



# Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – DAVID JENES

School Council President – Pariece Nelligan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### School Photos

Our School Photos are being taken on **Wednesday 18 March**. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform on the day. Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the COMMUNITY tab in Compass.

### Waterplay afternoon

The students have collected enough values tokens to have a waterplay afternoon through our wellbeing program. The waterplay afternoon will be held on Friday 20 March after lunch. More information will be sent home via Compass.

### Big Friend, Little Friend BBQ

Yesterday, the Preps and Year 6 students had their Big Friend Little Friend BBQ with their parents and the staff. All the students had a wonderful time and the parents had an opportunity to get to know other parents. Thank you to the Prep and Year 6 staff for all your help and organisation.



## Calendar

March	
18/3	School Photos
20/3	Manningham Youth Parent Forum at TVPS 9am
21/3	Harmony Day
23 - 27/3	Yrs 3-6 Swimming Lessons School Council 6:30pm
30/3	District Tennis No Assembly

April	
1/4	5/6 Interschool Sport
2/4	Easter Bonnet Parade 9am Students finish at 2:30pm
20/4	Term 2 Begins
29/4	Pet Responsibility – Prep Incursion

May	
1/5	TVPS Cross Country Yrs 3-6
7/5	Mothers Day Stall
13/5	Prep Excursion to Chesterfield Farm
21/5	Flying Start 9:30am Information Night 6-7pm
28/5	5/6 Interschool Sport

### 2026 Term Dates

27 January to 2 April

20 April to 26 June

13 July to 18 September

5 October to 18 December

## ICAS Assessments

At Templestowe Valley Primary School we offer ICAS assessments (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). It is an optional online academic competition taken by students in our school, from Years 2–6 during class time. It measures problem solving and thinking skills.

ICAS is held from 3-28 August and offers the following subject areas:

- Digital Technologies
- Writing
- English
- Science
- Spelling Bee
- Mathematics

Parents will need to enrol and pay the entry fee for their child online through the ICAS portal. Students can complete any or all of the tests. Costs are \$21.95 for each test, except Writing, which is \$25.95.

More information can be found online at <https://www.icasassessments.com/about-us/>

Any questions, please email [carly.bertelli@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:carly.bertelli@education.vic.gov.au)

## Years 3-6 Swimming

The students in Years 3-6 will have their swimming lessons at Eltham Leisure Centre from Monday 23 March to Friday 27 March. This is a great opportunity for students to continue to develop their swimming skills. The P-2 students will have their lessons in Term 4.

## Division Swimming

On Monday 2 March, Mitchell swam in the Butterfly and Will in both the Freestyle and Backstroke at the Division finals. Both students swam really well on the day and although they didn't get through to the Regionals, they both did an incredible job making it so far.

## P&F

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Thursday 19 March at 2:45pm in the staffroom.

## Thank you

A HUGE thank you to a couple of families for donations to TVPS.

Bella in OGD for donating the stick insects and enclosure to the STEM room. I am sure all TVPS students will enjoy learning about and holding the Stick Insects.

Oscar in 4MS for donating the BIGGEST sensory beanbag ever to TVPS, creating an amazing 'safe space' - currently located in the STEM room and will be housed in the Wellbeing Room.

Rob Cretney

## Uniform

It is important that all students wear the correct uniform each day.

**If you need to purchase new uniform, you can attend the uniform shop next to the canteen on a Monday from 9:30-10:30. If you need** to order at any other time, please contact Sam Smith who looks after all uniform requirements. Order forms are available at the office and on the website.

Second Hand uniform is available for purchase from the Hall with Donna and Dora on a Monday morning 9:30-10:30.

## Drop off and Pick up

Just a reminder to parents to check the signs carefully when parking around our school. Please don't park in driveways or in No Standing zones. The local laws officers are patrolling to check the parking. Please also remind your children to use the school crossing and look both ways when crossing any roads.

## School Crossings

We have a school crossing operated by the Manningham Council on Airds Road and Birchwood Avenue. Please use these crossings when crossing the road for the safety of your child.

### Hats

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear their hats at school, especially Term 1 & 4 and on days when the UV level is 3 or above. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop. A **'No Hat, No Play'** policy applies. Students without hats will stay in the undercover areas during recess and lunch times.

### Carparks

Just a reminder that the carparks inside the school grounds are for staff only, deliveries and emergency vehicles. Please don't park in these carparks. Please use the drop off zones or parking bays around the school.

### Communication with Staff

Templestowe Valley Primary School understands the importance of providing helpful and timely responses to common enquiries from parents and carers. To ensure that members of our school community are directed to the most appropriate person to assist them, the information below outlines key contacts for common queries:

- To report a student absence, please complete the absence on Compass
- To report any urgent issues relating to a student on a particular day, please contact the school office by phone
- For Before/After School Care bookings, please use Xplor. For any last-minute changes, please contact the Before/After Care coordinator 0418505526. Please let the school office know by phone if you would like a staff member to let your child know they need to go to After Care
- For any formal communication such as a discussion about a student's academic progress, health or wellbeing, please contact your classroom teacher by email/Seesaw. The teacher will then follow up with a phone call, face to face/Online meeting or a return email
- For any informal communication such as finding out about what's happening in the classroom etc, please contact your classroom teacher via Seesaw
- For enquiries regarding camps and excursions, please contact the Camp Coordinator or your classroom teacher via email
- To make a complaint, please contact the Principal/Assistant Principal. Please also refer to our Complaints policy, available on our school website
- To report a potential hazard or incident on the school site, please contact the school office
- For parent payments, please contact the school office
- For all other enquiries, please contact our school office on 8850-5777

We will do our best to respond to general queries as soon as possible. The right to disconnect legislation makes explicit that all employees have the right to refuse to monitor, read, listen to or respond to contact that occurs outside their working hours from their employer or a third party (such as a student or a parent), unless that refusal is unreasonable.

We ask that you allow us 2 – 3 working days to provide you with a response to general queries. We will endeavour to respond to urgent matters within 24 hours where possible.

### Interpreting Services

We can arrange for interpreting support if you are from a language background other than English and need help with understanding important educational information about your child. Contact the school office for more information.

### Wellbeing Reminders



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**Parent Session Wellbeing  
Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>  
9.00am-10.00am in the main  
staffroom**

*Come and have a tea/coffee in  
the main staffroom after school  
drop off*

*Manningham Youth Services will  
present to parents.*

*Guest Speakers include*

- Lily Giles-Youth Engagement  
Worker

# Chinese New Year Colouring Competition Winners

Our Chinese New Year Colouring Competition was a fun way for students to celebrate Chinese/Lunar New Year. We loved seeing the creativity and effort put into each artwork. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who participated!

Ms Goh  
Mandarin Teacher

## Prep Winners



Cherry 0CD



Harris 0CD



Bella 0GD



Brooklyn 0CD



Noah 0CD

## Year 1&2 Winners



Sarah 2ES



Jai 1MN



Ruben 2ES



Logan 2ES



Sierra 1MN

## Year 3&4 Winners



Ivy 3LR



Baran 4MS



Lloyd 3CS



Sofia 3LR



Manele 3LR

## Year 5&6 Winners



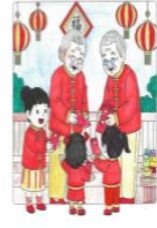
Abi 5FG



Yen 5JV



Ella 6HH



Rumaisa 5AV



Samara 6HH