

Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – ALISON REES

With all our Year 6 students returning from quarantine on Monday November 8, Templestowe Valley PS will finally be whole again. It seems like forever since we were all together. With only six weeks until the end of the school year, we are going to try and cram as much as we possibly can in, in order to make the year memorable for our students. *(Turn to Page 3 for a detailed calendar.)*

In saying that, our priorities for this period of time need to be clearly stated:

Mental health and wellbeing

Our highest priority will be the wellbeing, particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff. This means effectively mobilising all available resources to support our most vulnerable students and enabling staff to access the relevant support services. *(More information can be found on Page 11.)*

When students begin to return to school there will be a period when some struggle to settle back at school. Some will be over excited to see their friends and others will be distant. The social and emotional health of students will be given a high priority and I ask that you be alert to identify your child/ren's needs and seek support from your child's classroom teacher, our Assistant Principal and Student Welfare Coordinator - Rob Cretney - or myself, (Alison Rees), as appropriate.

Learning and excellence

Some of our students have thrived in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers. Our priority will be supporting both those who need it to catch up and those who have progressed to continue to extend their learning.

Transitions

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep and the Year 6s moving into Year 7.

We know some families are worried that their child may have to repeat a year due to the disruptions of coronavirus (COVID-19). There is little evidence to support the benefits of repeating a year to catch up. Instead, schools will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students meet their learning needs.

Parents, families and carers can be confident that the best option for almost every child is to stay with their peer group, whether that is moving from kindergarten into Prep, moving from Grade 6 into Year 7 at secondary school, or students moving up any year level in between. *(More Prep 2022 Orientation information on Page 4.)*

Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2021 school year and ahead to 2022.

Calendar

NOVEMBER

Mon 8 th	Welcome Back – Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal
Fri 12 th	1:30pm - 2022 Prep Orientation (#1)
Mon 15 th	7:00pm – School Council Meeting
Wed – Fri Nov 17 - 19	Yrs 3 & 4 Camp – Mill Valley Ranch
Fri 19 th	1:30pm - 2022 Prep Orientation (#2)
Mon 22 nd	Aladdin Jnr Performance – Monash Theatre
Fri 26 th	1:30pm - 2022 Prep Orientation (#3)
Mon 29 th	PUPIL FREE DAY – CURRICULUM DAY

DECEMBER

Fri 3 rd	Colour Explosion – Colour Run Fundraiser TVPS Student Disco
Tues 7 th	Family BBQ & Movie Night
Fri 10 th	Yr 6 Big Day Out
Mon – Wed Dec 13–15	Yrs 5 & 6 Camp – Burnside, Anglesea
Fri 17 th	Last day of Term 4 1:30pm Dismissal

2022 Term Dates

Term 1	28 Jan – Teachers commence 31 Jan – Yrs 1 – 6 commence 1 Feb – Preps commence 8 April – End of Term 1
Term 2	26 April – 24 June
Term 3	11 July – 16 September
Term 4	3 October – 20 December

Important Reminder about Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- 8:45am** *Prep, Yr 1, Yr 5 and Yr 6 students (and Prep parents) MUST wait at their entry gate until the Yard Duty teacher allows them entry, or the start of the day music commences.*
Siblings of children in those year levels may enter at that time and go straight to their classroom.
- 9:00am** *Yr 2, 3 and 4 student MUST wait at their gate until the Yard Duty teacher allows them entry. Students in these year levels should NOT be arriving prior to that time.*

NO students will be allowed to play outside in the school ground prior to the start, or at the end of the day.

<u>ALL PREP, YEARS 1, 5 & 6 STUDENTS</u> BUILDINGS B & C	<u>ALL YEARS 2, 3 & 4 STUDENTS</u> BUILDING A
Enter & Exit via different gates Arrive at 8:45am Dismiss at 3:15pm	Enter & Exit via different gates Arrive at 9:00am Dismiss at 3:30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Prep parent to walk with child into/from school grounds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent will not be allowed to enter school building. • Yrs 1, 5 & 6 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children “Kiss and Go” at gate. ○ Parents not to enter school grounds. • Cross level siblings can arrive at this time and enter through the same gate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early arrivals will be supervised in their classroom from 8:45am. ○ They will not be allowed to stay/play in the school ground. 	ALL students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children “Kiss and Go” at gate. • Parents not to enter school grounds. • Cross level siblings depart at this time and exit through the same gate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Those waiting for their brother/s or sister/s will be supervised in their own classroom until 3:30pm. ○ They will not be allowed to stay/play in the school ground.

Lunch and Recess Breaks

Our break times have returned to:

- 1 x Recess – 30 minutes
- 1 x Lunch – 45 minutes

However these break times will be different for the two (2) groupings of students – refer to chart below.

<u>ALL PREP, YEARS 1, 5 & 6 STUDENTS</u> BUILDINGS B & C	<u>ALL YEARS 2, 3 & 4 STUDENTS</u> BUILDING A
Recess: 11:00 – 11:30am Lunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eating time: 1:20 – 1:30pm</i> • Outside play: 1:30 – 2:15pm 	Recess: 10:30 – 11:00am Lunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eating time: 12:35 – 12:45pm</i> • Outside play: 12:45 - 1:30pm

Upcoming Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6.	November 8	November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12
	Welcome Back - Sausage Sizzle Lunch	Yr 1 Minibeast Incursion			1:30pm Prep Orientation (#1) 3:15pm Icy poles for sale
Week 7.	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19
	7:00 School Council – Meeting (Oct Acc.)				Newsletter – Vol 12 1:30pm Prep Orientation (#2) 3:15pm Icy poles for sale
	Yr 3 & Yr 4 Camp – Mill Valley Ranch				
Week 8.	November 22	November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26
	7:00 Production Performance – Aladdin – Monash Theatre				1:30pm Prep Orientation (#3) 3:15pm Icy poles for sale
Week 9.	November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3
	PUPIL FREE DAY Curriculum Day No students at school				Newsletter – Vol 13 Fundraiser Colour Run 3:15pm Icy poles for sale TVPS Disco 5:45 Prep, Yrs 1 & 2 7:10 Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
Week 10.	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
		Yr 6 – Yr 7 Orientation - TBC 9:30am Prep Orientation (#4) Family BBQ & Movie Night		Yr 6 Graduation	Yr 6 Big Day Out - 3:15pm Icy poles for sale
Week 11.	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17
	7:00 SC – 2022 Budget Meeting & Nov Acc		Yr 5 & Yr 6 Coach Approach	11:30 – 1:30 Meet your 2022 Teacher Yr 5 & Yr 6 Coach Approach	Newsletter – Vol 17 Last day of Term 4 1:30pm Dismissal
Yr 5 & Yr 6 Camp Burnside Anglesea					

Please note: PUPIL FREE DAY ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 29TH
No children at school. No OSHC.
Teachers will be working on assessment/reports & planning for 2022.

VALLEY DELI SAUSAGE SIZZLE MEAL DEAL - MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER!

To celebrate our first full week back at school, the TVPS canteen is offering a

Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal on Monday 8th November.

The Meal Deal is either One (1) or Two (2) sausages + snack + drink + frozen fruit cup

- One (1) sausage Meal Deal = \$6, or
- Two (2) sausages Meal Deal = \$8

No other items will be available this day. Orders can be placed via the online My School Connect app. until **9:00am on Monday 8th**.

Here's the web link: <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/tvps>

Thank you
Adele & Andrea



PREPS 2022!!!

We've already started our planning for our 2022 Prep classes, as well as our Orientation program for children who have been enrolled for 2022.

Please see the **rescheduled** dates and times for our four (4) Prep 2022 Orientation Sessions.

Our Prep Team has already sent out information to families regarding these sessions, so if your child is enrolled, please check your email for the Orientation Program information.

A few important questions for our current families:

- **Do you have a Prep child who will be starting school in 2022?**
- **Have you completed and submitted an enrolment form for them?**
- **Have you received the Orientation information from our current Prep team?**



2022 PREP TRANSITION DATES

FIND OUT WHAT TVPS HAS TO OFFER YOUR CHILD!

ORIENTATION

All children enrolled for Prep in 2022 at TVPS spend four Transition sessions with the Prep teachers in order to prepare them for starting school in the new year. We are excited to announce that all four sessions will be on-site at school.

DATE & TIME	ACTIVITY
FRIDAY 12TH November 1:30 pm- 2:30pm	Session 1 On-site
FRIDAY 19th November 1:30pm - 2:30pm	Session 2 On-site
FRIDAY 26th November 1:30 pm- 2:30pm	Session 3 On-site
Tuesday 7th December 9:30 am- 12:30pm	Session 4 3hr On-site

CONTACT US TODAY TO BOOK IN A SCHOOL TOUR!

15 Birchwood Avenue, Templestowe Lower, 3107
PH: 8850 5777 www.tempvalprimary.vic.edu.au

STUDENT ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

If you do have a Prep child starting with us next year, and you haven't already enrolled them, please contact us ASAP to:

1. **Have an enrolment form sent home.**
2. **Book your child into our Orientation program** (Detailed information included on Page 3.)

FAMILIES LEAVING TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY PS

If there are any families planning on leaving TVPS at the end of this year, (students in 2021 Prep to Year 5 classes), **PLEASE** inform the **school office immediately**.

This impacts on our planning for classes and friendship matching. We are also required to notify the Department of Education students who are leaving our school at the end of this year.

2022 CLASS PLACEMENTS

It's at this time of the year that we move into the planning for 2022. This is a very considered and carefully thought-out process involving decisions relating to budget, class structure, specialist and support programs, teacher allocations, as well as student placement within classes.

At this time, and based on our current enrolment figures for 2022, the class structure for next year is 18 classes, no composites. The number of classes in each level is:

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

In placing students into classes for the following year, Templestowe Valley PS, and all schools, need to consider the social, academic, emotional, and in some specific cases, the physical needs of every child. Year level teams spend a great deal of time to ensure that classes are balanced and that the best interests 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 are given the opportunity to list friends and we ensure that they have at least one friend off that list with them in next year's class.**

Please do not send the principal your child's list of selected friends. The children do that themselves as part of the process.

Please note: The TVPS Principal will not accept requests for particular teachers. The only requests that will be considered are those that concern the emotional and/or social needs of students.

Requests of this kind must be made in writing to the Principal, outlining who you would like your child to be placed with and why. Requests for individual teachers will not be considered. Please do not approach your child's classroom teacher and ask for them to arrange class placement for your child/children, as refusals might offend.

All requests need to be sent in writing to the Principal – Alison Rees at alison.rees@education.vic.gov.au no later than **Friday November 19, 2021**. Parent requests that are received after this date will not be considered as the process for creating the 2022 classes' starts after that time. Please note that all communications of this kind - requests are confidential.

Additional information can be found in the TVPS Class Placement Policy that was posted to Compass on November 5.

OUR TVPS PRODUCTION IS DEFINITELY GOING TO HAPPEN!!! LOCK IN MONDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2021.

Stay tuned to Compass for more information regarding ticket sales to come your way.

TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY PRIMARY'S
PRODUCTION OF

Disney
Aladdin
JR.

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman, Tim Rice
and Chad Beguelin

Book by
Chad Beguelin



NEW DATE & VENUE
MONDAY NOVEMBER 22 - 7:00PM

VENUE: THE ALEX THEATRE
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Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio and directed & produced by Ron Clements & John Musker
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia). All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Colour Explosion School Fun Run

What is it?

The [Colour Explosion Fun Run](#) is going to be the brightest day at school! TVPS will never have been so-oo colourful.

It's a Fun Run event with a colourful twist, and a vibrant finale that can't be missed! It's the most exciting Fun Run to bring our TVPS community together and share in the fun!

How does it work?

Just like any Fun Run, a Colour Explosion School Fun Run works by setting up a number of stations around your track. As the participants make their way through your obstacles and around the course, they are covered with water and vibrant [Holi Colour Powder](#).

When's it happening at TVPS?

Friday December 3rd

Stay tuned for more information to follow.



Photo taken from: <https://australianfundraising.com.au/blog/what-is-colour-explosion/>



TVPS STUDENT DISCO

The P&F is proud to announce **re-scheduling** of the annual TVPS Student Disco on

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3rd, 2021

Great news! We are finally able to reschedule our TVPS Disco for a date early in December. (It's the same day as our Colour Explosion - Colour Run Fundraiser!)

The evening entertainments will be made up of two (2) sessions:

Session	Students	Time
Session 1.	Prep, Years 1 and 2 Students	5:45 – 7:00pm
Session 2.	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Students	7:10 – 8:30pm

The cost will be \$5.00 per student which will include the student's entry to the disco, glow bracelet and icy pole. David Cursio has very kindly offered to DJ the disco again this year, and we're hoping that he will be ably supported by some of our Year 6 Student Leaders.

A number of parents have already purchased their child/ren's ticket via TryBooking. Class teachers will be given a complete have a complete list of students who have already paid

This event can't run without **Parent Helpers**.

For EACH SESSION - We need parents to help with: SIGNING IN, HALL MONITORS, DISCO MONITORS, TOILET MONITORS, ICY POLES and SIGNING OUT.

If you are able to help with either or both sessions, please register via the following link.

<https://forms.gle/RvsVJP1qvisvEAXs9>

Year 4 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program 2022

Dear Families,

For many years TVPS has been able to supply the impressive technology currently being used to enhance learning in and out of our classrooms. The key feature of this is the 1:1 device program for all students in Years 3 to 6; iPads for Yr 3 students, and notebooks/laptops for students in Yrs 4, 5 & 6. The significant cost of providing ever improving technology to our students has only been achieved courtesy of frugal budgeting, wonderful parent support and fundraising activities.

Due to substantial changes to education funding in 2022, we are no longer able to continue providing this level of technology to our students and need to introduce a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program at TVPS.

The BYOD program will begin in our 2022 Year 4 classes.

This has not been an easy, or lightly made decision. The TVPS School Council; being fully cognisant of the proposed changes to education funding, the limitations on schools to raise monies and the current TVPS financial situation, has considered all options and fully endorses the introduction of a BYOD program.

We were one of, if not the last primary school in our area to move this way. The specified BYOD Laptop Program at Templestowe Valley Primary School will be central to our educational program. Laptops are utilised individually by students in every Year 4, 5 and 6 classroom; including specialist classes, as part of an integrated, holistic approach to student learning. By starting a BYOD program in Year 4, the three year warranties on the proposed devices cover the laptop and facilitates improved student learning to the end of Year 6.

Vision

The vision for Templestowe Valley's BYOD program is to provide every student with access to technology that will enhance their learning both in and out of the classroom. In addition, TVPS aims to develop programs that integrate technology into student learning, allowing for transformative learning practices.

"We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher's hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world."

David Warlick

More information regarding this program will be sent specifically to Year 4 parents, along with the opportunity to take part in a "Q & A" webinar to further explain the program and process to be followed.

Rob Cretney
Assistant Principal

TVPS 5 NOVEMBER 2021

BYOD Program

Year 4 2022



CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

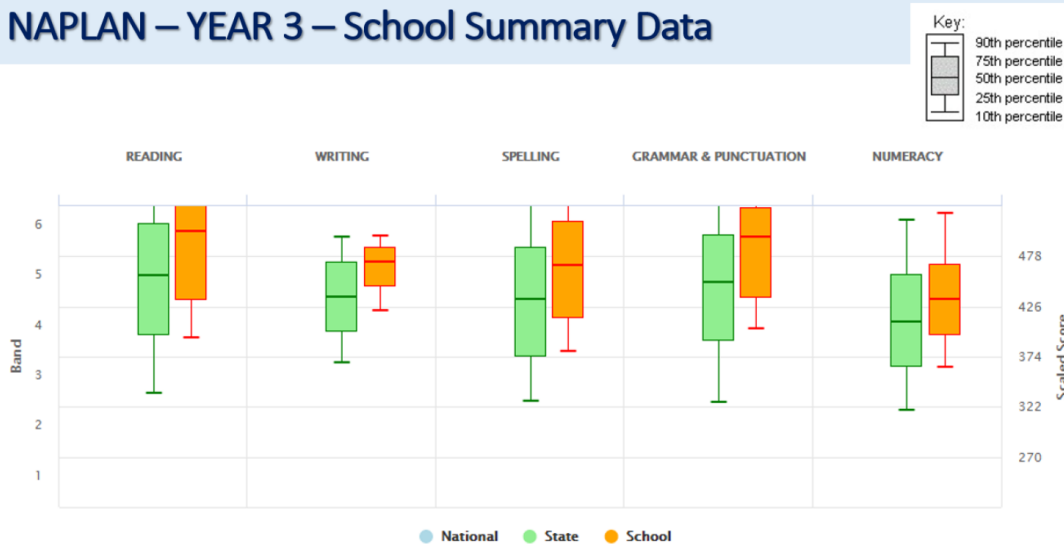
In May this year, our Year 3 or Year 5 child undertook national testing in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. These are called NAPLAN tests. These tests were administered to **all** Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia. These tests provide valuable information about how children are performing in key learning areas on a national basis. They give schools and teachers the opportunity to see how well their students are doing. It also helps them to identify the areas that they are excelling in, and those that might need further work. Another important feature of the NAPLAN reports is the identification of the national minimum standard for each year level. The National Minimum Standard Band for Year 3 is Band 2 and for Year 5 is Band 4.

The Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN student results were sent home to families last term. I would like to congratulate the children for their positive approach and performance in this national testing process. Our school results are excellent and we are extremely proud of all the students who took part and of the learning that was reflected in the results.

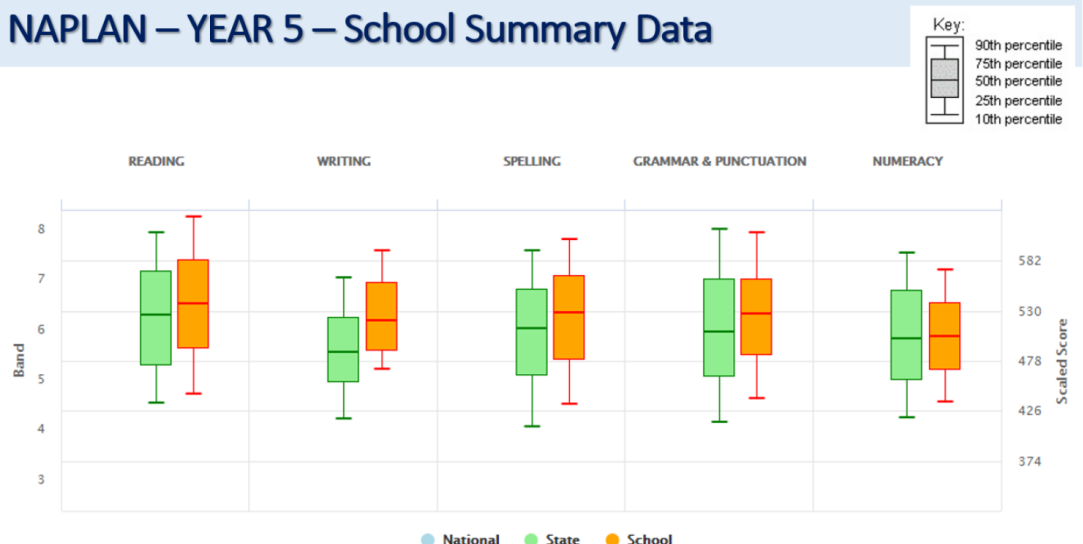
Our Year 3 and Year 5 School Summary reports are shown in the graphs below. In reading the graphs please note:

- Year 3 students are only reported on the graph to Band 6 and Year 5 to Band 8.
- The **Green Box** is showing results for all participating Victorian schools – both government and independent.
- The **Orange Box** is Templestowe Valley PS.
- At the time of report publication, National comparative data was not available to schools even though it is listed on the graphs
- The line across the middle of the box indicates the **average** for that cohort.
- The box and whiskers key is below

NAPLAN – YEAR 3 – School Summary Data



NAPLAN – YEAR 5 – School Summary Data



STUDENT WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

It can be challenging to process and manage changes to routines and the uncertainty that comes with COVID-19 and related restrictions – including moving transitioning back to school.

To support our school community during this time, resources and support are available for parents, carers and families. These resources will help to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students and the young people in our care during this challenging period. I encourage everyone in our community to access these resources and take care of themselves during this time.

[Services and support for students and their families](#)

A [Quick Guide to Student Mental Health and Wellbeing resources](#) is available for students, parents and carers looking to access expert guidance and resources to support wellbeing.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students remains our priority this year, especially during the continued COVID-19 pandemic and while students are learning from home during the current circuit breaker restrictions.

For students, the guide includes resources to support their own mental health and wellbeing.

- [Advice and resources for students](#) about ways to adapt their learning during COVID-19, to look after themselves and where to get help.
- [Wellbeing activities featuring AFL and AFLW players](#) with tips on managing stress, staying active and gratitude.
- [Smiling Mind mindfulness activities](#) for senior secondary school students, including short videos, online tip sheets and meditations.

The guide also includes resources and supports for parents and carers to help them build their child's physical and mental health and wellbeing. This includes:

- [resources to support children's physical, mental health and wellbeing](#)
- wellbeing activities and conversation starters for parents of [parents of primary school-aged children](#) and [parents of secondary school-aged children](#)
- [Raising Learners podcast](#) series
- how to [talk to your child](#) about COVID-19
- headspace is running [webinars](#) for parents and carers about offering support when they are concerned about a young person's mental health.

Wellbeing guidance for parents and carers is also available:

- [on the Department's website](#)
- headspace has created a video providing [tips to support parents and carers during lockdown](#)
- through the confidential parent support hotline, Parentline, available 8:00am to midnight, seven days a week, Phone: 13 22 89.

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Enrolments for 2022 have already commenced!
Οι εγγραφές για το 2022 άρχισαν!



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