



# Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



**Christmas Carols Evening Tonight**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December From 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Singing Begins at 6.00pm**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Carols Tonight



This evening, we are really looking forward to celebrating as a community for our annual carols event. It is an opportunity for families to bring along a picnic rug, dinner, listen to the students sing Christmas carols and celebrate 2025. With a forecast of over 30 degrees, our *Parents & Friends* will be selling soft drinks and icy poles.



The event is from 5:30-7:30pm and will be held on our school oval. The students will be singing their carols from 6pm and there will be a special visit from a man with a white beard in a red suit.

### Hoop Time



In an amazing feat, our grade 3/4 girls Hoop Time Basketball team finished runners up in the state competition. Against over 200 schools, across district, regional and state playoffs, our girls made it through to the grand final where they lost by a heart-breaking two points against Maffra College. Congratulations to Cecilia, Jasmine R, Jasmine T, Sophie, Grace and Kit, who all brought different skills to what has become a formidable team. A massive thank you to coach Matt (Cecilia's Dad) for all his motivational and strategic coaching, an experience these girls will hold dear to their hearts as they grow up.



### 2026 Transition

This coming Tuesday, all students will be visiting their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers for 2026. It will be an exciting time for the students, but also a worrying one as the thought of change and the unknown can cause anxiety.

Inevitably, there will be some children that come home disappointed with the classes they are in. It might be because:

- didn't get the exact teacher they wanted
- didn't get their number one friend on their list
- placed with a child they perceive to be rude or challenging
- some of their other friends they wanted to be with, were all in a different class.

Please remember this mantra: **We are building the child for the road...**and not the other way around. As parents, it can be heart-breaking to see our children upset, but please resist the urge to contact us and seek a change for your child. Disappointment and sadness are normal emotions to feel, and dealing with change is a life skill.

So, please trust us. Our class formations follow a thorough process, and we do our best to balance all the dynamic elements that make up a class of young people. The transition sessions run for one hour and we will have a second transition session on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Rhys Coulson**

**Principal**

<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025</b>	
<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carols Night 5.30pm to 7.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly 2.45pm – Gym</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Swimming at Carey (Except Tuesday) Foundation Swimming at Aquarena</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 6 Transition Day to Year 7 Government Schools Whole School 2026 Transition Session 1 - 11.30am -12.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 6 BIG DAY Out</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole School 2026 Transition Session 2 - 11.30am to 12.30pm Teachers V's Students Dodgeball – Lunchtime -Gym</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Parent Helpers Morning Tea. 10.40 to 11.10am - Staffroom Year 6 Graduation Evening</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Foundation Fairytale Incursion Final Whole School Assembly for 2025 12.30pm – Gym -All Welcome Last Day Term 4 Students - Dismissed 1.30pm</b>
<b>2026 TERM DATES</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Payments

Foundation Fairytale Incursion \$10 due Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Year 6 Graduation \$127 due Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### 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 school official email to ensure it is actioned. [Templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS



A reminder to return all books to the library please!

If you are looking for some reading related activities to do out of school hours, here are some suggestions:

### Children's Christmas Storywalk

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am-3pm

Carlton Gardens

Free.

Pick up a map and follow the story boards along the paths in the gardens to read a Christmas story, written by a Melbourne author and illustrator. See [website](#) for details.

### Big Summer Read

"Dive into stories and keep your reading superpowers strong over the summer holidays!"

Public Libraries Victoria have an annual reading challenge for children aged 0 - 18 years. Registration is free and there are incentive prizes to win as well! Sign up online <https://readbooks.com.au/bsr> or at your local public library branch.

### 13 Storey Treehouse LIVE

Performance based on the book by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

Melbourne Clocktower Centre

10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

[www.treeouselive.com.au](http://www.treeouselive.com.au)

**Susan Bannister**

**Teacher Librarian**



**Our Christmas Carols night is on tonight 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Bring your picnic rug, hamper and enjoy a fun filled evening. Don't forget your sunscreen and hat.**

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> of December in assembly.

Please 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**



**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



Templestowe Heights  
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TheirCare

The place to be these holidays!



# GALACTIC CIRCUS

SUMMER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Pass the popcorn!



Big Top training



Galaxy LAB



Super Scientists!

Book now at [TheirCare.com.au](https://TheirCare.com.au)

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



**MIND  
FRAME  
GROW**

**Maximise your child's potential by equipping them with problem solving & communication skills**

Empower them these holidays with skills for life!

## HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Problem Solving & Communication

Grades 4 - 10





**Small Classes & Personalised Learning**

**Individual Feedback & Support**

**Led by an experienced University Lecturer**

**Early Bird Pricing**

Book by Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Structured Problem Solving		Structured Communication	
	<p><b>Foundation Workshop:</b> Students learn to define problems, set goals, uncover root causes, and develop practical solutions using a structured, logical approach.</p> <p><b>Follow-On Workshop:</b> Students apply these skills to solve meaningful problems, both individually and in teams.</p>		<p><b>Foundation Workshop:</b> Students learn to articulate key messages, structure their ideas, story-tell, and present in a concise, engaging, logical &amp; compelling way.</p> <p><b>Follow-On Workshops:</b> Students extend skills, focusing on <i>Conversing &amp; Speaking Up</i> and <i>Leading &amp; Influencing</i>.</p>
<p><b>Participants</b> Grade 4 – 6 Years 7 – 10</p>	<p><b>Timing</b> 10am – 3:30pm 1-Day or 2-Days</p>	<p><b>Dates</b> 2026 Jan Holidays 12/01 – 21/01</p>	<p><b>Location</b> Templestowe College (Lwr Templestowe)</p>

Our expert-led workshops, blend explicit teaching with fun, relevant activities - supporting kids & teens to build a strategic **MINDset**, learn practical **FRAMEworks**, and **GROW confidence** and **essential skills** to thrive in school, extracurricular, social and everyday situations

★★★★★

"Amazing to see how much more confident & open my daughter has become"

"He said it was a real eye-opener to start thinking more critically about how to communicate."

"She's not as upset when things are not working out. Instead she is ready to try again another way"

**Visit or contact us to learn more and book**

 [www.mindframegrow.com/youth](http://www.mindframegrow.com/youth)

 0431 314 836

 [info@mindframegrow.com](mailto:info@mindframegrow.com)









## LOOKING FOR GIRLS TO JOIN OUR FOOTBALL CLUB!

**SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2026 SEASON IN THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS:**

U7'S

U8'S

U9'S

U12'S

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR DAUGHTER'S INTEREST**

**OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL**  
[brayden.vanderpol@mubfc.com](mailto:brayden.vanderpol@mubfc.com)



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MERENDA

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.



Nationality Recognition Framework



Learn Local

### 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  
<sup>A</sup>Special 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*

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