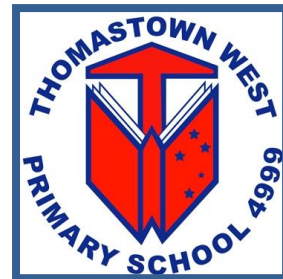


Thomastown West Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO. 24

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

One of the highlights of the school year for Preps is the Circus days. Once again the preps were excited to dress up in various circus characters (and the teachers too!)

Curriculum Day

Next Wednesday August 31st is our last Curriculum day for 2016. There will be no classes at school on this day. Staff will be working on our Whole School Review in the morning and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support in the afternoon. Every 3-4 years the Department of Education require every school to complete a Whole School Review. This requires measuring our school against set standards and looking at what we are doing well and where we need to improve. I also have involved students and community in the process. I would like to host another Community Conversation before the end of term to find out what you think of our school.

Family Maths Night

Next Monday August 29th is our Family Maths Night for families in Years 3-6. Come and take part in activities around maths. You can see activities that your children do during class time and get some simple ideas of how you can help with maths at home. There is no cost for the

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST 2016

event. It starts at 3:45 until about 5:30pm. **We ask that parents attend with their children.**

2017 Enrolments

Thank you to all the families who have enrolled new children for 2017. I know there are still a number of families who have not enrolled their prep child for 2017. Please collect an enrolment form from the office to complete. We have experienced a number of enrolments for this term as well as 2017 which is encouraging. We will begin planning staffing and grades for 2017 very soon.

We are doing some research as to who reads the newsletter. We are offering a small prize to children or adults who can quote the secret phrase to Mrs Wright or myself. The secret phrase is "Together Working on Pathways to Success".

Have a great week everyone,

Leon Bell
Principal

"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today."-
Will Rogers



STAR OF THE WEEK

Prep	Room 2	Whole Grade	Grade 3/4	Room 16	Sarah
Prep	Room 3	Whole Grade	Grade 3/4	Room 17	Fahad
Grade 1	Room 4	Glen and Mariam	Grade 3/4	Room 18	Abdul
Grade 1	Room 6	Leon and Harmony	Grade 3/4	Room 19	Seamus and Destiny
			Grade 3/4	Room 20	Aysle
Grade 2	Room 1	Jye	Grade 5/6	Room 9	Sofia
Grade 2	Room 5	Michael	Grade 5/6	Room 10	Zamira
			Grade 5/6	Room 11	Younes
Music Award		Sude	Grade 5/6	Room 12	Mamele

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!

Attendance

Regular school attendance, where your children come to school on time every day, is what they need in order to be successful. Please have a look at the information attached in relation to attendance!

<http://www.growingupinaustralia.gov.au/pubs/asr/2012/asr2012e.html>

Cup of Life

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

Room 5! Well done to ALL STUDENTS from Room 5 who have won for the first time in Term 3.

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

Remember, Everyday counts...

Hi Everyone,



I have been at Thomastown West Primary School for four years this month and I still remember my very first day. A couple of grade 5/6 students saw me wondering around the school grounds and asked who I was. I told them who I was and that I would be part of the Student Well-being team. They smiled and said, 'WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL'! Later that day a grade 6 student ran ahead of me to open the office door for me. I later learned that this student often had behavioural issues, but he was special in my eyes because of the RESPECT he showed me. When I thanked him, he said, 'you're welcome'. This week Aaron in room 19 opened a door several times for me – Diane, you should be proud of the young 'gentleman' you are raising!



RESPECT is one of our school values – staff respecting students and students respecting staff and each other.

A perfectly mannered child (or adult for that matter) is probably a *mythical creature*. It's human to make mistakes while interacting with others, and it's important to use those times as teachable moments for children.

Raising caring kids who are well-mannered can be a challenging task, but there are a few basics that can help.



1. Please and thank you. They are, of course, the most basic of common courtesies and while it can be mind-numbingly tedious to keep on reminding our children to say the words, there are big benefits. “Please and thank you should be used like punctuation,” says Anna Musson, Director of The Good Manners Company. “Most sentences require these at the beginning or end - and the best way to learn this is by hearing it and requesting it from you!”

2. Saying “excuse me” before entering an adult conversation. Kids live in the moment Learning to wait before interrupting is crucial; it gives kids a moment to consider whether they really do need to interrupt at all!



3. A “no loud voices inside” rule. Kids absolutely need to shout; they need to exercise their lungs. And besides, shouting can be fun! But there's a time and place for everything and while beaches, backyards, sports ovals and parks can be great places to roar, the inside of any type of building is not a place for loud voices. Not only will this rule help make your child more readily welcomed in the homes of their friends (*and their classroom*), it will give you a much calmer living and school environment!

4. Speaking properly. While parents almost always understand what their own kids are trying to say, it's not always as easy for others. Speaking properly and using appropriate words, is an essential skill.

5. Gentle hands and sharing. Sharing does not come naturally but it can be taught. Likewise while rough and tumble, wrestling, running, jumping, climbing and kicking balls are all fantastic energy-burning activities, physical retaliation as a result of anger is not on. It's about learning that how we treat other people, is important and it helps to make them better friends.

6. People's belongings are precious. We should teach our children to respect their own belongings and those of others.



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
NEW PLAYGROUP – A new playgroup has begun in the *Thomastown Library on Mondays, 10 am – 12 pm. All welcome.*
Playgroup is a great way to help children to develop socially!!



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

Robyn Mulholland

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Supported Playgroup

smalltalk

(parenting program)



Day: Monday (School Terms Only)
Starts: August 15th 2016
Time: 10am – 12pm
Location: Thomastown Maternal Child Health
 52 Main Street
 Thomastown

Criteria applies

For further information please contact:

Email michelle.rilen@whittlesea.vic.gov.au or

Tel 03 9404 8863

Council Offices
 25 Ferres Boulevard
 Tel 03 9217 2170
 Fax 03 9217 2111

Free Telephone Interpreter Service
 0679 9871 Hrvatski 0679 9872



Walking Football (soccer) Program for people aged 50 and over



This program is for seniors who would like to learn to play soccer indoors. Join in the fun with our easy, social training sessions. Games are slow paced and no running is required.

Date: Every Thursday
Time: 10am - 12pm
Venue: Mill Park Basketball and Netball Stadium
 Redleap Avenue, Mill Park
Cost: Free
Bookings: Call Council's Positive Ageing Team on 9407 5913
 or email leap@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

What to bring: Runners or indoor soccer shoes (no black soles)

Men and women of all abilities are welcome!

Supported by:



Multicultural Social Group of Victoria

Council Offices
 25 Ferres Boulevard

Tel 03 9217 2170
 Fax 03 9217 2111

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Father's Day Stall 2016

Wednesday 30th of August &

Thursday 31st of August



Stubby Holder \$4.00



Travel Mug \$6.00



DMC16
DAD'S MUG & COASTER SET
\$5.00



Dad Photo Frame \$5.00



Torch Key Ring \$3.00



Pen \$2.00



LED Wrist Watch \$5.00



Grandfather Mug & Coaster Set \$5.00



BBQ Set \$6.00



Multifunction Tool Set \$4.00



Chamois \$4.00

What HIPPY families get

- Free HIPPY storybooks and activity packs for all HIPPY children
- A regular time with a HIPPY Tutor
- Invitations to community events and HIPPY Group Meetings
- Training and learning opportunities

*"I have learned so much about
how to teach my child
from HIPPY"*



HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS



HIPPY is run in partnership with IWB Australia
hippyaustralia.org.au

Supporting the growth of young children's HIPPY

HIPPY Whittlesea

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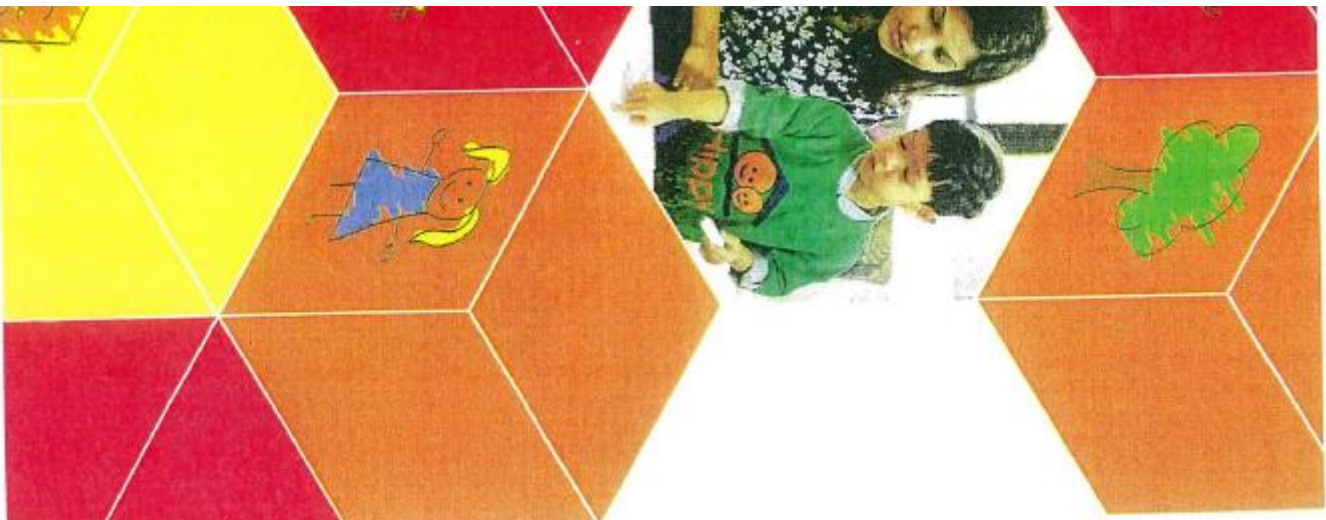
Office: 03 8405 4401

HIPPY Whittlesea is a community-based program that provides parents and young children with a regular time to learn and play together. The program is run by Barb Coshan, a qualified teacher and experienced community worker. The program is free of charge and open to all parents and young children in the Whittlesea area.



**HIPPY
Australia**
Partner Learning Together





What is HIPPY?

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year, home-based early childhood learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers as their child's first teacher.

HIPPY is a free two-year early learning program.

HIPPY empowers carers as their child's first teacher.

HIPPY helps children make a successful transition to school and beyond.

In the first year of HIPPY, the year before school begins, families learn skills to get their children ready for school.

In the second year, parents learn more about supporting their children's learning and development at school and at home.

Families spend 10 to 15 minutes a day doing educational activities with their children.

A trained HIPPY Tutor meets with the family to practice HIPPY activities.

**Families together
on a learning
journey.**

Benefits of HIPPY?

- Helps you as your child's first teacher
- Helps children to be ready for school
- Builds self-esteem and confidence
- Families have fun learning together
- Strengthens links to your community

HIPPY is supported by research that shows that children's most powerful learning comes from their family, and that getting a strong start at school sets children up for life.

*"I love HIPPY because it
helps me feel clever
at school"*



Musical friends



Finally our coffee cart is open for business!
Join us on Monday August 29th 10am - 2pm.
We'll have opening day specials with locally roasted coffee from Coffee Mio.



Saturday September 3rd
10am - 1pm Thomastown Library
Market stalls, coffee,
FREE craft activities and games.

www.tnh.org.au
03 8376 6939

We are excited to return to the library for our monthly market.
Saturday September 3rd, 10am - 1pm
INDOORS at the newly renovated Thomastown Library.
We'll have local market stalls,
our Thomastown Coffee Cart,

FREE crafts and activities and a visit from PEPPA PIG!
Just in time for Father's Day.

Prep Circus Day

2016

