Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 4 *29th October 2026*

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Monday 2nd November- Pupil Free Day – No School for Students

Tuesday 3rd November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Foundation 2027

On Tuesday we held our first transition session for our 2027 Foundation students. The students did an amazing job listening to their teachers while getting used to being in a new environment. Next year, we will have five classes to accommodate our 102 Foundation students (that are all in zone and siblings). We would also like to welcome our new Foundations teachers- Sarah De Jong and Cecilia Nunez.


Steph Maxwell


Steph McNabb


Jane Robinson


Clare Harding


Cecilia Nunez


Sarah De Jong

Victorian Schools Athletics Championships

Last Thursday we had 11 students compete at Regional Athletics in Knox, our biggest group of competitors to make it to the regional level so far!





Gr 4 - Sophie D - 1500m, 800m, 4x100 relay
- Aria - Long Jump, 4x100m relay
- Kylie - Hurdles
- Ashton - Shot Put

Gr 5 - Willow - 800m, 4x100m relay
- Amelie - 200m, 4x100m relay

Gr 6 - Charlotte - Discus
- Eveleigh - 200m, 4x100m relay
- Lily - Long Jump, 4x100m relay
- Harper - 4x100m relay
- Janan - 4x100m relay

Well done to all students who competed at this level, it such an amazing achievement.

A huge congratulations to Eveleigh and the 4x100m girls 10 year old relay team (Amelie, Aria, Willow and Sophie) who are competing at the STATE competition at Albert Park today!

Remembrance Day Badges



Throughout the next week, our student voice leaders will be selling badges and poppies. This is to mark Remembrance Day, with all proceeds going to the Templestowe RSL.



Excursions and Incursions

It has been another big and exciting week for our students aligning their learning with our core knowledge units. Our year 5 students visited Sovereign Hill to pan for gold as part of their Gold Rush unit. Our year 2 students explored the Melbourne Zoo as part of their unit on Animals and Habitat, while our Foundation students had a visit from the Fire Brigade. A big thank you to parent and Fireman Garry (Elise FHA) for organising this event. Please read further on for a report about our excursions.







Pupil Free Day and Public Holiday Monday & Tuesday

This Monday we will be having a pupil-free day and Tuesday will be the Melbourne Cup public holiday. Students will resume school on Wednesday 5th November.

Rhys Coulson
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026	
Term 4	
Monday 2nd November	Pupil Free Day – No School for Students
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance 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 Ends	Friday 18th December
2027 TERM DATES	
Term 1	Friday 29th January – Thursday 25th March
Term 2	Monday 12th April – Friday 25th June
Term 3	Monday 12 July – Friday 17th September
Term 4	Monday 4th October – Friday 17th 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.

Second-Hand Uniform Donations – Size 4-8



With our 2027 Foundation transition sessions underway, 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



The JSC and Environmental reps are continuing to sell 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. If you would like to purchase an item, please bring the correct money as we are unable to provide change.

YEAR 2 MELBOURNE ZOO EXCURSION

On Tuesday, our Year 2 students enjoyed a wonderful day at Melbourne Zoo! As part of our learning about animals, habitats and adaptations, students observed a variety of animals and discovered how they survive in their environments.

It was fantastic to see students making connections to their classroom learning and sharing their knowledge. We were very proud of their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour!

A big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for making the day such a success!








YEAR 5 SOVEREIGN HILL

Last week we travelled back to the 1850s at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, where we panned for real gold, descended deep into a mine, and uncovered the stories of the many migrants who came from around the world to chase their fortunes in the Victorian Gold Rush. We also wandered the old-fashioned main street, dodging horse carts and peeking into shops - the lolly shop was our own eureka moment of rebellion.





Gr 6 BADMINTON CLUB!

Badminton Club is now running for Year 6 students, who are using the skills learnt in PE to play short doubles games in a round robin format. During our first session of Badminton Club we saw incredible enthusiasm, awesome rallies, killer smashes and amazing return shots.

Congratulations to Ryan & Susanna, Li-Yang & Ervin, Isaac & Sean and Ollie & Christian who finished with 5 wins each after our first lunchtime competition.

Badminton club is open to any Year 6 student during Thursday lunchtime for the rest of the year.

Jaime Tan, PE Teacher 😊









Hooptime Update

What an incredible achievement for our Future Stars team today!



After a fantastic day of basketball at the Regional Tournament, the girls have successfully progressed through to the **State Finals in December**.

The final game was an absolute thriller, going into overtime and then a second overtime before the team held their nerve to secure a hard-fought two-point victory.

Congratulations to: Sophia C, Sofia M, Tegan, Kelsey, Chelsea and Adelina. The team was coached by Adele McIntosh.

The determination, teamwork, resilience and composure shown by the girls throughout the tournament was exceptional. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to cheering them on at the State Finals in December.

Well done, girls! 🤍 💚 🏀

THPS Parents & Friends

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

In the next few weeks you will see our volunteer sign-up sheet, and we need 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



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