



Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – DAVID JENES

School Council President – Pariece Nelligan

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.

Teacher Meet and Greet

Our 'meet and greet' sessions will be held on Tuesday 11/2 and Thursday 13/2 from 3:40-6pm. This is a great opportunity to chat to the teacher about your child. Bookings can be made through Compass. If you need any assistance making a booking, please contact the office.

Paver Fundraiser

We are running our Paver Fundraiser for 'Small Valley'. If you would like to purchase an engraved paver, please fill in the attached form and come to the office to complete the order. There are forms at the office if you can't print it out at home. Orders close on **Wednesday 12 February**.

School Photos

Our School Photos are being taken on Monday 3 March. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform on the day.

School Council

If you would like to join our School Council, please complete a nomination form at the office. Our School Council nominations will close on Friday 14 February.

Calendar

February

11/2	Meet and Greet 3:40-6pm
12/2	Paver Orders close Prep Assessments
13/2	P&F Meeting 2:30pm Meet and Greet 3:40-6pm
14/2	School Council nominations close 4pm
17/2	District Swimming
19/2	Prep Assessments
21/2	Yr 1 Puffing Billy Excursion

March

3/3	School Photo Day Division Swimming School Council 6:30pm
6/3	5/6 Interschool Sport
7/3	Yr 5/6 Interschool Sport
10/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
12/3-21/3	Yr 3&5 NAPLAN
19/3	Cyber Safety incursion Yr 1-6
20/3	Yr 3&4 Zoo Excursion
21/3	Harmony Day Regional Swimming
24/3-28/3	Yrs 3-6 Swimming Lessons
31/3	School Council 6:30pm

2025 Term Dates

29 January to 4 April

22 April to 4 July

21 July to 19 September

6 October to 19 December

Parents and Friends Meeting

Our first Parents and Friends meeting will be held on Thursday 13 February at 2:30pm in the staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Congratulations Andrew Venables

Andrew and his wife had a baby girl – Matilda on Friday 24 January. We are so excited for both of them.



Splotch

Hello Valley,

We would like to introduce Splotch to his first year at TVPS. Splotch joined the 2025 TVPS Preps and has started this year. Splotch is a 6-year-old male Blotched Blue Tongue Lizard.

On behalf of TVPS, I would like to express our gratitude to Josh and Lucas Gardner and their Family (past TVPS students) for allowing Splotch to live in our STEM room. Your contribution will undoubtedly enhance the learning experience of our students and provide them with a unique opportunity to observe and study the fascinating world of reptiles up close.

The addition of the pet lizard not only enriches our STEM curriculum but also fosters a sense of responsibility and care among our students. It is a valuable teaching tool that will spark curiosity and inspire a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

We would also like to thank the Kretschmer family for donating a fantastic reptile enclosure and accessories. Splotch is settling into his new home and learning the 300 new faces.

Many Thanks
Rob Cretney



Prep Students 2025

Our Prep students started at TVPS on Thursday 30 January. They are enjoying getting to know their teachers and classmates and love spending time with their Big Buddies.





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.

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.

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

Templestowe Valley Titans Basketball Club

Come and join the TVPS Valley Titans basketball club in 2025!
No experience necessary!

TVPS Basketball

- Calling all year levels to join the Templestowe Valley basketball team.
- Joining the TVPS basketball team is a sure way to make strong friendships for students and parents
- Game times vary between 4.10pm - 6.10pm after school
- Basketball singlets will be provided.
- Lots of fun for everyone!

We really need students from Foundation, Grade 1, Grade 4 and Grade 5/6 girls to join!

For more information and if you're interested in playing, please email:

Tina at valleytitansbasketball@gmail.com



GAMES ARE PLAYED AT:

Monday: 5/6 Boys & Girls at Bulleen Stadium & DISC
Tuesday: 3/4 Boys at Bulleen Stadium
Wednesday: 1/2 Boys & Girls at Bulleen Stadium & Templestowe Leisure centre
Thursday: 3/4 Girls at Bulleen Stadium
Friday: Foundation at Bulleen Stadium



TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY PS PHOTO DAY

MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2025

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the **COMMUNITY** tab

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!

FAMILY PHOTOS

Family/Sibling photos are available for students attending school. Orders must be placed by **11:59PM** the day before photo day.

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our **Premium** or **Classic** packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day.

GROUP STYLE



We're here to help.

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