



23 October 2026

Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – DAVID JENES

School Council President – Natalie Maharaj

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Regional Athletics

On Thursday 22 October, Chloe compete in the hurdles at the Regional Athletics. She did an incredible run and came 6th. Congratulations Chloe!



Colour Fun Run Fundraiser Friday 30 October

Last term we launched the Colour Fun Run at assembly. We are bringing the excitement with a Colour Fun Run, all while raising funds for new equipment for our school. The Colour Fun Run will be on Friday 30 October!

Getting involved is super easy - just head to <https://www.myprofilepage.com.au>, set up a profile, and share it with family and friends for online donations. Kids can earn awesome prizes and collect Monty Coins as they go!

Here is a video tutorial on how to set up the profile page:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCWhpLKty-w>

Raise just \$10 to unlock your first prize - and the more you raise, the more prizes you can mix, match, and choose!

P&F Committee.

World Teacher's Day Thursday 29 October

World Teachers' Day recognises the important role teachers play in providing communities with quality education. We will celebrate on Thursday 29 October giving an opportunity to celebrate and thank our wonderful TVPS teachers. Families are welcome to participate in any or all of the following activities. Participation is entirely voluntary:

- Encouraging your kids to make a World Teacher's Day Greeting Card to give to their teachers on Thursday 29 October.
- Sending in a plate of food for a special "thank you" morning tea for our teachers, to be held at recess on Thursday 29 October. If available, parents are most welcome to come and celebrate with our staff.
- Helping with the set-up and/or clean-up for teachers' morning tea.

Thank you,

Georgie and Alison

On behalf of the TVPS School Council Parent Members

New Playground Update

The concrete has been completed and all the in-ground works for the playground structure. On Wednesday next week, the playground company will be back to start installing the playground, the turf and the softfall.

Calendar

October

27/10	Yr 5/6 MITTY Program
29/10	World Teachers Day
30/10	Colour Fun Run

November

3/11	Cup Day Public Holiday
6/11	Yr 2 Day Camp
11/11	Remembrance Day
12/11	Prep 2027 Orientation #1 9:30am
13/11	Kindness Day
17/11	Yr 5 Parliament Incursion
19/11	Yr 5 Money Talk Incursion Prep 2027 Orientation #2 9:30am
20/11	Curriculum Day
26/11	Yr 5 Money Talk Incursion Prep 2027 Orientation #3 9:30am Community Night 5-7pm
28/11	State Election in Hall

December

3/12	Prep 2027 Orientation #4 9:30am
4/12	Curriculum Day
11/12	Yr 6 Graduation
16/12	Year 6 Lunch Templestowe Hotel
18/12	Final Assembly 12:30pm Students Dismissed at 1:30pm

2026 Term Dates

5 October to 18 December

Art Show

A huge thank you to Kerry for organising the Art Show this year. It was such a delight to see all our student's creative pieces on display.



Grandparents Day in Prep

It was great to see all the grandparents last Friday in the Prep rooms working with their grandchildren. I know the students got a lot out of the visit. Thank you to the Prep team for organising this exciting event.



Yarning Circle - update

Our new yarning circle near the adventure playground is complete, thanks largely to a generous grant of \$4000 from Bendigo Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village. It's a space for students and staff to sit, listen and share stories together. Over the coming weeks we'll surround it with native plants, and are hoping to have families participate in the purchasing and planting of some of these at our upcoming Community BBQ.



Community Night

Our Community Night has been scheduled for Thursday 26 November. As well as our traditional BBQ, popcorn and Choc tops, we will have a Greek Food truck and face painting this year. The choir will be performing as well as all classes from P-6. Please mark the date in your calendar so you don't miss out.

Digital Technologies Changes for all Victorian Government Primary Schools beginning in 2027

In 2027, there are a number of changes being introduced to all Victorian Government Primary Schools. The changes include:

- No BYOD program (Except for our Year 6 students who will be the last students in the program)
- Recommended that primary schools do not set homework that requires the use of a device
- Avoid the use of on-screen texts for reading instruction in F-2 and minimise their use 3-6
- Digital device use by primary students should be minimal for Foundation to Year 2 students and not exceed 90 minutes per day for Years 3-6

At Templestowe Valley Primary School, we use pen and paper from F-6 and we believe this transition will be easy for our students and staff. Our F-2 students already have minimal use of digital devices with the main focus using concrete materials such as books in each lesson. Our Years 3-6 students also have minimal use of a device as a tool and we use it for particular use in each subject area. The major change for our school will be the way homework is completed at home by the students, especially in Years 3-6. We will be using more photocopied sheets in 2027 to move away from setting homework on a device.

If you would like any further information about the changes, please contact Rob Cretney, Assistant Principal.

Planning for 2027

We are currently planning for 2027. This is a very considered and carefully thought-out process involving decisions relating to budget, class structure, specialist and support programs, teacher allocations, resourcing, as well as student placement within classes.

In placing students into classes for 2027, we need to consider the social, academic and emotional needs of every student. Year level teams spend a great deal of time to ensure that classes are balanced and that the best interest of every student is taken into account when forming classes.

At TVPS we recognise the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

All students will complete a 'Buddy Bug' to list their friends they would like to be with in 2027 and we will ensure that they have at least ONE friend off that list with them in next year's class.

If you have a special request for consideration for 2026, this must be made by email to the Principal – David Jenés (David.Jenes@education.vic.gov.au) with an explanation of the reason. Requests for individual teachers will not be considered.

All requests need to be received no later than Thursday 5 November, 2026. Parent requests that are received after this date will not be considered as the process for creating the 2027 classes' starts after that time.

If there are any families planning on leaving TVPS at the end of this year (except for Yr 6), PLEASE inform the School Office immediately as this impacts on our planning for classes and friendship matching.

Depending on any further changes to our student numbers, our draft class structure for 2027 is (this will be confirmed later in November):

2 Prep classes	2 Year 1 classes	1 Year 2 class	1 Year 2/3 class	1 Year 3 class
2 Year 4 classes	1 Year 5 class	1 Year 5/6 class	2 Year 6 classes	

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.

Wellbeing News



We are excited to announce that TVPS has been selected to participate in the School Breakfast Clubs Program, commencing in Term 4, 2026!

From Week 2, breakfast will be available for students every Friday from 8.30am in Block A (Year 2/3/4 building). Please enter via the glass doors near the ¾ line up area.

Students can enjoy a healthy breakfast including fresh fruit, toast and cereal before starting their school day.

The program also provides fresh fruit for classrooms each day, as well as food to support students who may need additional food during the school day and families who may need support at home.

We are very excited to offer this wonderful program to our school community and look forward to sharing breakfast together!

For further information please contact Anne Hillman (anne.hillman@education.vic.gov.au).