

Valley Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK – DAVID JENES

School Council President – Pariece Nelligan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Division Swimming

Well done to Will, Erin and Mitchell who swam at Division on Monday 3 March. They all did an exceptional job representing our school with Erin going through to Regionals after finishing 1st and 2nd in her events. On Wednesday 5 March, Leon in Year 5 competed in the under 11 boys 50m backstroke in the multi-class event at Boroondara Sports Complex. Cheered on by family, he went very well making the full distance, not phased by the sun, lots of lanes or crowds of people around. He was tired, but proud to get a 2nd place.



Cybersafety

Cybersafety is an important part of our teaching program at Templestowe Valley. At school, we teach students about how to stay safe online and what to do if they come across something online that they are unsure about. As part of our program, we have organised for the Victoria Police to teach the students in Years 1-6 about cybersafety and staying safe online on March 19.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing for Year 3&5 students is scheduled to take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students' progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

Calendar

March

10/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
12/3 - 21/3	Yr 3&5 NAPLAN
13/3	Big Friend/Little Friend BBQ for Yr 6 and Prep parents and students 3:30pm
19/3	Cybersafety Incursion - Yr1-6
20/3	3/4 Zoo Excursion
21/3	Harmony Day Regional Swimming
24/3 - 8/3	Yrs 3-6 Swimming Lessons
31/3	Easter Bonnet Parade 9am School Council 6:30pm

April

22/4	First day Term 2
23/4	Prep Incursion - Fire Ed
25/4	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
29/4	Yr 6 Leaders at ANZAC Service

2025 Term Dates

29 January to 4 April

22 April to 4 July

21 July to 19 September

6 October to 19 December

School Crossings

We have noticed a number of people crossing the road away from the school crossings. Using the school crossings is important to help teach our children about road safety including crossing the roads safely. We have had a couple of near misses lately where parents have crossed the road away from a crossing with their children. The roads around schools are very busy at pick up and drop off time so please use the school crossing for everyone's safety.

Katrina Gavrals

Congratulations to Katrina on becoming a College Captain at her Secondary School. Katrina was a student of TVPS and graduated in 2018. She had to go through an application process including application, interview, speech and voting. We know Katrina will do an excellent job as the College Captain and we wish her all the best.

School Savings Bonus

Please be reminded that you need to release your SSB funds if you have not already done so in order to use these funds for any class incursion/excursions that might take place throughout this year. It is very important to take note that once you have released these funds, that it will take up to 48 hours before this reflects in the schools activities account.

Alternatively, if you are wanting to order uniform and use your School Savings Bonus:

- Fill out the uniform order form, tick the 'Use SSB' box and write your Unique SSB Code next to the ticked box. Please use upper and lower case as provided in your portal **OR**
- Email Samantha Smith samantha.smith9@education.vic.gov.au your Unique SSB code with the amount you would like to allocate to Uniform (in increments of \$50). Please also include your child's name and grade.

Please note that if you allocate the SSB to Uniform, you have until the 30th June 2025 to purchase uniforms. After that date the unused balance reverts to school activities.

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.

