



Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 3 Week 4

14th August 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Friday 15th August Whole School Badge Presentation Assembly
2.45pm All Welcome

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Disco Dancing!

On Friday night there were plenty of children (and adults) busting moves in the gym for our annual school disco event. This event was run by our wonderful *Parents & Friends* team, led by Elisa (Amelia, 4RR), Erik, DJ-Jay and many parent and carer helpers. If they didn't at the start of the night, by the end everyone was familiar with the song K-pop *Demon hunters*. My ears are still ringing!



Whole School Assembly

This Friday we are hosting a whole-school assembly. Students who were elected for semester two student voice leadership positions (JSC and Enviro) will receive their badges during the assembly. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

Southeast Melbourne Phoenix

On Tuesday, Jaime Buccilli hosted players from the NBL team Southeast Melbourne Phoenix. It provided our students with an opportunity to participate in basketball clinics during our PE lessons. Meeting some of the players made me realise how short I am!

Hats on

Hats on Day begins on Monday 18th August. As part of our Sunsmart policy, hats are worn outdoors between mid-August to the end of April. This is because the UV-rating of 3 and above commences at this time of year, which is at a level that can damage our skin. If your child has “misplaced” their hat, you can purchase them at the school office, at the PSW uniform shop or order them online.

Rhys Coulson

Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 3

Friday 15 th August	Foundation Wildlife Incursion Year 3 -6 Downball Tournament Whole School Badge Presentation Assembly 2.45pm – Gym - All Welcome
Tuesday 19 th August	Year 2 Manningham Excursion
Friday 22 nd August	Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th August	F to Year 5 Art Incursion Ceramics
Wednesday 3 rd September	SCHOOL PRODUCTION Rehearsal and Performance
Thursday 4 th September	District Athletics – (Selected students only)
Friday 5 th September	Father's Day Morning Treat and Stall Whole School Assembly – 2.45 pm Gym – All welcome
Monday 8 th September	Year 4, 5 & 6 - Author visit 'Nova Weetman'
Tuesday 9 th September	Foundation, Year 1, 2, & 3 Author Visit 'Lucinda Gifford'
Wednesday 10 th September	BOOK WEEK – Dress Up Day
Monday 15 th September	Year 4 Schramms Cottage Excursion
Wednesday 17 th September	Year 3 Walking Excursion – Federation Square
Friday 19 th September	Whole School Assembly 1.30pm – Gym All Welcome Term 3 Ends 2.30pm Dismissal
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Monday 3 rd November	
2025 TERM DATES	
Term 3	Last Day - Friday 19 th September
Term 4	Monday 6 th October to Friday 19 th December

THE LEARNING LENS SERIES

Issue 4: Why We Teach Explicitly

Click on the [link](#) to read previous articles.

At THPS, we use a teaching approach called **explicit instruction**. It's how we make sure every child (regardless of background, ability, or prior knowledge) has access to high-quality learning, every day.

Put simply, explicit instruction means we teach things *directly and deliberately*, not by assumption or discovery. Especially when a concept is new, complex, or foundational, we don't leave learning to chance.

It looks like this:

- Breaking learning down into manageable steps
- Clearly explaining and modelling each step
- Practising together before expecting independence
- Checking for understanding constantly, not just at the end

This approach is backed by decades of research. We know it works, not just for some students, but for all. In fact, **students who struggle benefit the most** from clear, structured teaching. But even expert learners thrive when expectations are clear and success is achievable.

Next week, we'll share how this approach shapes the way we teach reading, starting with phonics, decoding, and early success.

Stephanie Dehghani

Assistant Principal



FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

Year 1 Melbourne Museum - \$20.50 due Friday 15th August

Foundation to Year 5 Art Ceramics Incursion - \$5.50 due Friday 15th August

Year 3 to 6 Production Rehearsal - \$18 due Friday 22nd August

District Athletics(selected students) - \$15 due Wednesday 27th August

2025 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025**.

A random sample of parents / caregivers / guardians have been selected to participate in this year's survey. These families will be contacted via Compass with the login details.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are excited to welcome two fantastic authors to our school this term – a wonderful opportunity to inspire and engage our young readers.

Nova Weetman will be speaking with **Years 4–6 on Monday, September 8th**. Nova writes engaging stories that explore real-life themes, and will share information about her writing process, and how she develops a character.

Lucinda Gifford will be visiting **Foundation to Year 3 on Tuesday, September 9th**. Lucinda has illustrated over 40 books, many of which she has also written. Her sessions are full of fun, creativity, and storytelling magic.

If you wish to pre-purchase books for signing on the day – please see the attached PDF for further information.

We are looking forward to celebrating these special events with our students.

Susan Bannister

Teacher Librarian

NOVA WEETMAN IS VISITING OUR SCHOOL!

On 8th September Nova will be visiting our school to talk to students about reading and writing. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the practices of professional authors and how they write the interesting and engaging stories we love.



Students have the opportunity to pre-purchase books for signing on the day!



To order Nova's books please scan the QR CODE or [click here](#)

All orders must be completed by 6th August to receive the books to be signed on the day of Nova's visit.

Please note: Orders after this date will arrive to the school after the visit and will NOT be signed.



LUCINDA GIFFORD IS VISITING OUR SCHOOL!

On 9th September Lucinda will be visiting our school to talk to students about reading and writing. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the practices of professional authors and how they write the interesting and engaging stories we love.



Students have the opportunity to pre-purchase books for signing on the day!



To order Lucinda's books please scan the QR CODE or [click here](#)

All orders must be completed by 26th August to receive the books to be signed on the day of Lucinda's visit.

Please note: Orders after this date will arrive to the school after the visit and will NOT be signed.



S.E. MELBOURNE PHOENIX

On Tuesday, coaches from the South East Melbourne Phoenix NBL basketball team came to THPS to run clinics for the Grade 3-6 students. F-2 students were invited to the gym at lunchtime to have some time to play basketball and receive a jersey. After lunch we were surprised with a visit from SEM Phoenix players Jordi Hunter and Nathan Sobey! Students had the best time practising their basketball skills, as well as learning the importance of listening, communication and teamwork. 😊 Ms Jaime Buccilli





THPS SCHOOL DISCO – What a wonderful night!!!

Thank you to our super cool DJ - Jay from **JayEss Events** who did his upmost best to play all of the songs requested (there were hundreds!) and to Tim Herbert and Erik Westein, two of our parents, who donated their time for Photography and Photo Booth.

Information about accessing Tim and Erik's amazing photos will come out tomorrow.

Thank you also to all the wonderful parents/carers who helped us manage the 370 disco attendees that joined in on Friday night.

A special thank you goes to **Emma, Michelle, Charlotte, Amy, Bec, Sheree, Melissah, Sam, Chantelle, Jenny, Michael, Ruth, Lu, Lauren, Johnny, Ash, Michelle, Louise, Dionne**, for volunteering their time, prior, during and after the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

NEXT UP OF THE P&F CALENDAR.....

Father's Day Morning Treat & Stall on Friday 5th of September!

All the details will be sent out next week.

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




Ajani Neighbourhood House

Father's Day Sweet Pack Cooking Class

Join this fun hands-on cooking session where kids can create a delicious gift box of treats to celebrate Dad or a special person in their life. This is perfect for parents and kids (ages 6+), families, or anyone making treats for Father's Day. Children under 15 to be accompanied by an adult.

Under the supervision of a qualified instructor, the day includes simple hands-on cooking, decorating treats, creating hand made and personalised packaging and recipe cards and gift label for the sweet packs.

Saturday 6 September
10am - 12.30pm

Cost: \$55 per child



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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	

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