Carer Information Evening 6.30-pm Friday 14th 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 Kerryn, 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 th February	Foundation Parent/Carer Information Evening – 6.30pm (New Building)
	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Friday 14 th February	House Swimming Sports Year 3 to 6 – 9.00am to 12.30pm
Monday 17 th February	District Swimming
Monday 17 th February	School Photos – Foundation to Year 3
Tuesday 18 th February	School Photos - Year 4 to 6
Wednesday 19 th February	Year 1 to 6 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6.00pm
	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 20 th February	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Thursday 27 th February	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Friday 28 th February	Whole School Assembly 2.45pm – Gym-Badge Presentation Ceremony
Thursday 6 th March	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
	Welcome Picnic 5.30pm
Monday 10 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 13 th March	Year 3 Online Safety Incursion
	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Wednesday 19 th March	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 20 th March	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Mon 24 th to Wed 26 th March	Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions
Wed 26 th & Fri 28 th March	Year 6 Online Safety Incursion
Wed 26 th to Friday 28 th March	Life Education Year 1 & 2
Thursday 27 th March	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Thursday 3 rd April	Interschool Sports Year 5 & 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)
Friday 4 th April	Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm
2025 TERM DATES	
Term 1	Thursday 30 th January to Friday 4 th April
Term 2	Tuesday 22 nd April to Friday 4 th July
Term 3	Monday 21 st July to Friday 19 th September
Term 4	Monday 6 th October to Friday 19 th December

FROM THE OFFICE

2025 School Fees

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.

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 <u>templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u>. 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 prough the car park.

your children through the car park.

FIRST AID UPDATE

If you child has developed a new medical condition or had changes to their existing medical condition please ensure you contact Tanya Misquita at the school office with these updates at Tanya.misquitta@education.vic.gov.au .

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taking place over 2 days this year, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th 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 17th February
- Year 4 to 6 Tuesday 18th February



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 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.

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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 <u>https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au</u>. 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.

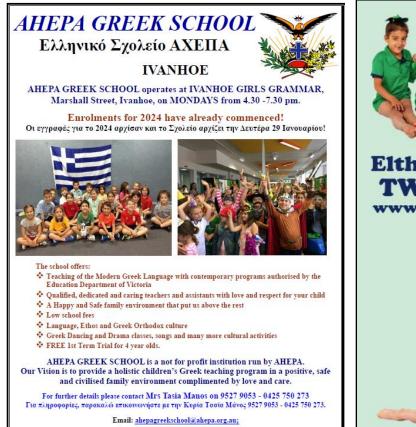


For more information, please email Natalie & Kate

thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Website: www.ahepagreekschool.org;



ART with Cecile AFTER SCHOOL

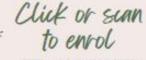
Get **inspired**! Get **creative**! Explore drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture in a **fun** learning environment

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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Access Psychological Treatment and Assessments





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 **Elysium Psychology**

What can therapy help with?

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

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

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