

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.

Preps

Our Prep students had a successful start to school last Thursday. It was wonderful to see them getting to know each other and working with their Big Buddies in Year 6.



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.

2024 School Leadership

Congratulations to our 2024 School Leaders.

- School Leaders – Milla Veleski, Mason McNiven
- Birchwood House- Maya Spurr, Lachlan Wales
- Newbury House- Elizabeth Avery, Eve Bury
- Cavendish House- Levi Losionek, Charlotte Terry
- Thompson House- Amelia Moglia, Keiden Gjuni
- JSC- Maia Bednar, Alana Edwards
- Visual Arts- Adeena Mohammed, Casey Ung
- Performing Arts- Allegra Maharaj, Joshua Kelsen
- Sustainability- Cassidy McGovern, Lucas Minuzzo
- Mandarin- Alan Cheng, Owen Foh
- Digital Technologies- Prithwin Shankar, Pasquale Sette

Calendar

February

13/2	Meet the Teacher 3:40-5:50pm
14/2	Prep Assessments School Council Nominations close
15/2	P&F Meeting 2:45pm Meet the Teacher 3:40-5:50pm
19/2	District Swimming School Council 6:30pm
26/2	School Photos

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
18/3-28/3	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

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.

Basketball News

If anyone is interested in joining the Valley Titans school basketball team for 2024 please email Tina for further information. valleytitansbasketball@gmail.com

Please let her know before the 11th of February.

Go Titans!

Building Works

Our main fundraiser this year will be to replace both the Junior and Senior Playgrounds. Information has been sent home to families via Compass with the designs of each of these. The School Captains have been visiting each classroom to ask the students their thoughts on these.

During the holidays we have had many of the seats replaced in the area near the carpark where the gazebo is located. We have also had the carpet replaced at each of the entrances to the buildings and in the Hall.

We have had a number of builders quote on the upgrade of two classrooms which will become the new Prep rooms. We are now checking through the quotes and will select a preferred supplier. The current Prep rooms will then be converted into a STEM Centre for the use of all students in Prep to Year 6.

Meet The Teacher

Our meet the teacher sessions are scheduled for Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 February from 3:40-5:50pm. This is a great opportunity to talk about your child and relay any important information to the teacher. To book a session, please check Compass for more information.

School Council

Our School Council nominations are open from Wednesday 7 February and close on Wednesday 14 February at 4pm. Nomination forms are available from the office.

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

P&F

Our Parents and Friends committee is a wonderful way to meet other parents and contribute to our wonderful school. If you are interested in joining or just want to find out a little bit more information about what is involved, please join us for our first meeting on Thursday 15 February at 2:45pm in the Staffroom.

Privacy Notice

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

We review how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and it is important for all parents to investigate to further protect their child's information at home.

The department provides a suite of technologies and services to schools. These technologies are regularly assessed for compliance with the child safety, privacy and security standards. Department-provided technologies include:

- high speed internet access with content filtering
- collaboration platforms including Microsoft 365, Google Workspace for Education and WebEx
- enterprise grade WiFi
- single identity for staff and students
- single email address for staff and students
- cloud-based device management solution
- server endpoint detection and response.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy-information-for-parents)

This information is also available in ten community languages:

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

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.

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.

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.

