

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 2

1st May 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

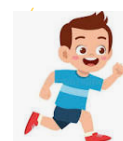
Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



Saturday 3rd May Election Day BBQ 8am to 2pm

Monday 5th May – Year 3 to 6 Cross Country



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Astronomical Society of Victoria (ASV) – Put it in your Diaries!

This coming Wednesday at 6:30pm on our oval, the ASV will be hosting a special nighttime event. Students can come along and observe our solar system (and beyond) through the ASV's telescopes and learn about the stars, planets and the cosmos. I am really excited about this event and will even be bringing along my own children! Thank you to Andrew (Luke, 4LZ), for organising this free event.



Hats Off

As part of our Sun Smart Policy, students are not required to wear school hats outdoors from 1st May. We suggest students bring their hats home for families to wash them, ready to be worn again in mid-August.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Saiyuri (3EJ) to our community. Already you have settled in so well to THPS school life. We would also like to welcome Maryam Williams (1KD) and David Barnes (3MR) who have commenced their journey as preservice teachers. David is also a previous THPS parent and School Council President.



Cross Country

On Monday, from 2pm onwards, all students in years 3-6 will be participating in our annual cross-country race. The 1km course takes the students out and around our local streets. We also have an *All Abilities* race for students who feel they can't complete the full distance. A massive thank you to Jaime Buccilli for planning this event and the many parents and carers who have volunteered their time to come along and support. We encourage students in years 3-6 to come dressed in their House Colours on Monday.

On Wednesday, at 2pm all students in Foundation-Year 2 will be participating in the junior school cross-country event. Students will be able to run, walk or skip around our school oval, wearing their House Colours.

Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday 21st May at 6:30pm we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. During this meeting we will present our 2024 Annual Report to the Community, that reflects on the 2024 school year with some comparable data of our results matched to the state. During this meeting our parent school councillors will also present the achievements of School Council. Attendees will also participate in a lesson. Please RSVP via the school's email on: templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Student Run Canteen

Tomorrow (Friday) our student-run canteen will be up and running. There has been a selection process, training, ordering and now finally their apprenticeships are over, and our students are ready to bring their small business back up and running. Thank you to Janine Reid (Enrichment teacher) for making this possible.

Election Day BBQ

No matter what your political persuasion, the *Democracy Sausage* is the pillar of our election day experience. A massive thank you to our *Parents & Friends*, led by Elisa, and the volunteers that have generously given up their time to support our BBQ on the day. There are some spaces available still if you are able and willing to give some time. All money raised will support the establishment of a new fruit orchard, on the site adjacent to our vegetable garden.

Visiting Principals

On Monday and Wednesday, 28 Principals from New Zealand were part of a touring party keen to explore schools that are embedding explicit instruction. Similarly to Victoria, the New Zealand Government is mandating explicit instruction in schools. The visiting Principals were able to see the big ideas of our (as well as Chelsea Heights PS and Brandon Park PS) teaching and learning model, including what it looks like in practice.



Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 2

Saturday 3rd May	Election BBQ 8am to 2pm – Helpers Needed
Monday 5th May	Year 3 to 6 Cross Country 2pm to 3.30pm Year 1 Yarra Valley Water Incursion
Wednesday 7th May	Foundation to Year 2 Cross Country Astronomical Society of Victoria Star Gazing Event 6.30pm School Oval
Thursday 8th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm Year 3 & 4 Camp Information Evening 7pm Online -Webex 2654 362 6019
Friday 9th May	Mother's Day Morning Tea 8am Mother's Day Stall Whole School Assembly (Welcome)
Tuesday 13th May	District Cross Country 12pm to 2.20pm – Ruffey Lake Park
Thursday 15th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 16th May	Year 5 Online Safety Incursion 5LS & 5SP
Wednesday 21st May	Year 1 Wicked Weather Incursion – 1RR, 1AS School Council AGM (Annual General Meeting) – 6.30pm
Thursday 22nd May	Year 1 Wicked Weather Incursion 1SJ, 1KD Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Monday 26th May	Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Thursday 29th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 30th May	Whole School Assembly
Monday 2nd June	Foundation Online Safety Incursion FEV & FHA
Thursday 5th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday 11th June	Foundation Online Safety Incursion FJR
Thursday 12th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Monday 16th June	Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program
Thursday 19th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 20th June	Whole School Assembly
Monday 23rd 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 1st 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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On ANZAC Day, our school leaders respectfully laid a wreath to honour the courage and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand soldiers. Standing in silence, they represented our school with pride, acknowledging the enduring legacy of the ANZAC spirit - courage, mateship, and perseverance. Lest We Forget.



TFAZ Podcast – Created by Our Grade 6 Students!

Our talented Grade 6 students have been busy producing their very own podcast series – *TFAZ Podcast*! As part of the project, they've interviewed teachers and staff from across the school to bring you fun, insightful, and thoughtful episodes. It's a fantastic way to hear the voices of our students and learn more about the people who make our school special.

👉 Listen here: <https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/thps-podcasting/home>



Stephanie Dehgani

Assistant Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

Payments Due

Year 5 & 6 interschool sports due Friday 2nd May

Year 1 Wicked Weather Incursion due Wednesday 9th May

Year 5 Online Safety Incursion due Wednesday 9th May

Year 3 & 4 Camp deposit due Monday 12th May

RECONCILIATION CHOIR

Come and join our Reconciliation choir! Open to all students in grade 4 to 6. Meeting lunch times 1:00pm in Ms Scott's room (excluding Thursdays). This year we are learning "Solid Rock" through Reconciliation Australia. We will be recording our performance and submitting it to Voice's for Reconciliation. No need to sign up, simply warm up those vocal cords and come along!

See the link for more information <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/voices-for-reconciliation/>

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Thank you to all the students who purchased an Anzac Day badge – we raised a whopping \$763.15 which will go directly to the Anzac Day Appeal. Our Years 3 – 5 JSC reps and the Year 6 Leaders attended the local Manningham Anzac Day Service on Tuesday and by all accounts represented our school with great pride. A big thank you to Mrs Shalders and Ms Dehghani for accompanying our students.



During Term 2, the JSC will once again be supporting the Ajani Food Pantry Drive. We will begin to take donations of shelf-stable pantry essentials from Week 4, with further details to be released in next week's newsletter. We thank you in advance for your generous support for such a vital resource in our community.

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 sold will remain the same 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 attached and is also available from the office.

We look forward to serving you,

THPS Student Run Canteen Committee.



We need two more BBQ helpers in the 10am-12pm & 12pm-2pm time slots!! Can you help?

If so, please jump onto this link to register: <https://volunteersignup.org/FPDD9>

Mother's Day Morning Tea Celebration

Friday 9th of May, from 8am.

Please join us for Morning tea from 8am-8:45am, with open classroom from 8:45am-9am. Bring your children and enjoy a hot drink and a treat.

Dietary options will be available directly from the canteen window.

Have you ordered your child's gifts for the Mother's Day Stall?

All the details are included in the following 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.

Also, if you'd like to play shop with us from **9am-12ish** (or anytime you're free), or from **7:45am-8:15am** to help set up the stall in the multi-purpose room, please shoot through an email to thpspaf@gmail.com. We'd love to have you onboard.

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





2025
Mother's Day
STALL

\$5
per gift


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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.




LUNCHTIME CLUBS

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	

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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