

Thomastown West Primary School NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Tue	29 May	Gr 1/2 Ziebell Farm Excursion
Wed – Fri	30 May - 1st June	Gr 3/4 Doxa City Camp
Thur	7 June	Gr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion
Mon	11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday No School
Thur	14 June	Gr 1/2 Yarrabee Excursion
Thur	28 June	Parent/teacher Meetings
Fri	29 June	Last day of Term 2 1.15 pm Finish
Mon	16 July	Term 3 Begins

No. 13 25th May 2018

From the Principal

You may have noticed that we have had a few replacement teachers at school this week, taking your child's class. The teachers have not been sick, in fact they have been working very hard at school. The teachers have been utilising their Professional Practice Day for the term. From the commencement of the 2018 school year each teacher in Victoria is entitled to one day per term (four days per year) release from their scheduled duties, including teaching, to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning. This term our teachers have effectively utilised this time for assessment of students and meeting with their teaching team to analyse moderate student work.

PLCs

On Wednesday after school, teachers divided into groups or what we call Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). The PLC structure at TWPS provides time for our teachers to investigate, learn and share best practice together in the key curriculum areas of English, Maths, Curiosity and Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion. This week our teachers effectively collaborated to continue our work on refining our student assessment practices at TWPS. I am sure you all agree that we are very lucky to have such dedicated and hard working teachers at TWPS, who have an unwavering focus on student learning.

Effective schools provide time and forums for teacher conversations about student learning.

Uniform

Congratulations everyone! You are looking fantastic in your school uniform. Wearing a school uniform certainly fosters pride in the school and unifies our students from various backgrounds into a cohesive inclusive school unit.

Thank you to Mrs Fil Raif and her mother for organising and making some hijabs in our school colours! These are available at the office to purchase for only \$4.00. Thank you to Fatima for modelling the new TWPS hijab. Please remember hijabs should be in our school colours navy blue, red or white.



'LOCK DOWN' Practice

Schools must have a current Emergency Management Plan (EMP) that contains a risk assessment that addresses hazards and potential threats to the school and which covers the four components of preparedness, prevention, response and recovery.

This Monday 28th May Thomastown West PS will be practising a whole school 'lock down' in the morning to:

- ✓ ensure that staff, students and the school community have a clear understanding of the EMP and its procedures.
- ✓ ensure that staff, students and the school community are trained so that they know what they are required to do during an emergency.

Please ensure you are at school on time or this may affect your children.

Prep Excursion

Our Preps had a fabulous excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium and Fitzroy Gardens. Well done to all of the Prep children who lived by the school values and made their teachers very proud!



Education Week

Thank you to the Parents and Carers who joined us on Monday and Tuesday mornings, as well as Friday afternoon. It sent a clear message to your children that you value their education and support our school. We hope you enjoyed being part of our learning environment. Research tells us effective partnerships between families and schools leads to better education results. Enjoy the photos on the following pages.

Another opportunity to engage with your child's learning at school will be our Parent/Teacher meetings on Thursday 28th June. It is essential that every child attends this meeting with their parents or carers and their teacher.

Working Bee

Last Saturday we held our annual TWPS Working Bee and it was a HUGE success! I am sure you noticed earlier in the week how fabulous and fresh our school grounds looked! This is a credit to the hard working and incredible 23 CityLife volunteers as well as the wonderful TWPS families and amazing staff (including their husbands) who participated in caring for our school. Certificates of Appreciation were presented at today's assembly to thank the families who joined us.

I would like to sincerely thank CityLife for supporting their local community. Their help was very much appreciated and we simply could not have achieved as much as we did without them!

Thank you to our Acting Assistant Principal Mr Ryan and Mrs Cooke for their meticulous organisation of the event and working incredibly hard on the day!

Swimming 2018 UPDATE

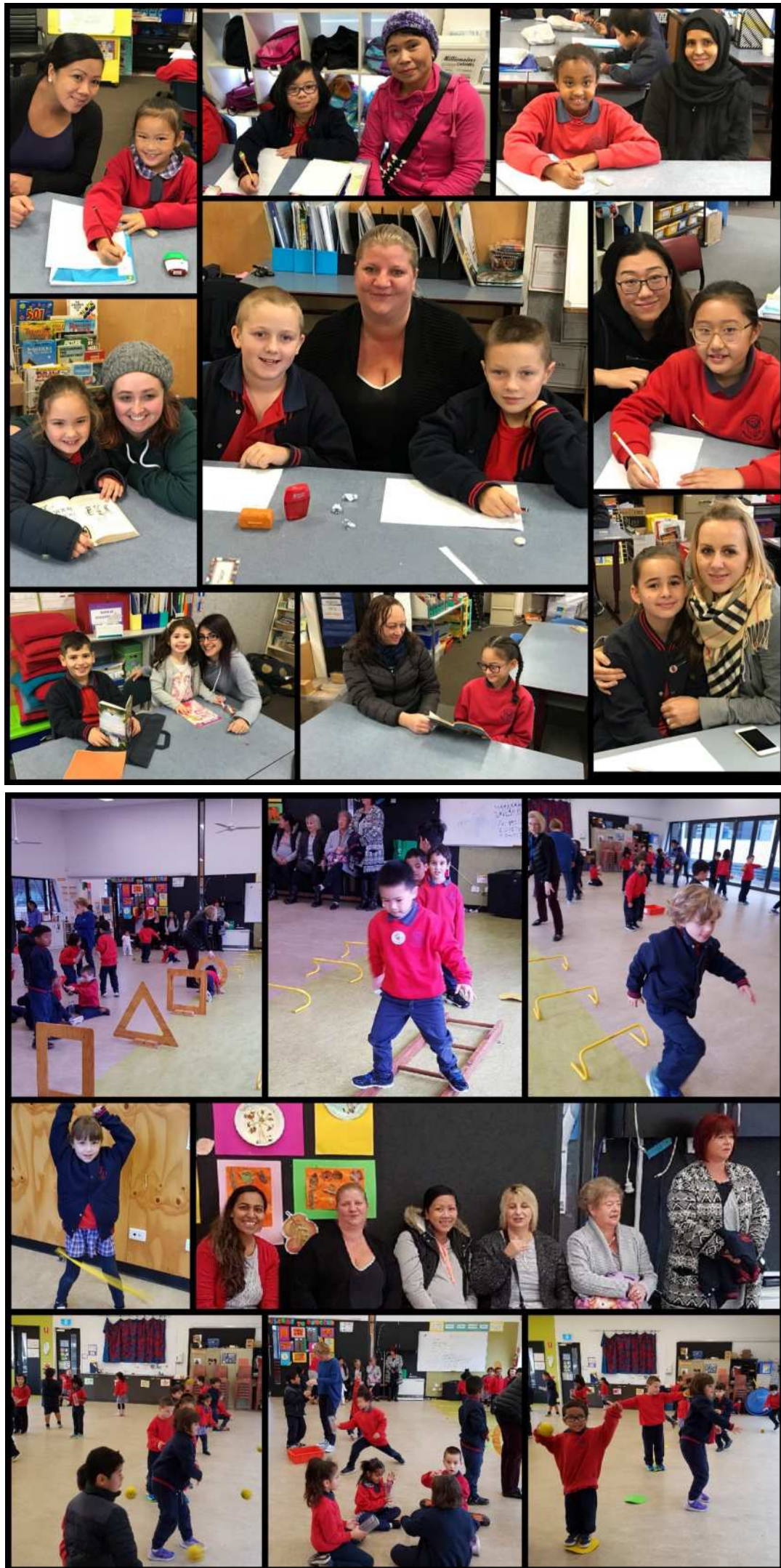
You may be aware that the Department of Education has implemented a *Swimming in Schools* initiative to increase the opportunities for students to develop swimming and water safety skills to reduce their risk of drowning and injury. As a result the Swimming Program at TWPS will be slightly different this year. **All students in years Prep to Four** will be expected to attend the swimming program offered by Thomastown West PS. **Students in grade 5/6** will have the opportunity to participate in a fun Swimming Activity day. More details will be sent home about the updated Swimming Program later this term.



TWPS WORKING BEE



EDUCATION @ TWP





TWPS Choir

Celebrating the Arts





*Celebrating
the Arts
on a
Friday
Afternoon
during
Education
Week*



We need your child here every day!

Please have your child here every day, on time.

Being absent has a significant impact on both learning and social development. Staff are concerned about a number of students who have had significant absences this year, absences can have a significant impact on learning time.

Just a little bit late doesn't matter – does it?

She/he is missing ...	That equals...	Which is	Over 13 years of Schooling that's..
10 minutes per day	50 minutes a week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes a week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour a day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour a day	1 day a week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Please make sure your child gets the best chance they can with learning, be at school every day, all day and on time!

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

Sandi Young
Principal

“...it's not just learning that's important. It's learning what to do with what you learn and learning why you learn things that matters.”

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WE ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR OUR 2019 PREP CLASSES

Please remind your family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school, then **PLEASE ENROL THEM SOON!**

It is important that children are enrolled by the end of Term 3 so that they can participate in our successful Prep Transition program Term 4.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS THURSDAY 28th JUNE 2018

More information will be included in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

****Similarly to last year, parents and carers will use COMPASS to book their meeting time.**

Need help with COMPASS?

We are hoping to send home your LOG IN details next week - we are just waiting to hear back from COMPASS.
You can also ask the lovely office staff for help.





Stars of the Week



Term 2 - Week 6

Room 1 **Zayne**

Room 2 **Pip**

Room 3 **Neo**

Room 4 **Andre**

Room 5

Room 6 **Redha**

Room 8 **Selena**

Room 10 **Francisco**

Room 11 **Suham**

Room 12 **Soujade**

Room 17 **Aden**

Room 18 **Adrijiana**

Room 19 **Yekta & Nadeen**

Room 20

Wellbeing **Atheer**



Hi everyone !

I am immensely proud of my Mindfulness group. Although it only began at the start of Term 2 I am already seeing incredible results.

This week I would like to share some thoughts about the benefits of mindfulness by some of the students in the group.

"Mindfulness helps me in the mornings and after school. It calms me down during times I need it". - Hayley, Room 20

"It helps me control my anger and stress". - Dante, Room 17

"It's relaxing and helpful when you are feeling sad, angry and bored". - Ali, Room 19

"Mindfulness is fun, relaxing and helpful when you are feeling sad". - Corey, Room 20

"It helps me relax". - Lydia, Room 1.



Mindfulness Tip for Parents:

Dedicate a window of time each week to mindfully play with your child or children. Turn off all other distractions such as TV, and put your mobile away and on silent. Try to give them your full attention during this time and if your mind wanders off to all the things you should be doing, that's fine – that's just what minds do! Use your child as an anchor to come back to every time your mind wanders away.



Mike Palfrey
Student Well-Being Officer

Cup of Life

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

Congratulations

The room in Week 6 Term 2 that had the



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.



Cooking Club 25/5/18

This week's chosen dish was **Vegetarian Paella**.



We had many excited children eager to help make this delicious rice dish. They started by going through all the ingredients making sure we didn't miss any. A chosen few then washed the vegetables in preparation for others to chop and dice them.

All the children took their jobs very seriously as they shared them around and listened to the different things that needed to be done for the recipe.

Paella is a Spanish rice dish that is usually made with chicken, chorizo and or seafood. We made ours vegetarian and it was still a winner.

Other fun times had at OSHCLub this week.



The children attending have enjoyed a diverse range of activities this week. A small group made some wonderful treasure maps staining them with tea bags to make them look old and authentic.

They also participated in active racing games, dancing and singing competitions. Imaginary and creative play was popular this week. This consisted of playing teachers and students and dress ups.

We also enjoyed the company of two gorgeous little girls as they collected their big sister.

Next Week's Activities 28 /5/18 - 3/6/18

Program Theme

Science Week

Goal: To investigate and explore ideas

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After Care Activities	Cooking club Passionfruit jelly	Cup and String phone	Static electricity	Beach volcano	Creating crystals

After Care Activities	Snake relay	Parachute games- colour swap	Yoga	Chase the tail	Watchball
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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0407 372 056

Coordinator: Desiree Bustos

Assistant: Carmen Bellofiore

OSHClub Customer Service and Billing Team: 1300 395 735

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS -

CSEF PAYMENTS The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you have already completed this last year there is no need to complete it again.

Please note Parent application closes on the 22nd of June 2018.

Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2018, School Banking is helping children to become Super Savers. The Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero savings headquarters and are ready to help students develop super savings skills.

There are **8 new reward items for 2018** from the Super Savers range:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Barista Basics

Introduction to the world of espresso coffee making. Learn how to prepare espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine

Days & Dates: Friday 1st June - 13th July 2018 , Fridays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Duration: 7 sessions

Location: Merrilands Community Centre

Cost: Concession & Full: \$45, Fee for Service: \$389+ Service & Amenities Fee

Please ring the PRACE office on 9462 6077 or see our website www.prace.vic.edu.au

Thomastown West Community Hub

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TERM 2 2018

Day	Time	Program
Monday	3:30 – 4:30	Club EAL (TWPS students only)
Tuesday	4:00 – 6:00	Refugee Support Group Conversational English Class
Wednesday	9:00 – 1.30	Learn English (PRACE) Conversation Class
	1:30 – 2:15	Board Games @ the Hub
	3:30 – 5:00	Homework Club @ the Hub
Thursday	3:00 – 4:30	Cool Learning Club (TWPS students only)

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