

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

5th February 2026

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"



Monday 9th February – Year 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival

Parent Information Evenings – Wednesday 11th February

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Foundation Students First Day

The wait was finally over as the newest (and youngest) members of our community commenced school on Wednesday. I loved seeing clean, crisp uniforms, big smiles, sharp haircuts, bows and ribbons in hair and school bags almost as big as the wearer.

The children were all extremely settled and it is a testament to our Foundation and Education support teams for creating a calm and nurturing environment. A big thank you to all our families for preparing their child to ensure they were as ready as can be for the big day.



Support for Anderson's Creek Primary School

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we welcomed Anderson's Creek Primary School's staff and students. This was due to forecasted extreme fire danger in the Warrandyte area, and our school is their designated shelter in place. It must be a challenging and equally frustrating situation, and I am grateful for how supportive our staff and students were of ensuring ACPS time at THPS was as comfortable as possible.

Information Evenings

Next Wednesday we will be hosting our Parent/Carer Information sessions for our Foundation families and a separate session for parents and carers of children in years 1-6. These sessions are aimed at providing families with relevant information about the programs and learning opportunities at THPS, and hopefully providing a better understanding of the terms your child has come home and spoken about.

- **Foundation Information Evening** (online via WebEx) Wednesday 11th February 6:30 - 7:30pm.. Webex Number: 571 909 455
- **Year 1- 6 Information Evening.** onsite, at THPS in Building D) Wednesday 11th February 6:30 – 7:30pm.

Student Voice Elections

This week students in year 1-6 have the opportunity to run for our Junior School Councillor or Environmental Leader positions. We wish all the students the best as they prepare their speeches, ready to present them to their classes.

Lunch Time Activities

This week our extra-curricular lunch time activities have commenced. These are opportunities for students to participate in passion topics, build social skills but most importantly give them options to do other things at lunch play. The following activities are available:

Library	Monday second half of lunch time	
STEM Club (in STEM Rm)	F-2 Monday lunch time	3-6 Wednesday lunch time
LEGO Club (outside Art Rm)	F-2 Wednesday lunch time	3-6 Tuesday lunch time
Remote Control Cars	Friday lunch time	
Gardening Club	Tuesday lunch time	

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

This Monday all students in year 3-6 will be participating in our annual swimming carnival. This year, students will have more opportunities to compete in 50m or 25m race events. There will also be more scheduled fun events throughout the day, ensuring all students can have an engaging time in the water!

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026	
Monday 9 th February	Swimming Carnival Year 3 to 6
Wednesday 11 th February	Foundation Information Session 6.30pm (Webex) Year 1 to 6 Information Session (Onsite)
Monday 16 th February	District Swimming
Mon 23 rd & Tues 24 th Feb	School Photos
Thursday 26 th February	Welcome Picnic - 5.30 to 7.00pm - Oval
Friday 27 th February	Whole School Assembly – Gym 2.45pm – All Welcome
Mon 2 nd to Wed 4 th March	Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Weds 18 th to Fri 20 th March	Life Education
Pupil Free Days	
Friday 6 th March	
Monday 25 th May	
Monday 2 nd 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 December

FROM THE OFFICE

Office Contact Details

Please address all emails to the office email address at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au to ensure that they are actioned as soon as possible.

2026 Parent/Carer Contributions

2026 school fees are due by Friday 27th February 2026. Please remember to return the form with your payment. If you require a new form please contact the office.

Payments Due

Year 3 to 6 House Swimming – Thursday 5th February

PARKING



At this busy time of the year, please be mindful of students and other drivers when parking around the school. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all of us. **The carpark is for staff only.** Do not use the staff carpark for pickups and drops offs at any time and please do not walk your children through the car park.

The streets around the school are often patrolled by Manningham council. Always ensure you are parked correctly and are not double parked or perform U turns at the front of the 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. A mobile phone and wearable technology permission form must be complete and returned to the office before a device can be brought to school. Please contact the office for details.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don't forget to order your school photos. School photos will be taking place over 2 days this year, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February. Information regarding how to order is below. Orders need to be **placed online** before the cutoff date otherwise extra charges may apply.

- Monday 23rd February
- Tuesday 24th February

Templestowe Heights Primary School

DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

 Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day.** Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **4QMLS52U**



Scan to order!




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Your photo day is: **23/02/2026 & 24/02/2026**

SWIMMING CARNIVAL TIMETABLE

This year the swimming carnival will be held at WaterMarc Aquatic Centre, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough Vic
The schedule for the day is as follows:

10am - Yr 5 & 6 Races, 50m followed by 25m

10am - Yr 3 & 4 Fun rotations

11:45am – Lunch

12:15pm - Yr 3 & 4 Races, 50m followed by 25m

12:15pm - Yr 5 & 6 Fun rotations

2:15pm – Finish

2:30pm - Bus back to THPS

Parents are welcome to come to watch their child in races however space is limited.

Please note that there will be no seating for parents in the grandstands, and no spectating around the pool so as to not interfere with marshalling and timing of events. There will be a small designated space for parents & carers to spectate.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below. If you applied for CSEF at our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

new student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools this year.

changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (WWC)

All parents and carers wishing to visit or volunteer at the school need to hold a valid Working With Children Check (WWC). This can be done online at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>. Once you have received your card please present it to the office.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAINS NEWS

Hi, we are your Environmental Captains for 2026.

On Tuesday we had our first garden stall for this year. It's open every Tuesday after school, in the middle yard, and sells fresh produce grown in our school garden. Garden club runs every Tuesday lunchtime with Peggy and all students are welcome to join in harvesting, watering, planting and preparing the garden. We are currently selling flowers, cherry tomatoes, heirloom tomatoes, mint, chocolate mint and Lebanese zucchinis.

We look forward to seeing you at the stall or in the garden!

Charlotte and Juliet.



Hello everyone, and on behalf of the THPS Parents & Friends, welcome back to 2026! And a very special welcome to all of the new foundation parents!

For those I have not yet met, my name is Elisa, mum of Amelia in Grade 5, and I help manage our P&F events and gatherings. With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, today's families have a lot on their plates, and I'm excited to share that 2026 is our first full year managing P&F in a more simplified version.

With the disbandment of the Class Representative WhatsApp Groups from Grades 1-6 at the end of 2025, we hope the space around our families is less noisy. So, moving forward, if you wish to share class specific information (i.e. teacher's gifts) to your classroom families please send an email to templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au and the information will be forwarded to the relevant families.

We have many exciting events locked in for this coming year, where we hope to encourage more community engagement and fun interactions for our families, the first of which is our Welcome Picnic scheduled for Thursday the 26th of February.

If you wish to volunteer your time to help with this event or to be kept informed of volunteering opportunities through the year, please send an email through to thpspaf@gmail.com. You can obtain your WWCC from the QR Code or link below.

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



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MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

HOSTED BY THE TEMPLESTOWE HOTEL

WHEN: MARCH 14

TIME: 6-10PM

HOW IT WORKS

Hear the song...

Name the song

Name the artist

WIN PRIZES

How hard can it be...?

MUSIC FROM

1960s / 70s / 80s / 90s / 00s
2010s / 2020s



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