

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Monday 26th May – Pupil Free Day

(No School for Students)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pupil Free Day this Monday

On Monday we will be having a pupil-free day. During this time, THPS staff will be undertaking some professional learning. On this day the school will be closed.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to the 60 students who participated in our District Cross Country event. Please read Jaime Buccilli's report further along in our newsletter.

Respect

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday at lunch time our Librarian teacher Susan Bannister hosted our simultaneous Storytime event by reading *The Truck Cat*, authored by Deborah Frenkell and Danny Snell. Her story got beamed out live to all classrooms, you can see the recording by clinking on the link below:

https://vimeo.com/1080685762/d406433e62

When I Grow Up! Production Auditions

Students have been busily rehearsing their lines in readiness for the school production main cast auditions. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of adults they know, singing and repeating lines in an animated way. Thanks to Jessie Wenborn, Julianna Alexeev, Jaime Buccilli, Cath Shalders, Lara Zubic-Vette and Karen Woods for their organisation of this process.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On Thursday night we hosted our AGM. During this event we presented our 2024 Annual Report to the Community, which gives a narrative of how our school performed against its key performance indicators. To read the report, **please click here.**

Rhys Coulson Principal





Primary School 9850 1796

22nd May 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 2				
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 & FSM			
Thursday 12 th June	Weird and Wacky Dress Up Day- GOLD COIN DONATION			
	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	e 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 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	erm 4Monday 6th October to Friday 19th 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 3 & 4 Mt Evelyn Camp 1st instalment due Wednesday 28th May.

First Aid News

Please ensure that students have a spare pair of pants and underwear in their school bag to quickly change into should they have an accident at school.

Student Living Arrangements Update

From time to time, family circumstances change. Please ensure you update the school about any new living arrangements via email at <u>templestowe. heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u>

Lost Property

There are a large number of unnamed items in our lost property tub. Please ensure all items bought 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 week will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Have you walked past the library this week and wondered what a B-Double tri-axle truck is doing there?

On Wednesday, our school participated in the 25th anniversary of National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). Our library captains Freddy and Chloe hosted the event via Webex, and Mrs. Bannister read *The Truck Cat* to the entire school.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres and bookshops, around the country. NSS aims to support

children's literacy by encouraging reading in a fun, community event.

This week in library students have created cat crowns, cracked codes, coloured pixel art and collated a collection of books about cats and trucks to celebrate.



Susan Bannister

Teacher Librarian



YEAR 5 ELECTION

Last week the Year 5 students held a general election to elect a new school leader. This was to demonstrate the system by which Australia democratically elects representatives, via preferential voting.

Students were required to check they were voting in the appropriate electorate (Philp, Spencer or Woods) and were questioned as to whether they had already voted. They were asked to consider the characteristics and qualities of the candidates as they made their selection from Buzz Lightyear, Barbie, Ariel, Nemo, Ada Amith and Mike Wazowski. Then they filled out their ballots and placed them in the sealed box.

The votes were then counted under a document camera for full transparency and were redistributed as appropriate, until we had a candidate who had gained more than 50% of the vote.

Though Nemo made a late dash, Mr Coulson was, for the second year in a row, unseated by Mike Wazowski from Monsters Inc. as our new school leader.

LIVING & LEARNING AT AJANI – FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

The JSC are once again participating in the Ajani Food Drive this year! We are asking for donations of shelf-stable foods as listed on the poster below. Any donations can be brought in and dropped off at collection points in the office, Year 3 learning space, Year 1 learning space and Building D. We are accepting donations right up until Friday 13th June.



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	

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Last Tuesday we had a beautiful sunny afternoon for our District Cross Country race at Ruffey Lake Park. 58 grade 4-6 students representing THPS attended. A huge congratulations to Michael, Zia, Elvis, Chloe, Lilly, Cecilia, Olive and Nathaniel who now proceed onto Division Cross Country in early June. A special shout out to the 10 year old girls group who overcame challenges and showed huge resilience when faced with running their race (again) on Wednesday morning. Jaime Buccilli 😌





As we progress through each year, finding support for Parents and Friends events has become increasingly challenging, reflecting the busier lives we all lead. In light of this, P&F has decided to focus on events for the children rather than those primarily engaging parents and carers. As a result, our Trivia Night will not be going ahead.

Our next scheduled event on the P&F Calendar is the School Disco, which will be held on Friday, August 8th.

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 <u>https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/</u>

A_current WWCC is essential, and a copy will need to be supplied to the office









THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

Hello TheirCare families, we hope you are having a fantastic Term 2, as are we in Before and After School Care!

Pupil Free Day - We will be open for the upcoming pupil free day on Monday the 26th of May. Please ensure you are booked in, as we currently have very limited spaces available.

Holiday Program is fast approaching and will be open for bookings this Friday (21/05). Please book in early to avoid disappointment, as we have been booking out very quickly!! Bookings will ONLY be available to Templestowe families first, and then ope to surrounding schools at a later date.

Capacity Limits - We appreciate all families patience as we are trying to accommodate with the unprecedented increase in children attending the service. We are currently in the process of increasing our capacity limits to hopefully reduce our waitlist, and will keep you updated when we receive further information.

Waitlist Process- For our Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday ASC sessions for the remainder of the term we are fully booked. If you are on the waitlist and your child gets added into the session, you will be received via email. If you have NOT received an email/notification by <u>1pm</u>, you will unfortunately need to make alternative arrangements. If you are on the waitlist it will appear on fully booked as a red box, with a small portion of green in the upper right corner. Only once the box is fully green, does this mean your child has been added to the session.

Lost Property - As we approach Winter, we understand many of your children have already lost their jumpers/jackets. Please check our blue lost property bag located inside the service before you leave. If they have been at the service we do take all Lost Property to the office as well.



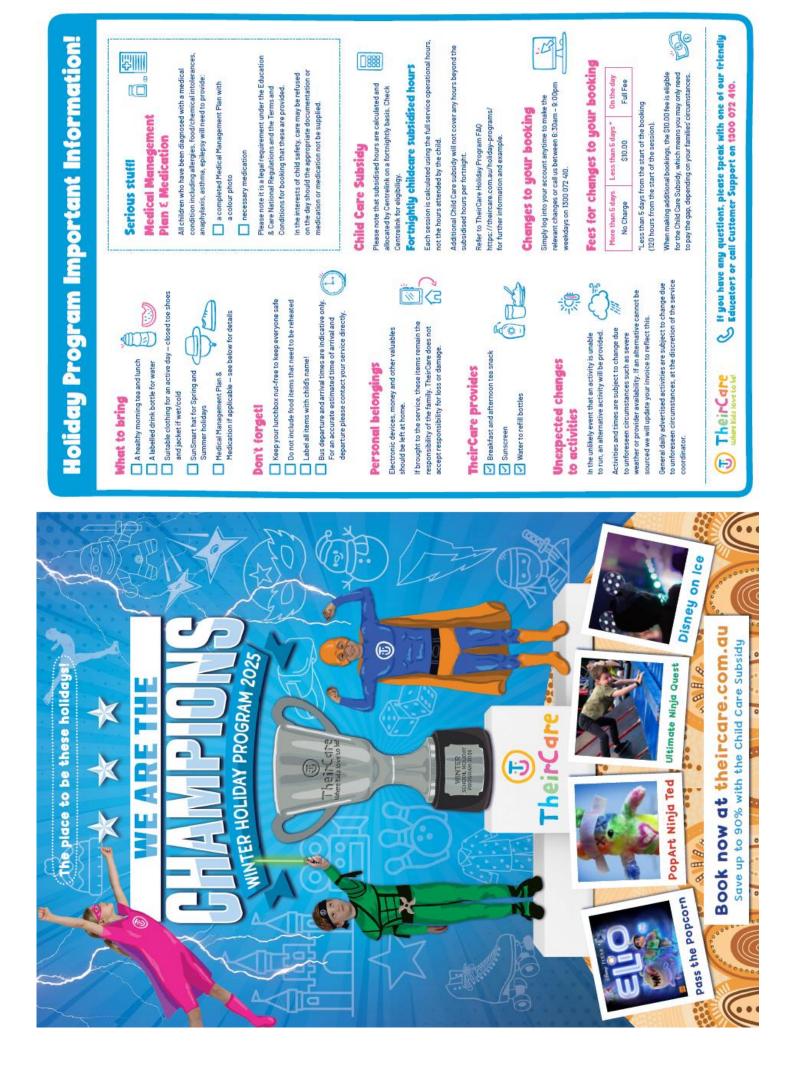
I would like to give a warm welcome to our newest Educator - Tayla

Tayla has been a great addition to our Templestowe TheirCare team, and has been dedicated to building a strong relationship with all children and their families. Tayla has had prior experience working within an education setting, and is currently undertaking a Bachelor of Education (Primary). In her spare time Tayla enjoys running, attending the gym, spending time with friends and family and playing netball. If you are in the service, please don't hesitate to say hi to Tayla!



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Location 276-300 High 8
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There are : 2 types : of Child Care Payments.

. Child Care Subsidy

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The **amount you can get** depends on:

- your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do •

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This is extra support for some families including:

- grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- **3** those experiencing temporary hardship



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Group Game!

