

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 3

23rd October 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Professional Practice Day

On Friday, 43 staff (we left Margaret in charge at 'school-alone') boarded a bus for a trip to Ballarat Clarendon College (BCC). It was wonderful to see Inca, one of our 'Class of 2024' students when we arrived, who burst into tears!

BCC has been implementing evidence-based practices and a very similar teaching and learning approach to THPS for thirteen years, so it was a positive experience to see a school further along their journey. Staff toured the junior or senior campuses and observed lessons. There were insightful presentations from Dr Greg Ashman on the College's implementation, and everyone left with aspects of their practice they wanted to refine.



2026 Planning

Planning is well underway for 2026. As part of our Class Formation Policy, teachers will facilitate a process where we ask all children to list five friends. We guarantee that every child will have at least one of those five friends in their class for the following year. As part of this process, we provide families the opportunity to make requests for 2026 class placements. Requests may relate to friendship concerns, learning issues or family matters. All requests must be directed, via email, to the Principal at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Friday 31st October. **Requests cannot be made for children to be placed with a particular child or teacher.**

The end of the year is often a time when families may be moving residences. For any family that is moving from THPS at the end of the school year, can you please notify the school via email by Friday 21st November as this helps us with our planning for the 2026 school year.

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Hoop Time

Our year 3/4 Hoop Time girls have made it through to the state finals! Big congratulations to Amelia, Olive, Sophie, Aria, Chelsea, Ruby, Erin and coach Andrew. Teamwork makes the dream work!



Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 4

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 Foundation to 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
Thursday 4 th December	Carols Night
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th December	Year 5 & 6 Swimming at Carey (Except Tuesday) Foundation Swimming at Aquarena
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 6 Transition Day to Year 7 Government Schools Whole School Transition
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 6 BIG DAY Out
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Transition
Thursday 18 th December	Year 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 19 th December	Foundation Fairytale Incursion Last Day Term 4 Students - Dismissed 1.30pm

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday 3rd November

2026 TERM DATES

Term 1	Thursday 29 th January – Thursday 2 nd April
Term 2	Monday 20 th April – Friday 26 th June
Term 3	Monday 13 th July – Friday 18 th September
Term 4	Monday 5 th October – Friday 18 th September

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

Year 3 Force & Motion Incursion -\$17.50 due Wednesday 5th November

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

WELCOME TO COUNTRY CEREMONY



Wurundjeri
Woi-wurrung
Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a whole school assembly with a Welcome to Country ceremony on Friday 14th November. This will be conducted by an Elder from the Wurundjeri Council on the school oval.

During this assembly the Grade 5 cohort, along with the choir, will perform a song with the clapsticks they made with Wurundjeri & Yorta-Yorta artist, Alinta Koehrer.

We invite all community members to join us for the celebration!

YEAR 1 LIGHT AND SOUND INCURSION

Our Year One students had an exciting visit from *Mad About Science* this week! During the **Light and Sound** incursion, students became scientists exploring how light travels, how shadows form, and how different materials make and change sounds. They experimented with mirrors, torches and instruments to test their ideas and apply what they've been learning in class. It was a hands-on, noisy and illuminating experience that sparked plenty of curiosity and wonder!



COMMUNITY NEWS



HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Brainworks
BALWYN & DONCASTER

January 2026!

January 12th to 16th at Balwyn Community Centre

SCHOLARSHIP & SELECTIVE Intensive Preparation + Writing Workshops
(SEHS, J MSS, AAS, Edutest, ACER, ACER-HAST, NAPLAN)

NEW WORDSMITHS: A PROJECT-BASED WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS 2-5
TAKE-HOME YOUR OWN STORYBOOK & POSTER!

WRITING WORKSHOP
SCHOLARS WRITING FOR YEAR 5+

*Early Bird offer ends 13th December!

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