

Our News



News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

15th October 2026

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect

Courage

Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

District Athletics

Last Thursday, 27 students represented our school at the District Athletics competition at the Doncaster athletics track. Everyone gave it their best effort and we are proud of all our students for the grit and determination they showed in trying their best. We now have 9 students who have made it through in their individual events to the regional competition, as well as two girls relay teams. Well done to Sophie, Aria, Kylie, Amelie, Eveleigh, Ashton, Charlotte, Lily, Willow, Harper and Janan. See the district article further on in the newsletter.

Morphology Lessons

Over the past two months, our year 3-6 classroom teachers have been building their knowledge of morphology. This has been because we have recently introduced morphology lessons as the body of knowledge to learn once they have mastery of phonics. Students have been learning about how words are made, by learning about the smallest units of meaning called morphemes, as well as base words, prefixes, suffixes and linguistic roots (Greek, Latin).

2027 Planning

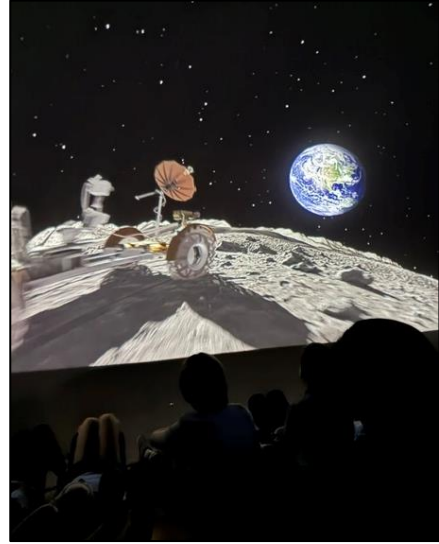
Planning is well underway for 2027. As part of our Class Formation Policy, teachers will facilitate a process where we ask all children to list five friends. We guarantee that every child will have at least one of those five friends in their class for the following year. As part of this process, we provide families the opportunity to make requests for 2027 class placements. Requests may relate to friendship concerns, learning issues or family matters. All requests must be directed, via email, to the Principal at templestowe.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Friday 30th October. **Requests cannot be made for children to be placed with a particular child or teacher.**

The end of the year is often a time when families may be moving residences. For any family that is moving from THPS at the end of the school year, can you please notify the school via email by Friday 20th November as this helps us with our planning for the 2027 school year.

templestowe.heights@education.vic.gov.au

Incursions

This week has been a busy week for visitors. To support their core knowledge unit on space and the solar system, our year 4 students had a Cosmodome set up in the multi-purpose room, where students were able to view the stars and learn more about astronomy. They also participated in an online wellbeing session during their STEM lesson as did our year 1 students. All students in year 3-5 have been practicing their dance moves as part of the dance incursion hosted by Stomp, while our Foundation students got to meet our local Templestowe Fire Brigade.



Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026	
Term 4	
Friday 16th October	Year 4 Online Safety Incursion
Wednesday 21st October	School Council Meeting – 7pm - Staffroom
Thursday 22nd October	Foundation Fire Incursion Regional Athletics
Friday 23rd October	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion 7.45am to 5pm Whole School Assembly Gym – All Welcome
Tuesday 27th October	Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Monday 2nd November	Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 13th November	Whole School Assembly 2.45pm – Gym - All Welcome
Wednesday 18th November	School Council Meeting – 7pm - Staffroom
Wednesday 25th November	2027 Foundation Parent Information Night
Thursday 26th November	Year 1 Melbourne Museum Excursion
Mon 30th Nov to Fri 4th Dec	Foundation and Year 1 Swimming Program Year 5 & 6 Swimming Program
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas Carols Evening
Friday 4th December	Whole School Assembly Gym – All Welcome
Mon 7th to Fri 11th December	Year 2 Swimming Program
Tuesday 8th December	Whole School Transition session
Tues 8th to Fri 11th December	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Program
Tuesday 15th December	Whole School Transition Session
Wednesday 16th December	Year 6 BIG DAY OUT
Thursday 17th December	Year 6 GRADUATION Evening
Friday 18th December	Whole School assembly 12.30pm Last Day of School for 2026 – Students Dismissed at 1.30pm
Pupil Free Days	
Monday 2nd November	
2026 TERM DATES	
Term 4	Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December

FROM THE OFFICE

Payments Due

Year 5 Sovereign Hill \$63 Due Friday 16th Oct

Year 2 Melbourne Zoo \$42 Due Tues 20th Oct

Are you Moving Schools in 2027

Planning for 2027 classes is well under way. If your family will be moving to a new school in 2027 can you please notify the school via email as soon as possible.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



The second hand uniform shop is located near the school office and is available to browse most afternoon unless there are meetings in the room.

Official/logo items (jumpers, jackets, dresses, school bags etc) the price is \$5 per piece, and for non-logo items (shorts, skorts, track pants etc) the price is \$2 per piece.

If you have uniform items at home that you no longer require, you can donate them by bringing them to the front office. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition – would you buy the item in its current condition? Please note: we only accept polos, jumpers and jackets with the school logo, not generic items.

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.

ART *with Cecile* AFTER SCHOOL

Get inspired! Get creative! Explore drawing, painting, and sculpture in a fun learning environment.

Foundation-Grade 2:
Thursdays, 3.45-5.00 pm
8 Oct 2026 - 10 Dec 2026
\$300 term fee

Grades 3-6:
Tuesdays, 3.45-5.00 pm
6 Oct 2026 - 8 Dec 2026
\$300 term fee

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Classes in the THPS Art Room
Places are strictly limited.
All materials included.

Click or scan to enrol

art@cecilegray.com
0438 515 836
cecilegray.com/classes

DIVISION ATHLETICS!

Last Thursday we had 26 THPS students compete at the Division Athletics competition in Burwood. A huge congratulations to the following students who placed 1st or 2nd in their event and will now meet at the Regional competition in Knox. We will have 10 individual events and 2 relay teams compete which is an incredible result!

12/13 year olds:

Eveleigh – 200m and 4x100m relay

Harper - 4x100m relay

Janan - 4x100m relay

Lily – Long jump and 4x100m relay

Charlotte – Discus

9/10 year olds:

Ashton – Shot put

Kylie – Hurdles

Sophie – 800m, 1500m and 4x100m relay

Aria – Long jump and 4x100m relay

Willow – 800m and 4x100m relay

Amelie – 200m and 4x100m relay

I am so proud of each and every student that competed at Division, they showed great courage, sportsmanship and integrity. Go THPS! Jaime Tan, PE Teacher 😊





Welcome back—there's more to explore at TheirCare!

It's been great to welcome everyone back to Before and After School Care! New to TheirCare? We're right here at your school, providing a safe, caring space where your child can play, make friends and explore new interests.

Our friendly educators plan activities around what children enjoy, helping them build confidence, creativity and life skills through play.

Here's what's coming this Term 4!

TC Tucker starts this week!

Time to get hands-on in the kitchen! Children can discover new foods, learn cooking skills and create something delicious together.

The Epic Challenge Series starts next week!

Calling all budding engineers! Get ready to build, create and put your ideas to the test. Can your child rise to the challenge, win prizes and become the Epic Challenge Champion?

Wow Wednesdays starts the week of 23 November!

What do we do on Wednesdays? We get amazed! Expect surprising experiments and hands-on discoveries that will make children say "WOW!"

Our mural competition closes next week!

There's still time to enter! One winning artwork will become a GIANT feature wall at TheirCare's new Head Office. The winning child will receive a \$50 Prezzy voucher, and their service will receive a LEGO set worth approximately \$500!

It's free to register, with no obligation to book.

Get started today so you're ready whenever your family needs us. Your child will need to be enrolled and booked into a session to join the fun.

👉 [See how to enrol](#)

👉 [Register for free](#)

Already enrolled? Check Fully Booked for your service's exact activity schedule and book the days your children will love!

COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPERIENCED COACHES!

JOIN ANYTIME!

FREE JUNIOR CRICKET

JOIN THE BULLEEN CRICKET CLUB AND BECOME A BULL!
PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME, ALL JUNIOR TEAMS MIXED BOYS AND GIRLS.

- BLASTERS (4-10 YEARS) ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS
- SUPER 7S/ U10S & FAST 9S / U12S, BOTH SUNDAY MORNINGS
- PATHWAYS TO SENIOR MENS AND WOMENS CRICKET ON TURF

SEASON DATES:

- OCT - FEB FOR U10S AND U12S
- NOV - FEB FOR BLASTERS

YOU CAN JOIN ANY TIME IN THE SEASON!

REGISTER NOW VIA QR CODE OR MESSAGE TIM

www.bulleencc.com.au 0405134914

SAVE THE DATE

Manningham Carols

by Candlelight

Friday 11 December, 6 pm – 10 pm
Ruffey Lake Park

This is a free, but ticketed event. Registrations open on Wednesday 4 November 2026.

We look forward to seeing you in December.

manningham.vic.gov.au/carols

Rotary Club of Emerald & District

ROTARY KIDS FUN RUN

with PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children

Trophies to 1st Girl & Boy in each year

Train rides on the day

Show bags & certificates for runners

Proudly supporting Rotary CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROJECTS

Registrations Now Open!!

Kids Running for Kids

29th November 2026

<https://emeraldrotary.org.au/5395/Page/rotarykidsfunrunwithpuffingbilly>



Prep - Grade 6



Templestowe Heights Primary School

THURSDAY

1:00PM-1:45PM

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork

Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20% compared with children who have not

To book online, scan or go to chessmates.com.au/schools



INFO@CHESSMATES.COM.AU
0475 431 622



Parent Engagement Survey

MYS would like to hear from Manningham parents about how we can better help you support your children with issues surrounding online safety, digital wellbeing, and respectful relationships.

Please scan the QR code below and let us know what areas you would like to learn more about, and when and how we can best work with you.

Survey is open until November 15th.

For more information regarding this or any MYS services, please contact MYS Team Leader Amy Marshall via Amy.Marshall@each.com.au



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