



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 3

8th May 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



Mother's Day Stall and Sweet Treat

Friday 9th May 8am to 8.45 am



Thursday 8th May Year 3 & 4 Camp Information Evening

7pm online (webex 2654 362 6019)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Star Gazing Event

Last night the Astronomical Society of Victoria (ASV) set up nine big telescopes on our oval for our community to explore the night sky. Thankfully the cloud cover held off as the event drew a very large number of children, parents and carers. Attendees were able to view Jupiter (and four of its moons), Mars, our Moon as well as the many constellations.

Thank you to THPS parent Andrew (pictured)(4LZ) for organising this worthwhile event. Judging by the turnout of well over 100 people, we think this will become an annual event.



Cross Country Race

On Monday all students in year 3-6 competed in the school cross country event. There were plenty of red faces and smiles as the students ran laps of the neighbourhood course. The *All Abilities* race was also hugely successful, allowing everyone to participate on the day. Thank you to Jamie Buccilli and all the support from parents and carers on the day in making the event run (pardon the pun) so smoothly. Congratulations to the 60 students who have made it through to the District competition.

Mother's Day

Tomorrow our *Parents & Friends (P&F)* are hosting our Mother's Day breakfast from 8am, in the middle yard. Mums, Grandmothers and special adults can pick up their hot chocolate outside the multi-purpose kitchen window. Following on from 8:45-9:00am, students are encouraged to show their classrooms to their special guest. The P&F will also be running a Mother's Day stall where students can purchase gifts.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 2

Thursday 8 th May	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
Tuesday 13 th May	District Cross Country 12pm to 2.20pm – Ruffey Lake Park
Wednesday 14 th May	Foundation to 2 Cross Country
Thursday 15 th May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 16 th May	Year 5 Online Safety Incursion 5LS & 5SP Whole School Assembly (All Welcome)
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 1 Wicked Weather Incursion – 1RR, 1AS School Council AGM (Annual General Meeting) – 6.30pm
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 1 Wicked Weather Incursion 1SJ, 1KD 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
Monday 2 nd June	Foundation Online Safety Incursion FEV & FHA
Thursday 5 th June	Year 5 & 6 Winter Interschool Sports 1pm to 3pm
Friday 6 th June	Whole School Assembly (All Welcome)
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
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 (All Welcome)
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
Friday 4 th July	Last Day of Term 2

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday 26th May

Monday 3rd 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

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 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

Whole School Art Print Making Incursion due Monday 12th May

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS REMINDER AND ALLOCATION TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July.

To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the [SSB online system](#) and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step [System guide for parents and carers \(DOCX, 945KB\)](#) or watch this [School Saving Bonus video](#). [System guide translations](#) are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the [School Saving Bonus enquiry form](#)
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our administration team for any SSB related questions.

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 Voices 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/>

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	

MOANA UPDATE.

Dear THPS Community,

I hope you are all well. Moana the Guide Dog Pup is now 12 months of age.

She has been in and out of shops, big and small, travelled on trains, buses and trams, gone up and down open stairs and looked over the edge at the train station. All very big things for a young pup. In the meantime, she has been happy in the classroom of 3EJ and all of THPS, wooing visitors and having children learning to be calm around her.

Now it is time for her to leave us. On Monday, she goes off for assessment, to see if she makes the grade to go into Guide Dog Training proper.

Puppy Raising, as I do, is like primary and secondary school for pups, all mixed up. Guide Dog Training is like Guide Dog University. If Moana is successful, she will go on to train for 5 months and eventually be matched with a low-vision or blind person. It's amazing that a young pup can become a working dog by about the age of two or two-and-a-half.

There are other careers for pups that are reclassified out of training. They can go to work with someone with PTSD. They can become Therapy Dogs for those with chronic illnesses or they can become Companions for those who need them. Rarely, but sometimes, they go on to become Border Force dogs. Lastly, they can become Domiciliary Dogs, or pets.

Moana is a sweet dog. She loves affection and would sit on your lap with her legs round your neck, if she could. She loves to play and romp, like any pup. She tosses favourite toys, chews on toy bones, runs and jumps and loves to squeeze under my bed! However, when she is wearing her jacket, she knows it's time to work.

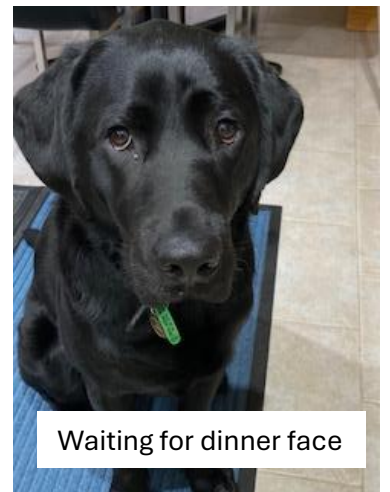
Again, as through all the years, I thank you for your support. I could not do this without Mr. Coulson, my colleagues and all of you.

With me, let's wish Moana well on her way. Best paws forwards, girl!

Kind regards and thank you to all of you.

Someone will be very grateful for our work and support.

Liz James.



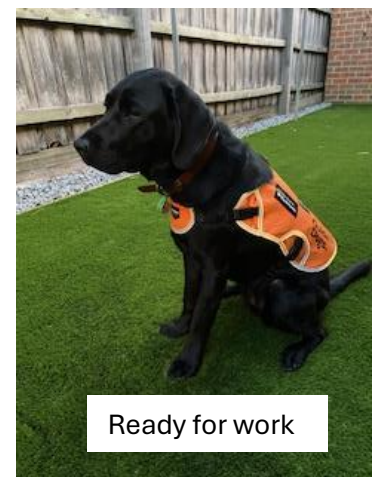
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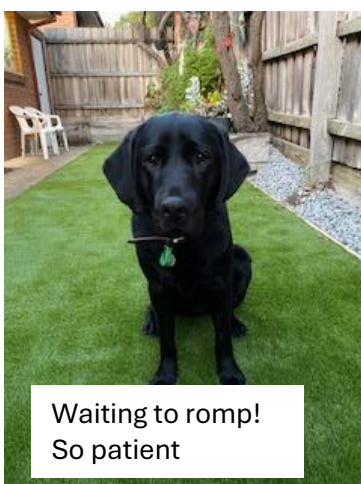
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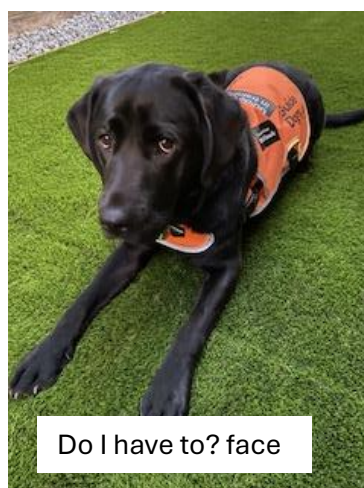
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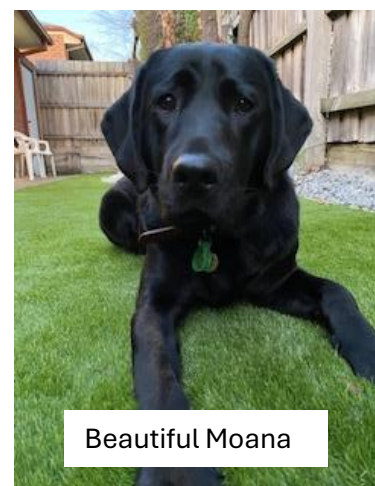
Ready for work



Waiting to romp!
So patient



Do I have to? face



Beautiful Moana

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2025!

On Monday afternoon, all Grade 3-6 students participated in the House Cross Country race, running either 1km, 2km or 3km depending on their age group. Long distance running is not easy, and I am so proud of all the students that gave it their best and completed the course. This year, we also offered an All Abilities course to ensure that every student had the opportunity to participate in a way that suited their needs. It was an amazing afternoon filled with sunny weather, exercise and school spirit. A huge thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers that assisted on the day and to our special guest Mr Veal who came to be the official starter of the races.

Good luck to our top 10 runners place getters who will be competing in the District Cross Country race at Ruffey Lake park next Tuesday afternoon.

Jaime Buccilli 😊







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.

Elisa and the P&F Team

THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page



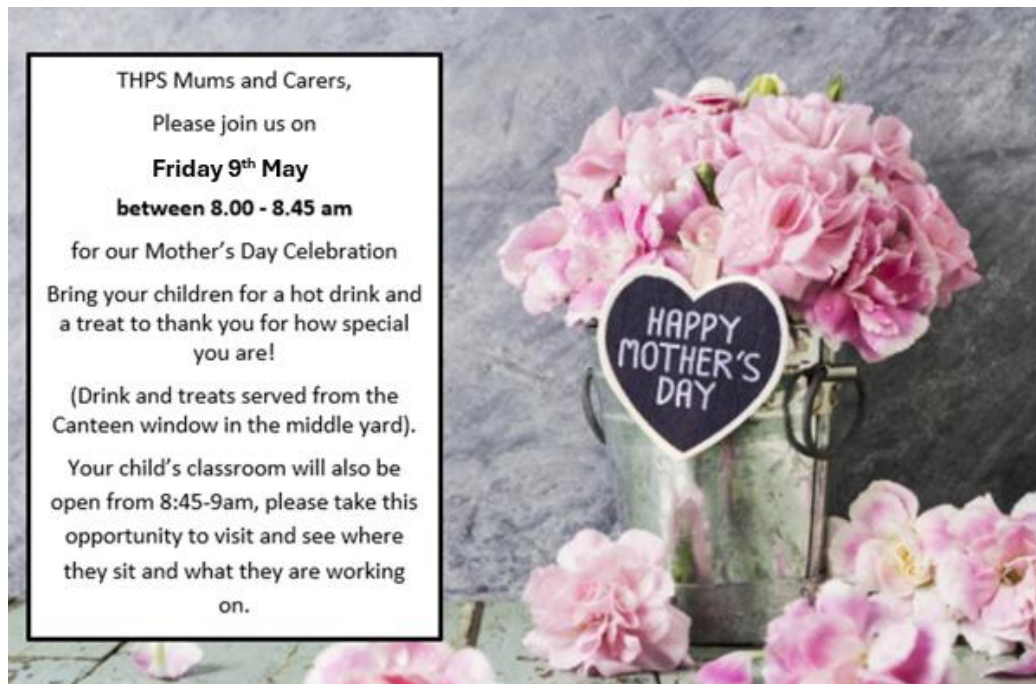
Don't forget to join the THPS Parents & Friends closed Facebook group by scanning the QR Code or by searching for the THPS Parents & Friends Community group. The joining process includes a few simple questions to answer.

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



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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