

Templestowe Valley Primary School

Valley Views



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From the Principal's Desk – Alison Rees

Positive, Respectful and Safe School Environment

This week I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and effort put forth by the parents and carers of Templestowe Valley PS.

Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Templestowe Valley PS is a positive, respectful and safe school environment. Adults have a particular responsibility to be mindful of the way in which we conduct ourselves in and around the school, noting that we are the role models for impressionable students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity of our school community each and every week. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed. Community involvement at recent events, e.g. Working Bee, Mother's Day Stall, Election Day Market, etc. has been fantastic and shows the commitment and service that many of you freely offer in order to help make our school the best learning environment for our children.

I also want to emphasise that under no circumstances should there be any altercations or confrontations between adults on the school grounds. Further, an adult should never approach another child to raise any grievances directly with the child. Parents and carers are always welcome to raise any concerns in an appropriate way, by speaking with their child's classroom teacher or with me. Thankfully, such instances are rare at our school.

Let me conclude by quoting from the opening paragraph of the rationale of the TVPS Commitment to Child Safety,

"Templestowe Valley Primary School is committed to child safety and to the responsibility to keep children safe from harm. The school is committed to creating and maintaining a safe, supportive and enriching learning environment that promotes inclusion and empowers students. All actions and decisions are guided by the school values of Honesty, Acceptance, Respect and Responsibility."

I take this commitment and responsibility very seriously and hope that every member of our TVPS community does the same.

If you witness a matter of concern before or after school, please alert the teacher on duty or the front office. You are also very welcome to make an appointment to see me.

Calendar

JUNE

Tue 4 th	Division Cross Country
Wed 5 th	Flying Start #1
Thu 6 th	L4 AFL Girls Gala Day
Fri 7 th	Curriculum Day
Mon 10 th	Queen's Birthday
Tue 11 th	Y5/6 Parent Information Session 7pm
Wed 12 th	Y3-Y6 Athletics Day
Wed 12 th	Flying Start #2
Wed 12 th	Y5-Y6 Public Speaking
Fri 14 th	JSC World Vision Day
Tue 18 th	Y2 Excursion
Tue 18 th	Regional Cross Country
Wed 19 th	Flying Start #3
Wed 19 th	Maths Olympiad #2

STUDENT BANKING

Mon 3 rd	Joanne Gardner Emma Schwarz
Mon 17 th	Rebecca Crouch Cathy Evangorou
Mon 24 th	Neil Barker Melinda Minuzzo

WORKING BEE DATES

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

CHICKEN CARERS

June 1 st – 2 nd	Arvanitis Family
June 8 th – 10 th	Toy Family
June 15 th – 16 th	Rossiani Family
June 22 nd – 23 rd	De Marco Family

Principal Awards

My individual Principal Awards were once again given to students who worked quietly behind the scenes to help other students. They are:

Name	Class	Award for:
Lucy T	3H	using her initiative and being responsible and committed in caring for our garden
Elle G	3R	using her initiative and being responsible and committed in caring for our garden
Jacinta F	3H	using her initiative and being responsible and committed in caring for our garden
Jana L	3H	using her initiative and being responsible and committed in caring for our garden
Maya S	1M	being a responsible and concerned friend in ensuring that another student was well looked after
Luca M	FG	being a responsible and concerned friend in ensuring that another student was well looked after

Staff News

As you already know, our TVPS Assistant Principal - Anne Ellenby - is sadly retiring at the end of this term.

Her leaving has created a career opportunity for one of our teachers. In order to fill Anne's AP position until the end of the year, a 6 month Acting Assistant Principal position has been advertised internally to TVPS staff. The substantive, on-going position will be advertised at the end of the year.

The process to fill the position - involving addressing DET AP selection criteria and interview - has now been completed and I must thank Rhys Coulson, Principal of Templestowe Heights PS, for his support with the interview and selection of the successful applicant.

I am pleased to announce that Rob Cretney was the panel's preferred applicant, and will be taking up the position of Acting Assistant Principal from the start of Term 3 until the end of 2019.

I know that this appointment will be met with mixed emotions by the students and families of 6C. For both Rob and myself, making the decision to move a teacher out of a class mid-year has not been done lightly. There has been a great deal of investigation, consultation and discussion. It is a wonderful career opportunity for Rob; one that doesn't come along very often, and I know that he will be doing his utmost for all our TVPS students in the AP role, as well as continuing to support the students and new teacher of 6C.

Finding the best teacher for 6C is now our highest priority. Once appointed, one of Rob's main roles will be to oversee and guide the "transition" of this new teacher to TVPS and to support the students of 6C.

I hope that you will all join me in congratulating Rob and wish him well in his new role.

Education Week – Open Day and Night

Well . . . the weather worked against us once again, but it didn't stop us from sparkling! And the feedback from those who braved the cold and wet was that it was all worth it!

Our school looked FANTASTIC! Our students were organised and prepared to sing, dance, perform and present to the audience in the hall. The displays in passageways and rooms was wonderful – full of creativity, innovation and pride - and really showed off the learning that happens here at TVPS.



A very sincere thank you to all of our Templestowe Valley teachers and ILA for the preparation that they had done in advance of the day. There was so much more being done behind the scenes with the preparation of materials, student rehearsals, the cleaning/tidying/burying . . . the list is huge, but especially, a very big THANK YOU for their time and commitment to Templestowe Valley. We are very lucky to have these wonderful, caring people at our school.

Thank you also Mr Graeme Ireland and Mrs Hien Le – Owners of Whitehorse Flowers – Balwyn. They once again generously supplied us with a beautiful flower arrangement for the Open Day. A certificate of appreciate and information about their business has been included in this newsletter.

Celebrating Culture - Friday May 31

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU TO WANG LǎOSHĪ

Wang 老师- 恭喜并谢谢你 (Gōngxǐ bìng xièxiè nǐ)

Today we had the best day at TVPS celebrating our diversity, our culture, our uniqueness as well as learning more about Chinese Culture and it was all due to the hard work and efforts of our Mandarin teacher – Winnie Wang. We've all had a wonderful day and need to say a very big THANK YOU.



Wang Lǎoshī approached me in February with the idea of celebrating the diversity of culture that we have at TVPS, as well as raising the profile of the Mandarin Language program within our school, and I was fully in support. Winnie had a vision for the day, researched and connected with a wonderful Chinese Cultural group and the day took on wings at that point. It was fantastic.

The day kicked with a hall full of colour and a special assembly full of songs, Chinese dragon parade and Chinese orchestra performance. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community staying to watch and celebrate.

In order to value and focus our Mandarin program, our children were treated to one of three Chinese immersion activities. The Foundation to Year 2 students participated in the Chinese Blowing Painting workshop. Year 3 and 4 learners experienced the Kung Fan Dance workshop and the Shadow Puppet workshop captivated our Year 5 and 6 students.

We're looking forward to sharing photos and the learning.

Thank You for Service to our School

Recently we have had a couple of events that couldn't have happened without the hard work of an organising committee and dedicated parents.



Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall was a prime example of this. I would like to thank all the mums, dads and grandparents who came together and helped with the Mother's Day. The stall was a huge success with lots of happy children busy making critical present decisions, working out how much they needed to pay and then patiently lining up to have their precious gift wrapped.

Unfortunately at the time of writing this, I didn't have all the names of the volunteers who helped. A BIG THANK YOU to you all.

Federal Election

A HUGE **THANK YOU** and recognition of all the work that **Melina Minuzzo, Eva Wong, Andrea Dusk and Wendy Lincoln** did in preparation of this event, and to all the parents and students who came to help on the day.



Congratulations to the following people: (apologies for not having all the student names or for missing someone out)

Name/s
Cameron Powell
Kathryn Taylor & children
Siow Boon
Jacqui Sanderson
Stefanie Tomevski

Name/s
Neil Barker
Kelly Spurr
Rebecca Davies
Christine Gouramanis
Anne Ellenby

Name/s
Laura Gentile
Mikael E-A
Stephen Hadley
Susan Robbie
Rob Cretney

Sincere thanks also to:

- Mr Roland Beerling – Manager of Bakers Delight – Macedon Plaza

Staff Professional Learning – Curriculum Day

PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY JUNE 7th

A reminder to all families that we have a Curriculum day coming up next month - Friday June 7th. This will be a professional learning activity for TVPS staff and a holiday (Pupil Free Day) for its students. We hope that all families enjoy the 4 day weekend, (inclusive of the Queen's Birthday Day holiday on Monday June 10th).

The teachers will be participating in a DET initiative focusing on Cultural Understandings and Safety Training (CUST). All DET staff are expected to have undertaken four hours of CUST training before the end of 2019. A description of the initiative is below.

CUST in schools promotes systemic change; enhancing all teachers'/students' understanding and respect for Koorie culture and history, as well as supporting improved outcomes for Koorie students, by strengthening the cultural capability of schools' workforces.

CUST in schools was developed in partnership with the Koorie Education Workforce (KEW), the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI) – the Department of Education and Training’s (the Department’s) principal partner in Koorie education – and VAEAI’s Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs).

Drawing on the expertise of the KEW, topics include Welcome to/Acknowledgement of Country, History, Local Community, and Inclusion and Reflective Practice. Schools are encouraged to rethink how they can support improved outcomes for Koorie students, how Aboriginal perspectives are conceptualised in the curriculum, and identify their next steps in supporting Koorie inclusion at their school.

A feature of the training is the inclusion of the local Koorie community, including LAECGs, who share their cultural knowledge and history of the local community with schools.

If there are any members of our Templestowe Valley community who would like to attend this training with staff, you would be most welcome. Please contact TVPS Principal – Alison Rees – via email: rees.alison.m@edumail.vic.gov.au ASAP.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all our Year 3 and 5 students who took part in NAPLAN testing over the last few weeks. We know they tried their very best and we’ll be proud of their achievements.

We were fortunate not to have some of the technical glitches and connectivity issues that a number of schools did – thanks very much in part to the hard work and efforts of Rob Cretney in setting up the technology in advance, as well as training of staff.



As you can imagine with all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia taking part in NAPLAN, processing of the tests and sending out results will take time. We do send them away – they are not marked at school. We normally receive student results in late Term 3 or early Term 4, so parents of Year 3 and 5 students will be notified when they arrive.

Reporting - 3 Way Conferences – Tuesday June 25 and Wednesday June 26

**3 Way Conferences for ALL Prep – Year 6 students
are being held on **Tuesday June 25 and Wednesday June 26****

These conferences are very exciting and an integral part of our program as they give our students the opportunity to:

- celebrate the learning that they have done throughout the first semester, and
- articulate their learning goals for the next 6 months with their parents and teacher/s

In brief, both research and experience have demonstrated that 3 Way conferences offer many benefits including the following:

- stronger sense of accountability among students
- stronger sense of pride in achievement among students
- development of leadership skills among students
- promotion of reflection and engagement with learning
- helping parents to understand learning from the child’s viewpoint
- celebration of the whole child
- showing trust and confidence in the child as a learner

All booking of conferences will be done through the Compass system. Parents will be notified when this is up and open for bookings.

Sustainability Initiative



WORMS ON THE MOVE @ TVPS

PROJECT DETAILS

CATEGORY: Primary school

COUNCIL: Manningham City Council

ORGANISATION: TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOMINATED BY: KIRA GEORGAKOPOLOUS

VOTE HERE ✓

SHARE THIS PROJECT



We need your vote!

If you haven't voted yet, or voted TODAY, PLEASE read on!

WORMS ON THE MOVE @ TVPS!

TVPS has put in a submission for a \$5000 grant for our Sustainability program. To win it, **we need you to vote for our project**, (and we need your friends and your family to vote), and we need you to vote daily! (You're allowed to do this!)

Your support could make a big difference to a passionate teaching community & a receptive young generation of primary school students. Our school is keen to create, learn & teach all about the benefits of sustainable gardening... right now.

A simple two step vote for this TVPS project could help secure some important funding for our growing sustainability garden. A vote is all it takes, (& did we say that you can even vote daily?).

CLICK HERE for details on the project & how to vote! (Or paste into your web browser.)

<https://competitions.backtoearth.vic.gov.au/entries/worms-on-the-move-tvps/>

Please send this message and link out to all those you know who will support our school to raise funds for our sustainability garden.

Lost Property

Could you please have a discussion with your child/ren about the importance of looking after their uniform and property? It amazes me the number of Templestowe Valley t-shirts, hats, windcheaters, lunch boxes, bags etc. that are found each day in the yard without names on them. Knowing the price of school uniform items, this must cause some tensions at home.

Process:

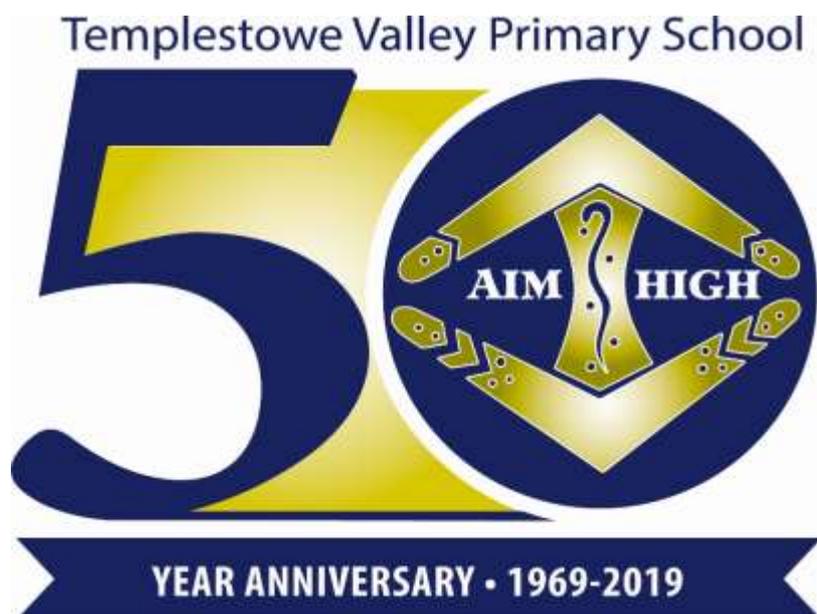
- First and foremost, all students, including Preps, have the responsibility of looking after their own things. It is not the teachers' job to find lost items of clothing or bags.
- It is important that all student's belongings are clearly named, and we recommend checking that the name is still clearly visible throughout the year.
- If an item of clothing is found and clearly named, then we try to return it to the owner as soon as practical.
 - If not clearly labelled, e.g. past student, then it gets put in Lost Property
- If an item is unnamed, then it gets put into Lost Property.
- At the end of each term, anything
 - with a name on it is returned
 - else gets washed and put into the Second Hand Uniform shop that operates each Monday



Lost Property is located near the Hall entrance of Block B. It can be accessed by all at any time.

A concern has been raised by some of our families that students and parents have been taking named items from Lost Property and renaming it their own. The Lost Property system only works if everyone involved is incredibly honest and only takes what is theirs. Please check all items carefully for names and only take items that belong to your child.

TVPS 50th Birthday – Our New Logo



Isn't this FANTASTIC?? It's our new OFFICIAL 50th Birthday Logo creatively designed by one of our parents - Julienne Kretschmer. A very BIG THANK YOU to Julienne for this fabulous design. You will be seeing this popping up all over the place as we advertise and market upcoming 50th Birthday and Anniversary events.

A couple of things will be coming your way over the next week or so – so look out for these. We:

1. need **SPONSORSHIP** from local companies and business in order to make the Carnival a spectacular event. We have a range of sponsorship options that we will be sending out next week.
2. are calling for donations for the **SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE PRIZES**.
3. will be creating a **TVPS COMMEMORATIVE COOKBOOK** and so will be calling for a recipe donation from every family.
4. are trying to connect with community members who own or run their own business and might be interested in being involved in a **“TRADE NIGHT”**, (which might also involve wine and cheese), as well as advertising in our Cookbook.



We're still trying to connect with past students, parents and staff in order to invite them to join in on our celebrations, as well as to send us photos and documents, etc. to add our historical display of memorabilia.

But we don't have lists, contacts, etc. of past alumni and we need help getting the word out.

We are in the process of setting up a Facebook page just for the 50th Birthday and would appreciate your help in sharing our posts.

If you want to stay in the loop or play a more active role by joining the Committee please register via the Google Form on our TVPS website or through this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SAhDrywPEwz-rjHBHT67dRm5j1w1MjkyboXd4TVCI30/edit>

If you would like to join in the fun of planning and organising our Birthday events, our next 50th Birthday Committee meeting will be Wednesday June 12 at 7:00pm in the TVPS Staffroom. Please come along – all welcome.

2020 Student Enrolment

Have you enrolled your child for Preps next year?

Do you know about our Flying Start Program for new 2020 Prep students?

If your answer is “No,” to either of these questions, please contact the TVPS Office ASAP.

FLYING START PROGRAM

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY 1	ACTIVITY 2
Wednesday June 5th 2:00-3:00pm	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)	Visual Arts
Wednesday June 12th 2:00-3:00pm	Story Time (in our school Library)	Beginning Reading (with Letter Getter on the Interactive Whiteboard)
Wednesday June 19th 2:00-3:00pm	Performing Arts	PMP (Perceptual Motor Program)

Your child is invited to participate in three enriching sessions to experience some exciting aspects of school at TVPS. Please call the Office to make a booking. No cost involved.

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PREP TRANSITION

FLYING START PROGRAM
Wednesday June 5th, 12th, 19th

Orientation Program for
TVPS 2020 Prep Students

Friday afternoons between 1:30 - 2:30pm
November 8th, 15th and 22nd

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

For further information or to arrange a tour with the Principal
please contact us on (03) 8850 5777

15 Birchwood Avenue, Lower Templestowe
www.tempvalprimary.vic.edu.au



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).



**PLEASE COLLECT THE STICKERS AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL
ASK YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS FOR THEIR STICKERS
THE MORE WE EARN – THE MORE WE CAN BUY – THE MORE WE CAN LEARN**

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs
JSC Community Service collection
for 2019

Did you know that those bread tags you usually throw away can be collected and used??
'Bread Tags for Wheelchairs' has been collecting Bread Tags in South Africa since 2006.

These tags are recycled into seedling trays and the proceeds are used to provide wheelchairs for the needy.

Anyone can collect, so let's get started. Start collecting and then it is as simple as throwing them into the labelled container outside Room 12 (Grade 2BD). These then get delivered to a collection point.

What a fantastic, and easy, initiative.

For more information look up

<http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za>

TEAM vIDA
CHECKING LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

VIDA OPEN DAY
AT THE VENETO CLUB
Sunday, June 2nd
9:30am to 3:30pm

- ▶ FITNESS CLASSES
- ▶ BOXING CLASSES
- ▶ GYM ACCESS
- ▶ TENNIS LESSONS
- ▶ SOCIAL PLAY
- AND MEET CURRENT & FORMER AFL GREATS!

30min classes every hour on the hour from 10am

Join on the day for further member benefits

FREE CLASSES ALL DAY

Find out more at: www.vidafitness.com.au/OpenDay



Veneto Club
191 Bulleen Road





TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WOULD LIKE TO THANK

Whitehorse Flowers

431a Whitehorse Road, Balwyn, VIC 3103



FOR PROVIDING A BEAUTIFUL FLORAL DISPLAY FOR
OUR "TASTE OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY" OPEN DAY

Special thanks to Graeme Ireland & Hien Le for their
kindness and generous support of our school.



Bouquets

*Bright and punchy bouquets are sure to
put a smile on everyone's face.*

(03) 9888 5953

<http://whitehorseflowers.com.au>