

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 3

12th February 2026

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

School Photos Mon 23rd & Tues 24th February



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Swimming Carnival

On Monday all students in year 3-6 participated in our annual swimming carnival held at Watermarc. Students were able to compete in 25m and 50m races, while everyone moved through fun water activities aimed at ensuring all students could enjoy the day.

Thank you to Jaime Tan for organising such a successful day. Some of our students in years 4-6 will now represent our school at the district swimming competition. Refer to Ms Tan's article further on in this newsletter.



Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Last night we ambitiously held two parent/carers information sessions. Our Foundation Team presented online, providing our newest families with relevant information that will help support them as their child transitions into school. The link to the presentation will be emailed to Foundation families shortly.



Parents and carers who attended our Year 1-6 Information session got a slight shock when they arrived...they had to participate in lessons! Over the course of one hour, our parents and carers became the students, being taught lessons involving maths, writing and geography. The purpose was to showcase expectations, resources, content and strategies we use for our students during lessons. It now means when their children come home from a big day at school, parents and carers are able to ask the "in the know" questions such as "Did you remember to chin your whiteboard?" or "How much turn and talk did you do today?"

Thank you to our amazing teachers for making these events possible, and to our families who were able to come along and learn about our approach to teaching and learning.

Author Isabel

In a first ever event, we have a student's published book in our library. Isabel (3RR) has published a book "*Just us and the Ramp*", about a girl who wants to spend more time with her parents. Students can now borrow her book, a great example of someone persevering with their passion. We are proud of you Isabel!



Student Voice Leaders

Congratulation to our students who were successfully nominated to represent their classes as Junior School Councillors and Environmental Leaders for semester 1. The badge presentation will be at our whole school assembly on Friday 27th February at 2:45pm.

Grade	JSC	Enviro	Grade	JSC	Enviro
1SS	Vivan	Tom	3EJ	Elliott	Sienna
1KD	Scarlett	Gabriel	3JA	Andy	Alik
1RR	Leonardo	Panah	3RR	Hudson	Estelle
1JC	Brendan	Sebastian	4LZ	Luis	Shayaan
2CS	Imogen	Emmy	4NS	Francesca	Belle
2EZ	Arraiya	Bruno	4KW	Emily	Katelyn
2LH	Maximus	Iylah	5DL	Hannah	Jemma
2RW	Rocco	Madeleine	5LS	Borna	Bridget
2EA	Siena	Max	5SP	Archie	Francesca

Child Safety

Child Safety is a critical element of our work at Templestowe Heights Primary and is incorporated into every aspect of our day-to-day work with students. Many of our child safe practices will be very familiar to school families including, but not limited to:

- High visibility of staff members on playground supervision.
- Students always visiting the toilets in pairs.
- Prep students being walked from and to their classrooms for before/after-school care.
- The requirement for all visitors who might come into contact with students to have current Working with Children Checks.
- Ensuring safe food eating practices.
- Encouraging safe traffic and pedestrian behaviour in and around the school, particularly at busy drop off and pick up times.

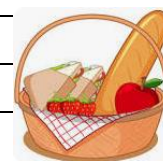
We are always looking to improve our practices in this area, whether in accordance with the Department of Education's Policies or based on our own observations.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

Monday 16 th February	District Swimming
Wednesday 18 th February	School Council Meeting – 7pm - Staffroom
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 - Badge Presentation Gym 2.45pm – All Welcome
Mon 2 nd to Wed 4 th March	Parent/Carer Teacher Discussions
Friday 6 th March	Pupil Free Day – No School For Students
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 18 th March	School Council Meeting – 7pm - Staffroom
Wed 18 th & Thur 20 th March	Life Education Year 1 & 2
Wednesday 25 th March	Life Education Year 1 & 2
Friday 27 th March	Whole School Assembly – Foundation Starting School Certificates - 2.45pm All Welcome
Thursday 2 nd April	Whole School Assembly – 1.30pm – All Welcome Term 1 Ends – Students Dismissed 2.30pm
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 to ensure that they are actioned as soon as possible.

templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don't forget to order you 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

School leaders photos need to be ordered separately. We will advise families when these are available to order online.

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!



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



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Isabela in Year 3RR who is a published author! Isabela and her mum recently wrote a picture fiction book titled "Just us and the ramp". Isabela was extremely proud to present a signed copy to our school library.

"I'm so excited for you to put this in the library for everyone to read." (Isabela)

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (WWC)

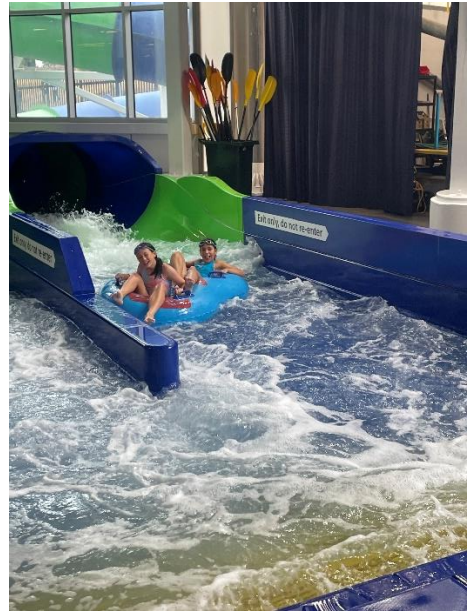
All parents and carers wishing to visit or volunteer at the school need to hold a valid Working With Children Check (WWC). This can be done online at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>. Once you have received your card please present it to the office.

THPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2026!

On Monday, all grade 3-6 students attended the very first sporting event of the year – the Swimming Carnival held at Watermarc, Greensborough. We had such an awesome day involving swimming races, waterslides, water games and a giant inflatable. A huge thank you to all THPS staff for helping the day to run so smoothly and to all the amazing THPS students for their determination, bravery, enthusiasm and school spirit. We are so proud of each and every one of you!

Jaime Tan, PE Teacher 😊







Join us for the THPS Welcome Picnic on Thursday 26th February, 5:30pm-7:30pm on the school oval.

Please bring your picnic rugs and your hampers and join us for a fun evening of getting to know one another. There'll be two huge jumping castles to have a bounce on too.

P&F will be selling \$1 Zooper Doopers and \$2 drinks - water, soft drinks, juice boxes. Eftpos is available, but cash is preferred (and the cash line is much shorter!)

If you're keen to offer 30 mins of your time to help out at the stall, volunteer opportunities are now open. please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet. Just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

<https://volunteersignup.org/7L3CT>

Thank you for volunteering!

Woohoo to another great THPS evening!

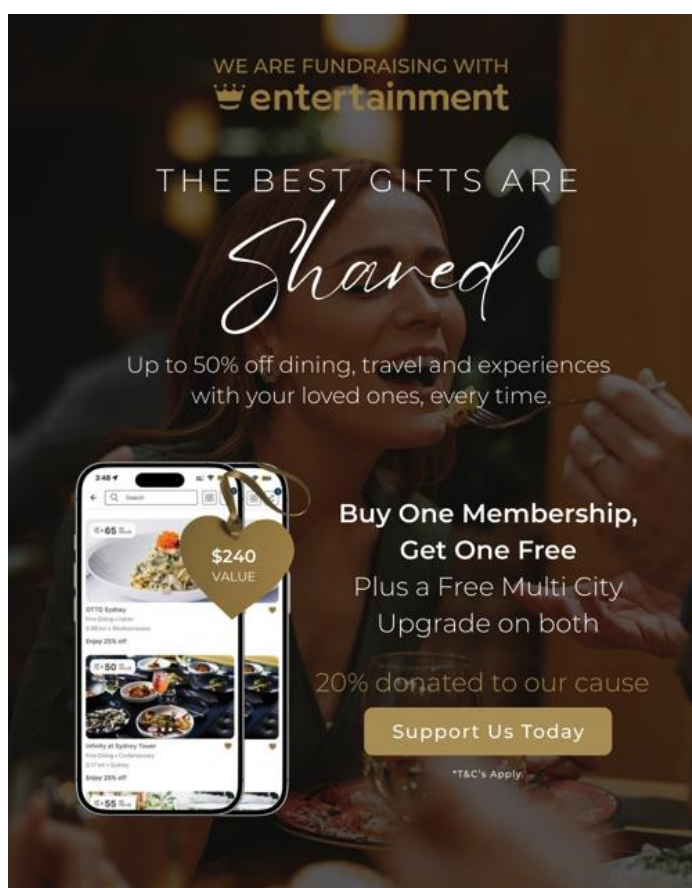
Elisa and the P&F Team

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

BOX RALLY

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

SCAN to BOOK: \$20ea
 Tables: 5-10ppl
 Enter team name in message box. Tip: bring teenagers & grandparents

TEAM MILLENNIAL FALCON

You're helping fund Aussie research to fight cancer in all its forms.

SCAN to BOOK: \$20ea
 Tables: 5-10ppl
 Enter team name in message box. Tip: bring teenagers & grandparents

MUSIC FROM
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In partnership with
Cancer Council

BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE JFC

BULLANTS COMMUNITY

KICK-OFF DAY!

Sunday the 15th of February, 2026
10am - 4pm
Ted Ajani Oval, Templestowe Lower

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR 2026! FREE FOR GIRLS
 Inclusive **FREE** fun for all:

- Rides.
- Face painting.
- Inclusive footy games for boys and girls.
- AFL inflatables.
- Giveaways.
- Jumping castles.

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