



Valley Views

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL'S DESK – DAVID JENES

School Council President – Eva Wong

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome everyone to a new year at Templestowe Valley Primary School. We are looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.

Reading

Reading is an important skill for all students to learn. At school we operate reading sessions every day with your children to ensure they are learning important skills to help them grow. This may take the form of guided reading, shared reading, teacher directed reading, silent reading, reading for a purpose (information report, procedure etc), library sessions or reading for enjoyment. At home, you can help by reading with your child for at least 20 minutes per day. This can be with a picture story book, a reader, a chapter book or even a newspaper or magazine.

Did you know:

- If a student reads at home for 20 minutes per day, they could hear up to 1.8 million words a year
- If a student reads at home for 5 minutes per day, they could hear up to 282,000 words per year

If a student reads at home for 1 minute per day, they could hear up to 8,000 words per year.

District Swimming

Our District Swimming Team competed against other schools in our District at Aquarena on Monday 19 February. Our students were outstanding with both their swimming and their sportsmanship and encouragement of others. Our school finished 3rd in the District which was an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to the following students who have been invited to compete at the Division Swimming at Aquanation on Wednesday 6 March:

Erin, Eve, Casey, Kaitlyn, Lucia, Ava and Mitchell

School Photos

Our School Photos are being taken on Monday 26 February. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform on the day.

Shade Sails

In the big storms last week, one shade sail was badly damaged in the wind and will need to be replaced (the one near the oval). Another shade sail that was near the entrance to the Hall/Block B is able to be repaired. We are also expecting a new shade sail to be installed later this term as part of the government's shade sail grant program. This will be installed between Block A and Block B.

Calendar

February

28/2	Last day of Prep Assessments
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March

5-13/3	Somers Camp – selected students
6/3	Division Swimming
7/3	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport
8/3	Yr 1 Excursion
11/3	Public Holiday Labour Day - No school
13/3-22/3	Yr 3&5 NAPLAN
18/3-27/3	P-Yr 4 Swimming Lessons
21/3	Harmony Day
27/3	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport
28/3	Last Day of Term 1 2:30pm finish

April

15/4	First Day Term 2

2024 Term Dates

30 January to 28 March

15 April to 28 June

15 July to 20 September

7 October to 20 December

Uniform

If you need to purchase new uniform, you can attend the uniform shop next to the canteen on a Monday from 9:30-10:30. If you need to order at any other time, please contact Sam Smith who looks after all uniform requirements. Order forms are available at the office and on the website.

Second Hand uniform is available for purchase from the Hall with Donna and Dora on a Monday morning 9:30-10:30.

School Council

Our School Council nominations closed last week. Our school councillors for 2024 are:

Hesam Zamani, Kerry Lucas, Pariece Nelligan, Irit Ziv, Melinda Newnham, Clare Cohen, Natalie Maharaj, Mark Rogers, Ivan Hidalgo, Rob Cretney, Anne Hillman, Emilia Selwyn, Andrew Venables, David Jenes

We would like to thank Eva and Emma for their contribution on School Council over a number of years and wish them all the best as their children move into secondary school.

Soccer Goals

A BIG thank you to Beck (parent) who kindly purchased new soccer nets and organised for them to be installed.

P&F

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first P&F meeting last Thursday. We discussed the role of P&F in our school community and how all members of the team can contribute.

Some of the items we discussed:

- Social events/catch ups for parents – both free and with a cost
- Mother's Day & Father's Day Stalls
- Movie Night
- Fun Run
- Trivia Night
- Mango Drive
- Entertainment Books
- Applying for grants
- The different roles on the committee – President, Treasurer, Secretary etc

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 March at 2:45pm in the staffroom.

Basketball Clinics

The Bulleen Boomers visited Templestowe Valley last week to run basketball clinics in our PE lesson times. Everyone had a great time and it was great seeing all the students smiling and so happy!

If you would like to play in the Schools Junior Community League at Bulleen Boomers, which are played after school with your school friends, please contact Tina Chu (TVPS parent) at Valley Titans Basketball, valleytitansbasketball@gmail.com and she can give you more information about how to join.



Communication

We have two main forms of communication we use at school. Seesaw is used to communicate anything to do with the classroom. Staff will often send messages to the class or parents via Seesaw to remind them of upcoming events or to share what their children have been doing.

Compass is used to communicate with the whole school or with a Level of students. It is the main communication for newsletters, important messages and where families can view family details. Compass is also used for payments and bookings (such as Meet the Teacher, Attendance).

Staff will endeavour to check messages on Seesaw and Compass when they arrive at school in the morning and after school. They will try and read messages during their break at recess or lunch unless they have yard duty or a meeting. If you need to pass on a message during class time, please ring the office and they will contact the class teacher to pass on a message. Staff often can't read and/or respond to messages when they are teaching.

Drop off and Pick up

Just a reminder to parents to check the signs carefully when parking around our school. Please don't park in driveways or in No Standing zones. The local laws officers are patrolling to check the parking. Please also remind your children to use the school crossing and look both ways when crossing any roads.

Hats

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear their hats at school, especially Term 1 & 4 and on days when the UV level is 3 or above. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop. A **'No Hat, No Play'** policy applies. Students without hats will stay in the undercover areas during recess and lunch times.

General Reminders

Icy Poles will be on sale after school on Friday outside at the undercover area in front of the office.

