

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

21st August 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Down Ball

On any given recess or lunch play time, you will find every one of our eight four-square courts abuzz with students enthusiastically competing against one another for King supremacy. Down-ball is a game that transcends generations, played on many different surfaces, each school with slightly different rules, but each competitor having the same goal- being victorious against their opponents.



On Friday, 48 students represented our school in the state Down Ball tournament. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to compete in something they are passionate about and have a lot of fun doing so. We won the award for the team with the "Best Vibe." A massive thank you to Jaime Buccilli and Steph McNabb for supporting this event. Please read Ms Buccilli's report further on in this newsletter.

Australian Animals

As part of their core knowledge curriculum, our Foundation students have been learning about Australian Animals. There were mixed emotions when an 8-foot python visited us and slithered its way around the multi-purpose room. Of course, there were many other Australian animals that were cuddlier than the students could hold during their incursion. Thank you to the Foundation team for organising this event for the students, and for making some of our fears become a reality.



Manningham Excursion

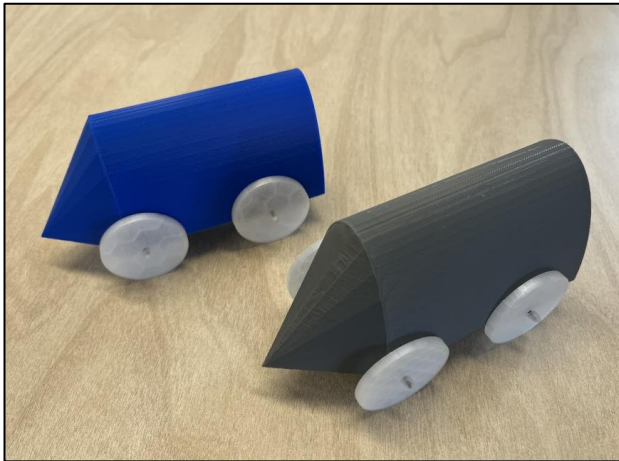
On Tuesday our year 2 students had an excursion to Pound Bend, Warrandyte Historical Museum. This was to support their recent learning from their *Community and Place* core knowledge curriculum. The students learnt about indigenous culture and connections to country. Thank you to the year 2 team for planning this day as well as our parents and carers who volunteered their time to come along.

Policies Update

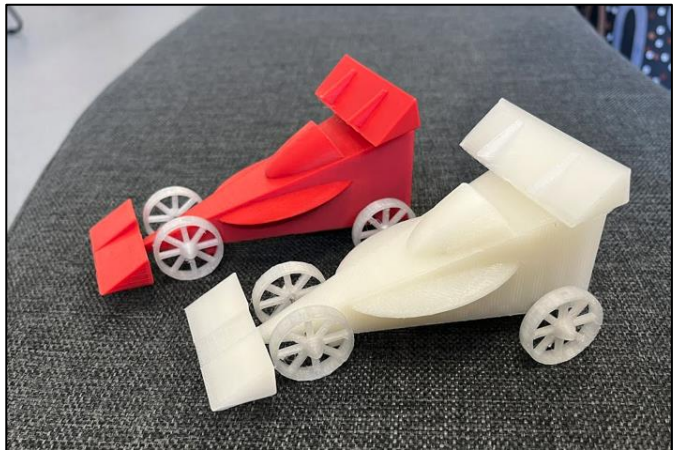
School Council ratified four policies (*Attendance, Child Safety Code of Conduct, Child Safety Responding & Reporting Obligations and Dogs at School*) at our August meeting. To view these recent policies, please visit our school website or [click here](#)

3D Print-a-Car

Today some of our year 5/6 students were able to participate in the *Quantum 3D Print A Car* competition. Our selected students spent countless hours under the tutelage of Ross Toogood, as they designed, tested, modified and documented their engineering journey of creating a car using 3D printing that would race down a speedway. What an amazing experience, we are very proud of our rev-heads!



Team Cretaceous Corn:
Lachlan and Aleks



Team Feral Phantoms:
William, Austin, Ryan M & Arnav

Hoop Time

Yesterday three teams representing Templestowe Heights Primary School, participated in the Junior Hoop Time competition. Grade 3 boys, Matthew, Ashton, Archie, Aiden, Max and Dion entered the Future Stars Mixed competition (Grade 3 & 4 boys and girls) and were coached by Tom Paterson and Hamish Rowe. The boys went undefeated in all six games played, winning the Grand Final 26 to 14 against some tough competition.

Grade 3 girls, Sophie, Ruby, Olive, Amelia, Aria, Erin and Chelsea entered the Future Stars Girls competition (Grade 3 & 4 girls) and were coached by Andrew Dolezal. The girls also went undefeated in all five games played, taking out the Grand Final, 14 to 4.

Grade 4 boys, Ben, Louis, Max, Elwood, Caleb and Nathaniel entered the All-Stars Boys competition (Grade 3 & 4 boys, including VJBL players) and were coached by Brian Nasr. The boys played amazing, making it all the way to the Grand Final. They were behind by 1 point in the Grand Final, with 6 seconds to go. Louis Nasr sunk two free throws and ultimately sealed victory for the boys (18 to 17)! All teams now move onto the regional division of Hoop Time.



Rhys Coulson
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 3

Friday 22 nd August	Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th August	F to Year 4 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

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

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

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

(Payments can be made online via BPay or in person using card or cash.)

Family Contact Details



Have you moved house or changed contact details?

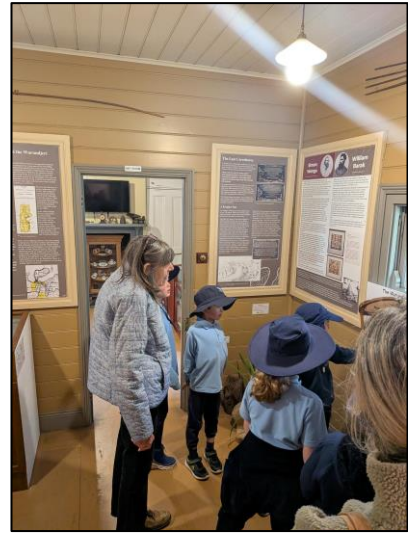


It is important that we have your most current contact details in our system in case of an emergency. It is also important that you keep your mobile phone number, home address and email address details up to date. This is to ensure you do not miss out on vital information including student attendance alerts. Please find the change of details form attached to this Compass notification. Complete the required changes and return this form to the school office or via email at:

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

Year 2 Excursion - Pound Bend

This week the grade 2 students went on an excursion to Pound Bend and Warrandyde Historical Society. They were consolidating their knowledge of the history of Manningham, exploring the Wurundjeri Trail, sketching the past and present of dredging for gold and engaging in talks by local volunteers at the museum. Students were keen to demonstrate their knowledge throughout the day, excitedly connecting ideas learnt in the classroom to the community around them. At the end of the day, students respectfully enjoyed the public playground, so much so that people from the public commented on how polite they were! Overall, a beautiful day in the sun.



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.



Down ball Tournament 2025

Last Friday, 48 Down ball (a.k.a Four Square) enthusiasts from THPS competed in the Victorian down ball Tournament at Mullum Mullum stadium. The students had the best time playing their favourite game with their friends, meeting students from other schools and cheering each other on. Whilst we didn't come home with the title, we did win the 'down ball Vibes' award for the best down ball spirit and sportsmanship! A big thank you to Miss McNabb, Amy and Willow for their help on the day. 😊 Ms Jaime Buccilli





And just like that Father's Day is here!!

Father's Day Morning Celebration

Please join us for Morning treat on **Friday 5th of September**, from **8am-8:45am** in the **multipurpose room**, with classrooms open from **8:45am-9am**.

Bring your children and enjoy a hot drink and a treat.

Father's Day Stall Orders Open

Families can now start ordering their Father's Day gifts via try booking.

All the details are included in the following flyer, as well as the **QR code and the link** to purchase your child's gifts.

Order close Thursday 4th September at 10am.

Also, if you'd like to play shop with us on Friday 5th from **9am-12ish** (or anytime you're free), or the day before to help set up from **2:30pm-3:45pm** 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.

And lastly, an enormous thank you to **Helen Gaziz (Estelle 1KD)** for designing all our wonderful P&F flyers!

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://wwwcv.auspost.com.au/>

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





FATHER'S DAY STALL 2025



Templestowe Heights
PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$5
per gift

Friday 5th September. This is an opportunity for the children to shop secretly for Dad, Grandfather or another special person. The kids really enjoy the independence this activity offers, and they put a lot of thought into choosing a gift they hope you'll love.

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/DEQMF>

Orders close Thursday 4th September, at 10am, 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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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PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLINICS
FREE TRIAL SESSION @ BULLEEN BOOMERS!

Bulleen Boomers visited your school recently!
All students participated in basketball clinics and had a ball (pun intended!)

Did you know that Bulleen Boomers have several different programs for all different ages and abilities, starting from 3 years of age? We would love to offer you a FREE session to one of our programs!

Please scan the QR code to access a FREE session or contact Jen at: communityofficer@bulleenboomers.com.au

Ready to join a team?
Please turn over the page to register for our next Junior Domestic season!

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For more information on our primary school programs contact Jen at communityofficer@bulleenboomers.com.au

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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