



From the Principal Desk – Alison Rees

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Staff Professional Learning – Curriculum Day

PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY MARCH 8TH

A reminder to all families that TOMORROW - Friday March 8th, 2019 is a Curriculum Day for TVPS staff and a holiday (Pupil Free Day) for its students. The teachers will be undertaking professional development focussed on understanding data in order to best plan for student learning. We hope that all families enjoy the 4-day weekend (inclusive of the Labour Day holiday on Monday March 11th).

Reflections ~ Service to the Templestowe Valley Community



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — **Mahatma Gandhi**

There’s been a theme running through the last few newsletters – that of unity and community and contributing something to make Templestowe Valley a wonderful place in which all our students can achieve potential.



I’m going to continue with that theme again, but pose the question to all our parents and families, *“How are you contributing at Templestowe Valley? How are you supporting your child’s school?”*

Last newsletter I congratulated our Student Leaders and thanked them for taking on a position of responsibility within our community. Today I’d like to thank our hardworking School Council members. This is particularly important as we have a number of long serving members retiring, and we are currently going through the election process for our new parent member school councillors.

School councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students.

A school council’s functions include:

- establishing the broad direction and vision of the school
- developing, reviewing and updating the policies of the school
- arranging for the supply of goods, services, facilities, materials and equipment that are required for the conduct of the school
- raising funds for school related purposes
- regulating and facilitating the after-hours use of school premises and grounds

Calendar

MARCH

Fri 8 th	CURRICULUM DAY
Mon 11 th	Labour Day
Thu 14 th	L3&L4 Cross Country
Fri 15 th	Regional Swimming
Fri 15 th	SRI Commences
Mon 18 th	JSC Badge
Tue 19 th	Book Club Orders
Wed 20 th	L3 Camp Departs
Fri 22 nd	L3 Camp Returns
Mon 25 th	School Council
Tue 26 th	TVPS Harmony Day
Wed 27 th	Student Photo Day
Thu 28 th	L4 Interschool Sports
Sat 30 th	TVPS Open Saturday

STUDENT BANKING

Monday 18 th	Rebecca Crouch
Monday 25 th	Cathy Evangorou
	Neil Barker
	Melinda Minuzzo

CHICKEN CARERS

9 th -11 th March	De Marco Family
16 th – 17 th	Nixon-Smith Family
23 rd – 24 th	Taylor Family
30 th – 31 st	Gomes

WORKING BEE DATES

Saturday, 11th May
 Saturday, 20th July
 Saturday, 19th October
 Saturday, 7th December

- exercising a general oversight of the buildings and grounds and ensuring that they are kept in good order and condition
- providing for cleaning and sanitary services necessary for the school
- providing meals and refreshments for staff and students and charging for this
- ensuring all money coming into the hands of the council is properly expended for purposes related to the school
- informing itself of, and taking into account, any views of the school community for the purpose of making decisions in regard to the school and its students
- ensuring that an annual report relating to financial activities and the school's strategic plan is published and made available to the school community
- stimulating interest in the school in the wider community.

Source: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/management/partnershipwork.pdf>

Over the last few weeks we have been working through a process to elect our new 2019 school councillors. A number of our current school councillors have decided not to renominate for another term, so I would like to particularly thank the following members for their service to Templestowe Valley PS – for some, over a very large number of year. A very special “thank you” to Chris Avramopoulos who is retiring from SC this year. Chris - your work as president and on the council over many years has been greatly appreciated.

<i>Parent Category Members</i>	<i>DET Members</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Avramopoulos • Dr. James Chan • Tanya Herman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Marshall

In the next edition it will be my great pleasure to introduce Templestowe Valley's 2019 School Council to you. Our first school council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 25th at 7:00pm and I look forward to working with such a wonderful group of committed and energised members of our school community.

Student Leadership Badge Presentation

It was my pleasure on Wednesday to award our School Leaders with their “Badge of Office”. Last newsletter I talked about the responsibilities of leadership and the expectations that our students have of their leaders, so it was wonderful to be able to introduce Manningham's Mayor, Paula Piccinini, to the community and to listen to her talk to all our students about the work that she does, but also to offer some sage advice to our young leaders. I very much appreciate the time, enthusiasm, responsibility and commitment that Mayor Piccinini showed to our students and I know that our leaders really valued the opportunity to talk to her personally after the presentation. Thank you very much Mayor Piccinini for your support of Templestowe Valley PS. (A special thanks to Signore Gough for organising this visit.)

It was also wonderful to have the support of our House Patrons at the assembly. These people have worked tirelessly for the Templestowe Valley community over the years and it was really lovely to be able to thank them in person and to show our appreciation for their commitment to our school. I was amazed to see how many students' hands went up when I started asking about whether they had been taught by some of our patrons. Our TVPS House Patrons are:

<i>House Patrons</i>	<i>House Patrons</i>
<i>Birchwood</i>	Mrs Trish Renfree (Past long serving TVPS teacher)
<i>Cavendish</i>	Mrs Jane Marshall (Current long serving teacher - standing in for Mrs Heather Allen)
<i>Newbury</i>	Mrs Sherie Matrakis (Current long serving teacher)
<i>Thompson</i>	Mr Brian Jackson (Past long serving TVPS Principal & teacher)

We will share photos from the assembly both on Seesaw and in upcoming newsletters.

Working Bee



Talk of service to the community – WOW!

Our last Working Bee seems a long way away now – all of 2 weeks – but I haven't had a chance to say a very big **THANK YOU** on behalf of the whole Templestowe Valley PS community.

We had a small, but awesome group of parents and students who worked tirelessly from 9:00am – 1:00pm on our two major projects – the Sustainability Garden and Cubby Land. If you've come up the drive off the Cavendish Dr. entrance since then, you would have "fruits of our labour"! As a result, Cubby Land can now be re-opened for 2019 for students in Years 2 to 6! (More information later in the newsletter.)

To all of the people who came and gave of their time for our students – thank you. A very BIG THANK YOU to Mr Ross Peters and Jordan Barker. Ross is a past parent who coordinates all aspects of the Working Bee for us, and Jordan is a past student who just loves helping! Both are amazing people and we thank them for their very genuine commitment to, and care of our school. I have a very special "Principal's Award" for the following students and parents:

<i>Name/s</i>	<i>Class</i>
Elizabeth & Rosa A	1J
Brett H & Zoe	FP
Troy S & Adam	FP
Thomas & Chris D	6C
Ben & Chris B	5G
Edmond L & Hailey	FP
Harry M & Theo	5S
Amara & Joel N	2G
Damian B & Lachlan	FP
Lucy & Marilla C	4V
Chris E & Zara	FP

<i>Name/s</i>	<i>Class</i>
Jessica D & Claire C	FS
Emma, Roxie & Barb N-S	FS & 3H
Daphne, Chloe & Coralie M	FS & 3H
Ethan, Aaron & Carolyn L	1M & 6C
Lucas, Joshua & Shane G	2BD & 4S
Adelaide, Angus, Alison & Ross J	FG & 2G
Ross Peters	
Jordan Barker	
Anne Ellenby	
Andrew Venables	
Kim Shannon	

Templestowe Valley is Turning 50 (And she never looked so good!!)

It's TVPS 50th Birthday this year. Woo Hoo!!

I'm very excited to be here for such a special occasion and am wanting to get the momentum going for our 50th Birthday celebrations. I know that a number of you have fabulous ideas regarding what we might do, so I would like for us to get together ASAP for a brainstorm and then to organise some working parties to tackle different parts of the whole.

I know that there was a brief meeting at the end of last year, but also know that there are also others who might like to join the Birthday



Committee, so would like to open this meeting up to others – past and present community members - who might like to help make this year’s celebrations something special.

I will make this first meeting for me an evening event – **7:00 to 8:30pm on Monday March 18th**, but knowing that this might not suit everyone who wants to be involved, will look to move the time to early morning or afternoon for the next meeting depending on the needs of the group.

At this moment I don’t have the email addresses of other community members who might be interested in joining the Birthday Committee. If you know of someone who has had ideas, or talked about being involved in some way, could you please pass this message on to them? It would be great to have a diverse group of committed people working on this project.

If you would like to be a part of the **TVPS 50th Birthday Committee**, can you please fill in your name, email, etc. on the form accessed via the link below? (It’s a Google doc. You might need to put the address in your browser if the link doesn’t work.) There is a column relating to the meeting on **Monday March 18th from 7:00pm** – an RSVP. Please indicate on that form if you are able to attend the meeting as well.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oXEo3Qe71THJftWyh_CdvSvyuxN6z-CeegbaYbRxeBU/edit?usp=sharing

Hoping for lots of community excitement and support for this special event.

A Taste of TVPS ~ Open Saturday Morning ~ March 30th between 9:00 and 11:00am

On Saturday March 30th, Templestowe Valley PS will be open between 9:00 and 11:00am for School Tours for prospective students and their parents. A large number of staff members, our students and student leaders will be attending to guide tours as well as to conduct various activities – Science exhibitions, Sustainability Garden treats, Art Room activities, coffee shop & cake, Jumping Castle and Performing Arts displays.

I hear that last year’s Open Morning was a huge success and am very much looking forward to joining in on the fun and celebrations I hope that all TVPS families can spread the word to friends and neighbours so that we can build enrolments for 2020.

Especially for our Students

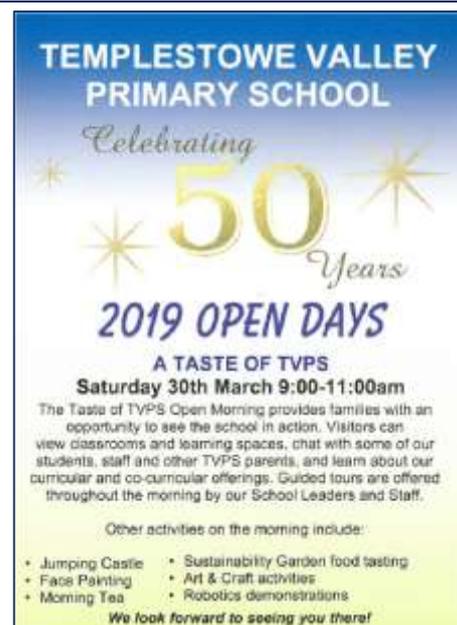
Cubby Land ~ Grand Re-Opening

Due to the fantastic efforts of a committed group of people at our last Working Bee, I’d like to officially announce that Cubby Land is re-opening for students in Years 2 - 6. A very BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and teachers who attended and worked so hard to clear that area ready for use.

Last Thursday Mrs Ellenby, Mr Venables and I met with our group of enthusiastic builders and talked through Cubby Land processes and procedures for this year, as well as our safety concerns. These included:

- 2019 being a new year – so areas, teams, materials, etc. are all to be negotiated during the first few sessions. 2018 areas, ownership of set materials, etc. no longer apply – nothing carries over.
- Students need to be wearing gardening gloves in order to take part in Cubby Land in 2019. Students without gloves will not be allowed into the area. Students are asked to supply their own gloves. These can be named and left at school for Cubby Land sessions.

Our original discussion with the students was that Cubby Land would start this week on Thursday, but as our Year 5 & 6 students are at Interschool Sport all day, and in order for permissions to be given, our first Cubby Land session will now be on Thursday March 14, and then weekly after that.



I ask you to discuss with your Yr. 2 – Yr. 6 child/ren if they would like to be involved in Cubby Land this year, and the responsibility associated with taking part in an activity involving moving and building with sticks and wood. I also ask you to talk through safety concerns with your child/ren and why they need to wear gloves.

To sign your child/ren up for “Cubby Land”, please give permission for this event on Compass.

Valley Voices

During Term One, we will be continuing our contemporary singing choir on Tuesday lunchtimes commencing March 12th for children in Years 2 to Year 6.

We are very lucky to once again have the support and expertise of Michelle Serret-Cursio, a professional singer and one of our mums here at school, leading the choir. Last year this group was called the “Pop Choir”. This year we’re rebranding it and will be called “The Valley Voices”. Along with having fun singing in a group, this choir will also be given the opportunity to perform for family and friends at different stages throughout the year.

Is this something that would be of interest to your child/ren? If “Yes!”, please read on.

We ask you to discuss with your Yr. 2 – Yr. 6 child/ren if they would like to be involved and what it means to commit to a team activity such as a choir. It will be your child/children’s responsibility to attend the weekly rehearsal and to be a regular, active and enthusiastic member of the group. With the need for our singers to learn lyrics, as well as melodies and choral arrangements, it becomes difficult then to catch up if they miss multiple sessions. This also affects the rehearsal for other singers. So we need to say that if any child/children miss more than three rehearsals during any term, they won’t be able to remain in the choir.

To sign your child/ren up for “The Valley Voices”, please give permission for this event on Compass.

We look forward to seeing some budding singers join the choir.

Student Concerns

ALLERGY ADVICE NUTS to YOU!

NUTS of all description - from peanut to pistachio - are one of the most common and serious risk factors/triggers of allergic reaction (including anaphylaxis) in children and adults alike.

TVPS endeavours to be as ‘nut-free’ as we can. In sending treats to school for birthdays or holiday souvenirs, we ask that you make every effort to be ‘nut-free’ wherever possible. (Hint – icy poles are a great treat in the hot weather.)



TVPS is **PBNaH school** – that stands for **Peanut Butter & Nutella at Home**.

We do not have these spreads on our Canteen Menu and we ask families to reserve these tasty spreads for sandwiches and toast **away from school**. Become a TVPS **PBNaH** family!

If there is a student in your child’s class who is at risk of anaphylaxis, you will have received a letter/email this week outlining the specific food risk – e.g. nuts, egg, kiwi fruit. Your support will be greatly appreciated in helping to manage the risk.

THANK YOU in anticipation of the part you will play in keeping our school a safe place for all our students.

If you would like further information, please refer to the [TVPS Anaphylaxis Management Policy](#) on our website, or contact Anne Ellenby at school – 8850 5777.

Safety Concerns

Tree Removal

It is with much regret that I have to tell the community that we need to remove some of our beautiful trees. As you know, in both December and January several of our trees lost limbs or suffered significant damage. On the advice from an arborist, he has recommended that a number of trees on our school property will need to be trimmed and/or removed.

Student and community safety must be our No. 1 priority, so School Council has authorised the work to be done to repair or remove a number of trees over the upcoming weeks. All work will be done when students are not on site, beginning tomorrow – Friday March 8th – with the removal of the damaged gum tree near the Birchwood staff car park. The remaining work will be carried out over the Term 1 holidays.

In order to keep our grounds looking fabulous, School Council has approved the planting of new trees to replace those that need to be removed. This will occur during future working bees.

New Ramp Carpets

The carpet on a number of our internal ramps is badly in need of replacing and is a safety hazard. School Council has approved the laying of new marine carpet to those areas and that will also be done tomorrow.

Parent Support

Language of independence building

CONFIDENCE by Michael Grose

Full article available at: [Parenting Ideas office@parentingideas.com.au](mailto:Parenting_Ideas_office@parentingideas.com.au)

"Families always develop shared language around the values that have strong meaning for them. If independence and self-sufficiency are important then it will be reflected in your family's proprietary language."

In fact, it's through shared language that culture exists. If you are looking to building a culture of independence in your family (or in your classroom) then creating your proprietary language around independence is a great way to start. The following twelve examples of independence-building language and principles behind them that will help you create your own family's language.

1. *"Never regularly do for a child the things a child can do for him or herself" Goal: Independence*
2. *"Is this something you can do?" Goal: Self-help*
3. *"Have you checked the help roster today?" Goal: Contribution*
4. *"Which of these two would you prefer?" Goal: Decision-making*
5. *"How can you make this happen?" Goal: Problem-solving*
6. *"We rely on you to do this?" Goal: Reliability*
7. *"What can you learn for next time?" Goal: Self-sufficiency*
8. *"How do you feel about this?" Goal: Emotional intelligence*
9. *"When you muck up, you make up?" Goal: Accountability*
10. *"How will you fix this?" Goal: Restoring relationships*
11. *"You need to do what's right, not what's easy." Goal: Integrity*
12. *"Let's find a way to make this happen." Goal: positive risk-taking*

Independence-building is vitally important for parents. It's the pathway to children's competency, confidence and creativity and the short cut to resilience and real learning. We've gradually retreated from this approach over recent generations much to our children's detriment. It's time to help kids reclaim their independence. Getting our language right is a good place to start as family change always begins with shared language."

About the author - Michael Grose. Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.

STUDENT AWARDS

FG	Luca M	Enthusiasm towards his learning
FS	Ava A	Always being kind and caring friend
2BD	Eamon S	Always working to the best of his ability
2G	Angus J	Displaying excellent listening skills
2N	Zack S	Respectfully using good manners
2M	Dion M	Displaying responsibility in his learning
3H	Lucy T	A motivated and enthusiastic learner
3R	Jeremy A	Being a conscientious student
4PS	James F	Demonstrating responsibility in the classroom
4S	Jaimee S	Being an accepting and inclusive student
4V	Anthony C	Making huge effort to improve his handwriting
5B	Lexie G	Being a quiet achiever
5S	Tia A	Consistently applying herself in all areas
5V	Lucia R	Responsible student and taking action to problem solving
6C	Brodie N	Outstanding creative writing



School Production

Congratulations to our Mary Poppins cast:



MARY POPPINS	RUBY T
BERT	CAMPBELL H
JANE BANKS	LILA B
MICHAEL BANKS	JAKE B
GEORGE BANKS	BEN M
WINNIFRED BANKS	GISELLE P
MRS BRILL	XIN RU NG
ROBERTSON AY	JACK W
BIRD WOMAN	JOANA G
MISS ANDREW	EMMA J
MRS CORRY	RACHEL W
JOHN NORTHBROOK	OLIVER M
VON HUSSLER	BEN B
NELEUS	JASMINE R
KATIE NANNA	CHLOE K
CHAIRMAN	BOSTON T
MISS SMYTHE	MAVIS M
POLICE OFFICER	XAVIER F
MESSENGER	JUDE C
STATUES	
FRANCESCA A KATRINA G LIELLE G REEMA H PHEOBE H	MILENA K MADDIE M HOLLY M LESLIE T CAITLIN T
CLERKS	
CALEB A PABLO B CAITLIN D PAMELIA F ANNABELLE G HAYLEY J AARON L ROSS O	ALEXANDER R LINCOLN S PRADYUN S EVAN S CHARLOTTE S LUCAS T BEN T KEVIN Z

CHIMNEY SWEEPS	
LUCY A ALESSIA B ODYSSEAS E SIENNA F DYLAN F HAYLEY F EVA G LEXIE G	DANIEL J LUCIA R ANGELOS R LUCY R ALEKSANDER T ARCHIE T CELINA U FION Z
LONDONERS	
CHRISTIAN A RYAN C JUDE C THOMAS D CAMERON E AARON E MIKAEL E XAVIER F EKTOR G ZIAD H RYAN K THEODORE K GEORGE K JULIAN L THEO M MASON M BRODIE N THOMAS P NICHOLAS R JAMES S WILLIAM S KAI U HARRY W LUKE W	TIA A VANIA B DAISY B ALEXANDRA C CHLOE G JESSIE H SIENNA K NAIRA M FARANEH M SIARNE T TAYA V JOANNA Z

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David Perry Hall

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Your child received our Annual Wall Planner recently to take home! If you did not receive one please contact our Administration Staff.

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on 07 4243 4547



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