

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

Templestowe Heights
Primary School

9850 1796

Newsletter Term 1 Week 6

5th March 2026

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

“Inspiring learners for life”

Friday 6th March – Pupil Free Day (No school for students)

Monday 9th March – Labour Day Public Holiday

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Pupil Free Day Tomorrow

On Friday (tomorrow) we will be having a pupil-free day. Students are not to attend school. School reopens on Tuesday 10th March.

On this day, all teaching and education support staff will be visiting Bentleigh West Primary, where they will be participating in a professional learning day with three other schools – Chelsea Heights Primary, Churchill Primary and Docklands Primary. Our five schools are all aligned with the science of learning, and as such have similar approaches to teaching and learning. During the day, all staff will participate in workshops to strengthen their knowledge around evidence-based practices.



Welcome Picnic

Thank you to all our families who attended our welcome picnic last Thursday. It was great to see our new families, as well as existing families, come along and enjoy a relaxing evening. Massive thank you to the *Parents & Friends* leadership of Elisa, Eric and their merry band of helpers for running the drinks and icy pole stand.

Sports News

Congratulations to all our students who represented our school in the division swimming carnival. The quality of the competition rose to another level, but our students did too! Being gracious and respectful in both victory and defeat are a life lesson, and our students did this so well. Good luck to Susanna (6ST) who has made it through to the regional stage competition.

Parent/Carer – Teacher Discussions

Over the past three days we held our semesterly teacher discussions. As always, we had a big turnout of parents and carers making the time to meet their child’s teacher. The home-school partnership plays a pivotal role in ensuring we support every child to reach their potential.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Next Wednesday 11th March all students in Years 3 and 5 will start their participation in NAPLAN. We always need to remember that these standardised tests are simply a moment in time of a child’s journey. They are not the final destination, nor do they predict a child’s life trajectory. All we ask is that our students give it their best efforts, and we will be proud of them no matter what they achieve.

School Council Election

Congratulation to our returning School Councillors who have been re-elected for a further 2-year term: Paul Gallo, David Hong and Shashank Kaul. They continue to work alongside our 2026 School Council members of Kai Robotham, Jono Oppenheim, Reza Tajaddini, Dionne Dearman, Elisa Westein, Margaret de Haas, Stephanie Deghani and Jeanette Breen.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026	
Friday 6 th March	Pupil Free Day – No School For Students
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 11 th March	NAPLAN - Writing - Year 3 and 5
Thursday 12 th March	NAPLAN – Reading – Year 3 and 5
Friday 13 th March	NAPLAN – Language and Convention – Year 3 Year 6 Online Safety Incursion
Monday 16 th March	NAPLAN – Numeracy – Year 3
Tuesday 17 th March	NAPLAN – Language and Convention Year 5
Wednesday 18 th March	NAPLAN – Numeracy – Year 5 Year 6 Camp Information Night -7pm- Year 5/6 Building School Council Meeting – 7pm - Staffroom
Wed 18 th & Thur 19 th March	Life Education Year 1 & 2
Thursday 19 th March	Year 3 Online Safety Incursion
Friday 20 th March	Year 4 BioEyes Incursion
Wednesday 25 th March	Life Education Year 1 & 2
Friday 27 th March	Whole School Assembly – Foundation Starting School Certificates - 2.45pm All Welcome
Wednesday 1 st April	Year 5 & 6 Inter School Sports Gala Day 2
Thursday 2 nd April	JSC PYJAMA DAY – Gold Coin Donation 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

Payments Due

Year 6 online safety -\$14.50 due Thursday 5th March

Year 3 online safety - \$14.50 due Thursday 11th March

Year 1 and 2 Life Education – \$18 – due Wednesday 11th March

Late Arrivals Procedure

All students arriving late to school must present to the office and sign in on the COMPASS kiosk and collect a **yellow late pass**, even if parents/carers have placed the absence on COMPASS.

Early Leavers Procedures

For those students leaving early, parents/carers must come to the office and sign them out on the COMPASS kiosk and collect a **blue early leavers pass**. This pass needs to be presented to the teacher upon pick up. Even if you have placed the absence on COMPASS the same procedure must be followed.

PARKING



We are all in a hurry to be at our next destination but 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. Please 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.

REMINDER - STUDENT ENROLMENT DETAILS UPDATE

Last week all families received a copy of their child's enrolment record via email. Please carefully review the information to ensure all details are correct and complete. If any changes are required, kindly update the form and return it to us via email or deliver it to the office.

If there are no changes there is no need to sign and return the form.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of unnamed items in our lost property tub. Please ensure all items bought to school are clearly labelled so that they may be easily returned.

All unnamed items in the lost property tub will be donated to the second hand uniform shop.

LIBRARY - HELPERS WANTED



Our school library is looking for parent/carer volunteers! If you have a little time to spare, we would love your help with covering books and assisting with small library tasks. Please note that volunteers will need a current Working with Children Check card. Volunteering in the library is a wonderful way to be involved in our school community and meet other parents while supporting students' reading and learning.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Susan Bannister. We'd be delighted to have you join us!

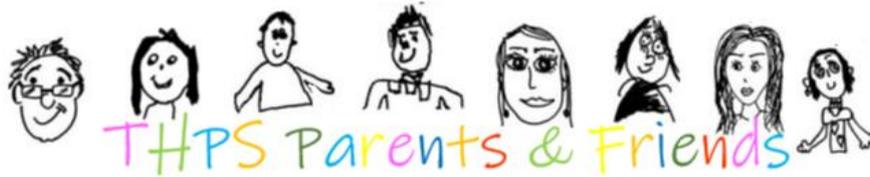
DIVISION SWIMMING NEWS

On Monday morning, 22 THPS students attended the Division Swimming competition at Aquanation in Ringwood. We had 6 relay teams and 6 individuals compete in front of a massive crowd of students and families.

Well done to all our brave competitors and a big congratulations to Susanna (Yr 6) who now proceeds to the Regional Swimming competition at the end of the month.

Jaime Tan, PE Teacher 😊





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

The **Grade Six School Leaders** and **Canteen Crew** stole the show for sure....

A big thank you also to **Kai, Bec, Roxana, Sheree, Ruby, Dionne, Paul, Reza, David, Erik**, as well as **TheirCare** generously donated all of the drinks, but manned the stall as well.

THE THPS EASTER RAFFLE IS NOW LIVE.

So, we are seeking Easter Donations!

We are excited to call on our community for anything Easter-related! Any contributions are greatly appreciated, and donations can be dropped off at the office. Thank you for your generosity!

**Also, you can HOP, HOP, HOP to buy your tickets
using this Link or this QR code!**

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/templestowehts-easter2026>



The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd of April during assembly, and tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10. Ticket purchases close on Wednesday 1st April at 6pm.

Please ensure that your child's name and class are clearly written in the space provided when purchasing your online ticket/tickets (this is not an 'optional' field as stated on the transaction page).

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

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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HOP HOP HOP TO OUR
2026 EASTER RAFFLE

Students will have the opportunity to win Easter prizes which will be drawn on Thursday the 2nd of April during assembly.

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

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THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK
 On behalf of the Parents and Friends Team

TICKET
OPTIONS

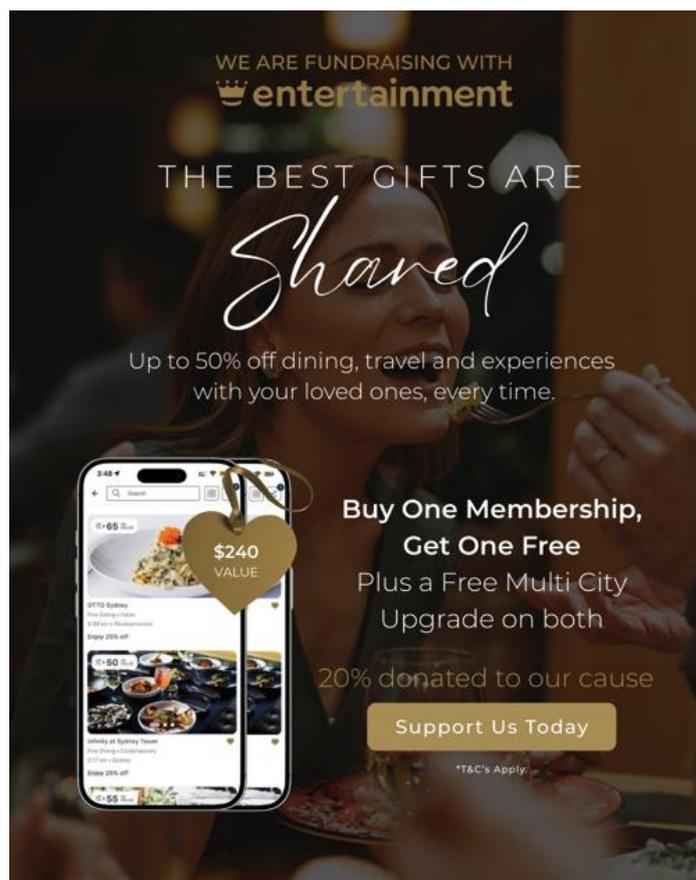
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each

3 for
\$5

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\$10







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COMMUNITY NEWS



Piano Lessons

Vivian Davies has been a long time private piano teacher that runs her lessons during school hours or after hours. If you are interested in your child learning the piano please contact her on 0422 880 764.

Ember Psychology

63 Smiths Road, Templestowe, 3106



IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY



Comprehensive Assessments

Neuro-affirming assessments are available with our provisional psychologists. These assessments are overseen and co-signed by registered psychologists who are also board-approved supervisors! Assessments available for:

- Autism
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Specific Learning Differences
- Cognitive assessment
- Academic Assessment

Assessments available at
\$180ph + Report fee



Counselling



All intervention and counselling work with our provisional psychologists is also overseen by registered psychologists who are board-approved supervisors! Counselling sessions available at
\$150ph



Enquire now: emberpsychology@gmail.com
www.emberpsychology.com.au



NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE

28th March 9.30am - 3pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham



Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group Inc. No. A0039676Y

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...?



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

SCAN to BOOK: \$20ea

Tables: 5-10 ppl

Enter team name in message box. Tip: bring teenagers & grandparents

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2010s / 2020s





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rent.musicorp.com.au/tuition_online_eoi

GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

Templestowe Dockers Term 1

St Kevin's Primary School	Templestowe Park Primary School
Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30pm	Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30pm
Commencing 16 Feb-16 March	Commencing 18 Feb-11 March

Please note there will be no session 9 March due to the Labour Day public holiday.

Enquiries: Jack Harrowell, TJFC
Auskick Coordinator
templestoweauskick@gmail.com
0490 793 367

Trial for F to Year 2 students only

We invite all New Parents to

Twin Hills Pre-school

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 2ND MAY

9am - 12pm
39 Mayfair Ave, Templestowe Lower

Meet our educators
Tour of our Wonderful Facilities
Face painting
petting zoo
coffee cart

(03) 9850 8157
twinhillspreschool.com.au

YARRALEEN PRESCHOOL

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY, 22 MARCH 2026
10AM - 12PM
92 Rocklea Road, Bulleen

Meet the Teachers

Fun Activities

Explore the Kinder

2027/2028 REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Scan here to learn more

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