Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 6 *12th November 2026*

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Whole School Assembly

Friday 13th November – 2.45pm Gym All Welcome

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

World Techers Day



Last week, Ruth with the amazing support of the *Parents & Friends* team organised a special morning tea. This event was to acknowledge World Teachers Day, a day where we celebrated and recognise all THPS staff, regardless of their role. Working at a school is a privileged position, where you get witness how your actions, attitudes and commitment foster the growth and development of young people. A massive shout out to all our staff, for making our school so welcoming, warm and enjoyable to come to every day.

New OSCH Provider in 2027

In 2027, we will be moving to **Kelly Club** as our new Outside School Care Hours (OSCH) provider. This decision was not taken lightly, and I would like to thank School Councillors Paul (President), Shashank, Kai as well as Margaret and Stephanie for their due diligence and industry insights to ensure a robust process was followed. We would also like to thank **TheirCare** for the past five years, providing a quality service that our families enjoyed.

Kelly Club will commence on Wednesday 27th January, 2027. Please read their welcome letter found as an attachment to this newsletter .

Hoop Time – State Finals Time!

Congratulations to our grade 3/4 Boys (Matt, Ashton, Aiden, Archie, Dion and Max) and 5/6 Girls (Chloe, Avery, Janan, Eveleigh, Harper, Janan, Jasmine R and Jasmine T) basketball teams that have made it through to the state finals. An amazing achievement, with our all-conquering girls undefeated throughout the day and our boys finishing second in their pool and then won their semi final before going on to win their grand final. A big thank you to Brent (boys) and Sienna (girls) for coaching the teams.





Congratulations also to our Grade 3/4 Girls All Stars team Katelyn, Olivia, Macy, Ruby, Aria, Sophie and Erin, who finished 1st in their pool to secure their place in the State Finals. The girls have worked incredibly hard and should be so proud of what they have achieved.



Democracy Sausage

On Saturday 28th November, our *Parents & Friends* will be hosting a sausage sizzle on the State Election Day at Templestowe Heights Primary. Please read below for details of how to help out on the day.

Star Gazing

This Friday (13th November) the Astronomical Society of Victoria (ASV) will be holding a star-gazing event and Ruffey Lake Park. The ASV will being along many telescopes for you to enjoy looking up into the night sky. Please register with the link below, which will also provide weather updates to ensure it is still going ahead.

https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events/star-gazing-night-astronomical-society-victoria

Rhys Coulson

Principal

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026	
Term 4	
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
Friday 27th November	JSC Dress Up Day – Teacher Student Swap -Gold Coin
Mon 30th Nov to Fri 4th Dec	Foundation and Year 1 Swimming Program Year 5 & 6 Swimming Program
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas Carols Evening 5.30pm – 7.30pm
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 – 2.15pm to 3.15pm
Tues 8th to Fri 11th December	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Program
Tuesday 15th December	Whole School Transition Session - 11.30am to 12.30pm
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
2026 TERM DATES	

Term 4 Ends	**Friday 18th December - 1.30pm**
2027 TERM DATES	
Term 1	**Friday 29th January – Thursday 25th March**
Term 2	**Monday 12th April – Friday 25th June**
Term 3	**Monday 12th July – Friday 17th September**
Term 4	**Monday 4th October – Friday 17th December**

FROM THE OFFICE

Payment Due

Year 1 Melbourne Museum $25 – Due Thursday 19th November

Whole School Swimming $23.50 – Due Friday 20th November

Year 6 Graduation $112 – Due Friday 4th December

Second-Hand Uniform Donations – Size 4-8



With our 2027 Foundation transition sessions underway, we 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?

SAFETY AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF



We all have busy lives and we all have somewhere else we need to get to. There are no excuses however, for irresponsible or dangerous behaviours when dropping our children off or picking them up. We are all role models to our children and we want them to grow up as adults who take care when crossing roads or when driving.

Some reminders to eliminate dangerous behaviours that could lead to severe consequences:

We are on a main, busy road and it is so important that parents and carers cross at traffic pedestrian crossings.

Double parking is illegal and it is dangerous.

U-turns out the front of the school on High Street are extremely dangerous and illegal.

If you do witness illegal or dangerous behaviours out the front of our school, please contact the Manningham local laws department on 9840 9333 or alternatively please contact the Doncaster police station on 8841 3999.



JSC NEWS

Thank you to everyone who purchased an item for Remembrance Day. As a school, we raised $2113. This money goes toward helping veterans and their families.

Dress Up Day – Friday 27th November

Our Junior School Council (JSC) is excited to announce a **Teacher–Student Swap Dress-Up Day** on **Friday, 27th November**, to raise money for the **St Vinnies Christmas Appeal**.

It's time for students to become the teachers and teachers to become the students! We encourage everyone to get creative and have some fun with their outfits. Students, don't forget your glasses, a pen tucked behind your ear or in your hair, and of course, a lanyard with a big bunch of keys! Teachers, it's your chance to dress like the students you teach every day!

THPS Parents & Friends

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Saturday November 28th 8am-4pm



Our Community Board is up and out the front of the school so tell your friends and family to come and vote at **your** school and buy their democracy sausage and something sweet.

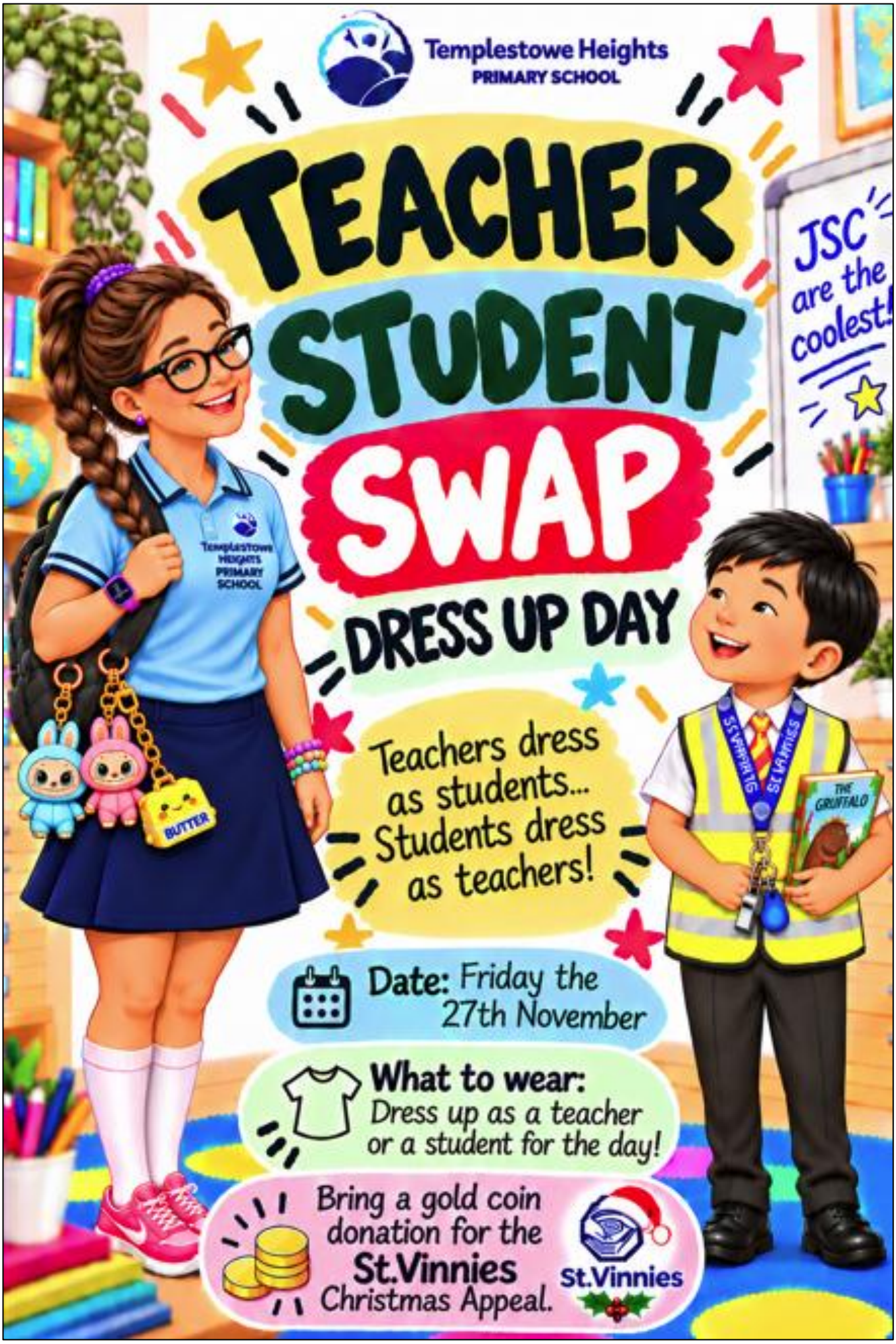
Thank you to those who have signed up already, we still need plenty of hands to come and turn a sausage.

Your eldest child will come home Monday 23rd November with all the details for our bake sale and remember we can only sell homemade goods.

If baking is not your style, our sign-up sheet also includes a list of drinks and gift cards that can be purchased and donated to help cover the costs of BBQ supplies and drinks.

Together we can make this event a success.

Volunteer sign-up sheet link:
https://volunteersignup.org/9BPK9


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PRIMARY SCHOOL
TEACHER
STUDENT
SWAP
DRESS UP DAY
JSC are the coolest!
Templestowe Heights Primary School
BUTTER
Teachers dress as students... Students dress as teachers!
THE GRUFFALO
Date: Friday the 27th November
What to wear:
Dress up as a teacher or a student for the day!
Bring a gold coin donation for the St.Vinnies Christmas Appeal.
St.Vinnies

A THPS PARENTS & FRIENDS EVENT

Christmas Carols Night

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Bring your picnic rugs and hampers and come enjoy the carols & great company!

$1
Zooper Doopers

$2
Drinks
Soft drinks, water & juice boxes

EFTPOS available

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish of St. Gregory the Great
71 Williamsons Road
Doncaster Vic 3108
Phone: (03) 9412 8425
Email: Doncaster@cam.org.au

Catholic children who attend our school are invited by St Gregory the Great Parish, Doncaster to participate in programs to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation,
Holy Communion and Confirmation. Could parents please contact the parish office on
9412 8425 or by email on DoncasterRE@cam.org.au.
The classes will be held on Tuesdays after school.
There will be an information session on Tuesday, 2nd February 2027 at 5pm in St Gregory's Parish Church.
Specific details for celebrating each Sacrament will be made available at that meeting.









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