



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 1

24th April 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



Welcome Back to Term 2

Friday 25th April - ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

Term 2 has commenced, and it has been terrific to see all the students after a well-deserved break. I hope families took the opportunity to spend some quality time together and that a return to routine is a welcomed relief!

We would also like to welcome new students Sebastian (FSM), Isabella (2NS), Coen (1AS) and Katelyn (3MR) to our community and look forward to seeing them grow as learners.



Special Astronomy Event at THPS

On Wednesday the 7th May at 6:30pm the Astronomical Society of Victoria (ASV) will be hosting a free astronomical event on our oval. The wonderful volunteers of the ASV will provide their telescopes as they point them out into the night sky, allowing our students to explore our galaxy. This event was scheduled last year, however unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to cloud cover. Thanks to parent Andrew (Luke, 4LZ) for bringing this event to THPS.

Cross Country

On Monday 5th May at 2pm, we will be holding our annual year 3-6 school cross country race. The course will take students around the oval, up High Street, down Lynnwood Parade, up Cypress Avenue and through Templestowe College leading back up to the oval. This year we will also be holding an **All Abilities** race to include students that are unable to complete the full cross country course.

All students in Foundation-year 2 will participate in their non-competitive cross country event from 2pm on Wednesday 14th May, where students will complete laps of the oval.

Year 3/4 Camp Information Session - Online

On Thursday 8th May at 7pm parents and carers can log on for a year 3/4 camp information session. This session will be run by our year 3/4 teachers, providing details about the camp to Mt Evelyn.

The Webex details are: **2654 362 6019**

Free Range Chickens

Our school chickens have bucked the trend of our structured approach to learning and have gone free range! A big thank you to our maintenance manager David, for constructing a doorway leading from the chicken coop to the garden, now allowing them to stretch their legs and wonder around the garden every lunch time. We have some really happy ladies. Thank you to Alex, Peggy and Renee for making this possible.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Congratulations to all our students, staff, parents and carers who participated in our first Running Club for the year. This club will take place every Wednesday morning from 8:15-8:45am and is run (pardon the pun) by our PE teacher Jamie Buccilli. It's a great way to bring our community together whilst being active. We also have other clubs for our students to participate in during lunch times, including:



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

Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 2

Friday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
Saturday 3 rd May	Election BBQ 8am to 4pm – Helpers Needed
Monday 5 th May	Year 3 to 6 Cross Country 1.50pm to 3.30pm Year 1 Yarra Valley Water Incursion
Wednesday 7 th May	Astronomical Society of Victoria Star Gazing Event 6.30pm School Oval
Thursday 8 th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm Year 3 & 4 Camp Information Evening 7pm Online -Webex 2654 362 6019
Friday 9 th May	Mother's Day Morning Tea 8am Mother's Day Stall Whole School Assembly (Welcome)
Tuesday 13 th May	District Cross Country 12pm to 2.20pm – Ruffey Lake Park
Thursday 15 th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 16 th May	Year 5 Online Safety Incursion 5LS & 5SP
Wednesday 21 st May	School Council AGM (Annual General Meeting) – 7pm
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 FEV & FHA
Thursday 5 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday 11 th June	Foundation Online Safety Incursion FJR
Thursday 12 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Monday 16 th June	Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program
Thursday 19 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm

Friday 20 th June	Whole School Assembly
Monday 23 rd June	Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program
Monday 23 rd to Wed 25 th June	Year 3 & 4 Camp – Mt Evelyn
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 5 Online Safety Incursion 5KW
Friday 27 th June	Foundation Myuna Farm Excursion Whole School Assembly
Monday 30 th June	Year 5 Parliament Incursion Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program
Mon 30 th June & Tues 1 st July	Year 5 & 6 Growing and Learning Program
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 26 th May	
Monday 3 rd November	
2025 TERM DATES	
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

Welcome back to the new school term.

Foundation 2026 Enrolments

Enrolment for foundation 2026 are now open. This year, our school is using VicStudents, an online system for new enrolments in Victorian government schools. 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.

Hats On

Just quick reminder that all students will need to wear hats outside for recess and lunch until the end of April.

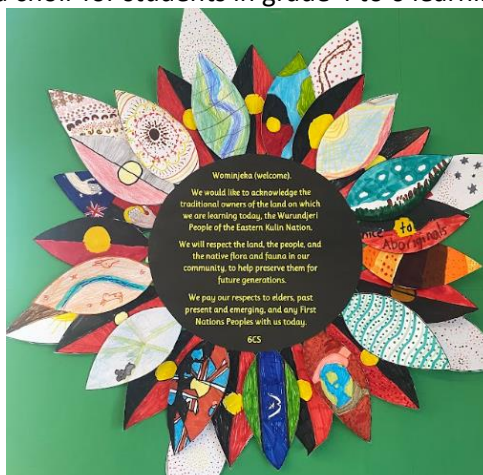


CSEF Reminder

If you have a current Health Care Card you may be eligible to receive CSEF payment (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund). Please contact the office for an application form if you have not already applied. Applications close Friday 4th July.

TERM 1 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN CELEBRATIONS

Each term students will develop their knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures and in term 1 we had much to celebrate! Every class has written their own Acknowledgement of Country - with an emphasis on caring for Country - displays can be seen in each classroom. Students learnt about the symbolism and history of our three major flags, gaining a deeper understanding as to why they are displayed during ceremonies. In library, Mrs Bannister has been reading the students an array of fiction and non-fiction books, in conjunction with age appropriate classroom texts and in Grade 5 Art, students explored Wandjina rock art from the Kimberley area. Each classroom is also sporting an AIATSIS language map, which supports the understanding of how diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are, with over 250 different Countries. We are excited for the term ahead, especially with Reconciliation Week 27th May - 3rd June, starting with a choir for students in grade 4 to 6 learning Solid Rock!



2025 Canteen Announcement

NEWSFLASH! Canteen Is BACK!

We are pleased to announce that the canteen is opening for business once again on FRIDAY MAY 2.

Our Year Six committee are Michael, Kas, Zara, Florence. We would also like to welcome Susanna, Ryan, William and Imogen, our new Year 5 committee members.

This year all items will remain to be sold except the chocolate chip cookies which will be replaced by the delicious dotty cookies. All items are \$2 each.

Foundation students will have their orders take by the canteen committee before recess each Friday. All other student will line up outside the canteen window at 1pm.



Please note, dietary and allergy information is attachment and is also available from the office.

We look forward to serving you,

THPS Student Run Canteen Committee.

2025

Mother's Day

STALL

\$5
per gift



Templestowe Heights
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 9th May. This is an opportunity for the children to shop secretly for Mum, Grandmother or another special person.

Each gift is \$5 and is identified as a 'ticket'. You can purchase as many tickets as you wish, and please make sure each ticket is labelled correctly with your child or children's names. Please send a shopping bag with your child to school on the day so they can secretly bring their present home.

Gifts can be paid for using the Trybooking QR code below or via the link.
<https://www.trybooking.com/CZCNT>
Orders close Wednesday 7th May, and no late orders can be accepted.
Please also disregard the automated tickets Trybooking generates and emails to you, as these tickets are not needed on the stall day.





Welcome back everyone! P&F have a lot planned for Term 2!

THPS Federal Election BBQ on Saturday, May 3rd, 8am-4pm.

We're looking for friendly volunteers to assist us during two-hour time slots. Whether you enjoy taking orders, cooking sausages, or being in charge of the tomato sauce, there's a spot just for you!

If you'd like to volunteer, please let us know by following this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/FPDD9>

Friday 9th May

Mother's Day Morning Tea From 8am

Mother's Stall Online orders only

All the details are included in the attached flyer, as well as the **QR code and the link** to purchase your child's gifts. The cutoff date for this event is **Wednesday 7th May.**

Elisa and the P&F Team

THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page



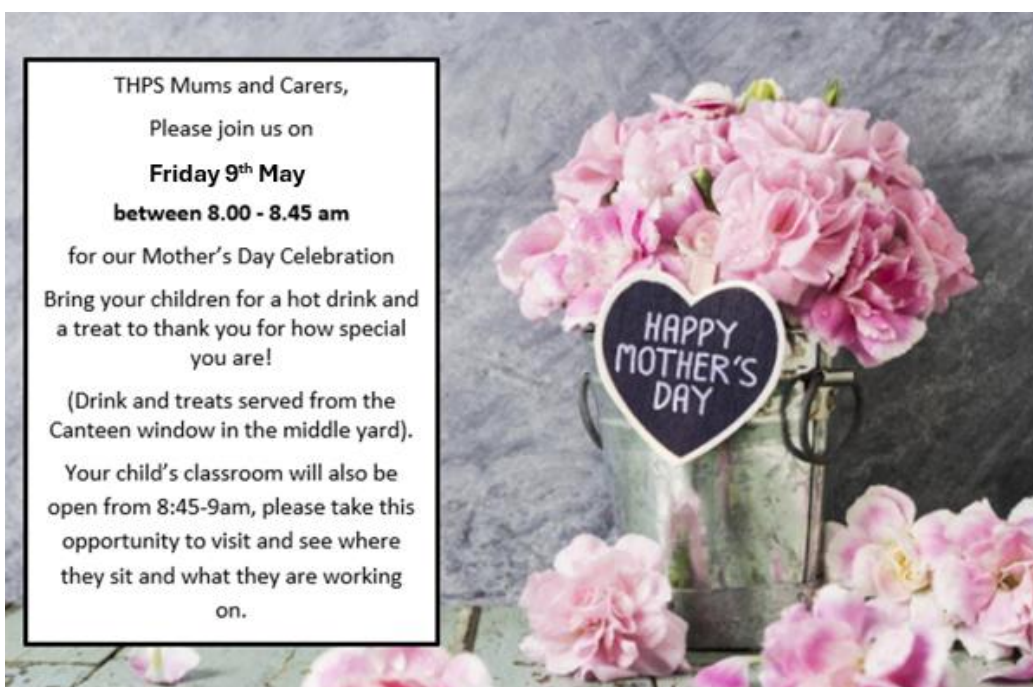
Don't forget to join the THPS Parents & Friends closed Facebook group by scanning the QR Code or by searching for the THPS Parents & Friends Community group. The joining process includes a few simple questions to answer.

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

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



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