

Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights
Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 7

12th March 2026

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Year 6 Camp Information Night Wednesday 18th March – 7pm Senior Building

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pupil-Free Day

On Friday, all teaching and education support staff travelled to Bentleigh West Primary to participate in a conference including Docklands, Chelsea and Churchill Primary Schools. The day commenced with a keynote presentation from Dr Carl Hendrick detailing the body of research on how we learn effectively. Staff took part in a variety of chosen workshops aimed at building their understandings in specific areas of curriculum, teacher practice, student support and leadership.



National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On Wednesday the software used to host the NAPLAN 'crashed' when all students in years 5, 7 and 9 across Australia attempted to log on to complete their Writing test. Luckily the year 3 students were able to complete the writing test using paper and pencil, that technology was robust and didn't crash!

We were really proud of all the year 5 students, who responded calmly while we were all looking at the spinning wheels of doom on their monitors. We resumed online NAPLAN testing today as the technical issue has been resolved. As I have said repeatedly, these tests are only snapshots of a moment in time, and we just want all students to give it their best effort. These results do not dictate a child's life trajectory.

Running Club

Thanks to Jaime Tan for kick-starting our first running club for 2026. On Wednesday morning we had over 50 students, parents and carers walk, run and skip around our school. Some of our students saw this as an opportunity to prepare themselves for our upcoming cross-country race in term 2, while others were happy to accumulate laps while doing so with their friends.

Online Safety Lessons

As part of our child safety policy, this week students in year 6 are participating in online safety sessions. Thanks to Ross Toogood for organizing this and ensuring we educate our students about the actions and behaviors we all need to be aware of when we are online.

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

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	
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 Camp deposit \$50 due 20th March

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 - 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 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!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT GALA DAY!

Last Thursday, all Year 5/6 students participated in their first Interschool Sport Gala day for the year. The summers sports available in Term 1 are Rounders, Cricket, Softball, Basketball and Hot Shots tennis. Students choose a sport and have weekly training sessions before their two gala days for the term. Our students represented THPS so well and had a fabulous day out, being active with their friends and meeting children from other schools. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers that were able to assist on the day.

Jaime Tan, PE Teacher 😊





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://wvcv.auspost.com.au/>

A current WWCC is essential, and a copy will need to be supplied to the office



HOP HOP HOP

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

THPs Parents & Friends

TICKET OPTIONS

\$2 each
3 for \$5
6 for \$10

WE ARE FUNDRAISING WITH
entertainment

THE BEST GIFTS ARE
Shared

Up to 50% off dining, travel and experiences
with your loved ones, every time.

**Buy One Membership,
Get One Free**
Plus a Free Multi City
Upgrade on both

20% donated to our cause

Support Us Today

*T&C's Apply.

The place to be these holidays!

TheirCare

iSpyKIDS

*Autumn 2026  HOLIDAY PROGRAM

check footage from Mon-Fri



Ninja Training @1300 hours

Secret Agents:
- Junior Spy
- Agent Academy
Tues April 7th

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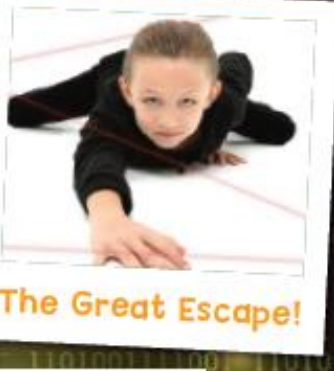
Pass the popcorn!



Secret Agent Kit



Maze Runner



The Great Escape!

Book now at 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



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.



Eastern Health

Infant, Child & Youth Mental Health Service

COMMUNITY SEMINAR: ONLINE TRAINING **SCHOOL REFUSAL**

This training will focus on:

- Understanding what is school refusal.
- How families can support a child who may be at risk of school refusal.
- Why early intervention is important to prevent chronic school refusal.
- Helpful strategies and interventions you can use in your work.

This training is designed for professionals working in education, child and family services, wellbeing, and youth services.

Details:

When: Tuesday 5th May, 9.30-12.30pm

Cost: \$40 per person

Registrations:

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/school-refusal-tickets-1984517973681?aff=oddtcreator>

Or contact us for group registration/invoice enquiries:

CommunitySeminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au



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Musicorp holds weekly group lessons at your child's school. The term fee includes the lessons, book, music stand and instrument to take home and practice.



Scan the QR code for full details, pricing, available instruments and to enrol.




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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



Trial for F to Year 2 students only

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: 5-10ppl
Enter team name in message box. Tip: bring teenagers & grandparents

TEAM MILLENNIAL FALCON



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



In partnership with **Cancer Council**

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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