

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 9

27th March 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

Whole School Assembly Friday 28th March 2.45pm

Starting School Certificates for Foundation Students – All Welcome

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Character Dress Up Day

There was a sea of heroes, heroines, villains and fairytale characters on Wednesday as students and staff eagerly dressed up as their favourite characters. This student voice event was to raise funds for State School Relief, an organisation that supports families with relevant resources for children to attend school. Thank you to Steph McNabb and our JSC team for organising the event, and to our parents and carers who spent their valuable time making the costumes.



Podcasting at THPS

As part of the STEM curriculum, students in year 6 have been learning the very popular art of podcasting. With our newly designed and constructed studio, there have been many guest speakers come along for interviews on a range of topics. Please read later in the newsletter for further information.



Congratulations Danny!

Recently, Danny (6CS) competed at the Eastern Region swimming competition. This competition is one below the state championships, where Danny placed 8th fastest in the 50m backstroke event. We are all so proud of you Danny!

Whole School Assembly this Friday

This Friday we are having a whole school assembly, where our Foundation students will receive their *Starting School* certificates. Next Friday (4th April) is our last day of term 1 where we will be having another whole school assembly at 1:30pm, with an early dismissal at 2:30pm. This assembly will include the presenting of the Easter raffle prize winners.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

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 to request the enrolment link. The link will be emailed out from Tuesday 22nd April.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 1 2025

Friday 28 th March	Whole School Assembly – Gym 2.45pm Starting School Certificate Presentation for Foundation Students
Thursday 3 rd April	Interschool Sports Finals Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball Incursion
Friday 4 th April	Whole School Assembly – 1.30pm – Gym Easter Raffle Prizes Presented Term 1 Ends – 2.30pm



Term 2

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

2025 TERM DATES

Term 1 Ends	Friday 4 th April 2.30pm
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

Payments Due

Year 5 Wheelchair Basketball due Friday 28th March.

STEM NEWS

Podcasting

This year we have introduced a new concept in our Digital Media area of STEM. The Year 6 students have had a chance to plan and record their very own podcast. The hope is that students will take this learning about how to make a podcast and develop these skills throughout the year. So far we have had a number of groups using their own time at recess/lunch to record interviews and discussions on topics important to them. Part of podcasting is sharing or publishing the work and so we have created a site for THPS podcasts. We'd love you to take a look and check in throughout the year. Currently we have one episode up, with more to follow. Have a listen here: <https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/thps-podcasting/home>

BioEYES+

Last week our keen Year 4 students had a visit from the BioEYES+ group from Monash University. They had the opportunity to learn about biomedicine and how zebra fish are an amazing animal helping us with medical research. They got to see the life cycle of zebra fish up close, with adult fish, fresh eggs (collected during the session) and larvae. They used microscopes to see the eggs and their stem cells as well as seeing a heart beat of one of the larvae fish. It was an amazing experience which they loved!



JSC NEWS- CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY WED 26TH MARCH



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Character Dress Up Day yesterday! There were some very creative and well-thought out costumes from both students and staff. We raised a total of **\$574.55** for **State Schools Relief**, which will be used to provide much-needed school supplies for students facing hardship.

Next week we will have Anzac Day Appeal merchandise arriving in preparation for Anzac Day, which is in Week 1 of Term 2. Our reps will be circulating through classrooms next week and into Term 2 so keep your eyes out! We will publish more information about items and prices in next week's newsletter.





WE ARE SEEKING EASTER DONATIONS!

We are excited to call on our community for Easter-related donations! Anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated, and donations can be dropped off at the office. Thank you for your generosity!

Also, a Reminder to HOP, HOP, HOP to the Easter Raffle using this Link or this QR code!

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

The Easter Raffle winners will be announce on Friday the 4th of April during assembly, and tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10.



Please ensure that your child's name and class are clearly written 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!!

Elisa and the P&F Team

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



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

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

ART *with Cecile* AFTER SCHOOL



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

NEW

Classes for young artists in Prep to Grade 2 starting in Term 2!



Term 2, 2025

THPS Art Room

Grades 3-6: **Tuesdays, 3.45-5.00 pm**

Prep-Grade 2: **Thursdays, 3.45-5.00 pm**

PREP-GRADE 2 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Grades 3-6 enrolment opens **14 April**

Places limited.

\$350 for 10 week term. Materials and take home visual diary included.

*Click or scan
to enrol*



 art@cecilegray.com

 0438 515 836

 cecilegray.com/classes



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

YARRA VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY CLUB PRESENTS



THE EASTER MODEL TRAIN EXHIBITION 2025

FEATURING OVER 20 LAYOUTS IN VARIOUS SCALES, PROTOTYPES, AND ERAS PLUS MORE THAN 25 RETAILERS AND MANUFACTURERS!





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19TH AND 20TH OF APRIL


SAT: 9:30 - 17:00 & SUN: 10:00 - 16:00
COMMUNITY BANK STADIUM
129-163 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD
DIAMOND CREEK VIC 3089
FOR MORE INFORMATION
secretary@yvmrc.org.au


TICKETS:
\$20 ADULTS
\$5 CHILDREN
\$40 FAMILY

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6th May 2025 

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Pines Learning Short Courses

It's time to start planning for Term 2!

We have these short courses starting soon:

- Business Admin Skills 1 & 2
- Digital Skills for Work & Study
- Excel (Intermediate)
- Employable Me
- English through Cooking
- English as Additional Language Taster
- English for Aged Care level 2
- Improve your Grammar

PLUS MUCH MORE

Funded places available - eligibility criteria applies

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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.

