



# Valley Views

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – DAVID JENES**

**School Council President – Natalie Maharaj**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**School Council**

On Monday, we had our first meeting of the 2026 School Council including our Annual General Meeting. Meet our new Council for 2026:

President – Natalie Maharaj

Vice President – Irit Ziv

Treasurer – Alison Huitfeldt

Secretary – Emilia Selwyn

School Councillors – Ivan Hidalgo, Francesca Sgroi, Georgie Thobis, Laura Saunders, Anne Hillman, Andrew Venables, Rob Cretney

A huge thank you to Pariece Nelligan, Anthony Toscano, Adam Thobis and Melinda Newnham who have done an incredible job on School Council. We appreciate all that you have done for our school during your time on School Council.

**Staffing**

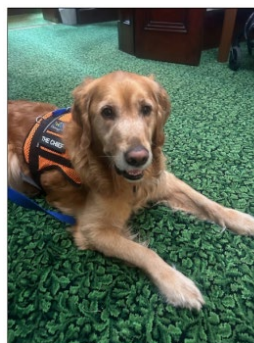
Steffany Mazloum will be finishing at the beginning of Term 2 to have a baby. We wish her all the best for the birth of her third child. Nicole Hunter will be returning in Term 2 from maternity leave. She will be working 2 days a week in 6HH. I will be taking 4 weeks of Long Service Leave at the beginning of Term 2 to travel overseas. Rob Cretney will be the Acting Principal. Anne Hillman and Emilia Selwyn will be the Acting Assistant Principals. Rob's STEM lessons will be covered during my absence.

**Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffle**

On Monday 30 March, we will hold our annual Easter Bonnet Parade and raffle at 9am. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and join in the fun and excitement. Raffle tickets can be purchased up to 9am on Monday morning. A huge thank you to the P&F for supporting the Easter raffle and a special mention to Donna and Dora for preparing the hampers.

**Therapy Dog at our school from Term 2**

Meet Bailey, our therapy dog from Therapy Animals Australia. Also known as "The Chief," Bailey is looking forward to making many new friends at Templestowe Valley Primary School. He will be visiting classrooms and working with individual students in wellbeing sessions.



Bailey will be at Templestowe Valley every Wednesday during Term 2, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We received a grant from Smarty Grants at the end of 2025, providing an opportunity to implement animal-assisted programs to support student wellbeing. If you have any concerns, or if your child is unsure of dogs or has allergies, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

## Calendar

March	
30/3	District Tennis Easter Bonnet Parade

April	
1/4	5/6 Interschool Sport
2/4	Years 3-6 Swimming <b>Students finish at 2:30pm</b>
20/4	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>
23/4	ANZAC Day Service for School Leaders in Templestowe
29/4	Pet Responsibility – Prep Incursion

May	
1/5	TVPS Cross Country Yrs 3-6
7/5	Mother's Day Stall
13/5	Prep Excursion to Chesterfield Farm
21/5	Flying Start 9:30am Information Night 6-7pm
22/5	District Cross Country
28/5	5/6 Interschool Sport Flying Start 9:30 – 10.30am

## 2026 Term Dates

27 January to 2 April

20 April to 26 June

13 July to 18 September

5 October to 18 December

## Curriculum

This year we are focusing on Feedback. We have had Gaye Wilde (Education Improvement Leader) working with us all term and will continue in Term 2 to continue to drive improvement across the school. Here is a little bit about why we are doing it:

Feedback informs a student and/or teacher about the student's performance and understanding relative to learning goals and/or Success Criteria. Its purpose is to improve the student's learning. Feedback redirects or refocuses the actions of teacher and student so the student can align effort and activity with a clear outcome that leads to achieving a learning goal.

Feedback has two-way benefits for teachers. It allows teachers to gather information about a student's understanding, to assist students to advance their own learning, and to verify the impact of their own teaching practice.

This strategy is demonstrated when the teacher:

- provides feedback on tasks that challenges students to review, reflect on and refine their understandings at various points in a learning sequence
- gives timely feedback, acknowledging areas well-handled and suggesting areas for improvement
- structures feedback to support further learning
- organises a variety of audiences to provide feedback (teacher, peers and learner)
- uses student assessment data as a source of feedback on the effectiveness of their teaching practice.

## SWPBS – Values Reward – Waterplay Afternoon

Congratulations to all TVPS students who have worked so hard to focus on our school values and collect tokens.

Last week, on 20 March, we celebrated with our next whole-school event—Water Play—chosen through Student Voice. We aimed to ensure everyone had fun while staying safe on the oval, and students did a fantastic job following the safety rules. It was wonderful to see such positive behaviour throughout the event.

Thank you to all staff for their excellent supervision, and a special thank you to Mr Jenes and Mr Cretney for setting up the water supply.



## 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)

## Canteen

The End of Term Meal Deal is available this Tuesday 31st March.

This Term there will be a choice of Butter Chicken, Honey Soy Miso Chicken Noodle or Thai Coconut Curry, a snack and a drink for \$10.50. **No other items will be available on this day.**

### Canteen is open for normal orders on:-

Wednesday **1st April** for counter sales only (no lunch orders)

Thursday **2nd April** for counter sales only (no lunch orders)

Thank you for your support this term, enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2 with a new menu.

## 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.

### 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.

### Sustainability News



#### Sustainability Newsletter

Our school is excited to begin the journey towards becoming a ResourceSmart School, an award-winning Victorian Government program that supports schools to embed sustainability into everyday learning and operations. Through this program, students develop real-world knowledge and skills about caring for the environment while learning how to reduce waste, save energy and water, and protect biodiversity. The program also helps schools reduce resource use and operating costs, while building a strong culture of environmental responsibility across the whole school community.

Our staff have been working diligently to meet the program's expectations by reviewing our practices, collecting data, planning sustainable actions, and integrating sustainability into teaching and learning. We look forward to sharing this journey with our families as we work together to create a more sustainable future for our students and community.

### TEAMKIDS - Autumn Holiday Bookings now OPEN!

### Fall into fun with TeamKids these Autumn school holidays at Templestowe Valley Primary School!

We're excited to let you know that that bookings for TeamKids **ONSITE** is now officially **OPEN!**

There's something for everyone:

- New experiences and activities every day
- Qualified and remarkable Educators
- Healthy and yummy snacks
- CCS-approved care

Click on the following link to check out **Templestowe Valley Primary** program + secure your spot today  
[https://downloads.teamkids.com.au/templestowe\\_valley\\_primary.pdf](https://downloads.teamkids.com.au/templestowe_valley_primary.pdf)



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**7:00 AM START** | PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

**6:00 PM END** | 🏠 INHOUSE 🌀 INCURSION 👤 EXCURSION

MON - 6TH APR	TUE - 7TH APR	WED - 8TH APR	THU - 9TH APR	FRI - 10TH APR
<b>CLOSED</b>				
	<b>Shelter Survivors</b>	<b>The Magic Faraway Tree</b>	<b>The Amazing Race</b>	<b>Active Warriors</b>
	Ready to become a master builder? Join us and learn how to create your very own indoor shelter using bricks. So let's use our imaginations and get building!	Today you're off to the movies to follow a family who move to the countryside and discover a magical tree with quirky residents. When the children are whisked away to fantastical lands, their adventures help bring the family closer together. *PG Rated, Allergy Alert	Get ready, set, go! In The Amazing Race, you'll dash, solve, and strategise your way through crazy challenges, tricky puzzles, and wild obstacles. It's fast, frantic, and totally amazing! The ultimate adventure for little explorers and big imaginations!	Get ready for high-energy action as kids dive into Boot Camp challenges, Nerf Zones and epic Team Building games! They'll run, dodge, climb and conquer obstacle courses while building confidence, resilience and teamwork skills. It's fast-paced, action-packed fun!
	<span style="color: purple;">👤</span> <b>Daily Fee</b> \$107.75	<span style="color: purple;">👤</span> <b>Daily Fee</b> \$122.75	<span style="color: purple;">👤</span> <b>Daily Fee</b> \$89.75	<span style="color: purple;">👤</span> <b>Daily Fee</b> \$89.75
	After Max CCS* \$10.77	After Max CCS* \$12.27	After Max CCS* \$9.87	After Max CCS* \$9.87

MON - 13TH APR	TUE - 14TH APR	WED - 15TH APR	THU - 16TH APR	FRI - 17TH APR
<b>Wild West Wanderers</b>	<b>Beyond The Branches</b>	<b>Hoppers</b>	<b>Explore and Create Nature Play</b>	<b>Super Moves</b>
Saddle up, partners! Wild West Wanderers are galloping into TeamKids for a day of adventure, imagination, and big-time fun. Step into your own mini outback town to round up challenges, craft cowboy creations, and dive into high-energy games.	Adventure awaits at the top of the trees! Inspired by the Magic Faraway Tree, children will explore new lands, conquer challenges, play creatively, and make an enchanted keepsake. A perfect mix of teamwork, imagination, action and calm.	Today you're off to the movies to see what happens when an animal loving 19 year old uses technology to place her consciousness into a robotic beaver to uncover mysteries within the animal world beyond her imagination. *PG Rated, Allergy Alert	Calling all green thumbs! Get ready to dig into the fun with TeamKids at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Uncover secrets of plant growth and unleash your creativity with nature play. We have a roo-tin-tootin' good time in nature. *Outdoor weather clothing required. Cloed-toe	Warm-up and bust out the dance moves! We're crumpling combat style with our superhero favourites! With songs from Marvel, DC, and Pixar, this high-energy program combines fitness and superheroes, saving the world one step at a time!
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After Max CCS* \$8.47	After Max CCS* \$10.77	After Max CCS* \$12.27	After Max CCS* \$12.47	After Max CCS* \$10.17

\*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. \*\*\*Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. 13th Party Payment Fee apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy.

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