



# Our News



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

*Newsletter Term 1 Week 8*

*20<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

**Wednesday 26th March Character Dress Up Day**



### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

#### **A Sparkling Templestowe Heights Primary**

On Saturday, ex-student Priya, along with her sisters Alisha, Juliette and a host of family and friends, took it upon themselves to clean up Templestowe Heights Primary. Priya decided she wanted to celebrate her birthday party with a clean-up Australia Day event, and she selected THPS! Thank you so much Priya, Alisha, Juliette, Jess and Ishaq for sparkling up our school grounds, we are all so grateful. I have suggested this becomes Priya’s annual birthday party until she moves out of home.



#### **Thank you Lauren**

Last night we had our first School Council meeting for 2025. Noticeably absent from the meeting was Lauren (Archie - 4SM and Evie -1PC), who for the past two years has been half of the dynamic duo of our *Parents & Friends*. Unfortunately, Lauren has decided to step down due to work commitments. Lauren’s energy, humour and enthusiasm will be missed as she supported THPS in planning so many school events that brought the community together. Thank you for everything you did Lauren in giving parents, carers and our children opportunities to participate in our community life.

#### **Parking Bays on High Street**

As our school grows in student population, so does the demand for parking. We are fortunate that Templestowe Heights Primary has many side streets and back entrances where families can park their cars and walk up to the school gates.

Due to the increase of families choosing to drop their children off at the curb rather than walking them into the school ground, School Council have been in communication with Manningham Local Council about possible solutions. They will now be increasing the number of “Kiss and Drop” parking bays along High Street from three to eight. There is also a “Priority” Bay (see image) that will support our most vulnerable children and families that may have challenges walking long distances to come into school. The council will be monitoring the area in the coming weeks.



#### **Momentum Schools Project**

On Wednesday we hosted leadership teams from Mill Park Primary School, St Francis of Assisi Primary School and Donny Brook Primary School for the day. Our school was invited to become one of 10 lead schools, as part of La Trobe University’s Momentum Schools Project that will support 100 schools across Victoria who are moving to explicit teaching methods. Several of our talented middle leaders (Reannan Rossi, Renee Roimans, Karen Woods and Cath Shalders) supported the schools through stepping out strategic actions that would allow them to consider the next steps of their journeys. For more information please see the link:

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/news/articles/2024/release/momentum-schools-lead-way-for-explicit-instruction>

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

## Term 1 2025

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                      | JSC Character Dress Up Day – GOLD COIN  |  |
| 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                       | Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball Incursion.<br>Interschool Sports                                       |   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Whole School Assembly – Gym 2.45pm Starting School Certificate Presentation for Foundation Students |   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April                        | Interschool Sports Finals   |   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                          | Whole School Assembly – 1.30pm – Gym Easter Raffle Prizes Presented<br>Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm         |  |

## Term 2

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| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                       | Term 2 Begins                              |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                        | ANZAC DAY Public Holiday                   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                           | Year 3 to 6 Cross Country 1.50pm to 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May                         | District Cross Country                     |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                       | AGM (Annual General Meeting)               |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 3 & 4 Camp – Mt Evelyn                |

## 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

### Payments Due

Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball due Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Foundation 2026 Enrolments

This year, our school is using VicStudents, an online system for new enrolments in Victorian government schools.. New enrolments for foundation 2026 open from Tuesday 22nd April. If you are an **existing family with a younger sibling**, please email the school at [templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to request an enrolment link. Links will be emailed out from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## JSC NEWS- CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY WED 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



Our very first JSC event of the year will be a Character Dress Up Day on Wednesday 26th of March! Students are invited to come dressed as someone from a **movie, TV show, cartoon or video game** on this day. We ask that they bring a gold coin donation which will be donated to State Schools Relief.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

|                   |                       |                            |              |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Monday Lunchtime  | STEM Club<br>Prep - 2 | LEGO Club<br>3 - 6         | Library Open |
| Tuesday Lunchtime | STEM Club<br>3 - 6    | LEGO Club<br>Prep - 2      |              |
| Friday Lunchtime  | Garden Club           | Remote control<br>Car Club |              |



## **THPS P&F is going online! And you can HOP, HOP, HOP to our Easter Raffle using this Link or this QR code!**

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/templestowehts-easter2025>

**Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10.**

**Ticket sales close Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at midnight**

**Winners will be announced at assembly on Friday 4th April**

Please ensure that your child's name and class are correctly entered in the space provided when purchasing your online ticket/tickets (this is not an 'optional' field as stated on the transaction page).

If you are purchasing tickets for multiple children, please complete separate transactions, as only one child's name can be associated with each transaction. GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!

## **Easter Raffle & donations – DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE HAMPERS**

Families can donate items to be included in the raffle hampers. Please bring donations into the office from Monday 17th March until Friday 28th March. Please check ingredients and ensure all items are NUT FREE. Any Easter themed items welcome – eggs, bags/baskets, easter craft & colouring books, easter trinkets. Raffle tickets will be available shortly to purchase online.



## **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 at <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

A current WWCC is essential, and a copy will need to be supplied to the office



## **Elisa and the P&F Team**





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# BASKETBALL NEWS

## HOOP TIME REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

### Hoop Time is back for 2025!

The Hoop Time program offers kids in Grade 3 and 4 (junior) and Grade 5 and 6 (senior) the opportunity to play in a fun competition. The program culminates at the end of each year with Regional Finals and a State Grand Final day.

Changes to the Hoop Time program for 2025 include:

- Introducing Future Stars (mixed) and Future Stars (girls only), there will be no on court ratio parameters in Future Stars (mixed).
- Due to the significant growth of Basketball Victoria's representative competition (VJBL), we have put in place further clarity around the level played by your students, that makes a player ineligible for Future Stars.

*Any players who compete in the VJBL in Victorian Junior League 5 (VJL5) or above must play in the All Star division. Any player who represents their association in the Junior Country Championships (JCC) in that year, must play in the All Star division. If a player fits just one of these two categories, they must play All Stars and are deemed ineligible for the Future Stars and Rookies divisions.*

### Important Information:

Age Groups: Junior (Grade 3 & 4) and Senior (Grade 5 & 6)

Divisions: All Star Boys, All Star Girls, Future Stars (mixed), Future Stars (girls only) and Rookies

Cost: \$110 per team, inclusive of GST

**To register a team please use this link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DAEVW>

**Information and rules regarding Hoop Time can be found here:**

<https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/competitions/schools/hoop-time>

**Please note, this is not a school run event. Parents are responsible for getting their child to the competition and organising their own teams.**

For more information, please email Natalie.

thpsbasketball@gmail.com

GO HEIGHTS!!

# COMMUNITY NEWS



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### IS THIS FOR YOU?


this is the perfect space if:


- You're curious about meditation but don't know where to start
- You've been told or feel that you need to reduce stress
- You have a busy mind & struggle to sleep
- You're healing from an illness
- You experience anxiety or depression and want to find calm


### What to expect:

You'll be guided through a soothing meditation followed by a group reiki energy healing to help you relax & reconnect

### Details:

 **LOCATION:** Templestowe (address provided upon booking)

 **WHEN:** The last Sunday of each month, 6PM-7PM

 **COST:** \$20

**BOOK NOW:**

A colorful poster for a Kindergarten Open Day. It features two circular photos: one of a teacher sitting on the floor with children, and another of a classroom with tables and chairs. The text is in a playful, rounded font. At the bottom, there are buttons for "BOOK A TOUR" and "39 MAYFAIR AVE, TEMPLESTOWE LOWER". The logo for Twin Hills Pre-school is in the bottom right corner.

**KINDERGARTEN  
OPEN DAY**

**MAY 3RD  
9AM - 12PM**

MEET THE EDUCATORS  
TOUR THE FACILITY  
ENROL FOR 2026

**BOOK A TOUR** 39 MAYFAIR AVE, TEMPLESTOWE LOWER

MORE INFORMATION :  
Twinhillspreschool.com.au  
or  
Contact us on: 03 9850 8157

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Tuesday & Thursday 4.30 to 9.00pm
- Kew**  
Wednesday 6.00 to 7.30pm  
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**Benefits:**

- ✓ All Ages (3yr +)
- ✓ Self Confidence
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- ✓ Awareness
- ✓ Respect

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**  
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**Yarraleen Preschool Inc.**

**OPEN DAY**

**SUNDAY 30th MARCH 2025**  
**10am - 12pm**  
**92 ROCKLEA ROAD, BULLEEN**

**\* MEET THE EDUCATORS \* EXPLORE THE KINDER \* FUN ACTIVITIES \***

**2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**  
yarraleenpreschool.com.au  
admin@yarraleenpreschool.vic.edu.au  
9850 8486

**Pines Learning**

**Short Courses**

*It's time to start planning for Term 2!*  
*We have these short courses starting soon:*

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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



## 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.

General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.



## 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.

## Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.



### Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ  
<https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/>  
for further information and example.

## Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am – 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.

