

Thomastown West Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Wed	25 April	ANZAC DAY- PUBLIC HOLIDAY Students do not attend school
Thur	26 April	Curriculum Day Students do not attend school
Fri	27 April	Whole School Assembly Including ANZAC DAY ceremony
Wed	9 May	Mother's Day Stall
Thu	10 May	Mother's Day 2nd CHANCE Stall
Tue	15 May	NAPLAN - Reading & Writing
Wed	16 May	NAPLAN - Writing
Thur	17 May	NAPLAN - Maths
Sat	19 May	Working Bee

No. 9 20th April 2018

From the Principal

Hello everyone,

Welcome to Term Two! This is an 11 week term finishing on Friday 29 June. We have had a wonderful week, especially as the weather warmed up!

Thank you to all families for ensuring that their children were wearing **full school uniform** for our School Photos on Wednesday. Everyone looked amazing and the students' pride in their uniform and connectedness to our fabulous school was evident! Thank you to our School Captains Sarah and Jayden, whose leadership ensured the day ran smoothly.

Welcome to Mr Maurice Ryan who will be our Acting Assistant Principal until 29th May 2018. We are still waiting to hear if Mrs Droge is returning to TWPS on 30th May this year. I will keep you updated as I learn more.

Mr Ryan may have only spent 5 days with us at TWPS thus far, but he has already *sunk his teeth* into a number of projects and has *hit the ground running*.

To ensure a smooth transition, both Mr White and Mrs Biggs met with Mr Ryan during the week to fill him in. I am confident that Mr Ryan will make a valuable contribution to our school. His previous Principal told me how fantastic he was Acting Assistant Principal at his school, Brunswick South West PS!



We have many highlights this term which include many incursions and excursions, a Rugby Australia visiting coach, NAPLAN testing for Year Three and Five students and later in the term Student Reports and Parent/Teacher interviews.

Curriculum inquiry themes for Term Two have a strong history focus.



Preps: Under the Sea

1/2s: Past and Present

3/4s: Discovering Australia

5/6s: Windows on Australia

Assembly next week

The Grade 5/6 students have prepared an Anzac Day commemorative presentation for the Week 2 Assembly.

I will send a note home next week to the parents and carers of the SRC leaders, the Student Voice Leaders and Student Voice Team confirming the badges have arrived and that we will go ahead with the final student leadership presentation at the Week 2 Friday Assembly.



Star of the Week is a tradition at Thomastown that promotes our School Wide Positive Behaviour approach and encourages children to *strive to be their best*, as well as consistently live by all of our school values.

- ✓ All children in Prep - 2 will receive a Star of the Week award at some point during the year. Please be patient.
- ✓ All children in Grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to receive this award but they will only receive a Star of the Week award if they consistently demonstrate outstanding effort and excellent behaviour.



Attendance and arriving on time

Please remember school begins at 8:45am for the children to complete their morning process. **Learning begins at 8:50am.** If students arrive on time to school, they will be there for the 'introductions' to the lesson with focused teaching which includes a learning intention. This is an optimum time for student learning - we do not want them to miss out!

If a student arrives late they have missed an important part of the lesson which impacts on their learning! Please have your children at school on time, ready for their learning. Thank you.



Riding a bike to school

In order for children to ride their bike to school they must wear a helmet. This is a legal requirement in Victoria. Please care for your children and ensure they wear a helmet when riding a bike at any time.

Prep 2019

We are now taking enrolments for our 2019 Prep classes. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school to enrol them soon. It is important that children are enrolled by the end of Term 3 so that they can participate in our excellent Prep Orientation Program in Term 4.

I have started taking tours this week and it is wonderful to visit our classes and see how our students are focussed on their learning. Everyone has settled quickly back into their classroom routine for Term 2. It has been an absolute pleasure visiting the classrooms this week and observing happy students who are engaged in their learning.

We continue to receive lots of positive feedback on our school from those who tour and visit! Well done everybody!

Education is Powerful, Student Voice Matters, Teachers Make a Difference & Every Day Counts!

Sandi Young
Principal



It takes a village to raise a child

School Council Dates 2018

- ✓ Monday 30th April
- ✓ Tuesday 26th June
- ✓ Monday 30th July
- ✓ Tuesday 28th August
- ✓ Monday 17th September
- ✓ Tuesday 30th October
- ✓ Monday 19th November

Working Bee



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 19th May 2018



WHERE: Thomastown West Primary School

WHEN: 19th May 2017

TIME: 9am-2pm

WHO: **anyone:** carers, mums, dads, grandparents, uncles, aunts, relatives, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbours.

WHAT: Come dressed appropriately for sweeping, hosing, weeding, wheelbarrowing, planting, shovelling, pruning.

A BBQ will be provided for the volunteers who support our school!



Hi. My name is Maurice Ryan.

I am the Acting Assistant Principal for 6 weeks at Thomastown West, starting this week. I have been at Brunswick South-West Primary School for the past 10 years.

Thanks to all the students, parents and staff who have been very welcoming. In my first two days I enjoyed an ANZAC lesson with the grade 5/6 students and a 'Past/ Present' investigation with the 1/2 students. It was funny when 'Electric Dreams' came on as the bell music as this was on the Brunswick SW playlist as well. I still can't believe the size of the oval/soccer ground at Thomastown West. Wow!

When I am not at work I like to cycle, watch soccer, swim, read or listen to music.

I live in Thornbury with my family and my dog 'Dexy'.

Come and say hello when you see me.

Maurice Ryan

Acting Assistant Principal



Cup of Life

Well done to all the boys and girls who are coming to school every day.

Congratulations

The room in Week 1 Term 2 that had the BEST ATTENDANCE is Room 4



Breakfast Club

All the students have been so polite and helpful at breakfast club, thank you!

Just a reminder that the breakfast club runs from 8.00am to 8.30am and is located at the Multi Purpose Room. There is toast, cereal, fruit and Milo available.

Please remind your children that students are required to stay in the room until Mrs Young arrives on Yard Duty at 8.30am.



Welcome back everyone

I hope you all enjoyed the school holiday break and that students and parents alike are starting Term 2 refreshed. I did some gardening with students over the last few weeks of Term 1 and was delighted to see that most of the seeds we had planted are now sprouting!

Some students will know that I am passionate about mixed martial arts and love training in it and watching it on TV. I also enjoy talking to the students at our school who also do martial arts and seeing their enthusiasm for it.

Getting your child involved in martial arts has a lot of benefits including increased self esteem, learning to respect others, discipline, fitness and of course self defence. Many forms of martial arts also teach kids about how to keep themselves safe and avoid danger within the community. Don't worry, practicing martial arts will not make your child aggressive. In fact, with kids gaining more self control of their emotions and having a healthy outlet for any stress and anger- it's actually the opposite !

If you would like your child to get involved in martial arts, there are a number of different martial arts schools in and around Thomastown that offer kids classes. I have also included a brochure of a local Thomastown martial art school on the following page. Most of the schools welcome parents coming in to ask more about what they teach and perhaps watch a kids class in action, so go for it !

Mike Palfrey
Student Wellbeing Officer





Stars of the Week



Term 2 - Week 1

Room 1 **Caner**

Room 2 **Fatima**

Room 3 **Lucas**

Room 4 **Amber**

Room 5 **Arrina**

Room 6 **Esra**

Room 8 **Abdullah**

Room 9 **Amir**

Room 10 **Mariam**

Room 11 **Alissa**

Room 12 **Saif**

Room 17 **Nabaa**

Room 18 **Jannart**

Room 19 **Ali**

Room 20 **Oneli**



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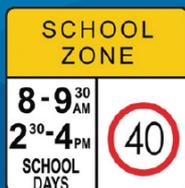
Course Details:

THURS. 3 MAY — 22 NOV. 2018
24 SESSIONS, 2 WORKSHOPS + 100 HR PLACEMENT
9:15 AM TO 3.15 PM
at EAST PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

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School Zone Safety Information

Understanding the signs around school zones



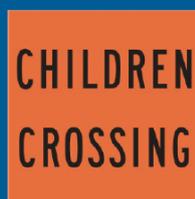
40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



No parking

It is important that you do not park in any area where this sign is displayed.



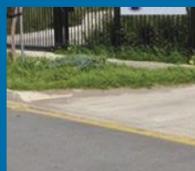
Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



Yellow edge lines

Must not stop or park your vehicle next to a continuous yellow edge line.



Understanding the rules at school crossings

- Please keep the children's crossing clear.
- Parking is not allowed within 20m before a school crossing or 10m after the crossing (unless otherwise signposted). Parking within this area makes it difficult for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.
- It is illegal to double park your car, ie. you are not allowed to stop next to a parked car.

What you can do to ensure school zones remain safe

- Supervise children in or near traffic.
- Consider walking or cycling with your child to and from school.
- Respect the road rules and parking signs.
- Wait on the same side of the road as your child, to avoid your child dashing across the road to meet you.
- Get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors, away from the traffic.

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Certificate III in Education Support: May - EPCC

Course Code:	CHC30213		
Entry Requirements & Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate Computer and Internet and Email Skills English LLN skills at an industry entry standard <u>Returning to Learning</u> Program starts 24/4/18 		
Course Description:	This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes Primary, Secondary & Special Development Schools & areas of early childhood education		
Pathway:	Graduates work as : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> education assistants/teacher aides support workers (working with children with disabilities) 		
Mode of Study:	Classroom, off-site tasks/research, Practical Placement + Assessment Workshops		
Location:	East Preston Community Centre [§] (EPCC) 7 Newton Street, Reservoir		
Days:	Thursday - Starts: 3rd May 2018		
Times:	9.15am to 3.15pm		
Dates:	Classroom: Thurs. 3rd May to 22nd Nov 2018 [Includes 2 Assessment Workshops] Prac. Placement : Flexible options available - From 18th June to 16th November		
Duration:	24 sessions, 2 workshops + 100 hr placement. (Excl. Public & School Holidays)		
Statement of Fees:	Concession: \$180	Full: \$900	Fee For Service (not eligible for VSFP)- Conc: \$2,685 (Limited Places) Full: \$3,580 + Service & Amenities Fee: \$10 Conc., \$25 Full
Enrolment:	Please ring early to arrange a pre-enrolment interview. Ph. 9462 6077.		
Amenities:	Tea & coffee provided. BYO lunch/snacks.		

Course is subject to eligibility requirements and sufficient enrolments.

[§]Venue is wheelchair accessible. PRACE encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding.



Testimonials

"Just thought I'd let you know that I got the job!!! Yeah!!!"

"Thankyou for inspiring me to be the best possible me to achieve a career that I am truly passionate about."

Ariana

"What a brilliant course, one of the most challenging, inspiring and rewarding courses I have done. Marg truly is a fantastic teacher, the help and support she gave me over the course was above and beyond my expectations. If you love children and want to make a difference then this course is for you."

Joanne

"I feel so honoured and privileged to have been a student in your class. I think, now, I know, it is with your high quality standard, and professional approach to teaching, that I was able to study as effectively as I did. ...I cannot thank you enough!"

Dianne C

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Kylie

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