Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 1 — *9th October 2025*

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Welcome Back to Term 4

Reminder: Pupil Free Day Friday October 17

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back!

It is always pleasing to come back on the first day after a term break and see the happy faces on students, parents and carers. Obviously, the smiles are excitement for the students… and relief for the parents and carers that FINALLY, school is back. Over the break, an accessible path was established, creating a pedestrian walkway from the fence gate at St Marks' Church to the existing path next to Building B. Thank you to Stephanie Dehghani for orchestrating this project to support our community.

We would also like to welcome Jacinta to our community as she has commenced in 4SM. Starting at a new school can be challenging, but she has settled in so well. We look forward to seeing her grow as a learner. We would also like to welcome Monash University pre-service teachers Jessica (FSM) and Olivia (5LS) who have commenced their placements with us.

Veal's Orchard Grand Opening

On Friday September 19, we had the pleasure of welcoming Andrew Veal back to the school to officially open the new garden named in his honour: Veal's Orchard. The garden is a fitting tribute to Andrew for the time and love he poured into the school during his 15 years as assistant principal.

Division Athletics

Today 20 students in years 4-6 represented our school at the District Athletics competition held at Doncaster Athletics Track. The students putted, Fosbury flopped, jumped, ran and threw to the best of their ability and they should be so proud!

A massive thank you to Jaime Buccilli who spent lunch times and before school coaching the students to prepare them as best they could for the day. Congratulations to Zia, Kit, Sophie, Lily, Tayla and Caleb for making it through to the regional athletics carnival in two weeks' time.

Pupil Free Day Next Friday

Next Friday (17th October) we will be having a pupil-free day, which is part of our industrial agreement. On this day all staff will be visiting Ballarat Clarendon College to observe their teaching and learning model. This is aligned to our strategic goal of building the skills and knowledge of our teachers and education support team. Please ensure families make alternative arrangements for this day. Theircare is running an all-day program; bookings can be made through their website.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

Year 1 Light & Sound Incursion - $17 due Friday 16th October

Year 5 & 6 Camp – Pay must be paid in full by Friday 7th November

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

LIBRARY NEWS

We are very excited to welcome author/illustrator Lucinda Gifford to our school. Last term, students in Foundation to Year 3 explored many of Lucinda's books during their library lessons. On Tuesday October 14, they will have the opportunity to engage in a workshop and learn more about the creative process of writing and illustrating. Students are welcome to bring their own books, written or illustrated by Lucinda Gifford, for her to sign on the day.

Susan Bannister
Teacher Librarian

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 will be periodically donated to the second-hand uniform shop.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025	
Term 4	
Friday 10th October	**Year 5 & 6 Volleyball Round Robin (selected students)** **Year 5 & 6 Basketball Round Robin (selected students)**
Monday 13th October	**Year 1 Online Safety Incursion 1RR, 1PC & 1KD**
Tuesday 14th October	**F-2 Author Visit – Lucinda Gifford**
Wednesday 15th October	**Year 1 Online Safety Incursion 1AS, 1SJ**
Thurday 16th October	**Year 5 Art Incursion**
Friday 17th October	**Pupil Free Day – No School for Students**
Thursday 23rd October	**Year 1 Light & Sound Incursion**
Thursday 30th October	**Year 6 Graduation Photo 9.00am**
Thursday 30th October	**Foundation 2026 Transition Session 1**
Monday 3rd November	**Pupil Free Day- No School for Students**
Tuesday 4th November	**Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**
Wednesday 5th November	**Foundation 2026 Transition Session 2**
Tuesday 11th November	**Foundation 2026 Transition Session 3**
Thursday 13th November	**Foundation 2026 Transition Session 4**
Friday 14th November	**Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Oval – 'Welcome To Country'**
Mon 17th to Wed 19th Nov	**Year 5 & 6 Camp – Golden Valley**
Friday 21st November	**Foundation 2026 Transition Session 5**
Tuesday 9th December	**Year 6 Transition Day to Year 7 Government Schools**
Tuesday 16th December	**Year 6 BIG DAY Out**
Thursday 18th December	**Year 6 Graduation Evening**
Friday 19th December	**Foundation Fairytale Incursion**
Friday 19th December	**Last Day Term 4 Students - Dismissed 1.30pm**
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Friday 17th October	
Monday 3rd November	
2025 TERM DATES	
Friday 19th December. 2025	**Last day of Term 4 – Students Dismissed 1.30pm**

Hay Fever and Thunderstorm Asthma

Grass pollen season typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, and we are already seeing an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms at the school. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma.

If your child suffers from Asthma or Hay Fever, please ensure that your treatment action plans are up to date and that where prescribed, asthma preventers are taken properly. Consider whether your child should take an antihistamine at home before school or whether medication needs to be kept in the First Aid Room for them.

THPS Parents & Friends

This coming Sunday is World Teacher's Day!!
P&F has hosted a morning tea today for all our wonderful Teachers and Staff at THPS to recognise their efforts and show our thanks.
WE LOVE YOU ALL!

Thank you to Harry's Cartocci (Ms Dehghani's dad) for supplying the delicious donuts, and a big thank you Erik to for capturing these wonderful photos.

Also, after much consideration, School Council has recognised that the THPS Facebook Group is no longer as beneficial to our school community as it once was, and that other communication channels are now more effective. As a result, the group was permanently closed during the term break.
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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Have your say on Manningham's budget priorities

We deliver more than 100 services, from waste collection and libraries to community programs and infrastructure. All are important, but we want to know: ***If you had to prioritise spending, where would you like to see more?***

Share your insights and ideas by completing our short survey by **9 November 2025.**

Your responses will help shape the draft 2026-27 Budget and draft 10-Year Financial Plan.

yoursay.manningham.vic.gov.au/2026-27-budget

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ROTARY

Rotary Club of Emerald & District

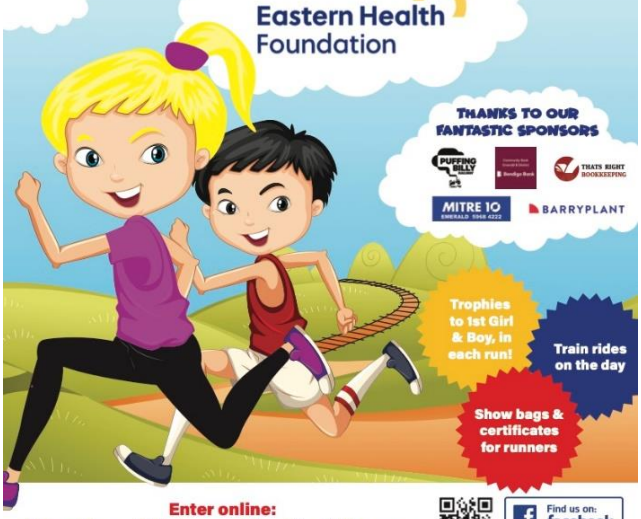
KIDS FUN RUN with PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

30th November 2025 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook

Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children.

Proudly supporting

Eastern Health Foundation



Enter online:
https://www.kidsfunrunwithpuffingbilly.org.au

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Anglicare Victoria

Building Better Behaviour

A 3-week program for parents of children aged 2 to 7 years

This 3-week program covers:

Week 1: Explore why young children behave as they do, and share ideas to manage challenging behaviour

Week 2: Learn communication strategies that encourage positive behaviour in young children

Week 3: Discover how to deal with children's feelings of fear, frustration and grief to become an emotionally intelligent parent

When: Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th October 2025
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Online via Zoom
Cost: Free to attend (bookings essential)
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au
Bookings: Click here or QR code below

PARENTZONE

Anglicare Victoria

Setting Boundaries in the Early Years

A 3-week online program for parents of children aged 2 to 7 years

This parenting program will cover:

Week 1: Explore why boundaries are important in the early years to support your child's learning and development

Week 2: Discover the difference between discipline and punishment and how to set positive rules with your child

Week 3: Introduce consequences that are logical to support your child's wellbeing and build resilience

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