

Our News



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

16th October 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values:

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Reminder: Pupil Free Day - Friday 17 October

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Liam

Congratulations Liam, who has commenced in 1AJ this week. From all reports, Liam is enjoying his time at Templestowe Heights and has already made new friends. We look forward to seeing him grow as a learner in our community.

Volleyball

Our two volleyball teams attended last Friday's round robin competition with great enthusiasm and outstanding team spirit. They were competitive in every match, with many games coming down to very close scores. What stood out most was the way they supported each other, cheering for every great shot and celebrating rallies that showcased true teamwork. All our students represented the school with pride and sportsmanship, and both teams finished the day with one well-earned win and a memorable experience. Thank you to Cath Shalders for training the team and preparing them for the competition.

Shelter in Place

Today we welcomed students and staff from Anderson's Creek Primary. This was due to our school being a 'shelter school' for them during extreme weather days.

Pupil-Free Day

Tomorrow is a pupil-free day, and students are not required to attend school. Staff will be visiting Ballarat Clarendon College (BCC) tomorrow to observe their teaching and learning model. BCC implements a similar approach to Templestowe Heights, however they have been employing their approach for over ten years. We are looking forward to learning from their school and seeing how we can refine our approach to best suit the needs of all our students.

Dance Lessons commenced

All students in Foundation-Year 2 commenced their Dance lessons with Stomp Music Company. The students will learn choreographed routines to perform in front of family and friends in week 6.

Visiting Author

On Tuesday we hosted famous children's author Lucinda Gifford. Lucinda spoke with all students in Foundation-year 3, explaining the inspiration and ideas behind her books. Thank you Susan Bannister for organising this special experience.

Miss Vogel Got Married!

Congratulations to Emma and husband James on their recent wedding. The bride looked amazing and we have no doubt it was an wonderful day.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025	
Term 4	
Friday 17 th October	Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Thursday 23 rd October	Year 1 Light & Sound Incursion
Thursday 30 th October	Year 6 Graduation Photo 9.00am
Thursday 30 th October	Foundation 2026 Transition Session 1
Monday 3 rd November	Pupil Free Day- No School for Students
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 5 th November	Foundation 2026 Transition Session 2
Tuesday 11 th November	Foundation 2026 Transition Session 3
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 3 Force & Motion incursion
Wednesday 12 th November	F – Year 2 Dance performance
Thursday 13 th November	Foundation 2026 Transition Session 4
Friday 14 th November	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm Oval – ‘Welcome To Country’
Mon 17 th to Wed 19 th Nov	Year 5 & 6 Camp – Golden Valley
Friday 21 st November	Foundation 2026 Transition Session 5
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Mon 1 st – 5 th December	Year 1 & 2 Swimming at Aquarena
Tue 2 nd – Fri 5 th December	Year 3 & 4 Swimming at Carey Grammar
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 2 Bee Incursion
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th December	Year 5 & 6 Swimming at Carey (Except Tuesday)
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th December	Foundation Swimming at Aquarena
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 6 Transition Day to Year 7 Government Schools
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 6 BIG DAY Out
Thursday 18 th December	Year 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 19 th December	Foundation Fairytale Incursion
Friday 19 th December	Last Day Term 4 Students - Dismissed 1.30pm
PUPIL FREE DAYS	
Friday 17 th October	
Monday 3 rd November	
2025 TERM DATES	
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last day of Term 4 – Students Dismissed 1.30pm

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

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

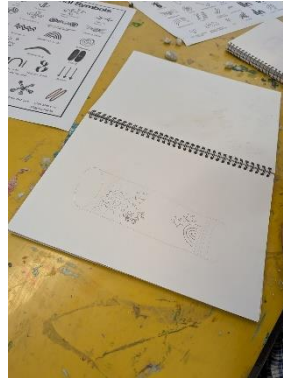
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INDIGENOUS ART INCURSION

Today we were privileged to have Wurundjeri & Yorta-Yorta artist, Alinta Koehrer, run an incursion with the Year 5 Art classes.

In these sessions, the students learned about the importance and significance of First Nation storytelling through symbols. With the knowledge, the students began work on their own set of clapsticks, using symbols to represent themselves.

Once completed, the cohort will be learning a song to play with their instruments and perform at our Welcome to Country ceremony on Friday 14th November.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Girls' Basketball team who have just become the Manningham Division champions! The girls competed against students from St Gregorys and won by a massive 30 points! Well done Tilly, Janan, Avery, Harper, Ava, Zia, Eve and Chloe – and thanks to Aaron for his excellent coaching.



LIBRARY NEWS

On Tuesday, Foundation to Year 3 students enjoyed an engaging workshop with author/illustrator Lucinda Gifford. Students learnt about her creative process, including illustrative techniques, colour blending, and how she brings her imaginative ideas to life.

Year 2 and 3 students followed Lucinda's drawing "recipes" to create some of her well-known characters, while Foundation and Year 1 students had fun designing their own whimsical creatures by combining two or more animals.

If you would like to purchase any of Lucinda's books, please see the attached flyer.

A friendly reminder to please return all overdue library books so that other students can enjoy them. We still have 182 books overdue — thank you for helping us keep our library collection complete and available for everyone!

Susan Bannister
Teacher Librarian



ATHLETICS NEWS

Last Thursday, 20 THPS students competed at the Division Athletics carnival at the Bill Sewart athletics track. I am so incredibly proud of each of these amazing students for their dedication, their extra training sessions and positive attitudes. A huge congratulations to Zia (800m), Tayla (100m), Lily (long jump), Caleb (triple jump), Kit (triple jump) and Sophie (800m) who will compete at the Regional athletics competition next week.



SPORT NEWS!



Last Friday, our Gr 5/6 Volleyball teams and Basketball teams competed in round robin tournaments at Mullum Mullum stadium and Milgate Primary School respectively. An amazing effort from all students and a huge thank you to coaches Kate Stacker (boys basketball), Aaron Robotham (girls basketball) and Cath Shalders (boys and girls volleyball). Congratulations to the boys basketball team who were runners up on the day and the girls basketball team who came out victorious and now proceed to the division final this Thursday at Serpell Primary school.

Jaime Buccilli 😊



SAFETY AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

We all have busy lives and we all have somewhere else we need to get to. There are no excuses however, for irresponsible or dangerous behaviours when dropping our children off or picking them up. We are all role models to our children and we want them to grow up as adults who take care when crossing roads or when driving.



Some reminders to eliminate dangerous behaviours that could lead to severe consequences:

- We are on a busy main road so it is imperative that parents and carers cross at traffic pedestrian crossings.
- Double parking is illegal and it is dangerous.
- U-turns out the front of the school on High Street are extremely dangerous and illegal.

We have also had complaints from local residents about school parents parking across their driveways – this is illegal and disrespectful.

If you do witness illegal or dangerous behaviours out the front of our school, please contact the Manningham local laws department on 9840 9333 or alternatively please contact the Doncaster police station on 8841 3999.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Do you know about the school's second-hand uniform shop?



Located near the school office, the second-hand uniform shop is a great way to replenish uniforms on a budget! We have clothing available from size 4 to 16 - with a lot of clothing in sizes 12 and 14 (which is particularly good when you have a student in year six and don't want to purchase a whole new uniform with only half the year left!)

For official/logo items (jumpers, jackets, dresses, school bags etc) the price is \$5 per piece, and for non-logo items (shorts, skorts, track pants etc) the price is \$2 per piece.

If you have uniform items at home that you no longer require, you can donate them by bringing them to the front office. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition – would you buy the item in its current condition? Please note: we only accept t-shirts, jumpers and jackets with the school logo, not generic items.

The uniform shop is available for browsing most afternoons – unless there are meetings in the room next door – so please check with staff before going into the room.

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.



LUCINDA GIFFORD



Loved Lucinda's visit and
want to read her books?
Scan the QR Code or
Click here to
purchase her books.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE
COMPLETED BY
SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025**

Please note: These books will not be
available to be signed.

