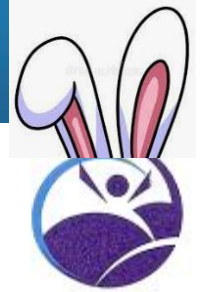


Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 10

3rd April 2025



Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

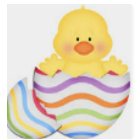
Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



Friday 4th April - Term 1 Ends - Assembly 1.40pm All Welcome

Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Term 2 Begins Tuesday 22nd April



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Safe Break

Tomorrow is the last day of term 1. We will be finishing early, with a whole school assembly at 1:40pm and students being dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30pm.

Thank you to our staff, students, parents and carers for making Templestowe Heights Primary such a thriving, supportive and vibrant community. It is an exciting place to come to every day, the support our staff continue to receive from our parent and carer community makes our roles so much easier and rewarding. Congratulations to our Foundation students for making it to the end of term, only 27 more school terms to go!

Over the break I hope families have an opportunity to spend some quality time together. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of term 2 on Tuesday 22nd April. Please read on to hear all about Stephanie Dehghani's reflections on her first term as Assistant Principal at Templestowe Heights Primary.



Parents & Friends Easter Raffle

Tomorrow at our whole school assembly, we will be announcing the names of our Easter Raffle winners. The raffle has been organised by our *Parents & Friends*, with all prizes being handed out during assembly.

ANZAC Day

Our JSC students will be coming round to classrooms every day to sell (cash only) ANZAC badges and wrist bands in the lead up to ANZAC Day in the first week back next term. All money raised will go to the Templestowe Returned Services League (RSL).

Lock Down Drill

As part of our Emergency Management Plan, we conducted a lockdown drill yesterday. The students were calm and responsive to the instructions from staff. Next term we will conduct an evacuation drill.

Eid Mobarak

To all our families that follow Ramadan, I would like to wish you all Eid Mobarak. I hope Eid al-Adha celebrations were a great opportunity for families and friends to come together to mark the end of Ramadan.

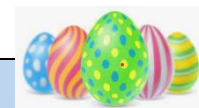


Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Friday 4 th April	Whole School Assembly – 1.40pm – 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
Thursday 8 th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 9 th May	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 13 th May	District Cross Country
Thursday 15 th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 16 th May	Year 5 Online Safety Incursion
Wednesday 21 st May	School Council AGM (Annual General Meeting)
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Monday 26 th May	Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Thursday 29 th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 30 th May	Whole School Assembly
Monday 2 nd June	Foundation Online Safety Incursion
Thursday 5 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday 11 th June	Foundation Online Safety Incursion
Thursday 12 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Mon 16 th & Tues 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 Growing and Learning Program
Thursday 19 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 20 th June	Whole School Assembly
Monday 23 rd to Wed 25 th June	Year 3 & 4 Camp – Mt Evelyn
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 5 Online Safety Incursion
Friday 27 th June	Foundation Myuna Farm Excursion Whole School Assembly
Monday 30 th June	Year 5 Parliament Incursion
Mon 30 th June & Tues 1st July	Year 5 & 6 Growing and Learning Program
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 26 th May	
Monday 3 rd November	
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



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.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Templestowe Heights Community,

I'm absolutely thrilled to be writing my first newsletter article as Assistant Principal at Templestowe Heights PS! From the moment I arrived, I've been blown away by the warmth of the staff, students, and families. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

One of the first things that stood out to me at THPS is just how well the school operates. Having worked in a range of schools, both internationally and locally, I know that strong school communities are built with intention. They thrive because of clear structures, consistent routines, and the dedication of staff and families working together.

From my very first day, I've seen classrooms where every student knows what is expected, every teacher is highly skilled and deeply informed by research, and every child feels safe to take risks and grow. This doesn't happen overnight - it's a credit to the hard work of our staff and the strong partnerships with families.

I've especially enjoyed getting into classrooms, spending time with our Foundation students, and running the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). It is a fantastic way for our youngest learners to develop essential skills, and I have to say, it wouldn't be possible without our amazing parent helpers - so a huge thank you to those of you who've jumped in to support the program!

Of course, no role comes without its challenges... and so far, my biggest one has been dealing with the heartbreak of my beloved Carlton losing to Mr. Coulson's Tigers. I was a good sport (kind of) and followed through on our agreement, wearing Richmond colours all day. I'm still recovering.

If you see me out in the yard or at the gate, please come and say hello! I'm always up for a chat, and I'd love to get to know more about our families as the year goes on. I am looking forward to working together to make our great school even better.

See you around!

Stephanie Dehghani

Assistant Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

The office staff would like to wish you a Happy Easter and a restful term 1 break.

School resumes Tuesday 22nd April



LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of unnamed items in our lost property tub. Please ensure all items brought to school are clearly labelled so that they may be easily returned.

All unnamed items in the lost property tub at the end of the term will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or binned.

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	

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAINS – VEGGIE PATCH NEWS



Hello, this is your Enviro captains Lawson and Annabel. On Friday we are having our last garden stall of the term. Please come and purchase something as the money goes to our school. We have produce grown in our very own garden, and eggs laid from our beautiful chickens. So please bring your coins, or pay at the office by card and bring your receipt to us! We look forward to seeing you on the deck in the middle yard!

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Our Anzac Day Appeal merchandise has arrived! Our Years 3-5 JSC and Enviro reps will be circulating through classrooms for the rest of the week and for the first week back. We have a range of badges, pens, wristbands and keychains available for purchase, with all proceeds being donated to the Anzac Day Appeal which supports Veterans throughout Australia. Items and prices can be seen below. If you would like to purchase an item, please try to bring the correct money as we are unable to provide change.



WISHING ALL OUR SCHOOLS A LOVELY BREAK!

CLASSROOM CUISINE – TERM TWO, 2025

SERVICE RECOMMENCES

WEEK COMMENCING - MONDAY 28TH APRIL

Access Psychological Treatment and Assessments

Elysium Psychology

Meet
Aneka Srinivasan
Registered Psychologist



What can therapy help with?

- Social anxiety
- Academic stress
- Bullying
- Body Image
- Mood disorders
- Learning difficulties
- ASD/ ADHD

How can I access this service?

Aneka will be working on-site every Thursday from Term 2. Sessions are 50 minutes and students need a Mental Health Care Plan from the GP or NDIS

Contact us today:

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

or

Elysium Psychology
aneka@elysiumpsychology.com.au
Ph. 0491709555

Assessments:

- ADHD
- ASD
- WISC
- WIAT
- SLD



A big THANK YOU to everyone for your generosity with donations! We have had so many wonderful chocolate and non-chocolate items donated and Roz and Cecile have done a great job assembling all 36 wonderful Easter Raffle prizes! Our first online raffle has been our most successful to date, raising \$3400 for our school.

ONLY ONE MORE SLEEP UNTIL THE WINNERS OF THE EASTER RAFFLE ARE ANNOUNCED! Good luck everyone!!

Enjoy the break and we'll see you all next term!

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



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



Bulleen Preschool

OPEN DAY

Saturday May 3, 10.00am – 12.00pm
5 Derreck Avenue, Bulleen

Visit us
where we
learn, grow
and play

Meet our
friendly
teachers

Experience
our indoor
and outdoor
spaces

Registrations open 28 April!
Register online at ykinders.org.au. Enquiries: Please
contact 4311 1500 or earlyyears@ykinders.org.au

Bulleen Preschool
p: (03) 4329 0426 w: ykinders.org.au
e: bulleen@ykinders.org.au



Templestowe Valley Preschool Open Day



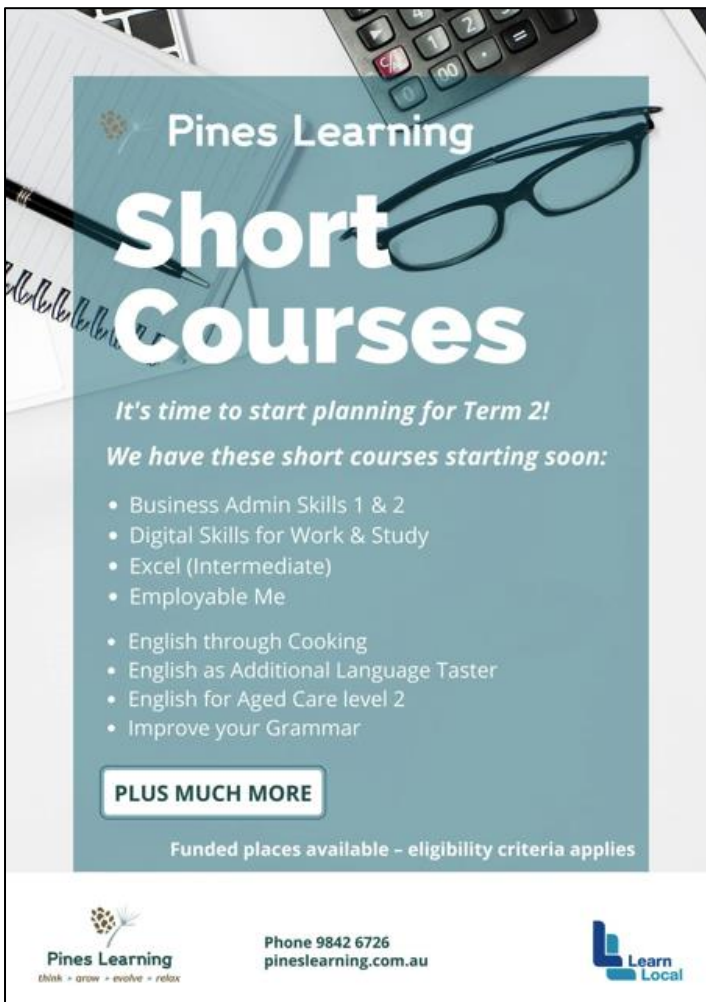
**Visit us to
explore our great
learning spaces**

Your child's journey of lifelong learning
will be well supported at Templestowe
Valley Preschool.

ECMS offers richly vibrant kindergarten
programs inviting children to know who
and where they are and encouraging
them to make meaning of the world
around them.

**Visit us
Saturday 17th May
9:00am - 11:00am**

Templestowe Valley Preschool
3 Birchwood Avenue,
Templestowe Lower VIC 3107



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 8:30am – 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.

