

## *Templestowe Heights Primary School Values*

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

**Last day of Term 3 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September****Whole School Assembly at 1.45pm - Students Dismissed at 2.30pm****Term 4 Begins Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

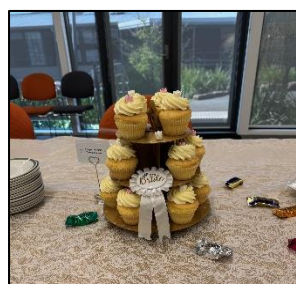
### Safe Break

This term has flown by with many events, activities and rich learning! Thank you to all our families for supporting us throughout term 3, our jobs are made so much easier when we are all on the same page. I hope families have an opportunity to spend some quality time together and recharge the batteries for a big final term.

We will be having a whole school assembly at 1:45pm on Friday in the gymnasium, with an early dismissal at 2:30pm. School will resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### Year 1s Cooking

This week our year 1 students have been learning to read a recipe to bake flatbread. From all reports the students had a great time and a massive thank you to the Year 1 team of Reannan Rossi, Sarah Judge, Karin Diep, Pennie Clark, Ajay Singh, Kathy Li and our parents/carer volunteers for giving our students this experience.



### Going to the Chapel...

Over the term break Emma Vogel is getting married to James Allen! We wish her all the best on her special day and look forward to seeing the photos.

### Musicorp Performances

Congratulations to the students in year 3-6 who performed their musical instruments. Many students watched on as drums, guitars and a clarinet were played under the watchful eyes of family and friends. Thank you to our Musicorp teacher, Stewart for making this event possible.

**Rhys Coulson**  
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025	
Term 3	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Assembly 1.45pm – Gym -All Welcome Term 3 Ends 2.30pm Dismissal
Term 4	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 begins
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 & 6 Volleyball Round Robin (selected students) Year 5 & 6 Basketball Round Robin (selected students)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Online Safety Workshop
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Art Incursion
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Pupil Free Day – No School for Students</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 1 Light & Sound Incursion
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Graduation Photo 9.00am
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Pupil Free Day- No school for students</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Oval – ‘Welcome To Country’
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 & 6 Camp – Golden Valley
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Transition Day to Year 7 Government Schools
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 BIG DAY Out
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day Term 4 Students - Dismissed 1.30pm
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

## ISSUE 6: READING FOR MEANING – WHY KNOWLEDGE MATTERS

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

At THPS, we’re deeply committed to ensuring every child becomes a confident, capable reader - not just someone who can “sound out” words, but someone who can *understand* and think deeply about what they’re reading.

Phonics is essential, but it’s just the beginning.

Reading comprehension depends on much more than decoding. It requires a strong vocabulary, background knowledge, and the ability to connect ideas across different texts and contexts. The more a student knows, the easier it is for them to make meaning from what they read.

Here’s how we support this in our classrooms:

- We explicitly teach vocabulary. Not just difficult words, but rich, nuanced language across all subjects
- We build knowledge systematically, making sure students encounter key ideas repeatedly over time
- We read a wide range of texts, from fiction to nonfiction, to build on knowledge and build curiosity



Our reading program isn't just about cracking the code. It's about unlocking ideas, expanding horizons, and building understanding that lasts.

Next week, we'll share what we do when students need extra support and how we make sure that support still connects to the rich, meaningful learning happening in the classroom.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Payments

Year 1 online safety - \$13 due Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Septmber

Year 5 & 6 camp deposit - \$50 due Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Basketball ball round robin - \$10 due Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Volleyball round robin - \$10 due Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

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

## 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 day today will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

## LIBRARY NEWS

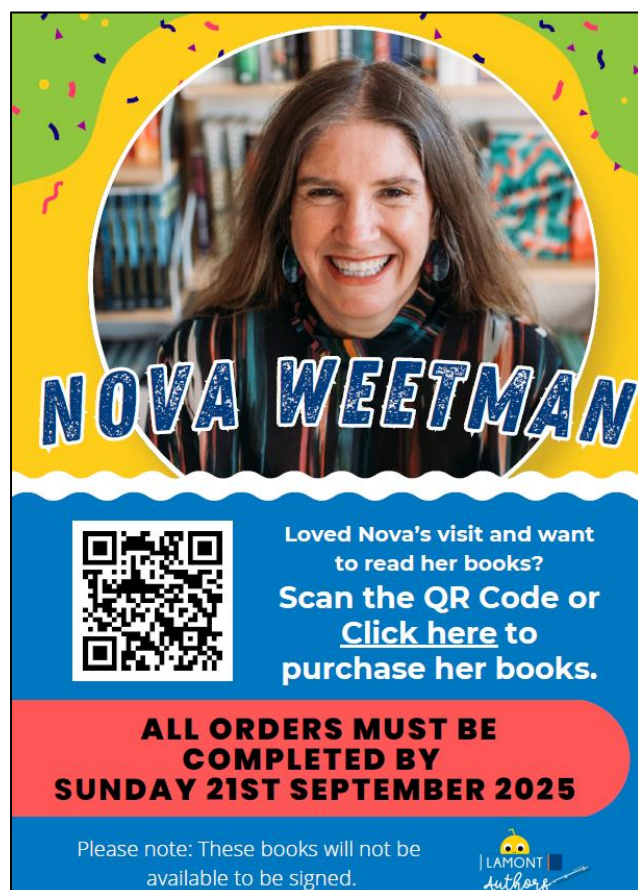
Congratulations to all students who entered the Book Week Story Writing and Design a Book Cover competitions. It was fantastic to see so much creativity, and the Library Captains and JSC had a challenging job selecting the winners, who will be announced at tomorrow's assembly.

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we look forward to welcoming author/illustrator Lucinda Gifford to our school on Tuesday 14 October. She will be visiting Foundation to Year 3 students, to share her stories and illustrations.

Enjoy the holidays and happy reading!

**Susan Bannister**

**Teacher Librarian**



A promotional poster for author Nova Weetman. It features a circular portrait of Nova Weetman, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. The background is yellow with green and blue wavy borders and colorful confetti. Below the portrait, the name "NOVA WEETMAN" is written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline. To the left of the text is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text reads: "Loved Nova's visit and want to read her books? Scan the QR Code or Click here to purchase her books." At the bottom, a red banner contains the text: "ALL ORDERS MUST BE COMPLETED BY SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025". Below the banner, a blue footer contains the text: "Please note: These books will not be available to be signed." and the Lamont Authors logo.

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## YEAR 1 FLATBREAD COOKING

To deepen their understanding of culture and cuisine from around the world, our Year One students had a wonderful time in the kitchen making flatbread! Through this hands-on experience, they explored the different parts of a recipe, learned how to follow step-by-step instructions, and practised important safety and hygiene skills in the kitchen.

The activity was a great success, and we are especially grateful to the parents who generously volunteered their time to help make it possible. Thank you for your continued support!



## YEAR 3 MELBOURNE WALKING EXCURSION

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, students in Grade 3 went on a walking tour of Melbourne to learn about our city's early history and some of our famous explorers. Students took on the role of a significant person in Australia's history, learning about them and their legacy during our walk. We began at Federation Square, walked along the Yarra River and ended at Princess Bridge, stopping at significant sites along the way. We'd like to thank Sally, Barbara, Colleen, Natalie, Janette, Ashleigh and Ruth, our fantastic parent helpers, for coming and helping to make the day a success!







# PE NEWS – SQUASH CLINICS



For the last two weeks, the Grade 3-6 classes have been participating in Squash clinics during PE. Students have played games involving hand eye coordination, learnt about controlling their shots and taken part in squash rallies. Once again, I commend all the students on their enthusiasm, their willingness to try new sports and their persistence when they find new skills challenging.

Jaime Buccilli 😊



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**Maximise your child's potential by equipping them with problem solving & communication skills**

Empower them these holidays with skills for life!

## HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Problem Solving & Communication  
Grades 4 - 10





**Small Classes & Limited Spots**

**Full-day & Half-day Options Available**

**Led by an experienced University Lecturer**

**Join us for a free info session**

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Structured Problem Solving		Structured Communication	
 Students learn to define problems, set goals, identify root causes, and develop solutions in a structured, logical way		 Students learn to structure ideas, story-tell and present in a concise, engaging, logical & compelling way	
<b>Participants</b> Grade 4 – 6  Years 7 – 10	<b>Timing</b> 1 x Full Day or  2 x Half Days	<b>Dates</b> Sept Holidays  23/9 – 3/10	<b>Location</b> Templestowe College  (Lwr Templestowe)

Our expert-led workshops, blend explicit teaching with fun, engaging activities - supporting your child to build a strategic **MINDset**, learn practical **FRAMEworks**, and **GROW confidence** and **essential skills** to thrive in school, extracurricular, social and everyday situations

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"Amazing to see how much more confident & open my daughter has become"

"I have noticed he is more confident about making decisions and explaining what he wants and why"

"She's not as upset when things are not working out. Instead she is ready to try again another way"

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