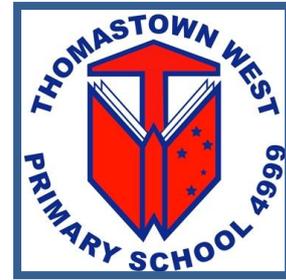


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NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO. 21

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

It was a cold day for our Winter Wonderland last week. It was a fun day and many children and teachers got into the spirit of the day by dressing in their warm clothes. The donuts were a great treat too. I would like to thank the parents (Jodie, Kathy and Angela) for helping with the distribution of the donuts on the day.

Year 7 Secondary School Placements

Students in Year 6 will shortly receive their placements for Secondary School. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the placement for your child, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or myself.

In a couple of weeks' time, the Secondary School will contact families to let them know of what happens next in the process.

If your child is younger and you are not sure about Secondary Schools, please feel free to speak to the Year 6 teachers or me.

We respect each other

If you have any issues or concerns with your child, please talk to your child's teacher or a member of the Principal Team. I encourage parents to allow us to solve issues or concerns and not to approach other parents directly. In almost every case, parents' confronting other parents makes the problem worse. One of the values we teach our children is respect. We encourage parents to respect each other. We will not accept parents/grandparents who are showing disrespect to each other or to members of staff. If you are treated with disrespect by anyone at school, please alert any staff member immediately. We would like to see our parents/grandparents model the behaviours that we expect in our children.

FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST 2016

TV star

One of our students has been filmed in a commercial that will be on TV in the next couple of weeks. Congratulations to Kanoa from Room 12 who plays a childhood version of Lance 'Buddy' Franklin in the AFL/Auskick commercial. You can have a sneak preview of the commercial here:

<https://youtu.be/40wOTRVFqEk>

Safety First

I was very worried today to hear about a couple of students nearly involved in an accident with a car while crossing Main St. The students were running late as it was after 8:45am.

We do want our children to arrive on time but most of all I want our students to be safe. I do not want to deal with any students being rushed to hospital. Would you want that kind of phone call from me?

Please remind your children about being safe when coming to school.

As a final note, I would like to congratulate Mrs Pam Wright who has successfully been appointed to the Assistant Principal Position. I am looking forward to working closely with Mrs Wright as part of the Principal team at Thomastown West. Have a great weekend everyone,

Leon Bell
Principal
Twitter: @twps4999

"Don't give up. The beginning is always the hardest."



STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep	Room 2	Mortatha	Grade 3/4	Room 16	Yassin
Prep	Room 3	Redha	Grade 3/4	Room 17	Samuel and Seref
Grade 1	Room 4	Luke	Grade 3/4	Room 18	Fey
Grade 1	Room 6	Raymond and Aggelos	Grade 3/4	Room 19	Jeylin
			Grade 3/4	Room 20	Isabella
Grade 2	Room 1	Luke	Grade 5/6	Room 9	Helen, Barek and Deniz
Grade 2	Room 5	Ahmed and Mobeen	Grade 5/6	Room 10	Steven
			Grade 5/6	Room 11	Michelle
Specialist (Music)		Glen	Grade 5/6	Room 12	Nini

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 they come to school or send them to breakfast club!

Cup of Life

This week's CUP OF LIFE winner is.....

Room 17! Well done to ALL STUDENTS from Room 17 who have won now, two weeks in a row!!!

Keep up the good work everyone and remind your friends and family the importance of attending school everyday.

Remember, Everyday counts...

CYBER BULLYING

Cyber bullying can be described as any harassment, insults and/or humiliation that occurs through electronic mediums such as email, mobile phones, social networking sites, instant messaging programs, chat rooms, websites and through the playing of online games.

Forms of cyber bullying can include;

- Harassing or threatening messages online or via a phone
- Using someone's password or screen name to pretend to be them
- Forwarding private messages, emails, pictures or videos.
- Posting nasty comments or pictures of other people
- Intentionally excluding others from an online group

What can I do if I am a victim of cyber bullying?

- >Do not respond to the person/s online that are bullying
- >Block or delete the bully from their contacts/friends list
- >Save and store the information
- >Speak to someone you trust about what is happening (for example a family member or the School)

Cyber bullying is an increasing issue on any device including computers and mobile phones. Its important to remember that anything you do or say online has a trace that can always come back to you. Cyber Bullying is a criminal offence and therefore has lasting impacts.

It is illegal to have a Facebook account under the age of 13. If the school becomes aware of any student under this age that has an account we are obligated to contact the authorities to have this deleted.

If you would like to speak to myself in relation to any of the above information please to not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Hi Everyone,



It takes a whole village to raise a child...

The roots of this ancient proverb lie in Africa, and are usually attributed to the Igbo or Yoruba peoples of Nigeria. This proverb has at its heart the idea that communities should be at the heart of child raising. Parenting isn't always an easy job, it can be lonely and exhausting, and more so if you're doing it in isolation from other families or a supportive network. Sometimes it gets so much that you might want to give up, even though you know that's not a good decision. Here are the words to a traditional African song:

It Takes A Village

***Words and Music by Raffi
C 1999 Homeland Publishing***

What does it take, for a baby girl to grow up good and strong?

What does it take for a baby girl?

What does it take for a baby boy to grow up full of love?

What does it take for a baby boy?

Chorus:

It takes a village,

It takes a village to raise a child.

It takes a village,

No one can do it alone.

It takes a village to raise a child.

And in the early years of life

What does a newborn need to be whole, to thrive in every way?

In these crucial early years, when the brain is growing,

And the love for a lifetime takes hold.

Not just parents' love, not just love of the family

It takes all of this and more

Not just teachers who care, not just the care of doctors

It takes all of this and more.

How about the love of farmers?

How about the business people?

How about the people who pass the laws?

How about your next-door neighbour? How about the corner grocer?

It takes all of this and more.

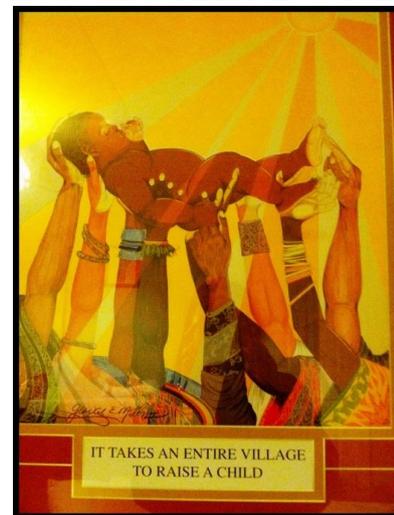
Many of us do not live close to our extended families. I was so grateful for the support of caring neighbours when my children were little. Life is a lot easier when you are part of a network of friends and family, a community, a neighbourhood. Reach out to those around you to seek or to offer support.

We are very fortunate in the City of Whittlesea – there are many community groups and organisations who offer support whether it is for parenting issues, finance issues, legal issues, social support, mental health issues or issues of grief.

Thomastown West Primary School is part of that 'village' to help you raise your child. If we can assist you in any way please don't hesitate.



***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



|| If I can help you and your family in anyway, please contact the office.

Robyn Mulholland (Student Wellbeing Team)



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