

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

27th November 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



Swimming Program Begins From Monday 1st December

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dress Up Day

It was terrific to see so many students come dressed as THPS staff for our dress up day which was hosted by our Junior School Council. They say imitation is the greatest form of flattery. Well let me tell you the level of thought and effort many students went to in getting dressed up blew our minds! There were plenty of bald heads, suits, cardigans, sporty active wear, gold necklaces, cat-covered tops and staff turned students wearing school uniforms. Thank you so much to Steph McNabb for organising such a fun day.



Year 6 Captains

Congratulations to all our current Year 5 students who showed our school value of **courage** and applied for Year 6 leadership positions. Through a process of completing an Expression of Interest Form, preparing and presenting a speech and lastly a preferential voting system, we have now elected our year 6, 2026 captains.

School Captains	Harper (5SP)	Chloe (5SP)	
Environmental	Charlotte (5KW) & Juliet (5LS)	Art	Yang (5LS) & Ariana A (5LS)
STEM	Lachlan (5KW) & Aleks (5PS)	Library	Gemma (5KW) & Leah (5KW)
Goolagong	Hunter (5LS) & Susanna (5SP)	Cuthbert	Tom (5LS) & Faye (5SP)
Bradman	Chloe (5KW) & Ollie (5SP)	Newcombe	Alba (5KW) & Elias (5SP)

Grade 2 Zoo Excursion

On Tuesday, the Year 2 students all hopped on a bus and had a day out at the Melbourne Zoo. This was aligned to their core knowledge unit on endangered Australian Animals. Thank you to Naomi Scott, Laura Hicks and Emma Zammit for organising such a memorable experience.

Gym Scoreboard

On Monday, a new basketball scoreboard was installed in our gymnasium. A massive thank you for the donation of \$3300 from our THPS Basketball Association for making this possible.

Swimming Program



On Monday, we will commence our intensive swimming program for all Year 1 to 4 students. This is a weeklong program as part of the government's water safety initiative to help ensure Australian children are safe and confident around water. The following week our Foundation, Year 5 and 6 students will also participate.

Classes for 2026 – Please Trust Us

Now that the big task of writing reports has been completed, our teachers and education support team are creating classes for 2026. This is an extremely challenging task that we take seriously and it can be very time consuming. As part of our class formation policy, we ensure that every child will be placed in a grade with at least one of their nominated five friends that they listed. We do our best to ensure our classes are balanced.

Change is a big challenge for many children. No doubt most children have already started thinking about next year. New teacher, new classroom, new classmates, new routines, the unknown. As parents and carers, we want the best for our child and when we see them worried or upset, our initial reaction is that we want to protect and help them to resolve their worries.

Please resist the inclination to approach the school if you have concerns about the placement of your child for their class in 2026. For anyone, moving out of our comfort zone presents challenges, but please remember this is normal as it builds resilience, something we all need as adults. Please trust our teachers and education support staff and know that your child will be well looked after no matter what class they are in for 2026.

Our transition sessions will be held on Tuesday the 9th and Wednesday 17th December where students will meet their new teacher, in their 2026 classroom with their new classmates.

Reminder – Carols Event Next Thursday



Next Thursday 4th December from 5:30 – 7:30pm we will be holding our annual Carols event. We encourage all families and friends to come along with a picnic rug, dinner and drinks to celebrate the year that was. Every year level will be singing a song that they have been rehearsing feverishly in their classes. The *Parents & Friends* will be selling soft drinks and icy poles, and I have it on good authority that Santa may also be visiting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 4

Mon 1 st – 5 th December	Year 1 & 2 Swimming Program at Aquarena
Tue 2 nd – Fri 5 th December	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Program at Carey Grammar
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 2 Bee Incursion
Thursday 4 th December	Carols Night 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Friday 5 th December	Whole School Assembly 2.45pm – Gym
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 2026 Transition Session 1 - 11.30am -12.30pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 6 BIG DAY Out
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School 2026 Transition Session 2 - 11.30am to 12.30pm
Thursday 18 th December	Year 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 19 th December	Foundation Fairytale Incursion Final Whole School Assembly for 2025 12.30pm – Gym -All Welcome Last Day Term 4 Students - Dismissed 1.30pm

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 December

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments

Foundation Fairytale Incursion \$10 due Wednesday 10th December.

Year 6 Graduation \$127 due Tuesday 9th December.

Are you Moving Schools in 2026?

Planning for 2026 classes is well under way. If your family will be moving to a new school in 2026 can you please notify the school via email as soon as possible.

Correspondence to the School

Just a reminder to families to address all email correspondence to the school official email to ensure it is actioned. Templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Early drops off

Parents are reminded that students are only supervised between 8.45am and 3.45pm. If you need to drop them off before this time you will need to book them into the Theircare out of hours school care program.

YEAR 2 MELBOURNE ZOO EXCURSION

As we set off with hats on our heads, ready to explore the Melbourne Zoo, excitement was high among all the Year 2 students who were eager to see the native Australian animals we've been learning about. Luckily, the weather was in our favour, with cool breaks throughout the day and energy levels running high.

The day was filled with observing, listening and learning about the physical features, diets, habitats, behaviours and enrichment needs of these vulnerable and critically endangered creatures. Highlights

included watching the lemurs leaping to reach their food, hearing the calls of kookaburras, spotting the hidden cassowary amongst the dense foliage, peering through the dingo enclosure to see them wander, and observing the aquatic “dog of the sea” glide swiftly through the water as it prepared to put on a show.

The amazing efforts of our parent helpers, along with the organisation from staff, made the excursion one to remember.

Year 2 Team

Naomi Scott, Emma Zammit, Laura Hicks



LIBRARY NEWS

It was wonderful to see the Foundation students enjoying their last lesson in the library for this year. Look how far they have come from their first lesson where they learnt how to borrow and care for our library books.

A big thank you to everyone who has returned their library books already. If your books are still hiding at home, please return them to our library this week in preparation for our stocktake.

HELPERS NEEDED: If you are able to assist with the library stocktake, please see Mrs. Bannister. Helpers are required at any time Monday – Thursday for the next 3 weeks. Helper require Working With Children Card.

Thank you.

Susan Bannister

Teacher Librarian



JSC DRESS UP DAY

Yesterday the school was swarming with teachers, and the students seemed to have grown taller! Many of our staff were pleased to see some mini reflections, and others were humbled by the students' interpretations of them (looking at you, Mr Coulson!). Some of the JSC reps took on the additional role of Yard Duty at lunchtime, tackling problems big and small. Altogether we raised \$338 which will be used to create our 2025 JSC and Enviro Art Legacy piece that will be displayed in Veal's Orchard. Thank you for your support!



Enrichment News:

Problem solving has again been a big part of the Enrichment Program this year. It is always terrific to see students from the different classes come together to apply their skills and solve some really complex Math problems.

This year, there were over 30,000 students who participated in the Maths Games and Maths Olympiad competitions and overall our students did exceptionally well!



2025 Maths Games Results and Achievements:

The following students completed the Maths Games competitions and received an achievement certificate:

Year 3:

Shayaan (3EJ), Shryeman (3EJ), Erin (3EJ), Mishaan (3EJ), Joanna (3EJ), Adinda (3JA), Francesca (3MR), Tex (3JA), Isaiah (3MR) and special congratulations to **Scarlett (3MR)** who achieved the highest individual Year 3 score.

Year 4:

Wesley (4LZ), Ben (4SM), Brooke (4SM), Madison (4SM), Kabir (4SM), Kit (4SM) Caleb (4RR), Max (4SM), Elaine (4SM), Jayden (4SM), Gemma (4RR), Olive (4RR) and special congratulations to **Elwood (4RR)** who achieved the highest overall individual score.

Years 5 & 6:

Faye (5SP), Ivy (5LS), Sean (5KW), Alex (6BW) and Ava (6BW), and special congratulations to **Greg (5LS)** who achieved the highest individual Year 5/6 score.

2025 Math OLYMPIAD Awards and Achievements

Huge congratulations to the 2025 Maths Olympiad team, who were again awarded a "Certificate of High Team Achievement". This award is in recognition of the team's combined success, which saw them score in the top 20% of team scores in Division J. This is an outstanding achievement, towards which everyone contributed.

Certificates of Achievement are presented to students who participated in and completed the Olympiads.

This year **Eishani 6(SM); Lawson (6CS) and Juliet (5LS)** received a certificate of achievement: **Chloe (5SP) and Kastiel (6BW)** results placed them in the top 50%:

The following students' results placed them in the top 40%:

Janan (5KW) and Jihoo (6SM)

The following students' results placed them in the top 30%:

Ryan (5SP), Stanley (6BW) Florence (6BW)

The following students' results placed them in the top 25%:

Susanna (5SP) and William (5LS)

The following students' results placed them in the top 20%:

Austin (5LS), Danny (6CS), Elvis (6SM), Cooper (6SM), Dash (6CS) and Zara (6SM)

The following students' results placed them in the top 10%:

Ludwin (6SM), Ben (6CS) and Michael (6BW).

I would also like to make special mention of Michael (6BW) who achieved the overall highest individual score.

Congratulations again to everyone who completed this challenging programme. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these students for their commitment and sustained efforts. I could not be more proud!

Janine Reid

3-6 Enrichment Teacher.

CANTEEN NEWS

The THPS Canteen Organising Committee would like to thank all the students at THPS who have supported our business. It has been a pleasure to serve you, and we look forward to doing it again in 2026.

This **FRIDAY 28/11/25 will be the last day** that we are open for 2025.

We would also like to advise that, as this is our last week, we have had to top up our icy-pole stock with Streets Calippo Icy-Poles. Please see the ingredient list below:

Ingredient Lists:

- **Lime:** Water, Reconstituted fruit juices (Apple, Orange and Lime), Sweeteners, Food acid (330), Vegetable gum, Flavouring, and Artificial colours (102, 110, and 133).
- **Orange:** Water, Reconstituted fruit juices (29.3% Apple, 3.2% orange & 1.3% lime), ² Sugar and glucose, Food acid: Citric acid (330), Vegetable gum (Locust bean gum (410), Flavours & Colours: Yellow (102), orange (110), and blue (133)
- **Cola:** Water, sugar, glucose, fructose, reconstituted lemon juice (1%), food acid (citric, tartaric), vegetable gums (guar gum, locust bean gum, tara gum), colour (caramel), flavour.
- **Strawberry:** Water, Reconstituted strawberry juice (16%), Glucose, Sugar, Fructose, Food acid (citric), Colours (black carrot juice, safflower), Vegetable gums (guar gum, locust bean gum, tara gum), Flavour .

Allergens: May contain traces of milk, wheat, and gluten.

Note: According to the manufacturer, all Streets Calippo products are 99% fat-free and made with real fruit juice.

Janine Reid

Enrichment





The 2025 THPS Christmas Raffle is now Live!

Please use this link to buy your tickets.

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/thps-xmas2025>

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 19th of December in assembly.

Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

Our Christmas Carols night is only a week away!!

If you'd like to volunteer 30mins of your time on the night to assist with the stall, please follow this link, as we'd love to have you onboard. <https://volunteersignup.org/MLPQF>

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



Drawn Friday 19 December during Assembly.
Students have the opportunity to win Christmas hampers and assorted prizes.

**Tickets are \$2 each,
3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10.**

Please ensure that your child's name and class are clearly written in the space provided when purchasing your online ticket/tickets.

If you are purchasing tickets for multiple children, please complete separate transactions, as only one child's name can be associated with each transaction.

Please use the QR code or follow the link to order your Christmas Raffle tickets online!

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/thps-xmas2025>

**Ticket purchases close
Thursday 18 December at 6pm**



Templestowe Heights
PRIMARY SCHOOL





A THPS/PARENTS & FRIENDS EVENT

5:30PM-7:30PM

CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT

THURSDAY 4TH OF DECEMBER 2025

BRING YOUR PICNIC RUGS AND
HAMPER AND COME ENJOY THE
CAROLS & GREAT COMPANY!

WHATS ON:

\$1.00 ZOOPER DOOPERS

\$2.00 DRINKS (SOFT
DRINKS/WATER/JUICE BOXES)

*EFTPOS AVAILABLE



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THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER
2025



A PEAK INTO NEXT WEEK

THEME: DECORATION WEEK

Last month our focus was on fostering creativity, and designing activities that would allow your children to be involved in various aspects of the program planning. This month in Before and After School Care, we are celebrating the last month of the year by getting into the Christmas spirit, and ensuring program activities are also available to those that may celebrate something different!

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 Summer Holiday Program is available for booking via fully booked, as well as you can access the program flyers via the TheirCare website. A reminder that our capacity increase has been approved and we can now have 75 children!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Coordinators Address

On behalf of the TheirCare team, we'd like to say thank you for your patience whilst we worked hard to increase our capacity increase for our service. This has alleviated all before and after school care sessions, and will allow us to deliver fun and engaging activities to all children attending. It has been great meeting so many new faces, and we look forward to seeing you all during the last month of the year!

Upcoming

- Summer Holiday Program Dates:
5/01/2026 - 28/01/26 (we are closed on the 26/01).
- 1:30pm start for the last day of term after school care session



TIMES

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

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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 – 9:00pm 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish of St. Gregory the Great

71 Williamsons Road
Doncaster Vic 3108
Phone: (03) 9412 8425
Email: Doncaster@cam.org.au

Catholic children who attend our school are invited by St Gregory the Great Parish, Doncaster to participate in programs to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Could parents please contact the parish office on 9412 8425 or by email on DoncasterRE@cam.org.au. The programs will be conducted by Margaret O'Donnell on Tuesdays after school. There will be an information session on Tuesday, 17th February 2026 at 4.30pm in St Gregory's Parish Church. Specific details for celebrating each sacrament will be made available at that meeting.



Have you experienced conflict in the hospital?

InterHEAL: Interactions that hurt or heal

Share your story

PHASE 1 & 2

We are looking for patients who are 16 years or older, as well as parents, to join group discussions at The Royal Children's Hospital. We want to hear about their experiences with conflict at the hospital.



Why?
To learn about how patients and parents feel about disagreements at The Royal Children's Hospital and how it affects their mental health.



How?
Hold different focus groups for patients and parents. In these groups, people will tell stories and fill out a survey. You will get a gift card for helping.



What?
Collect stories about disagreements and see how these affect people's feelings and minds.



Next?
Create a plan to help families feel stronger and more confident about having fewer and shorter disagreements.

A group of up to 6 people will meet at the RCH. The meeting will last 60 to 90 minutes.

Scan the QR code to sign up:



? For more information, contact: interheal@mcri.edu.au (03) 9345 6866

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10th March 2026

Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221

Embark on a flexible and rewarding career where you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of children with additional needs.

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Education Support is a flexible and rewarding career where you can work in the classroom to support students with additional needs.

Prace delivers an industry driven and dynamic learning experience to ensure you are job-ready with the skills employers are looking for. With the guidance of expert teachers in a friendly and supportive classroom, you will develop the skills to:

- Support students with additional needs
- Support literacy and numeracy skills
- Contribute to planning educational programs
- Support the health, wellbeing and safety of students

You will participate in excursions, workshops and gain insights from industry guest speakers.

Pathways

Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary and secondary schools and schools for children with additional needs. Graduates work as education assistants, teacher's aides and support workers.

Entry requirements

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.



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Prace - Main Office

Merrilands Community Centre - 35 Sturdee Street, Reservoir

Phone 9462 6077 | office@prace.vic.edu.au | www.prace.vic.edu.au

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Location
Mernda Social Support
Centre located at:
Mernda Village
Community Centre
70 Mernda Village Drive,
Mernda

Dates and duration-TBC
10 Mar 2026 - 20 Oct
2026

*(Includes a workshop on Friday,
16 Oct 2026)*
26 Sessions
2 Workshops
100-hour placement

Days and times
Tuesdays
9.15am - 3.15pm
*(Classes will not run on public or
school holidays)*

Study Mode

Face-to-face in a
classroom, self-directed
offsite tasks and research,
remote teacher support
sessions, practical
placement and industry/
assessment workshops

Fees

Gov. subsidised:
Concession \$90
Full \$450

Non-subsidised \$5850

^ASpecial consideration may
apply
Plus \$10 Service & Amenities fee

*Course commencement is subject
to variation, sufficient enrolments
and eligibility requirements.
Prace encourages individuals with
disabilities to participate in our
programs and activities.*

*This training is delivered with
Victorian and Commonwealth*