



## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

## Year 3 to 6 School Production

### 'WHEN I GROW UP'

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (purchase tickets now)**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome Pre-Service Teachers

We would like to welcome our pre-service teachers to Templestowe Heights Primary who are all studying Bachelor of Education Degrees, in readiness to become qualified primary school teachers. Welcome Kathy (1SJ), Dani (5SP), Elizabeth (3JA) and Alexandra (FJR). Undertaking placements is where the 'real' learning happens and we look forward to seeing you all grow your knowledge in effectively planning and teaching lessons.



### School Production

This coming Wednesday night students in years 3-6 will be performing in our school production – *When I Grow Up* at The Besen Centre. Castings, script reading, rehearsals and plenty of tears have been ongoing since the end of term 2. Week by week, the pieces have been coming together, and we are really looking forward to seeing students up on stage in front of a large audience.

If you would like to come and watch our amazing students perform tickets can be purchased via [trybooking](#) or scan the QR code.



### Year 1 Excursion

On Friday our Year 1 students visited the Melbourne Museum as part of their core knowledge curriculum unit - *Culture and Community*. From all reports the students had a positive experience as they made connections to what they had been learning about in class. Thank you to the Year 1 team, as well as the parents and carers who supported this day.



**Rhys Coulson**  
Principal

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

## Term 3

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	SCHOOL PRODUCTION Rehearsal and Performance
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	District Athletics – (Selected students only)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Father's Day Morning Treat and Stall Whole School Assembly – 2.45 pm Gym – All welcome
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4, 5 & 6 - Author visit 'Nova Weetman'
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Foundation, Year 1, 2, & 3 Author Visit 'Lucinda Gifford'
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	BOOK WEEK – Dress Up Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Schramms Cottage Excursion
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Walking Excursion – Federation Square
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Assembly 1.30pm – Gym All Welcome Term 3 Ends 2.30pm Dismissal

## PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

## 2025 TERM DATES

Term 3	Last Day - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December

## THE LEARNING LENS SERIES

### Issue 5: How We Teach Reading – Systematic Synthetic Phonics

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

Learning to read isn't something children just "pick up". It is a complex skill that must be taught with precision and structure.

At THPS, we use an approach called Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) to teach early reading. This method is backed by decades of international research and is proven to be the most effective way to teach all children to read, especially those who may struggle.

Here's what that looks like in our classrooms:

- We teach letter-sound relationships in a clear, planned sequence
- Students learn to blend these sounds to decode unfamiliar words
- Skills are practised every day through short, focused, and engaging lessons

It's not about guessing from pictures or first letters. It's about equipping every student with the tools to crack the alphabetic code.

SSP helps students build fluency from the ground up. That fluency is what frees them to understand what they are reading.

This structured approach doesn't just support early success, it prevents reading failure. And that's what all students deserve.

Next week, we'll share how we *build knowledge and vocabulary alongside decoding* because phonics is the starting point, but never the end goal.

**Stephanie Deghani**

**Assistant Principal**



## FROM THE OFFICE

### Payments

Year 3 Melbourne Walking Excursion - \$33 - Due Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 Schramms Cottage Excursion - \$10 due Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

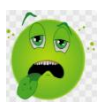
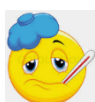
*(Payments can be made online via BPay or in person using card or cash.)*

## LUNCH ORDER PROVIDERS- TK TUCKSHOP AND CLASSROOM CUISINE

On Tuesdays **TK Tuckshop** provides a lunch delivery service to our school. Families can use this service by downloading the Spriggy Schools App and set up an account. <https://www.tktuckshop.com.au/>

Our other lunch delivery provider **Classroom Cuisine** services our school on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This service can be accessed by creating an account at <https://classroomcuisine.com.au/>

## FIRST AID UPDATE



Unwell students must stay home.

In recent weeks we have had a number of students who are coming to school unwell. If your child presents with cold or flu like symptoms, headaches, sore tummies and is not generally feeling well please keep them home until all symptoms have ceased. Everyone needs to do their bit to keep our school community safe.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our secondhand uniform shop is open every afternoon from 3pm to 3.45pm. All tops and dresses \$5, all bottoms \$2, School bags, hats and satchels \$5.

## 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	

## 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.

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.



### 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.



**Only one week to go!**

**A reminder to purchase your child's gifts for the  
Father's Day Stall!**

All the details are included in the following flyer.

We are again looking for volunteers who would like to help at the stall on Friday 5th from **9am-12ish** (or anytime you're free). Please shoot through an email to [thpspaf@gmail.com](mailto:thpspaf@gmail.com). We'd love to have you onboard.

**Please also mark the Father's Day Morning Treat Celebration in your calendars!**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of September**, from **8am-8:45am**, with open classrooms from **8:45am-9am**.

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

**Elisa and the P&F Team**

**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





# 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.



# THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER



AUGUST  
2025



## A PEAK INTO NEXT WEEK

### THEME: LEGO MASTERS

Next week, in Before and After School Care, we are putting our construction skills to the test with a range of lego-based activities!

### 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 -

Our Holiday Program is currently fully booked, and awaiting more spaces to be released in the upcoming week. We appreciate your patience, and remind parents to check bookings to make sure everything is correct. A reminder for parents/carers to make sure the booking box displays as green, when your child is booked into the session, additionally, with multiple children to check that both children are booked in.

#### BSC and ASC bookings -

A reminder for parents on the waitlist for any sessions, to ensure you check your emails, as you will receive a booking confirmation of your child is added into the session. Your child cannot wait at the office for a cancellation in session.



## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

### SCIENCE



### WEEK

## Coordinators Address

A big thank you for what has been another successful term thus far. We have many experienced educators that have joined our team, and are passionate about providing quality programming and practice into the service. We understand the upcoming capacity increase is very needed, and urge for your patience during this time as we provide the most up to date information.. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our Head Office - 1300 072 410.

## Upcoming

- Holiday Program: 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept - 3<sup>rd</sup> of Oct
- 2:30pm start for the last day of term after school care session

### TIMES

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

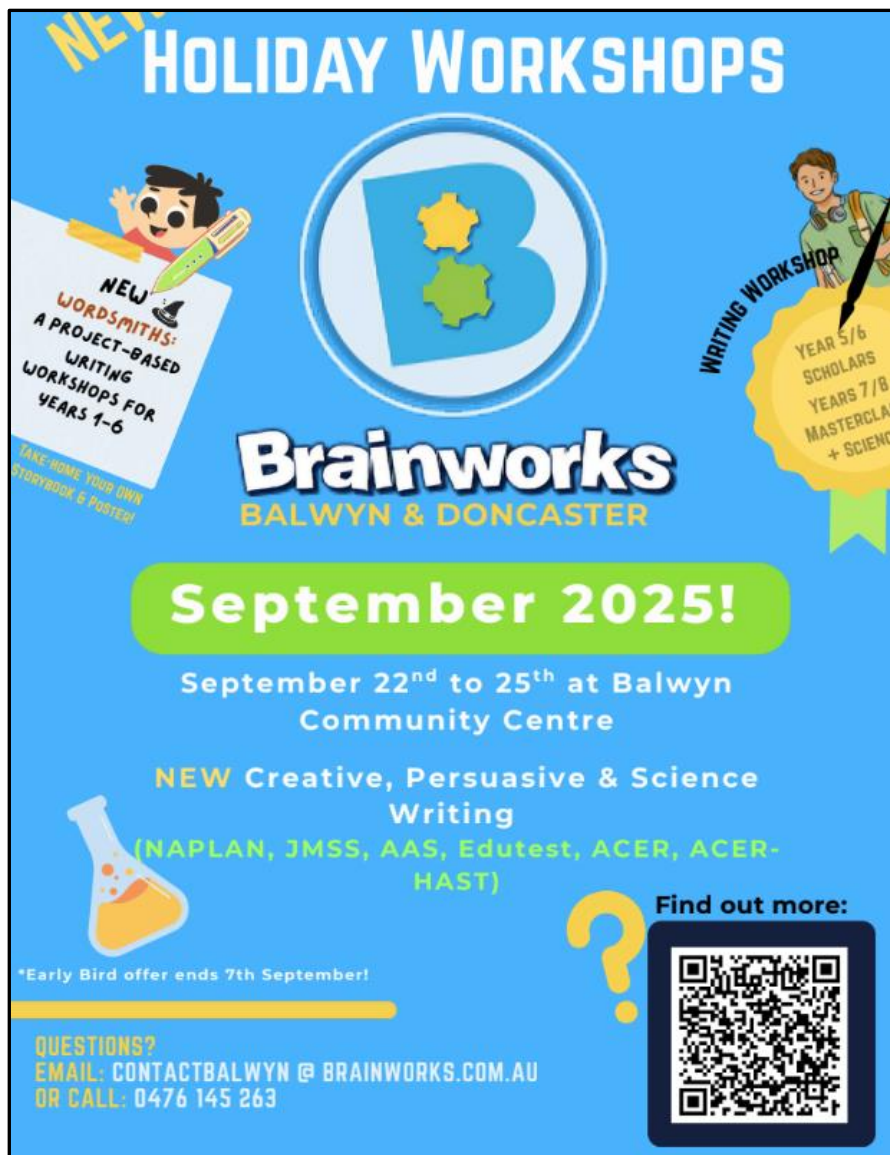
### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

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info@theircare.com.au

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**NEW HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

**NEW WORDSMITHS:**  
A PROJECT-BASED  
WRITING  
WORKSHOPS FOR  
YEARS 1-6  
*TAKE-HOME YOUR OWN  
STORYBOOK & POSTER!*

**WRITING WORKSHOP**  
YEAR 5/6  
SCHOLARS  
YEARS 7/8  
MASTERCLAS  
+ SCIENCE

**Brainworks**  
BALWYN & DONCASTER

**September 2025!**


September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at Balwyn  
Community Centre

**NEW Creative, Persuasive & Science  
Writing**  
(NAPLAN, JMSS, AAS, Edutest, ACER, ACER-  
HAST)

*\*Early Bird offer ends 7th September!*

**QUESTIONS?**  
EMAIL: [CONTACTBALWYN@BRAINWORKS.COM.AU](mailto:CONTACTBALWYN@BRAINWORKS.COM.AU)  
OR CALL: 0476 145 263

**Find out more:**



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**TheirCare**

The place to be these holidays!

# Secret Garden

SPRING 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



pass the popcorn!



Find hidden gems



Enjoy animal incursions



Visit Luna Park!

**Book now at [TheirCare.com.au](https://www.theircare.com.au)**  
Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

Scan to find your nearest holiday program location



## Holiday Program Important Information!

### What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

### Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

### Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home. If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

### TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

### Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided. Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this. General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

### Serious stuff!

#### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

### Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

### Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/> for further information and example.

### Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 5:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

### Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



**TheirCare**  
where Kids love to be!

**Templestowe Heights PS TheirCare**

**Times** 7:00am - 6:00pm

**Location** 276-300 High St, LOWER TEMPLESTOWE VIC 3107

**Call** 0484 511 125



**\*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. \*\*Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.**

**Excursion & Super Excursions days:** Arrive at the service by 6:00 am. Pick-up after 3:30 pm - please note this is an indicative time only, check with service coordinator to confirm pick-up times. Wear runners & socks.



**There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.**

## 1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

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

## 2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

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

Claim these subsidies  
via **myGov**

For more information, call Theircare on 1300 072 410

Up to  
**90%**  
of Child Care costs  
can be covered  
by Child Care  
Subsidy!



MONDAY



22 SEP



**Spring Break**

Today is going to be jam packed with Spring Break FUN right at service! Unleash your inner superstar in a lip sync battle, sculpt with colour in Chibuly-inspired playdough creations, create vibrant works of art with art explosion, and bring the energy in the floor is level! Plus, in a live group caterpillar game of "Guess Who?".

From as low as \$7.17\*  
Full fee \$71.68\*\*

TUESDAY



23 SEP



**Zoo Explorers**

Embark on a journey as we go to the Zoo! Get up close with friendly animals and learn all about these fascinating creatures. Then the fun continues with more activities! Craft beautiful living art with flapping butterfly craft, engage in a live group caterpillar race and craft vibrant pop-up rainbow cards!

From as low as \$10.84\*  
Full fee \$108.35\*\*

WEDNESDAY



24 SEP



**Mad Hatter's Tea Party**

Tumble down the rabbit hole and join us for a whimsical Mad Hatter's Tea Party! We'll get to craft our own quirky top hats, turn the white roses red with science, try your hand in a round of wonderful croquet, brew up a bubbling tea sensory activity, and find Chestnut cat's grin with pin the grin!

From as low as \$7.17\*  
Full fee \$71.68\*\*

THURSDAY



25 SEP



**Animal Instinct**

Get ready to meet some amazing animal friends in this exciting hands-on incursion! Children will get to learn and engage with a range of fascinating creatures. Then, continue the fun with colourful salt painting flowers, create your own chatterbox animals, and sneak into action with a playful round of cat and mouse!

From as low as \$8.63\*  
Full fee \$86.29\*\*

FRIDAY



26 SEP



**Service closed!**

MONDAY



29 SEP



**Animal Antics**

Explore the animal kingdom through sensory, art, and play! Splash into science fun with a bubbly puffer fish experiment, create colourful and vibrant 3D doodle bugs, and craft wiggly dancing snakes! Then get moving with animal freeze tag and show off your drawing skills in a wild round of animal pictictionary!

From as low as \$7.17\*  
Full fee \$71.68\*\*

TUESDAY



30 SEP



**Pass the Popcorn!**

Let's head to the movies to see the latest flick from Dreamworks - The Bad Guys! The Bad Guys are struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do one last job by an all-female squad of criminals. Rated PG.

From as low as \$10.84\*  
Full fee \$108.35\*\*

WEDNESDAY



1 OCT



**Hidden Gems**

Get ready to dig deep and discover the sparkling surprises in Hidden Gems! Search high and low in a hands-on gem hunt that is part mystery, part adventure! Then, fizz things up with a lemon volcanoes science experiment, and then lets create swirling masterpieces as we create marbled paper art!

From as low as \$9.37\*  
Full fee \$93.71\*\*

THURSDAY



2 OCT



**Super JumpSide**

Feel the rush as we head to a trampoline and ninja adventure! Bounce high on indoor trampolines and test your skills on the Ninja Course. Then, jump into fun with a game of Gaga ball, make bold art with fizzy sidewalk chalk, and create a Whacky Picasso-style portrait!

From as low as \$19.94\*  
Full fee \$199.38\*\*

FRIDAY



3 OCT



**Secret Garden**

Step into a world of wonder with Secret Garden! Enjoy a picnic and play session, then grow your curiosity with a magical walking rainbow STEM experiment. Bring little caterpillar friends to life with pipe cleaner caterpillar craft, crack mysteries with secret codes, and bring the energy in the action-packed fly group game!

From as low as \$27.77\*  
Full fee \$277.88\*\*