

# Templestowe Valley Primary School

## Parents & Friends Association

### March 2025

Thanks to everyone who joined our first online meeting – it was great to connect! Special thanks to David Jenés for meeting after hours and to Andrea for taking minutes. We're planning both online and in-person meetings each term to help more families get involved!

Beck Goodwin

President of TVPS Parents & Friends Association

### Event Updates

- **Easter Raffle:** Thank you to all the families who donated items or purchased tickets—every contribution counts. The children are excited for the raffle draw at the Easter Hat Parade on Monday 31 March. Huge thanks to the amazing volunteers who pulled this together – Donna, Dora, Andrea, Georgie and Shen!
- **Mother's Day Stall:** Thanks to the hard work of Andrea and Dani, who have finished buying all the items. The tentative stall date is Thursday 8 May. We'll be calling for volunteers to help students choose gifts, handle money and give change. More details to come closer to the day.
- **Family Portrait Day:** We've locked in our Family Portraits fundraiser for Sunday 24 August in Term Three. Families can book discounted photo sessions onsite at school, with a portion of the booking fee going to the P&F.

### Looking Ahead

- **T-shirt or Tea Towel Design Competition:** We're exploring a fun, student-led competition where each year level can design a T-shirt or tea towel. Students will vote for their favourite design to be produced and made available for families to purchase.
- **Flip Out! Fundraising Opportunity:** Thank you to Shen for the fantastic idea to partner with Flip Out! We're exploring this as a fundraising opportunity for use on curriculum days.
- **Family Trivia Night:** We're revisiting the idea of a Trivia Night, but with a twist – a family-friendly version where kids and parents can play together. We'll look into dates and logistics for this.

### Community Voucher Drive

Over the school holidays, we're looking for some families to help deliver letters to local businesses. David has prepared the letter, which requests voucher donations (e.g. Coles, Woolworths, Dan Murphy's, IGA, Mitre 10) to support raffles, BBQs, and school events. If you can help, please pop in and see David to collect a copy. And if you own a business and would like to contribute, we'd love to hear from you!

### A Big Thank You

Thank you to Penny for working alongside Andrew Venables on a sustainability grant. We truly appreciate the time, energy and expertise that goes into grant writing.

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### Giving Back to Our Community

This year, we're looking to strengthen our community ties by working with Ajani Neighbourhood House. We'll be looking at including more food drives and exploring ways our students can actively support local needs. It's a wonderful chance for our children to learn about giving back.

If your family, or someone you know, is experiencing hardship, please contact our principal David Jenés for assistance or These community-based agencies and organisations provide emergency relief and material aid such as food hampers, vouchers and pantries to people in financial crisis living in Manningham:

See [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/assistance-and-support-services](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/assistance-and-support-services)

### Next P&F Meeting Dates

Our next P&F meeting will be:

**Thursday 1 May at 2:30pm in the Staff Room near the main office.**

If attending please sign in at the office. A WebEx meeting link will also be supplied closer to the date via Compass – this will be both an online and in-person meeting.

### 2025 Term Events

#### Term 1 Plan

- Easter Raffle – Monday 31 March

#### Term 2 Plan

- Mother's Day Stall (Tentative date: Thursday 8 May) – **Volunteers needed**

#### Term 3 Plan

- Father's Day Stall (Tentative date: Thursday 4 Sep) – **Volunteers needed**
- Family Portraits Day (Sunday 24 August) – **1 or 2 volunteers needed**

#### Term 4 Plan

- End-of-Year Community BBQ & Christmas Raffle – **Volunteers needed**

### What is the P&F and How Can I Get Involved?

The Parents & Friends Association (P&F) at TVPS brings families together through community events and fundraising to support our students.

Everyone is welcome to join at any time—there's no pressure to attend every meeting or take on big roles. Whether you can help at a stall, volunteer behind the scenes or simply share an idea, every bit counts. We meet monthly with both in-person and online options. Updates and opportunities are shared via the school newsletter, Compass and our WhatsApp group.

To learn more or get involved, contact us through the school office or email [templestowevalleypf@gmail.com](mailto:templestowevalleypf@gmail.com)