



Welcome Back

I started writing this article last week with a very warm welcome back to school to all TVPS families. I then proceeded to write about how it was wonderful to be starting our term with a community event – the P&F Disco and that the main events for the term that we were looking forward to are: our whole-school production of Mary Poppins and the Year 5 & 6 Camp to Anglesea. How quickly things can change in a week!

As you know hopefully know from your child/ren and the Compass message on Thursday, we have the **Channel Seven Sunrise crew and weatherman, Sam Mac, coming to TVPS on Wednesday July 31st.**



We've been selected from schools across Australia to host the launch of his song, "Half Man, Half Cat". (You might like to Google this!)

We know that this is very short notice for families, (confirmation on happened on Thursday), but we didn't want to pass up on such a fabulous opportunity to promote our school and let the world know just how wonderful we are. Sam Mac announced on-air yesterday that TVPS were the winners and we have that snippet of the program playing through the main Office TV, and hope to get it out to the community via Compass.

Not only is the song to be launched with TVPS kids and staff dancing in the background, the producers have asked that we bring the theme of "CATS" to life. ***As such, we are asking for everyone to get into the spirit by dressing up as a cat and singing and dancing along with Sam Mac.*** (This includes parents too! All are very welcome to come along!) The BIGGER the outfit, the BETTER!

As this is a morning TV program filming starts early. Students and families are encouraged to **arrive from 5:30am. PLEASE DON'T ARRIVE EARLIER THAN THAT.**

All students **MUST go to the HALL first** and be signed in on a class list. Staff will be on site to supervise, but we need parents to make sure that students are signed in with teachers before leaving. (It still will be very dark outside.)

The Sunrise program will screen to air from 6:00am and there will be multiple live crosses to us until about 8:45am. (DVD recorders across Lower Templestowe will be very busy!)

Calendar

JULY

Fri 26 th	School Disco
Mon 29 th	Whole School Assembly
Mon 29 th	School Council Meeting
Wed 31 st	Yr 3 & Yr4 Hooptime
Wed 31 st	Maths Olympiad #3

AUGUST

Fri 2 nd	Principal's Day
Sat 3 rd	Production Set Painting
Mon 5 th	Whole School Assembly
Mon 12 th	Science Week
Mon 12 th	Whole School Assembly
Wed 14 th	Yr5 & Yr6 Hooptime
Wed 14 th	Foundation 100 Days

STUDENT BANKING

Monday 29 th Jul	Neil Barker
Monday 5 Aug	Melinda Minuzzo
	Joanne Gardner
	Emma Schwarz

WORKING BEE DATES

Saturday, 24th August
Saturday, 19th October
Saturday, 7th December

CHICKEN ROSTER

27-28 July	Sprekos Family
3-4 August	Lew Family
10-11 August	Nixon-Smith Family
17-18 August	Raftis Family

Whilst this is an optional event, we do need to know who will be attending. **In order for your child to attend this special event, please give permission on Compass as soon as possible as this provides a media consent release.**

By consenting on Compass, you are acknowledging that the footage - photographs or videos of your child - may be used by the Channel Seven Sunrise program and Templestowe Valley Primary School for their own purposes.

If your child is attending this event, please ensure that they have more food in their lunch box than normal as it will be starting very early.

NB: For Year 3 & 4 Hooptime players, they can still join in on the fun, but will need to bring their basketball gear, etc. with them and will be heading off at 8:30am with Mr Eagleton to get organised for their event.

Congratulations and a very big THANK YOU to our fabulous Performing Arts teacher – Lauren McCormack – for organising this incredible event for us. This IS NOT a compulsory event, but it is a once in a lifetime experience for our community, so we encourage everyone to get on board and come and join us for what is set to be an unforgettable morning!

TVPS Disco

Congratulations and THANK YOU to everyone involved in the P&F Disco last night.

Both the Junior and Senior discos were very well attended and our children's behaviour was exemplary. It was a pleasure just to be able to watch them laughing, chatting and sometimes dancing with their friends. It was hilarious to watch three different generations of people hit the dance floor when The Village People's "YMCA" started up!! We all knew the moves.



This event couldn't have happened without the hard work of the:

1. Melinda Minuzzo and our P&F Committee
2. David & Anthony – our FANTASTIC DJs who just kept the music rocking along all night
3. Parent and teacher volunteers who came to ensure that both events ran smoothly. We had volunteers checking students in/out, hall and toilet monitors, icy pole giver-outers, etc. the list goes on. It was the number of volunteers and their enthusiasm that really helped the night to be a huge success. (There are just too many to list!)



One behalf of all who attended I'd like to say a very sincere thank you to all the adults who made this event happen. You are this week's recipients of my Principal's Award.

Mrs Marshall's Award

Mrs Jane Marshall celebrated 35 years of teaching this week at a special ceremony hosted by the Department of Education and Training (DET). Mrs Marshall was invited to attend a presentation ceremony to receive a certificate of recognition for her extensive service to education. It is a wonderful achievement and one that demonstrates Mrs Marshall's dedication, resilience and passion for her chosen profession. Well done Mrs Marshall. We're so very proud of you and thankful for all that you have done at TVPS.



Parent Opinion Survey 2019

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training (DET) that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school. All responses to the survey are anonymous.



The survey is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year, a sample of approximately 30% of Templestowe Valley families have been randomly selected and invited to participate. The survey was emailed out earlier this week. I ask each family who received the survey to please take the time to complete it as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

- The survey is conducted online by ORIMA Research and should take around 15 minutes to complete.
- The survey will be open from **Monday July 22 to Sunday August 11, 2019.**

We appreciate the time and effort that families contribute to providing feedback to the teaching staff, School Council and other parents. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Student Opinion Survey

The Student Attitudes to School Survey, Years 4-6, was completed in June. The results have been forwarded to school and will be discussed with students this term. School Council will be presented with the results at their August meeting and a general overview of key findings will be published in the newsletter for the community. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction. The school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve the student's schooling experience.

Student Celebrations

State Cross Country

We congratulate Rachel W [6B] and Luke W [6CH] on their outstanding performances at the State Cross Country Final, held at Bundoora Park last week. Rachel and Luke finished in 1st and 17th places respectively. Rachel will now represent Victoria at the National Cross Country Championships to be held later this year.

We wish Rachel all the very best for the Nationals and want her to know that all the TVPS community will be cheering her on from here.

Scout Award

A number of our students are involved in service activities such as scouts and guides, St John's, etc. which shows a wonderful commitment to not only the student's own growth and development, but also to understanding the need for people to help others by getting involved in their community.

It's wonderful this week to be able to celebrate the achievements of one of our students – Lucas G (2BD). I received a letter from the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria, Brendan J Watson OAM, informing me that Lucas had earned the Joey Scout Promise Challenge. This is a milestone in a youth member's Scouting journey and to achieve this award, Lucas needed to demonstrate using initiative, self-discipline, teamwork and leadership.

Congratulations Lucas. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to hearing about what you had to do.

Mondo Recycling ~ SCR

TVPS is now into its second year of recycling clothing and we are doing really well. Our Clothing Hub is at the Airds Road entrance of the school and as quickly as it is emptied, we find that it's filled! Our community's commitment to recycling in this way is wonderful.

Recycle With Mondo is a fun, simple and educational fundraising program presented by SCRgroup. This program supports Australian pre-schools, schools and clubs to raise thousands of dollars each year while diverting reusable items from landfill and providing global communities with affordable clothing and employment.

In 2019, SCRgroup is running a competition for the schools that collect the highest average kilograms per student. **The top 5 schools that achieve this will each receive an additional \$1,000 to go towards their fundraising.**

At the moment, TVPS is coming 10th and we would LOVE to earn one of the prizes this year. Please continue to keep clearing out your cupboards of used clothes and donate them through our Mondo Recycling Bins.

SCRgroup School Ladder



Rank	School Name	Total amount collected (kg)	Average per student (kg)
1	Waterfall Gully Preschool	5,457	54.6
2	Sherbourne Primary School	3,126	15.8
3	Diamond Creek Primary School	2,624	11.9
4	Furlong School for Deaf Children	588	9.0
5	Acacia Childcare Centre St Albans	730	7.4
6	Sandringham East Primary School	4,035	7.3
7	Yegies Playhouse	545	6.8
8	Fyers Park Primary School	1,772	5.9
9	Wood Kizz Preston	404	5.8
10	Templestowe Valley Primary School	2,577	5.3
11	Huntingdale Primary School	1,418	4.5
12	Ennamos Primary School	476	3.9
13	Manchester Primary School	1,052	2.9
14	Whealers Hill Primary School	1,534	2.7
15	Altons Primary School	1,442	2.6
16	Glendal Primary School	2,259	2.6
17	Morang South Primary School	1,139	2.5
18	Frankston High School	4,200	2.5
19	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Deepdene	565	2.4
20	Toorak Primary School	1,106	2.2

Total clothing diverted from landfill:

from both primary and secondary schools

61,020 kg

as of 28 June 2019

View full list of schools that have participated and achieved their targets at www.scr.com.au



50th Anniversary News

Whole School "50" Photo - Friday 13th September

As part of our celebrations, we are planning to take a 50th Anniversary Whole School Photo. Students and staff will be photographed in the shape of the number 50. This photo will be the one to go in the 2019 TVPS Yearbook and will be available for purchase.

We had hoped that the photographs would do this last week, but found that they need to do extra things in preparation, so we have booked this photo to happen on Friday 13th September with the time still to be arranged.

We know that some families have already paid for the whole school photo. The company is going to hold that payment until the 50th photo is taken and then those families can choose which of the two photos they would like to purchase.

TVPS Cookbook

A big THANK YOU to everyone who uploaded a recipe to our commemorative Cookbook. Our TVPS Cookbook now has more than 140 recipes and is going to be something special to commemorate our 50th Anniversary, so we are now looking for local businesses to advertise in the TVPS Cook Book. If you know of any local business people who might be interested in advertising in the Cookbook, please pass on the information below.

Thanks to Melinda Minuzzo for organising this initiative. It's going to be a wonderful keepsake of our school.



YEAR ANNIVERSARY - 1969-2019

CALLING ALL TVPS BUSINESS OWNERS – ADVERTISING SPACES AVAILABLE

Would you like to market and advertise your business to all our TVPS community and beyond?

- Our prices are very competitive with:
 - ¼ page ads priced at \$100.00
 - ½ page ads priced at \$200.00
- To organise advertising in the Cookbook, and for more information about sponsorship, please ring Melinda Minuzzo on 0438 437 004, or email directly at tvps.50years@gmail.com.

2020 Student Enrolment

Have you enrolled your child for Foundation ~ Preps next year?

If your answer is “NO.”, please contact the TVPS Office ASAP.

Orientation sessions are only available to enrolled students.

Dates are shown in the poster.

TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PREP ORIENTATION

TVPS 2020 Prep Students
Friday afternoons between 1:30 - 2:30pm
November 8th, 15th and 22nd

50 ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL
Saturday October 26th
11am to 4pm

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

Traffic around the School – Road Safety

Once again, we have received complaints from concerned community members about the erratic driving of parents before and after school. We are very concerned at the increasingly dangerous driving practices around TVPS at drop off and pick up times.

We know the start and end of the school day can be hectic for parents and finding parking can be a challenge, but it has become apparent that the community is no longer prepared to tolerate unsafe and illegal traffic behaviour. The local Council have responded to our concerns and have implemented various measures to try and reduce congestion in local streets and at the same time ensure the safety of our students. We also encourage our parents and students to walk to school to reduce congestion, not to mention to increase fitness and to be environmentally aware.

Our neighbours tell us they are distressed when cars are parked in and across their driveways. We have observed cars in no standing zones, double parked or parked on the nature strip and are amazed to see vehicles blocking the school crossing zone. This is particularly dangerous for pedestrians and students who were trying to cross the road to reach school.

It has been suggested that a “*Name and Shame*” approach be introduced whereby erratic and dangerous drivers are identified by their car type and registration. (Apparently a very effective system in China.) We are not encouraging this at TVPS, however perfectly understand the level of frustration and concern that this suggestion is showing.

Our preference is to ask drivers – parents, family and friends – **to take responsibility for their own actions and to obey the driving laws in Victoria** – particularly those relating to school zones. The following information has come from the Vic Roads website titled, [Improving Safety around our Schools](https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education/improving-safety-around-our-schools).

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Improving Safety around our Schools

Keeping our kids safe as they get to and from school is everyone's responsibility

As kids come to and from school it's important for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to be aware and take extra care during these busy times. Even a small reduction in speed could save a child's life.



To help keep our kids safe, it's important for drivers to:

- 1. Slow down during school times and help keep our kids safe.***
 - ***School speed zones are reduced-speed areas that operate near schools.***
 - ***They're designed to keep kids safe by lowering the speed limit at peak times when children are travelling to and from school.***
- 2. Be extra cautious around schools.***
- 3. Be aware that young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see.***

Kids can stay safe by:

- ***learning about road safety***
- ***practising crossing the road with parents***

Active kids are healthy kids

Walking or riding to school is a great way for kids to keep active and get the recommended one hour of physical activity each day. Children who walk or cycle to school are more likely to be independent and are generally more physically active and healthy.

Allowing children to get to places on their own can help them:

- develop self confidence
- get to know their neighbourhoods
- learn responsibility and independence
- get the recommended one hour of physical activity per day.

When children are walking or riding to school, it's extra important for drivers to be alert and take extra care.

It is every driver's responsibility to do the right thing ALL THE TIME because it could be your child who is in danger, or worse, injured.

DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE MATTER - PLEASE REPORT ANY PARKING OR TRAFFIC CONCERNS ~ INCIDENTS TO EITHER:

- MANNINGHAM COUNCIL at:
<http://cfs.manningham.vic.gov.au/Public/Content/CRMS/RequestForm.aspx>
- VICTORIA POLICE on 000

Apart from appealing to people to do the right thing, the principal, and school, have no legal powers in these matters.

Assistant Principal's Report – Rob Cretney

Student Safety – Mobile Phones and Social Media

Over the past week we have become aware of a number of issues relating to the use of mobile phones and social media happening within our Year 6 group whilst out of school hours; particularly the manner in which students are talking/interacting with each other. Some of the conversations and tensions have then followed through to school and are particularly concerning.

This week Alison, the Yr 6 staff and myself met collectively with the Yr 6 students, as well as talking with individuals and we encouraged them to be:

- the best person that they can be at all times,
- respectful to others at all times – through all their speech and actions – be if verbal, visual or written.

We also discussed with them our concerns about their safety in using some of the social media apps that have been part of the issue. “Snapchat” is of particular concern.

These are conversations that we ask all parents to have with their child/ren, not just Yr 6. It is also a timely opportunity for us to revisit our “Mobile Phone Policy” (see below), and remind our community of the potential dangers of social media and developing children. We know from the work that Kate Wilde has done with our Yr 5 & 6 students and parents that there is a very good reason for the “minimum age” restriction on any app, and strongly recommend that parents:

1. do not allow their child/ren to sign up for an app that is not age appropriate
2. monitor their child's/ren's interactions on an on-going basis

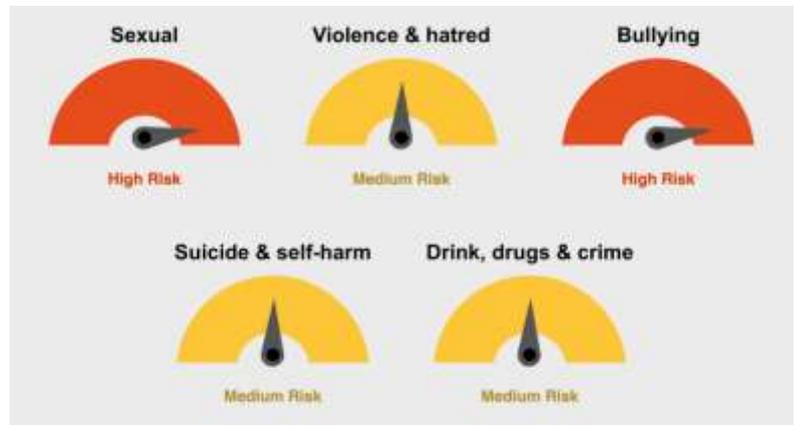
As mentioned above, some of the issues raised this week have directly related to the use of the app, “Snapchat”, so we'd like to share some information with you specifically about that app.

Snapchat is an app that lets people send a photo, short video or message to their contacts. The ‘snap’ can appear on screen for up to 10 seconds before disappearing. Unfortunately, this means that once an item is viewed, it cannot be viewed again, nor shown in full to parents. The text remains, but not the image, video. This allows a certain amount of anonymity and a false sense of security. Therefore, students on Snapchat become emboldened to post more risqué pictures, videos and comments.

More concerning for the safety of our students, Snapchat broadcasts the student's location unless “Ghost Mode” is activated. This means that any “friend” can locate your child via a GPS location while they are using the App.

Snapchat has a minimum age of 13+. The reasons for the age limit are not around perceived “maturity”, but the fact that a child's (under 13) brain development has not yet fully evolved to be able to comprehend the dangers and consequences of their actions whilst ‘online’.

This diagram beautifully answers the question, “*Is content on Snapchat suitable for children and young people?*” The full article, which we highly recommend to you, can be found at: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/snapchat/>



TVPS “Mobile Phone Policy” is below. If your child is someone who needs to have a phone to get to and from school, please follow the implementation process and discuss it with them.

This policy is currently up for review, so if you have questions or thoughts about its content, please email me direct at cretney.robert.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

TVPS (Student) MOBILE PHONES at SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale

Mobile phones are an important communication tool, with a designated role in supporting a safe school environment. Student use of mobile phones needs to be managed to ensure the phone is not lost or damaged and that it is used according to protocols.

Aim

To facilitate the use of mobile phones to support approved communication and reduce the potential for inappropriate use.

Implementation

- **Parents need to notify the Principal – using TVPS proforma – of their intention to provide their child with a mobile phone to bring to school for approved communication.**
- The proforma (Appendix A) will be attached to this [\(Student\) Mobile Phone Policy](#) and will be available from the school office and via the TVPS Web site.
- Completed proforma need to be handed in to the school office for Principal or Assistant Principal verification. This process will include the student and parent/guardian signing an agreement to abide by the following protocols:
 - At the first morning bell, a student mobile phone needs to be **handed to the classroom teacher** for safe-keeping during the school day
 - Student use of a mobile phone is **restricted** from then until the end of the school day
 - Whilst on the school grounds – both before and after school, the use of the mobile phone is **ONLY** for communication with parents/guardian.
 - Students are **PROHIBITED** from taking audios, photos, videos or other snapshots with a personal mobile, unless approved under the Specific Media Consent Policy guidelines.
- Approved proforma will be filed in the student’s Profile folder and will operate for the course/remainder of the school year in which it is submitted – providing there is no change or breach of conditions.
- Mobile phones must not cause disruption to individuals, the running of classes or cause a nuisance to the smooth running of the school. Therefore, phones must be turned OFF when they are handed to the class teacher.
- If a student miss-uses a personal mobile phone – e.g. with communication/messaging to other students whilst on the school grounds OR “postings” on social media - it will be brought to the immediate attention of the Principal or Assistant Principal. A student may have their ‘phone privilege’ at school revoked.

- The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones to specified school events e.g. School Disco, Family BBQ
- The school accepts NO responsibility for loss or damage of student mobile phones

Late Arrivals Process

We understand that sometimes students arrive late to school and this can be for a variety of reasons. Parents need to be aware of the process for late arrivals and the fact that this is recorded on the student's record.

Start of school at Templestowe Valley is at 8:50am. At that time, teachers mark rolls for the morning and students begin to get organised for their day of learning. Lessons officially start at 9:00am. Any student who arrives from 9:00am onwards is considered late.



TVPS 50th Anniversary

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

THE 50th ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN WITHOUT THE COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER TO ORGANISE AND RUN IT.



The Carnival date is Saturday October 26th.

Can you help in some way on that day?

An hour or two of your time is all we need.

PLEASE email tvps.50years@gmail.com to commit to helping in some way on the day.

Things for you to do:

If you're a Facebook user, can you please **Like Us** and **Follow Us** on Facebook so we can get the word out to the wider community?

The web link is: <https://www.facebook.com/tvps50>

- If you know of, or are a past TVPS student, then you might like to join the TVPS Alumni group.

Their FB page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TVPSAlumni/>



SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS NEEDED

Your support and sponsorship investment will help us deliver an event for the history books and generate the following benefits for your organisation: -

1. EVENT EXPOSURE

Your organisation's generosity will be promoted to **over 500 residents of the Manningham community**. Currently TVPS has 432 students however this event will reach beyond this number with the invitation to party already being picked up by Alumni members - past students, teachers and staff whose connection with TVPS stretches over the last 50 years.

2. BRAND EXPOSURE

Acknowledgement and prize description in the **program** on each table **and** opportunity to **display photos, logo and marketing material** on the Silent Auction display table

3. SOCIAL MEDIA

TVPS will "like" your organisation's **Facebook** page and "follow" you on social media channels. TVPS will thank your organisation in a post on our **Facebook event** page.

We hope that you will be able to support us with sponsorship of this commemorative event. For more information please ring Melinda Minuzzo on 0438 437 004, or email directly at tvps.50years@gmail.com.

If you would like to join in the fun of planning and organising our Anniversary events, our next 50th Birthday Committee meeting will be Wednesday August 21st at 7:00pm in the TVPS Staffroom. Please come along – all welcome.

50th Birthday Lolly Bag Stall Donations

The Year 5 students will be conducting a Lolly Bag Stall on Saturday 26th October as a fundraising event for our school at the School Carnival. If you are able to donate a bag or lollies or bag of chocolates e.g. Freddo Frogs, for our Year 5 stall this would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any donations to the Year 5 area. Thank you for your support.

Emilia, Jenni & Jenny

Community News



Templestowe Valley Primary School
Term 3 commences Wednesday 24th July 2019
Cost per seven (7) week term - \$90.00

Lesson Details:
Lessons are held in the school grounds. Each lesson consists of different themes with loads of fun games. Coaches work on footwork, balance skills, decision making and the fundamentals of each stroke. All Tennis in Stages coaches are outrageously enthusiastic, passionate and have played at a high level of competition.

- Group and private coaching available
- After school and weekend tennis coaching at Ballerup Tennis Club (Melway ref. 32 K7)



Free tennis racquet with each new enrolment!!

Places cannot be held unless payment accompanies this form. Please fill out and return form with payment to the school office by Wednesday 14th July 2019.



Learn music here at school
Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, ukulele, violin, drums, singing, here at Templestowe Valley Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$14.50 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3.

Interested parents should call Irene during office hours on 9612 2322 or email www@creativemusic.com.au



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