

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 9

19th June 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Year 3 & 4 Mt Evelyn Camp

Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th June



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cutting the Fluff

A few weeks ago, Templestowe Heights Primary School was featured in *The Age* newspaper for something we're incredibly proud of—our approach to teaching maths!

Back when we were all navigating remote learning during lockdown, our teachers had to get creative. With students learning from kitchen tables and behind screens, we quickly learned that we needed to teach differently. Here's what worked:

- We kept things simple (cut the fluff!) and focused to hold our students' attention.
- We broke down lessons into smaller, manageable steps.
- We checked in regularly to make sure students really understood each part before moving on.



Since then, we've built a strong and structured maths program that gives our students the best chance to succeed. A recent report from The Grattan Institute, *The Maths Guarantee*, highlights a concerning drop in maths performance across Australia. It also recommends the very same teaching approach we use at THPS - clear, step-by-step, and consistent instruction.

At THPS, we've mapped out exactly what maths skills and knowledge we want students to develop from Foundation through to Year 6. We now know that real learning happens when students can remember and apply knowledge over time. So we revisit key concepts regularly, giving students lots of chances to practise and master them. This helps the learning really "stick."

And the results? We've seen amazing growth in our students - not just in their maths results, but in their confidence and mindset too. When students feel capable in maths (and reading), they're less anxious, more motivated, and more ready to tackle new challenges. It's a win for their academic growth *and* their wellbeing.

Of course, we know a great education is more than just good test scores. Our ultimate goal is to equip our students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need for high school and beyond.

We're honoured that over 200 school leadership teams from around the state have visited THPS in the past 18 months to learn from our teaching model. On some Fridays, we have up to 30 visitors in classrooms, watching our teachers in action and speaking with our amazing students.

We're so proud of our dedicated teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to give every child the best possible education. And we're thankful to our leadership team for setting the bar high and continuously building professional knowledge that has equipped our education support staff and teachers with the knowledge to make a difference to all students.

Italian Incursion

Yesterday we had the musical performers 'Che Banda' visit our students for an entertaining performance. Italian singing, dancing and comedy were the theme of the sessions as the children were engaged throughout. During lunch play the three performers performed out in the middle yard, singing and playing musical instruments, perhaps this could be a daily thing? Thank you to Dina Velona for organising this memorable event.

Year 3/4 Campers

On Monday our year 3/4 students will be embarking on a 3 day and 2 night camp to Mt Evelyn. For many children this will be the first time away from home, so there will be a mixture of nerves and excitement. Planning for this experience has been huge, a big thank you to Renee Rooimans for leading this and all the staff, parents and carers who will be giving up their time to make this such a memorable occasion.

Work Experience

As part of the year 10 curriculum and careers counsellors, year 10 students are encouraged to undertake a career-based work placement. Next week we have three ex-students; Chloe, Aryan and Foti who will be undertaking work experience at THPS. It will be great to see them return to where it all began!

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025	
Term 2	
Monday 23 rd June	Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program (5KW, 6SM, 6CS)
Monday 23 rd to Wed 25 th June	Year 3 & 4 Camp – Mt Evelyn
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program (6BW, 5LS, 5SP) Year 5 Online Safety Incursion 5KW
Friday 27 th June	Foundation Myuna Farm Excursion Year 5 & 6 Footy Round Whole School Assembly – 2.45pm Gym - All Welcome
Monday 30 th June	Year 5 Parliament Incursion Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program (5KW, 6SM, 6CS)
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 5 & 6 Living & Growing Program (6BW, 5LS, 5SP)
Friday 4 th July	Whole School Assembly 1.45pm -Gym All Welcome Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm Dismissal
Term 3	
Monday 21 st July	Term 3 begins
Thursday 24 th July	Year 4 Online Safety
Friday 25 th July	Whole School Assembly – 2.45 - Gym - All Welcome Foundation 100 Days of School Celebration
Wednesday 6 th August	Year 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival
Friday 8 th August	SCHOOL DISCO
Tuesday 12 th August	Year 2 Online Safety
Wednesday 13 th August	JSC/Enviroments Leaders Photo Day
Friday 15 th August	Foundation Wildlife Incursion Whole School Assembly – 2.45pm – Gym - All Welcome
Tuesday 19 th August	Year 2 Warrandyte Excursion
Friday 22 nd August	Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
Tuesday 2 nd September	District Athletics – Selected Students Only
Wednesday 3 rd September	SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Friday 5 th September	Whole School Assembly – 2.45 pm Gym – All welcome
Tuesday 9 th September	Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 Author Visit ‘Lucina Gilfford’
Friday 19 th September	Term 3 Ends 2.30pm Dismissal
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 3 rd November	
2025 TERM DATES	
Term 2	Ends 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

Enrolments for Foundation 2026 **close on Friday 25th July**. 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.

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 templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

NEW LUNCH DELIVERY PROVIDER STARTING TUESDAYS – TERM 3

Starting in term 3 we will be trailing a new lunch delivery provider for Tuesdays’ lunches called **T K Tuckshop**. To start using this service families will need to download the Spriggy Schools App and set up an account. More information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Our current lunch delivery provider **Classroom Cuisine** will continue to service our school on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Do you know about the school’s second-hand uniform shop?



Located near the school office, the second-hand uniform shop is a great way to replenish uniforms on a budget! We have clothing available from size 4 to 16 - with a lot of clothing in sizes 12 and 14 (which is particularly good when you have a student in year six and don’t want to purchase a whole new uniform with only half the year left!)

For official/logo items (jumpers, jackets, dresses, school bags etc) the price is \$5 per piece, and for non-logo items (shorts, skorts, track pants etc) the price is \$2 per piece.

If you have uniform items at home that you no longer require, you can donate them by bringing them to the front office. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition – would you buy the item in its current condition? Please note: we only accept t-shirts, jumpers and jackets with the school logo, not generic items.

The uniform shop is available for browsing most afternoons – unless there are meetings in the room next door – so please check with staff before going into the room

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	



Italian Incursion

On Wednesday the 18th of June we were entertained by the musical trio Che Banda who shared with us their travels through Italy. The talented performers introduced our students to some Italian language, song and cultural dance. The students listened to the band as they played their instruments and participated by singing along and dancing the Tarantella, a traditional Italian folk dance. The students enjoyed the performance and participated with enthusiasm.

Signora Velonà



THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

JUNE
2025



A PEAK INTO NEXT WEEK

THEME: INSECT WEEK

Next week, in Before and After School Care, we are celebrating insect week, with various craft/outside activities!

Don't forget to come join us for Wednesday's Pancake Day :)

REMINDERS -

Lost Property -

Please make sure to check our lost property bag for missing jackets/jumpers. Alternatively, uniform may be at the school office.

Holiday Program Bookings -

We are currently fully booked for our upcoming holiday program. We greatly appreciate the growing interest in our service, and are continuing to work towards increasing capacity limits. For alternative TheirCare holiday programs, we highly recommend Doncaster Gardens Primary School & Greythorn Primary School. Please speak to our friendly educators for further details on how you can enrol your child.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Whilst the weather may be colder, we are still prioritising our outside time for all our kids who love the outdoors!



Teddy and Jayden taking initiative to tidy the school yard - great work!



Our soccer game led by educator Sam. Messi and Ronaldo's in the making!

Coordinators Address

A big thank you to all TheirCare families for allowing us to provide a successful term program. We look forward to delivering another new and exciting holiday program! I will be on leave from the 27/06 - 8/07. Your children will be in the trusted hands of Luke, who will be the designated Responsible Person. Luke is very familiar and experienced with all TheirCare-related processes. For all other inquiries, please don't hesitate to contact our Head Office - 1300 072 410.



Upcoming

- **Holiday Program: 7th of July - 18th of July**
- **2:30pm start of the last day of term after school care session**

TIMES

Before School: 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM
After School: 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Holidays: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack.

Main Course Menu

SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided

	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75

RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)

Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45

BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!

Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65

PIZZA & GOZLEME Served at Room Temp

Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Samosa Pastizzi (2) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pita Pizza (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Vegetarian Pizza (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45

SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS

Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (M)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95

SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG

Steamed Corn Wheels, Broccoli & Carrot (GF, Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Tortellini Pasta Salad (M)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Mexican Inspired Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95

GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS

GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95
GF Wrap - Garden Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95

Snack/Drink Menu

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	+\$1.00
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+\$1.00

BAKERY - SWEET

Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Fruit Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF)	+\$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	+\$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+\$1.00
Banana Slice (GF)	+\$1.00

SUSHI

1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+\$1.00
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POPCORN

Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Lightly Salted	Included

DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES

Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+\$1.00

DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES

Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00

YOGHURTS / BOWLS

Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	+\$1.00
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+\$1.00

DRINKS

Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
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Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Full Cream Milk	Included



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