

Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – ALISON REES

Student Leadership Badge Presentation – held on Monday February 22nd

Last Monday, February 22, was a very proud moment for us at TVPS. Manningham Mayor - Councillor Andrew Conlon - presented our Year 6 Student Leaders with their badge. He spoke to our students about the role of a leader, and the responsibilities that come with the title and badge.

The Mayor used the metaphor and acronym of MILE in his speech. He spoke of the need for people; particularly leaders, to “go the extra mile for others”, and to understand what others might be experiencing by “walking a mile in their shoes.” He then encouraged our students to MILE for others: M – motivate and motivation, I – imagine, innovation and inspire, L – lead by example and by doing, and E – empathise and display empathy.

In talking to our Year 6 students at the start of the year about the attributes and attitudes leaders in our school should demonstrate, I asked them what their expectations were; what did they expect from their leaders, and I was incredibly proud of them for the maturity and depth of thinking that was shown in their answers. They want someone who:

- is a good communicator – someone who will actively listen as well as clearly share his/her ideas
- believes in “team” and teamwork – someone who gets everyone to work together to achieve a shared goal
- is caring and shows empathy
- makes sure that everyone is included.

These are high expectations to have of anyone, but all of our new Student Leaders said that they want to be the best leader that they can, and with their enthusiasm and commitment, our help and support and working TOGETHER, I believe that they will.



Calendar

FEBRUARY

Fri 26 th	Aladdin Jnr Auditions
Mon 1 st	First Full Week Preps
Mon 1 st	Division Swimming
Wed 3 rd	Yr5 & Yr6 Excursion
Fri 5 th	Pupil Free Day #2
Thu 11 th	House Cross Country
Fri 12 th	Regional Swimming
Sat 13 th	Working Bee
Mon 15 th	Whole School Assembly
Tue 16 th	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Thu 18 th	Y6 Interschool Sport
Fri 19 th	Celebrating Harmony Day
Mon 22 nd	Pupil Free Day #3
Mon 22 nd	Y5 & Y6 District Tennis
Sat 27 th	A Taste of TVPS
Wed 31 st	Chinese Cultural Day

APRIL

Thu 1 st	Last Day of Term 1 2:30 Finish
Mon 19 th	First Day of Term 2

2021 Term Dates

28 January to 1 April 2021
19 April to 25 June 2021
12 July to 17 September 2021
4 October to 17 December 2021

Student Leadership Badge Presentation continued

Let me introduce our Year 6 Student Leaders for 2021 to you .

Leadership Positions	Appointed Students		Co-ordinating Teacher/s
School Leaders	Jodi G	William T	<i>Alison Rees & Rob Cretney</i>
Head of JSC	Zoe K	Mats P	<i>Alicia Drew</i>
Birchwood House Leaders	Yara L	Christos S	<i>Chris Eagleton</i>
Newbury House Leaders	Teora K	Sammy H	
Thompson House Leaders	Jaimee S	Tom A	
Cavendish House Leaders	Jana B	Jack C	
Visual Arts Leaders	Lucy B	Amelia A	<i>Jenni Bevacqua</i>
Performing Arts Leaders	Angelina K	Raph D-J	<i>Lauren McCormack</i>
Languages- Mandarin Leaders	Izzy M	Zara C	<i>Celeste Goh</i>
Digital Technologies Leaders	Andy R	James F	<i>Kim Shannon & Rob Cretney</i>
Sustainability Leaders	Erin C	Lucy C	<i>Alison Rees</i>

One of the first things that our School Leaders – Jodi and William – were asked to do on behalf of the 2021 student body, was to write a “Welcome” letter to new and prospective families. Their letter is below for you to read and enjoy, as well as being on our website for all and given to families as part of our “Enrolment” package. The “voice” and obvious pride in their school that comes through in Jodi and William’s writing is just delightful.



Hello from the 2021 TVPS School Captains

Hello Parents, Teachers, Students and Visitors to TVPS, Our names are Jodi and William and we are the 2021 Templestowe Valley Primary School Leaders! We are so excited to be the School Leaders this year and we welcome you with warm hearts to our spectacular school!

At TVPS we uphold four school values. They are: *Honesty, Acceptance, Responsibility, and Respect*. All TVPS students display these values in safe, comfortable learning environments provided by our beautiful establishments and great teachers who believe in the students' learning and physical & mental well-being.

At TVPS we have specialist subjects, such as Performing Arts. Here you can learn to express your emotions in exciting, interactive and creative ways. In Performing Arts we learn about drama, music, and theatre history. We also have school productions that are held every other year. Another way of expressing ourselves is through the Visual Art program. We learn lots of different techniques to create imaginative art. There is also a Templestowe Valley Archibald Prize!

Physical Education is an incredible way for you to strengthen your teamwork and leadership. This is a great way to train for sports events like Inter-School Sports where lots of schools from our district compete. We also have Mandarin lessons every week where we learn a language, culture, and the origins of China!

Special events that are held across the school are:

- a camp for Year 3 to 6 students every year. (The camp program starts with a sleep-over in Yr 2!)
- Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming competitions for Year 3 to 6 students. Everyone wears their House colours and tries really hard to earn points for their House. The TVPS Houses are: Red for Cavendish, Yellow for Birchwood, Green for Thompson, and Blue for Newbury.

Make sure to accept our invitation to the “Taste of TVPS” Open Morning on March 27th between 9:00am and 12:00pm on. If you’re really lucky, you might just meet our egg-laying loved ones!

Yours sincerely,
Jodi G. and William T.
Your TVPS 2021 School Leaders

START OF THE YEAR DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **Friday March 5th & Monday March 22nd**
 - **PUPIL FREE DAYS - Curriculum Days for teachers**
 - **No students at school**
- **Saturday March 13th**
 - **Working Bees – 9:00am – 12:00pm**
 - **ALL welcome – parents & children** (Sausage sizzle at 12:00pm)
- **Tuesday March 16th - School Photo Day**



Important Start of the Year Information

2021 Pupil Free - Curriculum Days

Last year School Council endorsed three (3) of the **2021 Pupil-Free Curriculum Days**. The DET allows schools to allocate four (4) pupil free days for the year. The three (3) dates listed below are all in Term 1.

It is very unusual for us to have three (3) pupil free days in one term, however it has been necessary in order to access professional learning from a Maths expert – Di Siemon – who was booked to work with us in 2020 and for our school’s Strategic Plan review which was cancelled from last year. Both of the upcoming pupil free days have been scheduled beside a weekend to support our families.

Term 1 Pupil Free - Curriculum Days

Wednesday January 27, 2021

- Staff team building, DET & TVPS expectations & class/ program preparation

Friday March 5, 2021

- School Review – Self Evaluation

Monday March 22, 2021

- Staff Professional Learning – Numeracy Focus
 - Presenter – Dianne Siemon

Templestowe Valley PS – Reconnecting & Getting Involved

2021 is a great opportunity for us at TVPS to reconnect and celebrate surviving last year, as well as sharing ideas and making plans and working together to make our school even better.

There are lots of good reasons and benefits from being involved in your child's school.

- Getting involved is a great way to show your child/children that you take an interest in their education. It also sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause.
- Many schools now have to raise their own funds for activities and supplies that once were considered basic necessities. Parent volunteers are essential to organising and helping out at these fundraising events and at other school activities.
- Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community. They also show their kids the importance of participating in the larger community.
- Working with teachers, leaders, and other parents will help you understand your child's daily activities. You'll also tap into trends and fads of school life that can help you communicate with your kids as they grow and change — all without intruding on their privacy or personal space.

Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start. In fact, now more than ever, it's important to get involved before your child/children reaches secondary school.

We will be calling for volunteers to:

- *Help in the canteen*
- *Be a part of fundraising activities and community events, e.g. the Sausage Sizzle and Open Day*
- *Help with the reading program in the junior years*
- *Join our TVPS Parents and Friends Association*
- *Stand for School Council*
- *Help with this year's production of Aladdin – prop building and costume making are just two examples of how you can help with this from home*

... and the list goes on.

Sponsorship

This year we are actively searching for companies and businesses to sponsor events at our school. E.g. our Open Day, Art Show or Production. If you have connections with any company or business that might be interested in this, we'd love to have a discussion with them.

Parent Literacy Information Session ~ Friday March 12th between 9:15am to 10:15am

Has your child just started school? Are you wanting to support your child with the jump into Year 1 and 2? Are you feeling you need some guidance in how to support your child's reading? Are you keen to help in your child's classroom?

If you answered, "Yes!" to any of these questions, please join us for a morning of all things Literacy at Templestowe Valley on **Friday March 12th between 9:15am to 10:15am**. Our morning session will provide you with the information to support your Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 children as they learn to read and write from the basics of their letter sounds to comprehending more complex texts.

To support our planning for this session, please RSVP and answer the quick survey on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/4BFCZhAQTuNrNwHs8>

With many thanks, Emilia Selwyn (Literacy Coordinator) and Kira Georgakopoulos (Learning Support Teacher)

A Taste of TVPS ~ Open Saturday Morning ~ March 27th between 9:00am and 11:00am

On Saturday March 27th, Templestowe Valley PS will be open between 9:00 and 11:00am for School Tours for prospective students and their parents. A large number of staff members, our students and student leaders will be attending to guide tours as well as to conduct various activities – Science exhibitions, Sausage Sizzle, Visual Art Room activities, coffee shop & cake and Performing Arts displays.

I hope that all TVPS families can spread the word to friends and neighbours so that we can build enrolments for 2022.

SUNSHADES

Have you seen them yet?

A very big



to our TVPS Parents and Friends Association from all our students and staff for our fabulous new sunshades.

P&F, led by Melinda Minuzzo, had been raising funds for our sunshades for a couple of years and they were supposed to be up last year, but COVID-19 impacted on their construction. Thanks to our School Council President, Eva Wong, for her persistence and determination to see this project through and our students protected.



Being SunSmart at TVPS

Last week's varying weather conditions has provided us with a timely reminder as to why we need to constantly focus on being SunSmart both at home and at school. Please discuss and revisit this important issue with your family.

Excessive exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause health problems including sunburn, damage to skin and eyes, and an increased risk of skin cancer. UV radiation:

- cannot be seen or felt
- can be reflected off surfaces such as buildings, asphalt, concrete, water, sand and snow
- can pass through light clouds
- varies in intensity across the year (highest in Victoria from mid-August – end of April)
- peaks during school hours

Sun safety is a shared responsibility and staff, parents and students are encouraged to implement a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above (typically from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria).

At Templestowe Valley PS:

- SunSmart behaviours are regularly reinforced in a positive way. This is achieved through student and teacher directed activities and the school newsletter.
- Children are required to wear the TVPS broad-brimmed or legionnaire sun protective hats when outside in Terms 1 and 4.
- Staff and parents are encouraged to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.
- In Terms 1 and 4, children without an approved TVPS hat are required to play in a nominated covered area.
- Children are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen (SPF 30+) before arriving at school.
- Personal sunscreen kept by students is not to be shared with other students.
- Staff encourage children to play in shady areas whilst in the playground.
- Staff incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the Health component of the curriculum at all year levels.
- Curriculum materials relevant to SunSmart behaviours is used and reviewed regularly at all levels
- The TVPS Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee strives to develop the number of shaded areas in the school grounds, as well as to make recommendations for additional sun-shelter in the playground.

You might also be interested to read how one of our parents, Jacqueline Theodore, was incredibly diligent and responsible for saving a woman's life. Congratulations Jacqui.

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/how-my-hairdresser-saved-my-life-20200122-p53tr8.html>

We are SunSmart - a note for families



Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor for future skin cancer risk.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV so don't be fooled. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to **Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek** and **Slide!**

Our service aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimise future skin cancer risk. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures encouraged by educators.

During the daily local sun protection times (issued whenever UV levels are three and above), use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.

1. **Slip on a shirt** - dress your child in clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.
2. **Slop on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen** – apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and provide permission for sunscreen to be reapplied to your child before they go outdoors. This should be applied every two hours. From 3 years of age, please help your child apply their own sunscreen so they can start to learn independent skills.
3. **Slap on a hat** – one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved sun hat.

4. **Seek shade** – choose shady spots for play whenever possible.
5. **Slide on some sunglasses** - if practical and approved by the service. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.



Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available on the free SunSmart app or widget, in the weather section of the newspaper and on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



Further information contact SunSmart
P: 03 9514 6419
E: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au
W: sunsmart.com.au

STUDENTS OF WEEK 2 and WEEK 3

OCP	Pelayia P	Wonderful start to school
OEP	Heidi C	Kind and caring friend
ONH	Jaden C	Wonderful start to the year
1BD	Hayley W	Putting 100%into all her tasks
1BD	Angelo A	Great prediction about class reading time
1JM	Aurora M	Wonderful start at TVPS
1JM	James K	Showing perseverance in his work
1ES	Olivia B	Producing work to a high standard
1ES	Irene Z	Excellent pattern work in Mathematics
2NC	Adem O	Great start to Grade 2
2NC	Zara E	Positive attitude towards her learning
2SM	Lachie B	Great beginning to Grade 2
2SM	Zoe D	Wonderful start at TVPS
3LR	Amelia M	Positive attitude to learning
3LR	Luella C	Caring class member
3GO	Allegra M	Fantastic start to Year 3
3GO	Joshua K	An enthusiastic learner
4CC	Alyssa L	Putting lots of detail into her work and to high standard
4CC	Ivy N	Showing great enthusiasm in her writing and spelling test
4EH	Dion M	Enthusiastic participation in class
4EH	Willow H	Always giving 100%
4GC	Alexa B	Being a responsible Year 4 student
4GC	Stella B	Producing fantastic narrative writing
5JV	Rafay K	Contributing enthusiastically to all class discussions
5JV	Jesse B	Creating great rhyming poem about Summer
5ME	Jack M	Demonstrating responsibility in all tasks
5AH	Gus W	Super effort with his writing
6KS	Callum L	Demonstrating interest and enthusiasm in class discussions
6KS	Missah A	Taking initiative with his work and completing tasks
6NB	Yarra L	Showing excellent leadership
6NB	Christos S	Showing excellent leadership
6NB	Hayley L	Outstanding start to Year 6

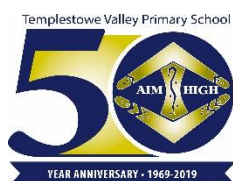
Student Accident Insurance Cover

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Training and Templestowe Valley Primary School do not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance and/or ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance, transport and any other related medical costs.



Student accident insurance and ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers and can be obtained by parents and guardians for individual students. For further information please check with your personal insurance company.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, electronic devices, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.



Templestowe Valley Primary School ~ 4985 CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENT

RATIONALE OF THE TVPS COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Standard 2: A statement of 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*.

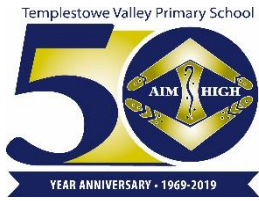
The school has a **zero tolerance of child abuse**, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and consistently in line with the school's robust policies and procedures*. The school conducts annual training of staff – including the DET Mandatory Reporting module – to meet its legal and moral obligation to protect all children from harm.

The school is steadfast in supporting and respecting all children in its community, inclusive of those with a disability and those from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander).

The Assistant Principal – Mr Rob Cretney – is the appointed TVPS Child Safe Officer.

SUPPORTING POLICIES & DOCUMENTATION

- *TVPS Child Protection Reporting Policy*
- *Step-by-step Guide to Making a Report to Child Protection (DHHS) or Child First*



Templestowe Valley Primary School

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DET) PRIVACY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at Templestowe Valley Primary School, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents, guardians and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

At Templestowe Valley PS, we use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Templestowe Valley PS values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, piano, guitar, ukulele, violin or drums, 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.

Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au

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For more information, call 0415-388-028
or visit www.sealpony.com.au

Time:	Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date:	7 th March 2021
Finishing Date:	Late May
Register in-person:	Sunday 10 - 11 am
	28 th February 2021
Address:	James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights 3081