Our News

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School

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Newsletter Term 4 Week 7 *19th November 2026*

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence Respect Courage Responsibility

"Inspiring learners for life"

Congratulations THPS Girls Victoria State Champions

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Victorian State Champions



Our girls' basketball team made school history on Tuesday, winning the State Basketball Championships and bringing home Templestowe Heights Primary School's first state basketball title in more than 25 years!

The girls won every pool game to earn a spot in the gold medal match against Mentone Grammar. With 26 seconds remaining and THPS trailing by two points, the girls executed their set play brilliantly to score and tie the game.

With 12 seconds left, strong defence forced Mentone Grammar into a tough shot. Eveleigh grabbed another huge rebound and passed the ball out to Avery, who was fouled with just 1.1 seconds on the clock. With the scores still level, Avery stepped up to the free-throw line. With ice in her veins, she sank both shots to put THPS ahead by two. Moments later, the final buzzer sounded and the girls were state champions!

We're so proud of the teamwork, composure and determination the girls showed all day. Congratulations to **Avery, Chloe, Jannan, Leah, Harper** and **Eveleigh** (Year 6) and **Jasmine T** and **Jasmine R** (Year 5). A massive thank you to **Kate Stacker** and **Karen Woods** for their support in coaching the girls throughout the tournaments. They really are such a talented and special group of 'ballers' and we are so proud of the girls. What a finish and what a day for THPS!

Child Safety

Keeping our students safe and supported is our highest priority at Templestowe Heights. Our Child Safety Policy sets out clear standards, expectations, and procedures to protect every child from abuse, harm, and neglect across all school environments and activities. All staff, volunteers, and visitors must follow these guidelines, complete required checks and training, and report any concerns right away. Families can read our full Child Safety Policy and related resources on the school website or contact the school office if they have questions or want to share feedback.

Election Day 28th November

Did you know that Templestowe Heights Primary is one of the largest polling boothes in Victoria? Seizing on the large number of voters, our wonderful *Parents & Friends* are organising a democratic sausage sizzle and cake stall for next Saturday's state election voting day. I will be coming along to turn some sausages so if you are willing and able, please book in a time to turn sausages too! We are also wanting our families to bake a cake (or the like) for the cake stall.

Music Corp Performances



On Monday, students who have been participating in their instrumental lessons have an opportunity to perform in front of family and friends. In all, we have 26 students who will perform musical pieces on their violins, guitars, keyboards and drums. The event will take place in the multi-purpose room at lunch time, with students permitted to attend.

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	
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?

LIBRARY NEWS



It's time to check under the bed, on the bookshelf and in the toy box. Dig out any THPS library books and bring them back to the library! A reminder that all library books must be **returned by 4th December.** Thank you.
Susan Bannister
Teacher Librarian

ENRICHMENT NEWS:

This year we again ran the APSMO Maths Games and Maths Olympiad problem solving competitions as part of the Enrichment programme.

These programmes provide students the opportunity to work on really challenging problems where:

- the solutions are not immediately clear,
- each problem requires a series of steps are required to reach the correct solution, and
- the problems can be approached through a number of different strategies.

To be successful students need to become highly skilled at finding the most efficient strategies for a wide variety of problems.

Each year thousands of students from schools all over Australia and New Zealand enter these competitions. This year, just under 15,000 students participated in the Maths Games programme and 40,584 students participated in the Maths Olympiad competition. For perspective, our current enrolment at THPS is 570 students!

These are very tough programmes, and our students did exceptionally well.

Maths Games Results:

The following students competed the MATHS GAMES programme and were awarded an achievement certificate:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Julian	Mishaan	Alex H
Emily	Isaiah	Alex L
Cayden	Joanna	Lachlan
Selene	Emily M	Lucas
Teagan	Shayaan	Olive A
Clara	Shryeman	Claire
Max	Leo	
	Scarlett	
	Charlotte	
	Erin	

I would like to make special mention to the following students who were the top scorers for their year level:

This year our top Y3 performer was **Cayden**.

This year our top Y4 performer was **Shayaan**.

This year our top Y5 performer was **Claire**.

Maths Olympiad Results:

Huge congratulations to the 2026 Maths Olympiad team, who were again awarded a "**Certificate of High Team Achievement'**. This award is in recognition of the team's combined success, which saw them score in the top 20% of team scores in Division J. This is an outstanding achievement, towards which everyone contributed.

Certificates of Achievement are presented to students who participated in and completed the Olympiads.

This year the following students received a certificate of achievement:

Sean, Harper, Max, Ben, Olive L, Madison, Jemma, and Jayden.

The following student's results place her in the **top 50%:**

Kabir, Yousef, and Kit.

The following students' results placed them in the **top 40%:**

Caleb, Greg, Brooke.

The following student's results placed them in the **top 25%: These students will be awarded a top 25% pin in addition to their certificate.**

Janan and Imogen.

The following student's results placed them in the top 20%: **These students will also be awarded a top 25% pin in addition to their certificate.**

Wesley, Yang, Elaine, Elwood, Hunter, Ivy, and Faye.

The following student's results placed them in the top 10%: **These students will be awarded a top 10% pin in addition to their certificate.**

Chloe and Susanna.

This year we had a 3-way tie for the highest individual score. All three top students' results also placed them in the top 10% of people who participated. **These students will be awarded a top 10% pin AND A HIGH ACHIEVER Medal in addition to their certificate.**

The 'Highest Individual Score' was awarded to Austin, William and Ryan.

Congratulations to all students who completed this challenging programme.

Janine Reid

3-6 Enrichment Teacher.

THPS Parents & Friends

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Saturday November 28th 8am-4pm



Just over a week to go to before our biggest fundraiser of the year, and I need you.

Thank you to all of those who have signed up for our sausage sizzle and cake stall. The only spots left are the coveted 12-2pm, if you can jump on board

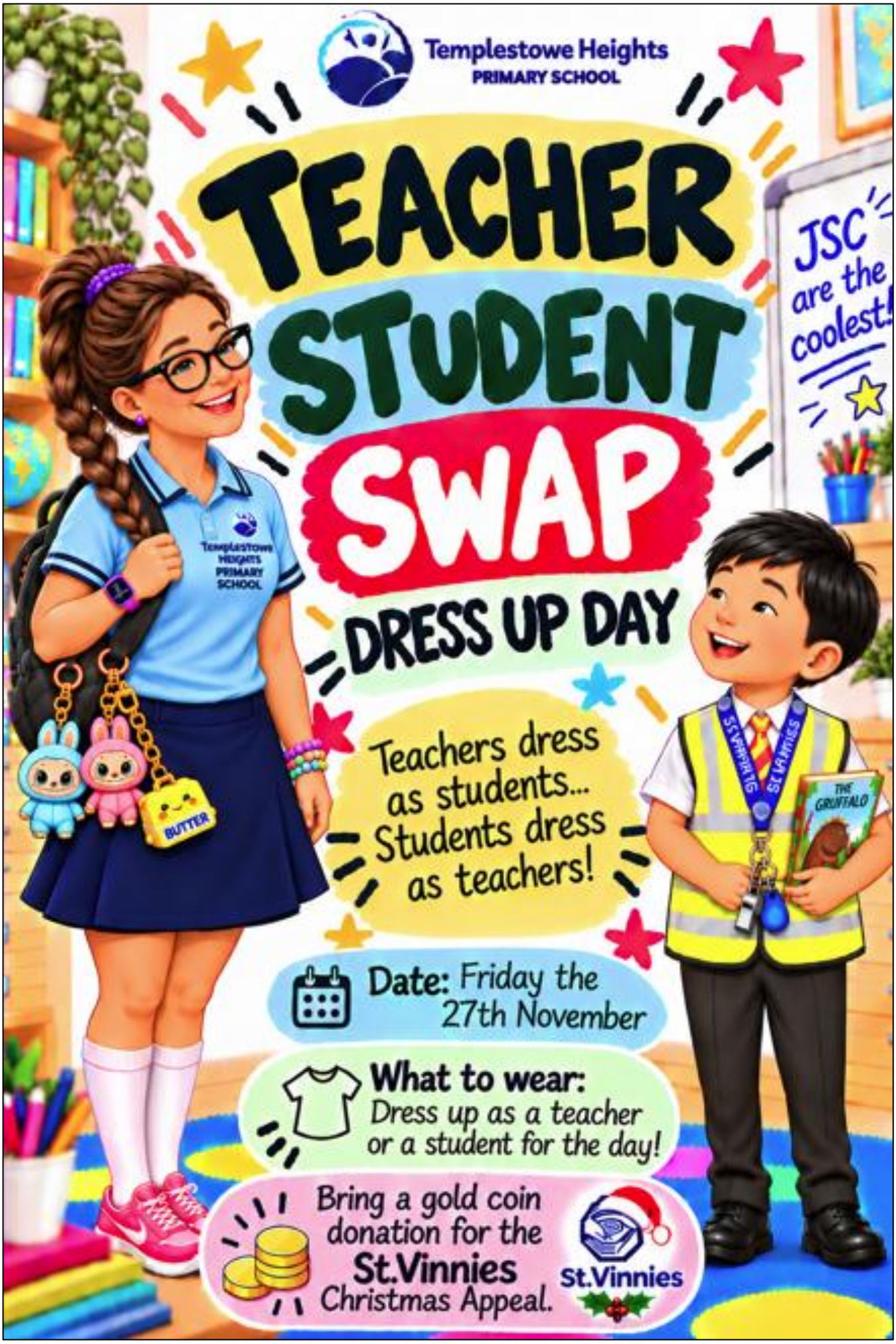
Your eldest child will come home Monday 23rd November with all the details for our bake sale and remember we can only sell homemade goods.

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.

Ruth Bishop – any questions or queries email me – thpspaf@gmail.com

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


Templestowe Heights
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

Templestowe Heights
Primary School

COMMUNITY NEWS



Parish of St. Gregory the Great
71 Williamsons Road
Doncaster Vic 3108
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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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