

# Our News



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 4

20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

## Parent/Carer Discussions (Bookings Open)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 3.50pm to 5.30pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - 3.50pm to 8.00pm

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Swimming Carnival and District

Our Year 3 - 6 students participated in our annual swimming carnival at Aquarena on Friday. School house-pride was on full display as was the encouragement our students gave to one another. Jaime Buccilli and all staff did an amazing job of organising and running this successful event.

Thirty-one of our students then went on to represent THPS at the district swimming competition on Monday. The feedback from all staff was how noticeable it was of the respectful behaviour all our students demonstrated throughout the event. Congratulations to Keira (4SM), Jasmine T (4LZ), Atlas (5LS), Susanna (5SP), Lily (6SM) and Danny (6CS) on progressing to the division competition. More information and photos in our newsletter.



#### Staff Learning...Parents and Carers Learning

As part of our strategic goals around building teacher knowledge and expertise, all teaching staff participate in weekly professional learning sessions. These sessions are facilitated by our learning specialists and on Wednesday the focus was on enhancing our core knowledge curriculum. Our core knowledge curriculum incorporates the subjects of, history, geography, science, economics, civics & citizenship and design technology. It is the key knowledge we aim to teach students to allow them to have a deeper understanding of the texts they read.



Keeping the classroom learning theme going, we also had our Year 1-6 Parent/Carer information session. It was a big turnout, where attendees participated in writing and maths lessons that allowed them to better understand how our explicit teaching model looks for their children. There were lots of rich discussions and so much enthusiasm amongst the group.



#### Kiss and Drop Reminder – 2mins Only

As a reminder, our designated *Kiss and Drop* car bays along High Street are there for families to park their cars and let children get out. Cars cannot be left unattended in this zone. Whilst I understand all it takes is for one person to do it and then others follow the example, unfortunately they are not for cars to be parked whilst waiting to pick up students. This week, local laws staff from Manningham Council have been booking car owners who leave their cars or park for any longer than 2minutes in these designated bays.

#### Whole School Assembly next Friday

Next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February we will be hosting our first whole-school assembly for year 1-6 students (Foundation will have their first on 24<sup>th</sup> March). JSC, Enviro and Year 6 Captains will receive their badges. The assembly will be held in the gym and commence at 2:45pm. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

### Parent/Carer – Teacher Discussions

This coming Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, parents and carers have the opportunity to schedule times to meet their child's classroom teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and to consider learning opportunities this semester. Bookings are made using your Compass App.

Specialist teachers will be opening up their learning spaces during these times to visit and find out more about the Art, Italian, Library, PE and STEM programs. No bookings are required for this. Please note as the gymnasium is booked up with afterschool matches, Jaime Buccilli can be found up at the office in the Board room if you would like to learn more about the PE program.

### Welcome Picnic – put it in the diary!

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm we will be hosting our annual Welcome Picnic. It's an opportunity to come along to our school oval with a picnic rug, dinner and drinks (one family even wheels up their BBQ) and catch up with friends (old and new) as we welcome in the 2025 school year. There will be jumping castles and soft drinks available to purchase by our *Parents & Friends Association*.

### School Council Nominations

Interested in joining the THPS School Council? We have three positions available to join our school council on a two-year tenure. Information will be sent out on Monday regarding what School Council's functions are as well as nomination forms. Please contact the office if you would like further information.

**Rhys Coulson**

Principal

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025</b>	
<b>Term 1 2025</b>	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Discussions 3.50pm to 5.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Discussions 3.50pm to 5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Discussions 3.50pm to 8.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Interschool Sports Year 5 &amp; 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly 2.45pm – Gym-Badge Presentation Ceremony</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Interschool Sports Year 5 &amp; 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)</b> <b>Welcome Picnic 5.30pm to 7.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 3 Online Safety Incursion</b> <b>Interschool Sports Year 5 &amp; 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School Council Meeting 7.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Interschool Sports Year 5 &amp; 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)</b>
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 6 Online Safety Incursion</b>
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Life Education Year 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Interschool Sports Year 5 &amp; 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Interschool Sports Year 5 &amp; 6 (9.00am to 11.00am)</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm</b>
<b>2025 TERM DATES</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>





## 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. The payment notice is attached to this Compass notification.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has had an amazing small transformation with new tables, and an expanded non-fiction section. Our Library Captains, Freddy and Chloe have been busy learning how to loan and return books to students. Classes are enjoying visiting the library, exploring the collection and reading at the new tables.

### Parent/Carer Helpers Required

Any parents or carers who would like to volunteer some time to assist with small library tasks such as covering books, would be greatly appreciated. Please visit Susan Bannister in the library before or after school or leave your contact details with the front reception staff.

The Library will be open every Mondays during the second half of lunchtime

**Susan Bannister**

**Teacher Librarian**



This week the Bulleen Boomers came to visit the THPS Foundation students to run basketball clinics. Students practised their dribbling skills, played fun games and at the end got to take home their very own basketball! Good luck to all the Foundation students playing in their first Miniball game this week.

Jaime Buccilli 😊





# HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2025!

Last Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Year 3-6 students spent the morning at Aquarena for the first sporting event of the year. Students swam, splashed, cheered and showed amazing house spirit. A huge thank you to the THPS staff for their roles on the day and the parents and carers for coming along to spectate.

Jaime Buccilli 😊









# DISTRICT SWIMMING

Following hot on the heels of our school swimming carnival on Monday, 31 THPS students returned to Aquarena to represent our school at the District Swimming Carnival. The students showed a huge amount of courage and determination. A big congratulations to Keira (4SM), Jasmine T (4LZ), Atlas (5LS), Susanna (5SP) and Danny (6CS) Lily (6SM) who came 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their events and now advance to the Division Swimming competition Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in Ringwood.



## 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



**WINTER SEASON '25**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**



**U9 - U21 TEAMS**      **\$295\* PER PLAYER**  
\* PLUS SERVICE FEES

**TWO FREE DEVELOPMENT CAMPS**  
**FREE UNIFORMS FOR WHOLE TEAMS**  
**TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER CLUB**  
**FREE UNIFORM FOR NEW**  
**UNDER 9'S PLAYERS**  
**CUSTOM TEAMS WELCOME**



**SCAN FOR**  
**MORE INFO**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025**  
**HOME VENUE & TRAINING AT 160 BULLEEN ROAD, BULLEEN**

**[YARRAEAGLES.COM.AU/REGISTRATION](http://YARRAEAGLES.COM.AU/REGISTRATION)**

## 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

**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

**Contact us today:**

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

or

Elysium Psychology  
[katrine@elysiumpsychology.com.au](mailto:katrine@elysiumpsychology.com.au)  
Ph. 0491709555





# Little Kev's Playgroup



St Kevin's Parish Playgroup

Every Monday during School Term

8.30 am – 11 am. Begins Monday 10 February

26-44 Herlihys Road, Lower Templestowe. In the church gathering space.



For ages 0-5 years – Registration required – \$5 entry

Connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.



## CONTACT

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