

Thomastown West Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO. 15

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Last week we welcomed a number of kindergartens who visited our school. We had a great time showing our school to the children, staff and parents.

It is a reminder that we are taking enrolments for 2017 Prep students. If you have a child who is school age in 2017 and would like a tour, please make a time with the office. Information packs and enrolment forms are also available from the office.

School Photos

Tuesday June 7th is School Photos. Envelopes have been sent home. If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

Even if no payment is received, your child will be in a class photo and will have individual photos taken. You can purchase school photos after Tuesday via the internet. I will provide more information next week.

Ramadan

For many families in our community, Ramadan begins this week. It can be a challenging time as families rise early and eat quite late.

Whilst we respect the culture around Ramadan, this time of the year can put pressure on student learning. If your child or family are concerned or have any problems, please feel free to speak to me.

I wish families the best for Ramadan.

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2016

Excursions this week

We have a number of excursions this week.

Year 5/6 students are heading to Ballarat to see Sovereign Hill this Thursday. They will be attending even if it is raining. Parents are advised that warm dry clothing is essential- especially footwear. It will also be a long day and students will be quite tired afterwards.

Prep students will be having a local excursion to the supermarket and learning about purchasing items as well as getting value for money.

Year 2 students will be studying local history as they walk to Zeibel House. This was one of the first settlements in Thomastown over 100 years ago and the children will see what life was like in their neighbourhood back in that time.

Year 3/4 students had a great day at Polly Woodside and Captain Cook Cottage. I had the privilege to come with them for the morning which was great fun.

Don't forget that Monday June 13th is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. There will be no school on that day.

Have a great week everyone,

Leon Bell

Principal

Twitter: @twps4999

"Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are"- Anon



STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep	Room 2	Bradley Ioannidis	Grade 3/4	Room 16	William Silver
Prep	Room 3	Harry Partridge	Grade 3/4	Room 17	Fahad El Erris
Grade 1	Room 4	Mohamad Al Badran	Grade 3/4	Room 18	Mujtaba Al Fahdawi
Grade 1	Room 6	Aggelos & Daniel	Grade 3/4	Room 19	Mohamed & Olivia
Grade 2	Room 1	Linh Hua	Grade 3/4	Room 20	Jayden, Emma & Teuta
Grade 2	Room 5	Sanaa Belhaj	Grade 5/6	Room 9	Mariam & Monica
			Grade 5/6	Room 10	Yunis Halabi
Specialist		Hoda Al Mishrfawi	Grade 5/6	Room 12	Faisal Anwari

It is not OK to be away...or to be late to school!

BREAKFAST CLUB



A reminder to everyone that Breakfast Club is continuing to run in 2016. Breakfast Club runs between 8am-8.30am in the Multi-purpose room where students are able to receive a FREE breakfast. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so make sure your children have always had breakfast before the come to school or send them to breakfast club!

Hi Everyone,



Brrrrr! Winter has arrived!

Please remind your children to wear their windcheaters and bomber jackets, as well as coats and beanies on these very cold Winter mornings.



Playgroup – FREE TO EVERYONE –

Thursdays, 10 am & Fridays at 9 am in the HUB at the school The children enjoy free play, story and music time. PLEASE COME ALONG

WITH YOUR BABY OR TODDLER OR PRE-SCHOOL CHILD AND JOIN IN!



Managing life's ups and downs

We have had a number of students this week show their *inability* to cope with the ups and downs of school life.

Skills and qualities that help children cope with life's ups and downs

Trust—that the world is safe and that there are caring people to help them.

Belief — in their ability to do things for themselves, and achieve their goals.

Feeling good—about themselves and feeling valued for who they are by their parents and carers.

Optimism—that things generally turn out well. Ability to manage their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

Children develop these skills and qualities over time, initially through their experiences in coping with small stresses with help from supportive adults. When bigger stresses come along, even though at first they might feel quite distressed, children can draw on what they have learned about helping themselves to cope and feel better. Looking to others for support continues to be an effective way of coping.

Everybody's life has ups and downs. Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were always happy, but life's ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy

good times and deal with hard times. Helping children learn how to manage life's ups and downs and build their coping skills supports their mental health and wellbeing now and into the future.



If I can help you and your family in anyway, please contact the office.
Robyn Mulholland (Student Wellbeing Team)

Transition Year 6 to Year 7



Thanks to all the year 6 students who have brought their Transition forms back. All placement requests have been submitted to the relevant secondary schools.

Please note: The school will notify parents of year 6 students in writing with placement offers by August 10.

Parents who wish to make further enquiries about Transition please contact:

**Mrs De Niese
 Grade 5/6 teacher
 Year -6 Transition coordinator.**

For further enquires about year - 7 Transition and to arrange tours for Thomastown Secondary college Please contact:

**John Retica or David Smith
 Ph: 9465 0844**

WORKING BEE UPDATE



A BIG THANKYOU to the following families for supporting the Working Bee:

- Baker Family
- Brown Family
- Di Luca Family
- Agapakis family
- De Silva Family
- Anwari Family
- Nesari Family
- Phan Family
- Daghistani Family
- Maoharan Family
- To & Chen Family

Also to Oreste and his group of helpers for a very successful & well attended day.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th June

SCHOOL PHOTOS



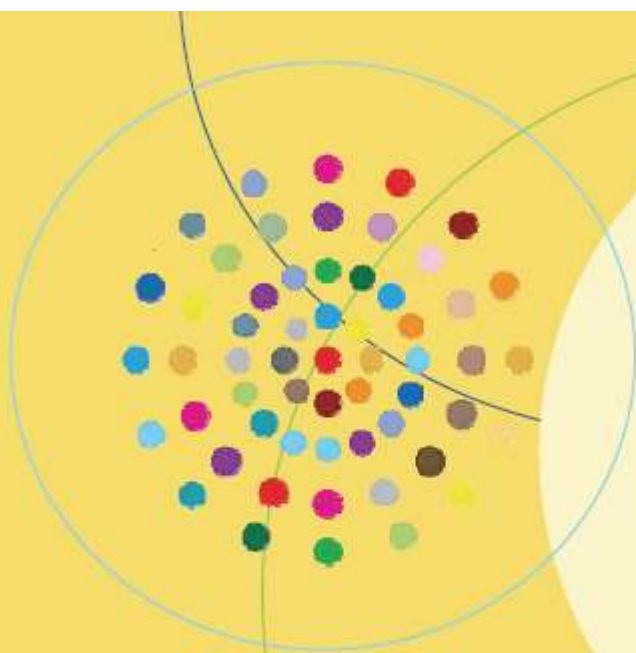
Thurs 9th June
 5/6

Excursion to Sovereign Hill.
 (Students must be at school by 8.15am)

Monday 13th June

**Queens Birthday
 Public Holiday**

WHITTLESEA REFUGEE WEEK 2016



Join us to celebrate the courage, skills and energy refugees bring to our community.

A family friendly event with :

- Children's & young people's activities
- Dance
- Music
- Shared meal
- Special guests
- More to come

**WEDNESDAY
22 JUNE
3.30-7PM**

**EPPING
MEMORIAL
HALL
827 High St
Epping**

For more information
Ph: Vieli 9401 6666

Please join us
All Welcome

In partnership with a number of community and government agencies to be confirmed.





**I have a child starting school in Prep 2017
WHERE DO I ENROL MY CHILD?**

Are you wanting to know more about the Primary Schools in Thomastown?

Come along and find out

**Where: Thomastown Library
When: June 20th
Time 5pm-6.30pm**

A school's information session

Each school will do a short presentation about what their school has to offer, followed by the opportunity for parents to visit each school's set up, to discuss this further if need be.

SCHOOLS REPRESENTED:

- Thomastown Primary School
- Thomastown West Primary School
- Thomastown Meadows Primary School
 - St Clare's
 - St Catherine's