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News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 10

11th December 2025

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



Parent Helper Morning Tea

Thursday 18th December 10.40am to 11.10am

Term 4 Ends Friday 19th December

Students Dismissed at 1.30pm



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Carols Event

Last Thursday we held our end of year carols event. It was a massive turn out, as we celebrated together as a community. The students sang their hearts out (well, some did), while parents and carers took thousands upon thousands of photos, capturing every second of their singing. A visit from Santa made it extra special. A huge thank you to our parents and carers who helped out selling drinks and icy poles led by the wonderful Elisa.



2026 Classes

On Tuesday students participated in their first 2026 transition session. During these sessions, students met their new teachers, in their new classrooms with their new classmates. On this day, our year 6 students spent the day at their new secondary schools, becoming small fish in a big pond once again.

Next year, we welcome two new teachers to Templestowe Heights Primary. **Sarah Santaera** will join the year 1 team. Sarah has previously taught at Bentleigh West Primary and more recently at Heidelberg Primary School. **Danielle Lee** will be joining our year 5 team and is a graduate. Danielle undertook her teaching practicum at our school and comes with a solid understanding of our teaching and learning approach.

Admin & Executive	Rhys Coulson (Principal), Steph Dehghani (Ast. Principal), Margaret de Haas (Business Manager), Jeanette Breen, Samantha Charlton (Leading Teachers), Martin Ravindran (Learning Specialist), Anna Sanos, Penny Taylor (Admin), Tanya Misquitta (First Aid)	
Education Support	Vikki Brereton, Kerryn Clark, Naomi Cheney, Angelique Giacomini, Navaara Matherson, Willow Nagy Pickford, Yvonne Tan	
Foundation	Jane Robinson, Clare Harding/Rebekah Avramidis, Steph Maxwell, Steph McNabb	
Year 1	Reannan Rossi, Karin Diep, Sarah Judge/Pennie Clark, Sarah Santaera	
Year 2	Laura Hicks, Cath Shalders, Martin Ravindran/Jessie Wenborn, Emma Vogel, Emma Zammit	
Year 3	Renee Rooimans, Julianna Alexeev, Liz James	
Year 4	Karen Woods, Naomi Scott, Lara Zubic-Yvette	
Year 5	Sharmini Philips, Dani Lee, Linda Spencer	
Year 6	Kate Stacker/Tori Tabbitt, Alex Bruinewoud/Angela Makris, Ajay Singh	
Specialist	Susan Bannister (Library) Dina Velona (Italian & Library) Ross Toogood (STEM) Joy Birrell (Art) Pennie Clark (Mental Health & Wellbeing)	Janine Reid (Enrichment) Tania Martini (Italian & Art) Jamie Buccilli (PE) Jacqui Roche (Intervention) David Bruder (Maintenance)

Graduating Class

After approximately 1202 school days, our 2025 graduating class are getting ready to commence their journey into secondary school. They have been a special group, with so many of our students being the last of their family to go through our school. All up, we will have 38 departing families, many of whom have been with us for over ten years, as well as some second-generation families. In the next week the students will have a special day out, a graduation lunch, a special dance as well as a graduation ceremony. We hope their final week is a memorable one.

Last Day Arrangements

Next Friday 19th December is our final day of school for 2025. We will be finishing early at 1:30pm, with a special whole school assembly held at 12:30pm in the gym. All members of our community are welcome to attend and during this assembly we will say goodbye to our graduating class.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Term 4

Tuesday 16th December	Year 6 BIG DAY Out
Wednesday 17th December	Whole School 2026 Transition Session 2 - 11.30am to 12.30pm Teachers V's Students Dodgeball – Lunchtime -Gym
Thursday 18th December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea. 10.40 to 11.10am - Staffroom Year 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 19th December	Foundation Fairytale Incursion Final Whole School Assembly for 2025 12.30pm – Gym -All Welcome Last Day Term 4 Students - Dismissed 1.30pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Thursday 29th January	First day of Term 1
Wednesday 4th February	First day of school for Foundation Students

2026 TERM DATES

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

FROM THE OFFICE

Are you Moving Schools in 2026?

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 schools official email to ensure it is actioned promptly. Templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

HOOP TIME NEWS

The boys played last Thursday, finishing top 8 in the state out of 565 teams that entered the competition. All of them were only in Grade 3, in a competition made up of Grade 3 and 4 boys (Future Stars division).

The team was made up of Matthew, Ashton, Archie, Aiden, Dion and Max, coached by Tom Paterson and Hamish Rowe.

It was a great effort from the boys, coming within 3 points during the quarter finals against a team that had three boys a head taller than Ashton!





TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

THANK YOU
MORNING TEA
for CLASS REPS,
VOLUNTEERS &
HELPERS

Thursday 18th December

10.40am

in the staff room



Templestowe Heights
Primary School



MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES AT SCHOOL



As part of our school's Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy, students who bring mobile phones to school must sign them in at the front office in the morning and collect them after the bell at 3.30pm. Those that bring smart watches must disable the function that permits them from receiving and sending calls or SMS messages during school hours.

All students who wish to bring these devices to school need to complete the Mobile Phone and Wearable Devices Permission Form and have this signed by a parent or carer and our principal.

Mobile phones and wearable devices are brought to school at user's risk.

FIRST AID NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL... IS YOUR CHILD ASTHMA READY?



Every year there is a rise in asthma flare-ups when children return to school after the summer holidays. This results in an increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school.

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS ASTHMA READY BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:

1

BOOK AN ASTHMA REVIEW (LONG APPOINTMENT)

This is a special check-up for your child's asthma, recent asthma control, symptoms, summer and back to school triggers, and medicine use. Don't forget to include a check on their device technique.

2

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

During the Asthma Review ask the doctor for a signed written Asthma Action Plan. Schools and Outside School Hours Care will require an up-to-date plan for each student with asthma at the start of the new school year. Evidence tells us that using a written Asthma Action Plan to identify and manage a flare-up sooner can help to reduce hospitalisations, improve lung function and reduce the number of days off school.

3

RELIEVER MEDICATION AND SPACER

Check with the school about their medication policy and work with the staff to find the best way to manage your child's asthma medication, including before physical activity (where applicable).

- Make sure your reliever medication is in date with enough medication remaining. If not, purchase a new one
- Purchase a new spacer (and mask if age appropriate) for use at school
- Ensure the pharmacist labels medication with your child's name and you label the spacer with your child's name

4

TALK TO SCHOOL STAFF

Make time to talk with the class teacher and the school nurse (where applicable) about your child's asthma, their written Asthma Action Plan and their usual triggers, symptoms and medication.

Also talk to your child's sport coaches and supervisors of other school activities. Don't forget to keep staff up-to-date with any change to your child's asthma management.

Any changes to asthma management throughout the school year, requires an updated written Asthma Action Plan to be completed by your doctor and provided to the school.

If a child -

- has symptoms during the day more than 2 days per week
 - has to stop activities such as playing or exercise because they get asthma symptoms
 - wakes up with asthma during the night or early morning
 - needs reliever more than 2 days per week (not including prior to exercise)
- then take your child to their doctor as this indicates signs of worsening asthma.

For more information
call **1800 ASTHMA** (1800 278 462)
to speak with an Asthma Educator or
visit asthma.org.au/back-to-school



ENRICHMENT NEWS: SELECT ENTRY HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR PROGRAM



This term several of our Y5 and Y6 students had the opportunity to participate in the Select Entry High School Mentor Program. The aim of the program was to bring together high ability students (HAS) to work with like-minded peers from a range of different schools. We had students working at both Mac Robinson Girls High School and Melbourne High School. Both programs offered the opportunity to work on an extended investigation based on the design principles.

Each program concluded with a spectacular exhibition that showcased the students work. Well done to Florence, Janan, Michael, Lawson, Ben, and Ludwin.





A BIG thank you to all the wonderful helpers that gave their time on Thursday night to our P&F Stall.

Kai, Aaron, Sheree, Michelle, Barbara, Belinda, Louise, Amanda and Bec. Thank you also **Tim** for capturing these wonderful photos.

A special thank you also to **TheirCare** and the **Sharma Family**, who generously donated the Zooper Doopers and all the drinks.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO GO!

Please use this link to buy your tickets.

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

Please also see the attached flyer for all the details.

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






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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



BJD LANDSCAPING

TEMPLESTOWE HEIGHTS PRIMARY
TEACHERS AND PARENTS ONLY

10% DISCOUNT

ON ALL LANDSCAPING WORKS
BOOKED DURING THE SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS ENDS FEB 2ND 2026

Ts and Cs apply

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As many parents and all of the teachers know, BJD Landscaping has spent much of this year working on the ongoing improvements to the Templestowe Heights Primary School gardens and surrounding outdoor areas, with even more upgrades planned for next year.

We have genuinely felt the appreciation, support and positive feedback from the entire school community, and we wanted to give something back in return.

So, these school holidays, we are offering an exclusive **10% discount** for all Templestowe Heights Primary families and staff. If you are a parent or teacher and would like to refresh or improve your home garden in 2026, simply get in touch, request a quote and book in any landscaping works and you will receive **10% off the total job cost**.

We look forward to helping bring your outdoor spaces to life! 🌿



**SUMMER
HOLIDAY CAMPS**
AT BULLEEN BOOMERS

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY
WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY
THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY
ALL DAYS ARE 10AM-3PM AT BULLEEN BASKETBALL STADIUM
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Summer Celebration is back at
TEMPLESTOWE VILLAGE



Vibrant events and activities for all ages.
Celebrate with us and support local businesses and artists.

Sunday 14 December 2025

11:00am to 2:00pm

Face painting
Roving elf
Bubble entertainment
Photobooth
Live music

Saturday 20 December 2025

11:00am to 2:00pm

Live illustration
Giant jenga and connect 4
Live music



manningham.vic.gov.au/summer-celebration
[@findyourlocalmanningham](https://www.instagram.com/findyourlocalmanningham)



Summer Celebration is back at
MACEDON SQUARE



Vibrant events and activities for all ages.
Celebrate with us and support local businesses and artists.

Saturday 13 December 2025

11:00am to 2:00pm

Face painting
Roving elf
Bubble entertainment
Live music



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- 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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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.
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