Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 3 *22nd October 2026*

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Friday 23rd October

Whole School Assembly – Gym - All Welcome

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Principal Intern

We would like to welcome Marcus Leonard, Assistant Principal of Heathmont East Primary. Marcus will be at Templestowe Heights Primary for the next month as he undertakes an internship as part of the Principal preparation program from the Victorian Academy of Leadership.

Kangaroo Rescue

It's not every day you get to school and you find a kangaroo on the oval! The kangaroo lives at Westerfold Park and became disorientated at dawn. Thankfully a wildlife officer was able to catch it and return it home.

Glee Club

Excitedly, one of our parents is offering an afterschool Glee Club for students in F-Year 3. Please see the flyer further on in this newsletter for information.

Literacy in Action - Nathaniel

As part of year 5 writing lessons, our students have been responding to prompts to develop their logic and creativity. Nathaniel (5DL) wrote an amazing response to the following prompt, where he used his deep understanding of phonics and morphology.

Prompt: An alien spaceship has just landed in the school oval. The alien wants to take one human object back to its planet to represent all of Earth. Persuade the alien what it should take and why.

You of all people must bring a dictionary back to your planet for many reasons that I'm going to explain. Firstly, it contains all of the words we use, so if you ever want to know our language better then there's your number one option. Secondly, you can learn the meaning behind our tongue and babble and how it was created back in the days of the Vikings, people who lived long ago. Lastly, you can speak more fluently if you visit next time as it tells you how to say and pronounce morphemes and affixes properly. In conclusion for many truthful reasons, you most definitely should take a dictionary back to your planet and spread our language with your people.

(Nathaniel, 5DL)

Whole School Assembly

Tomorrow (Friday) we are hosting a whole school assembly at 2:45pm in the gym. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

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

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026	
Term 4	
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
Wednesday 11th November	Rememberance Day
Friday 13th November	Whole School Assembly 2.45pm – Gym - All Welcome
Wednesday18th 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

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.

First Aid Update- Influenza A

We have had a couple of confirmed cases of Influenza A at school this week. If your child is unwell please do not sent them to school. Should any student present to sick bay with any symptoms parents and carers will be contacted them to pick them up.

Symptoms include: fever, cough, sore throat, sneezing, tiredness, headache, aches and joint pains.

Pollen Season – A Reminder for Parents

With pollen season here, we are noticing many students experiencing hay fever symptoms at school. If your child suffers from hay fever, we encourage you to give them an antihistamine at home before school, if appropriate.
Alternatively, if you would like the school to administer antihistamine during the school day, please collect a medication form from the office. The form must be completed by a doctor or pharmacist and returned to the office along with the medication.
Before administering any antihistamine, we will contact parents to confirm that their child has not already been given a dose that morning. Medication can only be administered once the required form and medication have been received by the school.

Second-Hand Uniform Donations – Size 4-8

With our 2027 Foundation transition sessions starting next week, we will have many families coming to the second-hand uniform shop to purchase uniform items. If you have any unwanted uniform items at home that are still in good condition, we would welcome your donation. We are particularly looking for sizes four to six: – t-shirts, jackets and jumpers must have the THPS school logo on them, but we will also accept navy blue shorts, skorts, and track pants. Please ensure that they are washed and in good condition – would you buy the item in its current state?

New Working with Children Check Register – WWC Connect

From 19 October 2026, schools must notify the Social Services Regulator (SSR) of the details of all the workers or volunteers that they engage to do child-related work through a new online system called WWC Connect.

This system will help the Social Services Regulator to see where people with WWC clearances are working and volunteering. It will also let them act faster if someone's WWC Clearance stops being valid.

At our school, we require all volunteers to have a valid WWCC under our volunteers policy. We are very grateful to the many volunteer parents and carers who help us with many student activities –on excursions, camps, at concerts and for our fundraising activities.

If you help at our school in a volunteer role with direct contact with children we will enter your details into the new WWC Connect system. We will do this when you start and finish volunteering, and at any time your details change. Only the school can enter this information. You cannot do it yourself.

If you volunteer at Templestowe Heights Primary School in a role that works directly with children' you must provide us with the information we need to put your details into WWC Connect.

If you are a volunteer in a role that does not work directly with children or are exempt from holding a Working with Children Clearance (for example, if you are a police officer) we may ask you to complete the Consent Form – Connecting your Working with Children Clearance to our school to collect your WWC Clearance details and obtain your consent to add your details to WWC Connect.

JSC News



Hello from the JSC and Environmental reps! Over the next couple of weeks, the reps will be selling Remembrance Day merchandise throughout our school. Poppies, wristbands, badges and pens are available for purchase, and reps will be circulating through the classrooms each day to sell them. All proceeds are donated to the Poppy Appeal which supports Veterans throughout Australia. Items and prices can be seen below. If you would like to purchase an item, please try to bring the correct money as we are unable to provide change.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT NEWS

Well done to our 3 amazing teams who made it to the Division summer sport finals last week.



Final results:

Girls Softball – THPS vs Warrandyte PS. 9-13

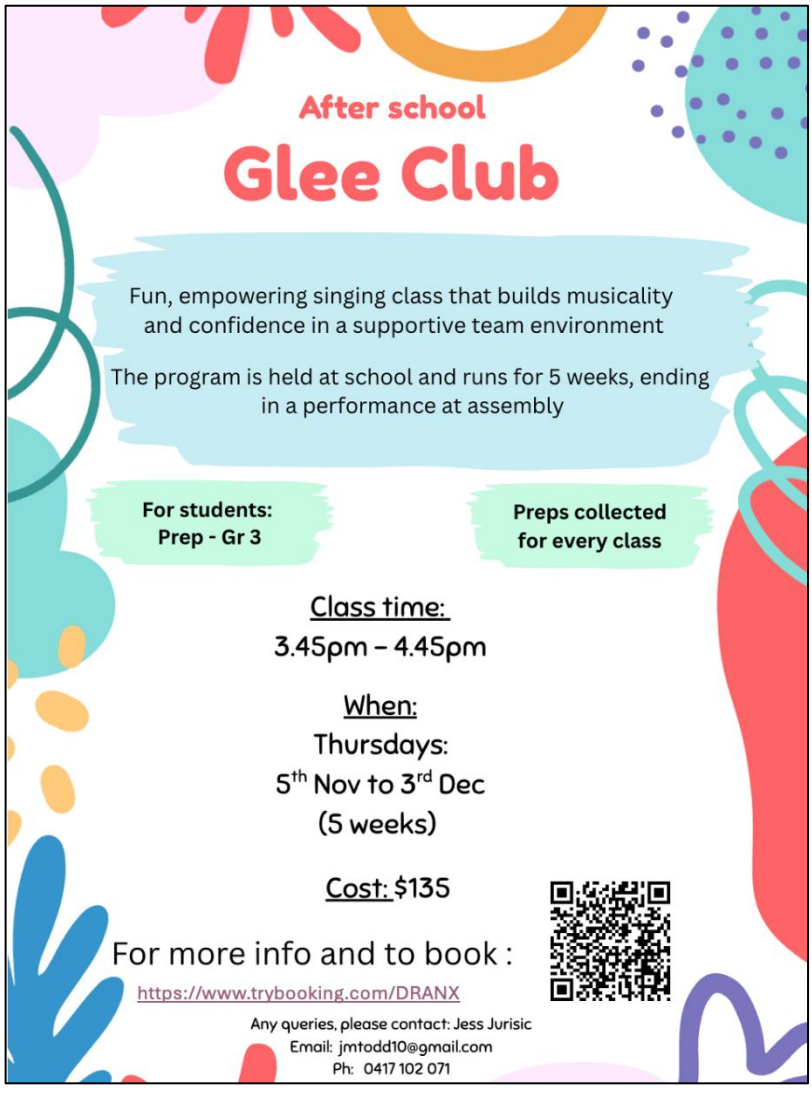
Girls Rounders – THPS vs Serpell PS. 5-11

Girls Basketball – THPS vs Templestowe Park PS. 37-15.

Congratulations to all the teams that made it through and a huge congratulations to our Girls Basketball team coached by Mrs Stacker who will now proceed to the Regional round robin day later this month.

Ms Tan, PE

Teacher 😊





A Familiar Face is stepping up to Parents and Friends.

Hi THPS families, my name is Ruth and I will be taking over from Elisa in running the Parents and Friends. I want to thank Elisa and her team for doing such a great job over the past few years, and hope I can continue her legacy.

I've been boots on ground since 2022, and now with Douglas in Grade 4, Lincoln in Grade 1 and my youngest Gordon starting Foundation in 2027, I've got plenty of years ahead of me. This school has always had a great reputation for its strong sense of community and we know our kids love it when and if we can show up for them. Big or small. We have a couple more events for Term 4, the biggest being our Election Day BBQ Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall, and our Christmas Carols in early December.

Save the Date Saturday November 28th 8am-3pm

In the next few weeks you will see our volunteer sign-up sheet, and we want plenty of parents and carers to come and cook a sausage for democracy and more importantly get some of that general public's money for our fundraising goals. If your Saturday's are just too busy a contribution of cakes/slices/baked goods donated by our amazing families for our cake stall (which sells out in the first few hours) would be greatly appreciated. The more the merrier.

I am always available via our email thpspaf@gmail.com or keep an eye out for that volunteer sign up sheet.

Ruth Bishop and the P&F Team

COMMUNITY NEWS





In support of Manningham City Council's **Girls Can** program the **Doncaster Aeromodellers Club Inc** invites women and girls to our field for a Try and Fly Radio Control Model experience.

MANNINGHAM

When: Saturday 14 November 2026
11am to 3pm

Where: Bulleen Park



This activity presents a unique opportunity for women and girls to experience flying remote controlled aeroplanes with guidance from skilled and friendly trainers.

This activity brings together key elements of STEM, engineering, construction skills, aviation principles & hands on experience.

Suitable for all ages and no previous experience is required. Participants are encouraged to bring their parents, family and friends.

Registration is required via email at events@dac.org.au

This event is free.

What to wear: sunglasses, hat and sunscreen.

What to bring: nothing, everything you need to participate will be provided by the club.

Parking available adjacent to the club's flying field.

DONCASTER AEROMODELLERS

Contact information
Name: Alex Zattelman
Phone: 0407 856 870
Email: events@dac.org.au
Website:https://dac.org.au

AUDITION for the Australian Youth Choir 2027.

Australian Youth Choir

Enrolments for 2027 are now open to boys and girls from 8 years of age.



An opportunity to develop:

- singing
- musicianship; choral repertoire
- confidence
- self-esteem
- new friendships



Weekly rehearsals in Canterbury during school Term with performance opportunities during the year.

AUDITION NOW FOR 2027

Appointments are available by contacting us:

EMAIL: office2@niypaa.com.au

Boys and Girls singing together since 1975

Est. 1975, the Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth Performing Arts Australia (NIYPAA) ABN 28 007 124 629



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