

# Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – ALISON REES

**“Why TVPS?”**

For me – Why TVPS? This is a question that I’m often asked by prospective parents, and even my own family and friends. Having worked at a number of different primary schools throughout my 36 years in education – big and small, rural and suburban - I can state, with absolutely no bias, our students, your children, are just fabulous people ~ caring, respectful, enthusiastic, excited about learning ~ and are our greatest ambassadors.

I love our children and think that they are amazing people. I am constantly blown away by their kindness, capacity to empathise and generosity of our students, and am just so proud of them. They are beautiful people who like to help others. Let me give you just a few examples.

Last year, Ivy N, when in Year 4, took it upon herself to start up a business crocheting bees for other students. She approached me with a carefully thought-out business proposition that she believed other students would benefit from. All of the money that she planned to earn was to be generously donated to our TVPS World Vision child. Whenever she had a free moment, you would see Ivy with a ball of wool under her arm and crochet needle in hand. She took orders, created the bee and then delivered them to her buyers with a smile. Awesome achievement Ivy!



At the end of last year when Hayley W had just finished Year 1, she decided that she wanted to do something to help other people who were suffering from cancer. Others might not have been so brave, but Hayley decided that she would cut off her hair in order to raise money. So she set about getting donations, and during the holidays followed through with her plan. Haley, with her mum’s help and support, cut her hair for charity. When last I spoke with her, Hayley had raised over \$3,000. With that attitude, just imagine what Hayley will be doing at 18!!



And finally, the dynamic “Improve with Loom” team of Piper E, Isabella A, Carla P, Ariana C, Sabrina S, Jessica F and Willow H. Two weeks ago, this group of Year 5 students entered my office with a tentative, “We think we have a good idea about how we could raise money for our World Vision child.” Yesterday, their idea came to fruition, and they raised more than \$100 in 30 minutes. The team has spent their lunchtimes making Loom items to sell and they were swamped by customers. The girls were so proud of what they achieved, and that their efforts were appreciated.



## Calendar

FEBRUARY	
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee
Mon 21	Division Swim (Yr 3-Yr 6)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No School for Preps
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	SC Elections - Close
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Preps – 1 <sup>st</sup> full week of school Student Leadership Conf.

MARCH	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome Back BBQ
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	PUPIL FREE DAY – No Students at School
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Fair
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Celebrating Harmony Day
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	A Taste of TVPS – Open Morning

### 2022 Term Dates

- 28 January to 8 April 2022
- 26 April to 24 June 2022
- 11 July to 16 September 2022
- 3 October to 20 December 2022

## “Why TVPS?”

One of the things that I love about TVPS is where we’re situated. We have a beautiful property tucked away in quiet suburban streets. Our trees and gardens, (not to forget the hill!), shelter our buildings from the road and give us a haven; a little bit of peace in an otherwise very busy world. Not being seen is an advantage as we’re a bit of a secret and our community can enjoy using the school grounds in the evening and on weekends.

Having said that, not being seen is also a disadvantage because prospective parents often don’t know that we’re here and we rely on our families promoting our school in order to get enrolments. Enrolments mean more money for the school, and more money benefits **ALL** our students through the provision of our specialist programs, the upkeep and development of our school facilities, and resourcing of materials, equipment and technology.

What this means is that in order to maintain and develop the learning environment and opportunities we’re able to provide for our students, we need to maintain and grow our enrolments. To do this, we have to be creative in how we promote and market ourselves to the wider community. One special event that we hold annually is:

### ***A Taste of TVPS Open Morning***

***9:00am to 12:00pm***

**This year it’s being held on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

The primary goal of this event is to showcase our school to prospective families with the aim of boosting enrolments for the following year ~ 2023. However it’s also a wonderful opportunity for our school to do a little bit of fundraising.

So let’s talk fundraising. As our School Council members and staff are aware, our school has taken a significant financial hit over the last 12 months – specifically due to processes introduced during the COVID-19 period, so we need to work hard to put money back in our TVPS coffers. Regular fundraising and gaining sponsorship for this Open Morning event is vital.

**PLEASE HELP** – In order for this event, and our school to be a success, and a wonderful place for your children, we really need support from TVPS parents and volunteers.

***I hear you ask, “What is it that I can do to help with this Open Morning event?”***

## ***Prior to the day:***

### **1. Advertise**

- **this event, and our school, through all your channels – social media, friends, work place, etc.**
  - *The flyer is attached to the Newsletter Compass post and to the SeeSaw post as both a PDF and PNG file.*

### **2. Walk**

- **We will be doing a letter box flyer drop – so are calling for volunteers to walk the area posting flyers in letterboxes during the week beginning Monday March 14.**
  - *This can be done in your own time. We do have a map of the area in the Office and allocate walking zones as walkers come in to collect flyers.*

***Walker ~ Please register via this link: <https://forms.gle/uGPV1dBW1Ayr9FsZ6>***

## Prior to the day:

### 3. Cook

- There will be a **Cake Stall** being held on the Open Morning so we are calling for baked donations.
- We would prefer these to be delivered to school on the afternoon of Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - If not, then between 8:00 – 8:30am on the Saturday morning as they will need to be sorted and priced.

## On the actual day – Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>:

### 4. Volunteer

We need people to help with the:

- **Sausage Sizzle** (*Bread very kindly donated by Bakers Delight*)
  - **Cooking or Selling**
- **Drinks & Icy Pole Stall**
  - **Selling** (*Hopefully some of our Yr 5 and 6 students might be available to help with this.*)
- **Book Fair**
- **Cake Stall**
  - **Sorting and Pricing or Selling** (*Not to forget eating!*)
- **Sustainability Garden**
  - **Planting, Weeding, etc.** (*Weather permitting*)
- **Jumping Castle**
  - Supervision of activities & taking monies (*Hopefully some of our Yr 5 and 6 students might be available to help with this.*)

**Volunteer ~ Please register via this link: <https://forms.gle/uGPV1dBW1Ayr9FsZ6>**

### 5. Attend

- **Come and visit your child/children's classroom/s**
- **Have your child/ren take you on a tour of their school. For many families, it's likely to have been a l-o-n-g time between visits**
- **Support the school - buy something from the stalls.**

A very BIG THANK YOU to **VICPROP MANNINGHAM** who have generously offered to support us again this year and who are providing the advertising boards for this event.

#### **VICPROP MANNINGHAM**

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**TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **A TASTE OF TVPS**

**SATURDAY MARCH 26TH  
OPEN MORNING 9:00AM - 12:00PM**



**NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2023**

For further information or to arrange a tour with the  
Principal Alison Rees, please contact us on (03) 8850 5777

## 2022 Term 1 ~ IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS ~ DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term	Term Dates	Term Holidays	Public Holidays
T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday January 28 – Friday April 8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday April 9 to Tuesday April 26</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labour Day – Monday March 14</li> <li>Easter ~ Good Friday to Easter Monday Friday April 15 – Monday April 18</li> </ul>

Term	Activity	Date	Time	Location	Participants	Volunteers Needed
T1	<b>Icy Poles for Sale</b>	Every Friday	3:15 – 3:45pm	TVPS Rebound Wall	All TVPS students invited to purchase	No - Thank you. Stall is organised and run by Yr 6 students
T1	<b>Improve with Loom</b>	Every Friday	3:15 – 3:45pm	TVPS Rebound Wall	All TVPS students invited to purchase	No - Thank you. Stall is organised and run by Yr 5 students
T1	<b>Working Bee</b>	Saturday February 19	9:00am – 12:00pm	TVPS	All TVPS families invited	Yes please. Families, parent & student workers needed. Sausage sizzle provided for workers at 12:00pm
T1	<b>Welcome Back BBQ</b>	Thursday March 3	From 6:00pm to twilight	TVPS Oval	All TVPS families invited	Yes please. Parents & Yr 6 students needed to cook and sell sausages, icy poles, drinks, etc. Volunteers rostered on from 5:30pm. <b>Please register via this link:</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/NsGjpt7Kg6MryvJd8">https://forms.gle/NsGjpt7Kg6MryvJd8</a>
T1	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY – Curriculum Day for Teachers</b>	Friday March 11	School hours	TVPS	<b>NO Students at school</b>	No - Thank you. Please enjoy the extended weekend.
T1	<b>School Photo Day</b>	Tuesday March 15	School hours	TVPS	All TVPS students	No - Thank you. Yr 6 Student Leaders help the photographers Purchase forms will go home prior to event.

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T1	<b>TVPS Book Fair</b>	Wed - Sat March 23 - 26	Wed = School hours Sat = 9:00am – 12:00pm	TVPS Yr 5 & 6 Building (SLC)	All TVPS students & families invited to purchase	Yes please. Volunteers rostered on throughout week & Saturday morning.
T1	<b>Working Bee</b>	Saturday March 19	9:00am – 12:00pm	TVPS	All TVPS families invited	Yes please. Families, parent & student workers needed. Sausage sizzle provided for workers at 12:00pm
T1	<b>Celebrating Harmony Day</b> JSC Dress Up Event	Monday March 21	Throughout the school day	TVPS	All TVPS students	No - Thank you. JSC is asking for a gold coin donation if students dress for event. (Otherwise – school uniform)
T1	<b>A Taste of TVPS ~ Open Morning</b>	Saturday March 26	9:00am – 12:00pm	TVPS	All TVPS families invited	Yes please. Yr 6 student leaders, parent helpers & staff needed for various stalls, BBQ, etc. Volunteers rostered on throughout morning. <b>Please register via this link:</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/uGPV1dBW1Ayr9FsZ6">https://forms.gle/uGPV1dBW1Ayr9FsZ6</a>
T1	<b>Student Disco</b>	Friday April 1	Session 1 • 5:45 – 7:00pm Session 2 • 7:10 – 8:30pm	TVPS Hall	Session 1 • Prep, Years 1 & 2 students Session 2 • Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students	Yes please. Parent helpers needed for each session. Volunteers to work either Session 1 or Session 2.
T1	<b>Easter Bonnet Parade &amp; Easter Raffle</b>	Friday April 8	9:00 – 10:00am	TVPS Undercover	All TVPS students and interested parents	Yes please. All families asked to donate something to the raffle. Parent volunteers needed to “hamper” donations into prizes, and to sort/count raffle tickets & money.

**Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Last Day of Term 1 ~ 2:30pm Dismissal**



## Welcome Back Picnic – Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

The first of our community get-togethers will take the shape of a “Welcome Back Picnic”. This has been planned for **Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> commencing at 6:00pm.**

The occasion provides a wonderful opportunity for families – new and old - to get to know one another and for parents to chat informally with their children’s teachers. There will be barbecue food on sale, along with drinks and icy poles and lots of games and fun activities for the children and parents.



I would ask that, for this particular event, that furry friends – dogs – *do no attend* this family event. I have been notified of a number of children who are terrified of dogs and who didn’t attend the last end-of-year event because of the number of dogs on site – including those on a lead. It would be great if all our families could join us on the night. Thank you for your support.

### Volunteers are needed to help on the night.

<b>Sausage Sizzle</b> (Bread very kindly donated by Bakers Delight) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooking</li><li>• Selling</li></ul>	<b>Ice Cream Stall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooking</li><li>• Selling</li></ul>
<b>Drinks Stall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selling</li></ul> <i>(Hopefully some of our Yr 5 and 6 students might be available to help with this.)</i>	<b>Popcorn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooking</li><li>• Selling</li></ul>
<b>Set up and pack up</b>	

Please register to help on the night via this link: <https://forms.gle/NsGipt7Kg6MryvJd8>

## 2022 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS – THANK YOU

A note of thanks is extended to all parents for the prompt payment of the school fees for 2022. It is gratifying to be able to pay our suppliers straight away for the books and stationery that we have ordered for the students.

The Voluntary Contributions that have been paid also provide TVPS with funds to be able to purchase additional resources for the teaching & learning in the classrooms. These contributions are very much appreciated and enable us to continue to develop wonderful learning programs and facilities for the children in our care.

- The Grounds Maintenance contribution assists with purchasing sand [sand pit], under-surface for playgrounds, shade sails, painting, carpeting and many other school improvements.
- The First Aid contribution helps us to pay for a dedicated, trained First Aid Officer.
- The Library contribution enables us to keep our libraries stocked with fabulous texts to engage and excite our children.



**WE NEED SOME NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS – PARENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Nominations are sought for the following vacancies on the Templestowe Valley PS School Council. The Term of Office on School Council is for a 2-year period. In this case, for the years 2022 - 2024.

The TVPS School Council membership structure is in adherence with DET Council Constituting Order (Schedule 7).

There are 15 members:

- Parents = 9
- DET Employees = 5
- Community = 1

School Council meets at 7:00pm on a Monday night on at least eight (8) occasions throughout the year (twice a term). More information about the role of School Council members can be found in the attached flyer.

This year there are:

- **Six (6) Vacant Parent positions**
- **Two (2) Vacant DET employee positions**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the TVPS School Office between the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm, or requested via email to the Principal – Alison Rees – at [Alison.Rees@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Alison.Rees@education.vic.gov.au) .

**Nominations must be lodged by 4:00 pm on Friday 26/02/2022.**

Please Note: As part of the TVPS Child Safe initiatives introduced in 2019, ALL School Council members are required to have a **current Working with Children Check (WWCC)**. These details will need to be entered onto the Nomination Form before submission.

**Updated School Council Meeting Schedule****Term 1, 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday February 14	7:00pm	School Council Meeting – 2021 members
<i>Thursday February 17</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>2022 School Council Elections – Official call for nominations opens</i>
<i>Friday February 25</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>	<i>2022 School Council Elections – Nominations close</i>
<i>Thursday March 4 ***</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>	<i>2022 School Council Elections – Ballot papers distributed</i>
<i>Thursday March 10 **</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>	<i>2022 School Council Elections – Ballot closed</i>
<i>Tuesday March 15 ***</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>	<i>School Council Elections – Results announced. (Candidates contacted in previous week once counting of ballots is finished &amp; checked.)</i>
Monday March 28	7:00pm	First meeting of new School Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of 2022 Office Bearers</li> <li>• 2022 March Meeting</li> </ul>

\*\*\* Only if needed



## **“Meet & Greet” Parent & Teacher Conversation**

Our Parent and Teacher “Meet and Greet” Discussions were conducted over four afternoons/evenings last week. These meetings were an important opportunity for the exchange and sharing of information between teacher and parent, as well as the chance to begin to build a strong home/school partnership. The ‘prompt’ question sheet that went home prior was extremely helpful in guiding the conversation.

A special thank you to our Templestowe Valley teachers for valuing these discussions and being available for meetings after school hours. Your professionalism and commitment to your students’ learning is very much appreciated.



## **TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY PS – CONNECT – ENGAGE - CHALLENGE**

Well it’s the end of the third full week of school and our students are really starting to settle into their routines and classes. Developing confidence and independence was a thread coming out of the Meet and Greet discussions, so I thought it pertinent to start this week’s newsletter with an article for parents by Michael Grose.

### **Language of independence building - CONFIDENCE** by Michael Grose

Full article available at: [Parenting Ideas office@parentingideas.com.au](mailto:Parenting_Ideas_office@parentingideas.com.au)

*“Families always develop shared language around the values that have strong meaning for them. If independence and self-sufficiency are important then it will be reflected in your family’s proprietary language.*

*In fact, it’s through shared language that culture exists. If you are looking to building a culture of independence in your family (or in your classroom) then creating your proprietary language around independence is a great way to start. The following twelve examples of independence-building language and principles behind them that will help you create your own family’s language.*

1. *“Never regularly do for a child the things a child can do for him or herself” Goal: Independence*
2. *“Is this something you can do?” Goal: Self-help*
3. *“Have you checked the help roster today?” Goal: Contribution*
4. *“Which of these two would you prefer?” Goal: Decision-making*
5. *“How can you make this happen?” Goal: Problem-solving*
6. *“We rely on you to do this?” Goal: Reliability*
7. *“What can you learn for next time?” Goal: Self-sufficiency*
8. *“How do you feel about this?” Goal: Emotional intelligence*
9. *“When you muck up, you make up?” Goal: Accountability*
10. *“How will you fix this?” Goal: Restoring relationships*
11. *“You need to do what’s right, not what’s easy.” Goal: Integrity*
12. *“Let’s find a way to make this happen.” Goal: positive risk-taking*

*Independence-building is vitally important for parents. It’s the pathway to children’s competency, confidence and creativity and the short cut to resilience and real learning. We’ve gradually retreated from this approach over recent generations much to our children’s detriment. It’s time to help kids reclaim their independence. Getting our language right is a good place to start as family change always begins with shared language.”*

### **About the author - Michael Grose**

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia’s leading parenting educators. He’s the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.

**SHINE!**

Just look at what our Prep students have been investigating in their new Discovery Room!!

So much excitement and so much great learning.

The writing that came afterwards was amazing.  
They definitely let it all SHINE!





## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Class	Week 2 Begin: Monday January 31	Week 3 Begin: Monday February 7	Week 4 Begin: Monday February 14
0EP	<b>Olivia F</b> - for demonstrating whole body listening	<b>Vivaan B</b> - For being a caring and thoughtful friend to Mithran.	<b>Kayla</b> - For working hard to finish her work in a neat and beautiful way. Superstar, Kayla!
0KS	<b>Rupert P</b> - For a wonderful start to Prep and demonstrating excellent listening	<b>Arlo</b> - For trying his best to show great listening.	<b>Jimmy B</b> - For working really hard to improve his pencil grip and practising his letter formation. Well done Jimmy!
1BD	<b>Ariz A</b> - for an excellent start to his first week in grade 1!	<b>Audrey L</b> - for a thoughtful 'Writing from the heart' recount. Super job!	<b>Sorin Y</b> - for working well on his patterns activities for maths.
1NH	<b>Anna S</b> - for showing kindness to all and for always making good choices in the classroom.	<b>Lucas E</b> - for showing excellent listening skills and participating enthusiastically in all activities.	<b>Pelayia P</b> - for having a wonderful attitude to all learning tasks. Well done, Pelayia.
1NB	<b>Dylan B</b> - for showing outstanding behaviour in his first week of Year 1.	<b>Rainie C</b> - for excellent effort in all classroom activities. A great start to Year 1, Rainie!	<b>Vivienne W</b> - for always showing a positive attitude!
2NC	<b>Hayden Le</b> - outstanding work in Mathematics!	Mariella - for using excellent expression when reading the story Tiger and the big wind!	<b>Ava</b> - for excellent effort in all her classroom activities. A wonderful start to Year 2 Ava!
2CP	<b>Harrison Le</b> - For an amazing start to Term 1. Keep up the wonderful work Harrison, you are a star!	<b>Olivia B</b> -for showing kindness to all and for always making good choices in the classroom	<b>Mitchell B</b> - For having a wonderful attitude towards all learning tasks. Keep up the awesome work Mitch.
2GC	<b>Aurora M</b> - for making an excellent start as a Grade 2 student.	<b>Axel W</b> - for correctly completing various Numeracy and Literacy tasks.	<b>Samara G</b> - for displaying a very sensible approach to her learning.
3LR	<b>Huxley</b> - for his positive attitude to learning	<b>Erin P</b> - for being a conscientious student	<b>Lucia H</b> - for stepping out of her comfort zone.
3GO	<b>Sam P</b> - for a great start to year 3	<b>Mayah A</b> - for her positive attitude to learning	<b>Dempsey D</b> - for being a very conscientious student
4CF	<b>Joshua K</b> - For being helpful and volunteering to help out around the classroom!	<b>Prithwin S</b> - for being a hard worker with a positive attitude!	<b>Liz X</b> - for outstanding effort in her presentation skills
4SM	<b>Kanishk R</b> - for a great work ethic in his leaning.	Levi L - for being a kind friend to children in the class.	<b>Elizabeth A</b> - for outstanding work in all areas.
5JM	<b>Maia F</b> - For her insightful contributions to class discussions	<b>Justin M</b> - For asking excellent questions while discussing rounding off in Maths	<b>Lucas G</b> - For his excellent poem about Go Karting. Great work Lucas
5JV	<b>Kyuss P</b> - For being an amazing and supportive friend.	<b>Carla P</b> - fabulous contributions to class discussions.	<b>Piper E</b> - for making text-to-text connections to enhance her understanding of what she is reading.
5ES	Ryan M- Excellent contributions to class discussions	<b>Olivia W</b> - Working diligently in all subject areas	<b>Stella</b> - For being a conscientious and dedicated student

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6AH	<b>Matt S</b> - For focussing well during writing sessions and being helpful in class.	<b>Aisha</b> - For putting extra effort into Maths and making great progress.	
6EH	<b>Samuel H</b> - For a fantastic start to the year, focussing in class and always making us laugh	<b>Jacinta F</b> - For settling into the classroom routine well and putting 100% effort into all learning tasks	<b>Roxie NS</b> - For fantastic contributions to book club discussions this week. Well done!
6AV	<b>Lewis R</b> - For his regular contributions to whole-class and group discussions. Well done on a great start to the year Lewis!		<b>Laith S</b> - For his meticulous focus and effort during free choice Writing. Well done Laith!
Visual Arts			<b>1NH</b> - For showing great enthusiasm and encouragement for their peers when completing their self-portraits.
Phys Ed			<b>3GO</b> - Well done working together and improving your long rope skipping skills. Super effort!
Perform Arts			<b>5ES</b> - For showing excellent listening skills, enthusiasm and all completing your Homework task on time!
Mandarin			<b>5JM</b> - For showing their resilience when writing lucky Chinese New Year phrases in characters.

**Working Bee - Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 12:00pm**

# Working Bee



Talk of service to the community – WOW! Our Working Bee on Saturday was hugely successful. We ticked off all the jobs on our list and even did a few more!

I really would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** on behalf of the whole Templestowe Valley PS community to those who attended and helped.

We had a small, but awesome group of parents and students who worked tirelessly from 9:00am – 12:00pm on our major projects – chipping, mulching, the Asian Garden, pruning & weeding.

To all of the people who came and gave of their time for our students – thank you. A very BIG THANK YOU to Mr Ross Peters and Jordan Barker. Ross is a past parent who coordinates all aspects of the Working Bee for us, and Jordan is a past student who just loves helping! Both are amazing people and we thank them for their very genuine commitment to, and care of our school. I have a very special “Principal’s Award” for the following students and parents:

Name/s	Class
Adelaide, Angus, Alison & Ross JOHNSTON	5ES & 3GO

Name/s	Class
Noel & Kevee SINGLETON	3LR



Rob, Erin and Thomas CALLENBERG	0EP
Seyedhossein, Sam & Kam PAZHANG	3GO & 0EP
Laura, Eve and Aliyah BURY	4SM & 2CP
Kath, Cam, Huxley and Lulu FYFFE GOODALL	3LR
Charlie COX & Kunio YAMADA	2CP

Kerry, David, Angus, Abbey and Jos FRASER	1NH
Barb, Roxie and Emma NIXON-SMITH	6EH & 3LR
Jordan BARKER	
Ross PETERS	

### Car Parking Reminder

Please remember that the school side of Cavendish Drive is a

## ***Kiss & Go” Drop Off zone only***

between from 8:00 – 9:00am and again in the afternoon from 3:00 – 4:00pm.

**You are not allowed to park and leave your car.**

It is a 2 minute drop off zone only.

We ask that our Templestowe Valley community please keep our children safe by being respectful and obeying the road rules and signage.



In order to reduce the parking and congestion outside of the school and make it safe for our children, we would like you to consider

**walking your child/ren at least part of the way, to and from school.**

This would reduce the hazards and would “switch” your child on for learning.

### Why is walking good for kids?

Walking:

- is a great way to stay active for people for all ages; particularly for kids.
- is fun and interesting. You get to notice things along the way and meet people in your neighbourhood.
- is sociable. Children love walking with their friends, especially on the journey to school.
- makes children feel good. The exercise makes them feel calmer and happier and it improves their concentration, making it easier to focus in school.
- promotes independence and freedom. Children can make more decisions about their journey than they can in the car. They can choose to stop and look at something along the way and they can start to make decisions about road safety. For older children, walking independently offers some time to themselves.

Source: Sustrans – *The Benefits of Walking with Kids*

<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-you-can-do/children-and-families/walking-kids/benefits-walking-kids>

## **COVID-19 Protocols – Entry & Exit Process continued**

### **For Prep Students**

For Term 1 only, Prep parents will be able to walk their child to and from their drop-off and pick-up point on the Basketball Court.

Last year our students and families proved that they were very comfortable with these arrangements. The teachers were also incredibly impressed by the growth in independence and resilience that was shown by our students using this system.

I hope that you can understand why we need to continue with these restrictions and support us with our processes.

## **COMPASS - School Management System**

Templestowe Valley uses the **Compass** school management system. As in previous years, we will be sending ALL important messages through the Compass system and once again student/parent/teacher meetings will be booked through this system. All financial invoices and payments will be distributed through this system as well.

It is **CRITICAL** that **the family username and password are stored in a secure place** and this is the responsibility of the family. **If you lose it and need to reset your password, please contact the school office.** If you have difficulty with this process, please don't hesitate to contact the Office for assistance.

A reminder: ***Please inform the School Office staff if there are any changes with your residential address and contact and child's medical (Asthma/Anaphylaxis) details. It is critical that the School Office has accurate and up to date information.***

***This is a Department of Education and Training requirement.***

## **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.

## **COVIDSafe ~ Measures Extension ~ 17 February 2022**

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

### **RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS**

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- around 400 hospital admissions.

The Department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use. Addition kits of Rapid Antigen Tests provided by the Victorian government will be given to each child on a Friday afternoon – fortnightly basis. Conditional to delivery, RAT tests will be sent home from TVPS on the following dates:

- Week 5 – Friday February 25th
- Week 7 – Thursday March 10th (Friday March 11th is a Pupil Free Day – no students at TVPS)
- Week 9 – Friday March 25th
- Week 11 – Thursday April 7th (Last day of Term 1 is Friday April 8th)

This is to enable families to continue with the RAT protocol of testing children twice a week before they come to school - preferably on a Monday and a Wednesday - for the remainder of the term.

All of the boxes will be individually labelled, so the teachers will hand them to each child to put in their bag. They won't all be given to the eldest child. Please check your child's bag as soon as they come home.

- If a child is away, then the school will keep that test until:
  1. the child returns to school, or
  2. their parent comes to the Office to collect the test for them.
  - NB - another adult/child will not be able to collect a RAT kit for someone else

Twice-a-week testing is strongly recommended for both students and staff. We suggest that RAT are done on a Monday and Wednesday each week.

Students will do the tests at home; they **only need to report their result if it is COVID-positive**. They must report a COVID-positive result to:

- the school via the [Student COVID-19 Test Portal](#) or phone; this is so we can support you and your child, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms
- the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on [1800 675 398](#).

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

## **VACCINATION**

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16 to 17 year olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including: \* online: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)

- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

In addition, schools provide a trusted place among the community to access vaccination, particularly for families who may experience language or social barriers.

Following successful implementation of school pop-up clinics at the commencement of Term 1, more than 230 schools across Victoria are currently hosting mini-vaccination clinics led by GPs and pharmacists. Many of these clinics will also make vaccinations available the broader school community, inclusive of families of students and school staff.

## **VENTILATION**

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.



# TVPS IS GOING TO ENTER A TEAM IN THIS WONDERFUL EVENT WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

KEEP THE DATE FREE – MORE INFO WILL BE SENT OUT BEFORE THE END OF TERM



The 2022 Walk for  
Monash Children's Hospital  
Register your school's interest today



## We are calling on all schools and students to get involved in the 10th birthday of the Walk for Monash Children's Hospital!

When your school community gets involved in this event, it can be a great way to introduce or support curriculum around healthcare, hospitals or community service.

Your school community can choose how and when you participate. Whether you skip, jog or run with family, friends, class mates or teams in your own time, or with us on the day, your steps will count for the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Walk for Monash Children's Hospital!

**When: Sunday 22 May 2022**

**Where: Jells Park, Wheelers Hill**

Participants who are looking to join on the day can register for a 1km, 5km or 10km walk or run and seek fundraising donations from their family, friends and community networks. This is a non-competitive event, focusing on families enjoying the beautiful surrounds of the park united in helping our children's hospital.

For schools who wish to do something at school or in their own time you can participate in our virtual walk or run your own activity.

We would love to hear your awesome ideas to get involved and support Monash Children's Hospital.

**To ensure you receive all the news and special offers, register your school's expression of interest at: <https://mchwalk.com.au/pre-register>**

As Monash Children's Hospital's signature community event, the Walk has raised more than \$1.2 million for children in our care since its launch. We are looking forward to welcoming our community back to the event this year and being inspired by their incredible stories and their support for the Hospital.

**All funds raised at the Walk will be help us achieve the best health outcomes for our sickest children.**

The Walk will be conducted in a COVID safe environment in accordance with all government guidelines.

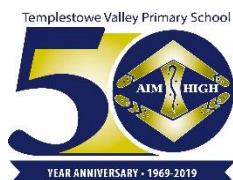


## What the Walk and Monash Children's Hospital mean to some of our participants.

"We are walking in thanks to the Monash Children's Hospital because not only have they helped our daughter through their corrective physio work but they have changed her life for the better. We are so grateful. We believe it takes huge hearts, a sprinkle of special magic in the form of warm smiles and kind, patient words to care for and treat little people... and that has been exactly her experience." – Sue

"As a Mother of a sixth child with very complex medical needs, Monash Children's Hospital is very near and dear to our family. So to support the Walk for Monash Children's Hospital each year is very close to our hearts and we hope to raise much needed funds for the brilliant work the doctors and nurses do!" – Shenali

"I would like to honour Sienna for being my inspiration. She was born weighing just 760g and now she's flying kites! We will never stop supporting this phenomenal hospital – forever grateful for their wonderful care." – Elise



# 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 gender diversity, those with a disability, 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. (Anne Hillman – Term 1, 2022)

### SUPPORTING POLICIES & DOCUMENTATION

- [TVPS Child Protection Reporting Policy](#)
- [Step-by-step Guide to Making a Report to Child Protection \(DHHS\) or Child First](#)

### **Annual Privacy Reminder For 2022**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the DET [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) found at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website [INSERT LINK to your school's collection notice]. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#) found at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

This information is also available in ten community languages:

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|------------|---------------|
| * Amharic  | * Somali      |
| * Arabic   | * Sudanese    |
| * Dari     | * Turkish     |
| * Gujarati | * Urdu        |
| * Mandarin | * Vietnamese. |



Templestowe Valley Primary School ~ 4985  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & 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.

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# 2022

## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

### 3 & 4 Year Old Kindergarten

#### About Us

Vista Valley Kindergarten is nestled amongst naturally landscaped gardens. It is an established kindergarten with an atmosphere that promotes individuality in a happy, friendly and secure environment.

We are a community based, not-for-profit kindergarten providing high quality early childhood education.

We endeavour to inspire children's learning through the five learning outcomes of **Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication**. Individualised and group learning programs are guided by 'The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework', designed and implemented by highly experienced and trained educators.

#### For more information

Visit [www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au](http://www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au) or call 9850 4043 to arrange a tour today! Enrolments open to children from 2 years of age.

#### Get Involved

Joining the **Committee of Management** is a great opportunity for parents to be a part of the running and decision making at the kindergarten, as well as getting to know other parents in the kinder community.

#### Session Times

##### 3 year old program – Caterpillar Group

Monday & Friday  
9:15 am – 1:15 pm [8 hours]

##### 4 year old program – Butterfly Group

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:15 am – 2:15 pm [15 hours]



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**Places are still available for U11 & U13**

We are part of the Doncaster & Districts Netball Association which plays on Saturdays at Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre, Outdoor Netball Courts (Cnr Foote Street & Anderson Street, Templestowe).

Registrations for Autumn 2022 are **now open**. All new registrations will receive a complimentary East Doncaster Netball Club training top & drink bottle.

Come down and train with us this Friday night from 4.30pm-5.30pm



For more information please visit our website <http://eastdoncasternc.com.au/registrations>





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and how you would like  
to use it in the future.



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**7-10 years ~**  
**WEDNESDAY's**  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup> &**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**4:15-6:15pm**

**10-13 years ~**  
**THURSDAY's**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup> &**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
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