

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	24 Apr	Staff Professional Practice Planning Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Tues	25 Apr	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Wed	26 Apr	First Day of Term 2: <i>Arrive on time, ready to learn at quarter to nine!</i>
Thu	4 May	SCHOOL PHOTOS: Order online!
Mon Fri	8-12 May	Dental Van Visit
Tue	13 June	Curriculum Day 3 <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Thu	14 Sept	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>Students only attend school at the time of their conference meeting.</i>
Mon	6 Nov	**NEW** In 2023 students attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

No.10 6th April 2023

From the Principal Team

It's hard to believe that Term 1 is over. We have had a fabulous start to 2023 and it has been great seeing children at all levels so engaged in their learning. Mr Crotti and I would like to express our appreciation to our amazing staff for their hard work and dedication this term.

Thank you immensely to our parents and carers who have supported student learning and wellbeing this term, especially our Fundraising Team who organised the Hot Cross Bun drive and Easter Egg raffle. **When schools and families work together, children can become more engaged with their school work, achieve better academically, stay in school longer and develop better social skills.** Effective partnerships enrich wellbeing, achievement and engagement by focusing on student needs.

A BIG thank you to our families, teachers and students for your organisation and making our Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences a success. When speaking with parents and carers, they have expressed glowing praise for their children in their efforts and just how proud they were. We too are very proud of our students. **A job well done!**

Our Prep children have now finished their first term at school and what an incredible job they are doing. Preps quickly settled into school life with relative ease, our local pre-school teachers should be very proud of how well they have prepared the children for school life.

2024 Prep enrolments will be opened at the beginning of next term. If you have a child (or know a child) who will turn 5 before April 30 next year, please access our enrolment documents on our web page for further information. **School Tours will be hosted next term. Please contact the school for further information on 9465 4317.**

Room 15 UPDATE

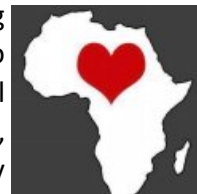


It is with great pleasure that we can (finally) announce that the lovely Miss Najah Halabi will remain Room 15's classroom teacher for the remainder of the year!

Congratulations Najah!

Mrs Young's Long Service Leave

You may have heard... I am finally able to take my overseas trip to Africa (Yay!). My long service leave begins on Friday 5th May 2023 and then I return day one Term 3. While I will absolutely miss you all, this is a long overdue break to refresh, relax and recharge. I cannot believe my last holiday was 2013. Mr Young and I are looking forward to visiting Uganda, Zanzibar and South Africa, participating in MANY safaris in Kruger National Park. While I am in Africa, a new Acting Principal will be joining our school to support Mr Crotti and the TWPS staff. I will share details about this fabulous person, when I learn who it is after the holiday break.



Mr Crotti and I offer our very best wishes to the whole school community for a safe, and peaceful holiday break. It will be a good opportunity for all of us to have time with family, and to recharge and rejuvenate. **School resumes on Wednesday, April 26 at 8:45am.**

Education is Powerful, Student Agency Matters, Teachers Make a Difference and Every Day of Learning Counts!

Sandi Young
Principal

James Crotti
Assistant Principal

Who has joined Class Dojo 2023?



Are you missing out?



Teachers at TWPS use Class Dojo to communicate with you and can share your child's learning and wellbeing successes with you.

Parents can also use Class Dojo to reward their children with Dojo reward points

The great thing about Class Dojo is that it offers a two-way message service.

You can easily send a message or reply back to the teacher with a quick message.

(Compass is only one-way communication. That is, from TWPS to the parents and carers).

Room	CONNECTED TO CLASS DOJO	Not Connected yet 😞	Room	CONNECTED TO CLASS DOJO	Not Connected yet 😞
Room 2	79%	4 FAMILIES	Room 11	75%	5 FAMILIES
Room 3	95%	1 FAMILY	Room 12	70%	6 FAMILIES
Room 4	91%	2 FAMILIES	Room 15	91%	2 FAMILIES
Room 5	95%	1 FAMILY	Room 16	69%	7 FAMILIES
Room 6	96%	1 FAMILY	Room 17	69%	7 FAMILIES
Room 9	95%	1 FAMILY	Room 18	66%	8 FAMILIES
Room 10	90%	2 FAMILIES			



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL HATS WHEN OUTSIDE UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.

If your child has lost their hat, they can be purchased at the office for \$14.

We are a SunSmart School!

The SunSmart program is dedicated to reducing skin cancer incidence, illness and mortality through a targeted prevention and early detection program.

The objectives of the SunSmart Program is:

1. Improve and monitor skin cancer prevention awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour
2. Support priority populations to detect cancers earlier.
3. Advocate for strategies that aim to reduce the health and economic burdens of skin cancer.

Thomastown West Primary School recommends that from September 1st to end of April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, students come to school wearing sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- **a wide brim hat/ bucket or legionnaire style hat to be worn in September 1st to the end of April.**








For the best protection use all five forms of sun protection-clothing, sunscreen, a broad brim hat, shade and sunglasses-when the UV is 3 and above.

For more information on how to be SunSmart, click on the link below.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>



Thomastown West Primary School compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Season		Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Polo Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve Short sleeve Red in colour With or without TWPS logo No alternative logos are to be visible 		With or without TWPS logo
All year round	Shorts/Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy shorts Navy pants No alternative logos are to be visible 		Tights are to only be worn under shorts or dressed, not as pants
Summer	Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checked dress (as in image only) Tights and skivvies can be worn underneath for modesty purposes. White, blue tights and skivvies are to be worn. 		In winter white, red, navy skivvies can be worn underneath In winter navy tights can be worn under dresses
All year round	Jumper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red pullover fleece with or without TWPS logo TWPS bomber jacket is navy blue. 		
All year round	Hijab or Turbans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy or red material with no decoration or brand name 		
All year round. Compulsory Term 1 and Term 4	Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name Navy legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name 		Hats are available for sale at the TWPS front office
All year round	Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue, white, red 'scrunchies' and ribbons are permitted Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour 		





School Photos

**School Photos will be taken
TERM 2 Week 2 Thursday 4th May.**

**Students are expected to wear full school
uniform on 4th May during the photos.**

**Parents and Carers submit their
orders **ONLINE****

including Sibling photos.
(We no longer send home notices)

www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au

LOGIN using CODE: ESP202515

or call: 9570 9311

Lalor District Athletics Carnival

Well done to all students who competed in the Lalor District Athletics Carnival. It was a beautiful sunny day and we all had a great time.



ASSEMBLIES

2:30pm Fridays

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BASKET BALL COURT	TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building
Friday 17th February <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friday 10th February <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Friday 3rd March <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friday 24th February <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Friday 17th March *SRC and Student Voice Badges presented*	Friday 10th March <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Friday 31st March <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friday 24th March <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 6th April at 12pm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Our Grade 1/2 students had a go at playing the cello this week.



100% Attendance Term 1

Congratulations to the following students who have had 100% attendance for term 1.

Hussain Rm 17	Alex Rm 17	Albraa Rm 10	Blake Rm 10	Aala Rm 15
Waverly Rm 15	Rueben Rm 15	Eric Rm 18	Dalia Rm 15	Otto Rm 10
Andy Rm 4	Robbie Rm 4	Jayden Rm 2	Aieshe Rm 2	Adem Rm 5
Wafa Rm 12	Raika Rm 2	Alie Rm 15	Baria Rm 10	



Attendance
Matters




EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 1 Week 11 Student Attendance Report

As part of the Department of Education *Every Day Counts* initiative, schools report attendance in percentages. **The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a school student.**

The percentages in the table below indicates the average attendance for each class for this week.

The shaded boxes below indicate which classroom has the highest level of attendance for their year level.

Prep	Last Week	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
Room 2	76%	83%	Room 9	93%	87%
Room 3	78%	81%	Room 10	87%	86%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	79%	83%
Room 4	79%	 89%	Room 12	79%	85%
Room 5	79%	77%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	77%	85%	Room 15	91%	85%
			Room 16	78%	81%
			Room 17	89%	81%
			Room 18	83%	80%

EVERY DAY OF LEARNING REALLY DOES COUNT!

At TWPS we want every child to achieve their full potential and we know that parents share this goal. There is a clear link between good attendance and educational achievement. If your child is not in school, on time, as often as possible they will be missing out on many important parts of their education.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

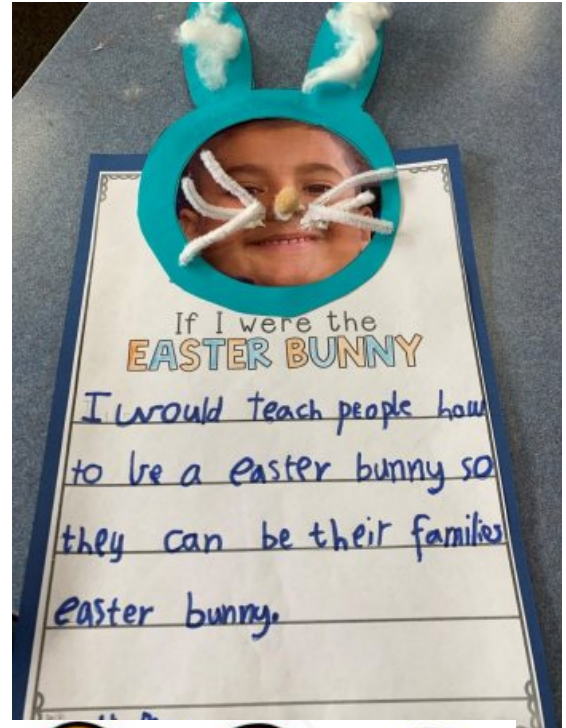
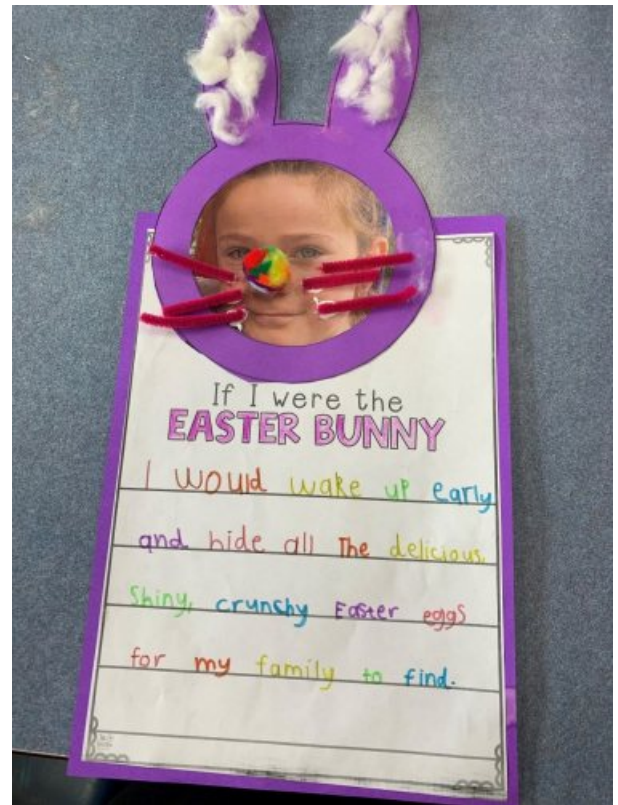
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day...

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress.	

EASTER EGG RAFFLE



Room 6 Easter writing



EASTER EGG RAFFLE



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ THE HUB



THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM April 2023



**Sports Day:
Soccer
Thursday 13 April**

10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)
**PLAY SOCCER WITH A FOOTBALL
VICTORIA COACH**
PREP - GRADE 4



**Art Studio: Day 1
Monday 17 April**

10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)
MAGICAL ART AND CRAFT FUN

**Art Studio: Day 2
Tuesday 18 April**

10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)
MAGICAL ART AND CRAFT FUN



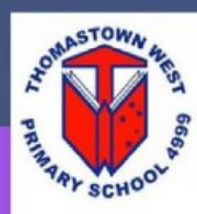
**Slime Making Day
Thursday 20 April**

10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)
JOIN US TO MAKE SLIME



These events are FREE. Please return the consent forms sent home to register.

For more information contact Ruvee :
twch@whittleseacc.org.au / (03) 9401 6666



Happy Retirement

Wishing Heather, Nadine and Christine all the very best on their retirement.
We look forward to hearing about your future adventures.



Thomastown West Primary Easter Raffle & Hot Cross bun Fundraiser

Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Carers who purchased hot cross buns, brought in an Easter egg or purchased a raffle ticket. We will have a final tally of how much we raised in the Term 2 Newsletter.

Thank you to the lovely parent volunteers who helped wrap the Easter hampers and pack the easter eggs, your help is mostly appreciated.

THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS



OPEN!

2023

TERM 1				
JANUARY	Tues 24th 10am - 3pm	Wed 25th 10am - 3pm	Fri 27th 10am - 3pm	Mon 30th 10am - 3pm
FEBRUARY	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 14th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 28th 1pm - 4pm
MARCH	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 14th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 28th 1pm - 4pm
APRIL	Tues 4th 1pm - 4pm			
TERM 2				
MAY	Tues 2nd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 30th 1pm - 4pm	
JUNE	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm			





CCS
eligible!

Don't miss out!

April School Holiday Programs
at Thomastown West
Primary School

Join in the holiday FUN from
Tuesday 11th April - Friday 21st April



**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
ARE FAMILY DAYS!**



EASTER

Get EGG-cited everyone! Today will be a basket of fun as we hop around on an EGG-stra special egg hunt, play some EGG-cellent games, make eggs fly and create our own Easter bunny pet! It's gonna be a hoppin' good time!

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



SOVEREIGN HILL

We're taking a trip back in time when GOLD was discovered! Learn more about what life was like back in the days with no internet, pan for gold and if you're lucky... You can take your winnings home!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 base fee + \$30 experience fee



THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

We'll grab the popcorn and you grab a seat! We're watching Mario on the big screen as he travels through an underground labyrinth with his brother, Luigi, trying to save a captured princess.

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THE FAST & THE CURIOUS

Make sure your fuel tanks full (of energy) - we need your master minds to design the car of the future! We'll 'Pit Stop' for lunch to refuel before experimenting with different ways to power your car before they wave the checked flag!

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee

See the full program schedule & learn more on our website:
kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

Program	Session Times	Session Fees	After Max CCS
School Holiday Care	7:00am - 6:00pm	Base fee per child \$87.50 Experience fee per child \$30	Pay as little as \$13.13
Late Collection Fees May Apply		\$1 per minute	

All of our programs are eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Enrol now!

Visit kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

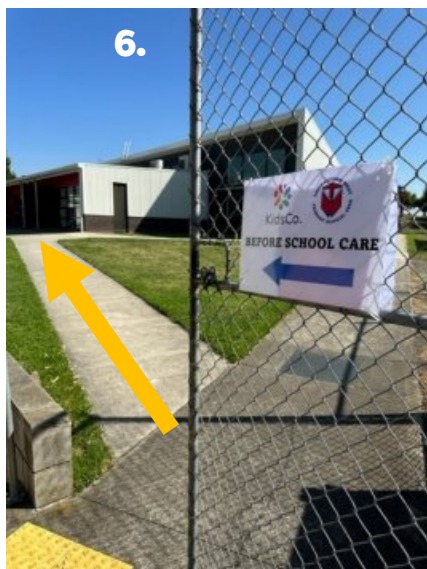
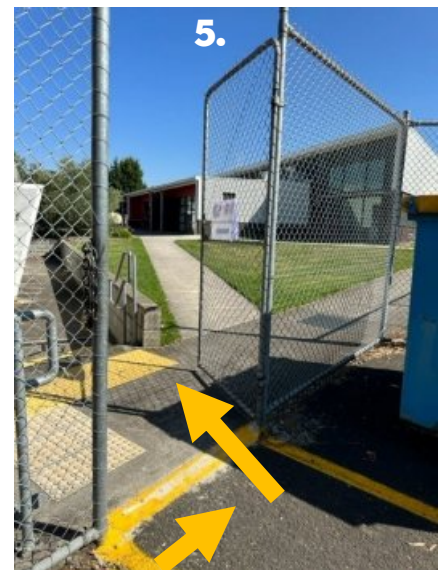
Need a hand?

Email OSHC@kidsco.net.au or Call 1300 976 304



KidsCo.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am



April School Holiday Bookings are now OPEN!

From only \$13.13 a day after maximum childcare subsidy!



Here's a sneak peek of what's on!

See the full schedule: www.kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

WEEK 1	MON 10/4	TUE 11/4	WED 12/4	THU 13/4	FRI 14/4
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	IN CENTRE	EXCURSION	EXCURSION	IN CENTRE
					
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Call 1300 976 304 now!

How to Enrol

Simply visit our website to enrol your child and activate your Xplor account!

A member of our team will call you once your enrolment is active and we will help you make bookings and answer any questions you may have!

Already enrolled? Book now on the Xplor Home app!



Thomastown West Primary School,
98-112 Main St,
Thomastown VIC 3074



1300 976 304



kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

Parent Code of Conduct at Thomastown West PS

A code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors, ensures that communications with our staff or anyone who visits our school site (including an online environment, such as Zoom, Class Dojo, our School Facebook page and emails) is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner. This ensures that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to inappropriate, aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

At Thomastown West Primary School we believe the following:

- ✓ We all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible.
- ✓ We all have the right to feel comfortable and safe.



We have 5 key school VALUES which we encourage everyone to *live* by our school values:

Respect **Responsibility** **Resilience** **Empathy** and **Strive to be our best**

We teach the children that:

- ✓ *Values guide the way we think, speak and behave.*
- ✓ *Values help us to decide what is right and what is wrong.*

At Thomastown West Primary School, Parents and visitors are expected to:

- ✓ Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- ✓ Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- ✓ Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- ✓ Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- ✓ Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures.
- ✓ Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

Under no circumstance are parents to approach another student or parent regarding any incidents or issues.

Your co-operation is sought in maintaining a safe and happy school.



This updated Parent Code of Conduct was approved by TWPS School Council in October 2021.

Invitation to join Walking Thomastown's

Magical Dress Up Parade

Dress Up in a magical costume and join the parade!

Please note, all children must be accompanied by a carer (16+)

Friday 5th May

@ Thomastown Library & Community Centre

52 Main St, Thomastown

3.30pm Magic Party Starts

Join us for wand & lantern making, music and snacks

4.30pm Magic Show for Kids

5.30pm Parade Commences

A dress up parade (magic themed) for the whole family!

*Departs from Thomastown Library (front) at 5.30pm and arrives at
Thomastown Recreation Reserve at 6.00pm*

6.00pm- 9.00pm Walking Thomastown

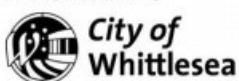
From Main St Recreation Reserve- Playground to Ziebels Farmhouse

Experience the Magical Journey!

Night Walk - Glow in the Dark Art - Light Up Performances - Food Trucks

For further information please contact Thomastown Neighbourhood House
phone: 0488 224 439 or email: manager@tnh.org.au

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Friday 5th May, 2023



Picture: Thomastown Primary Students dressed as "Fireflies" for the 2022 Walking Thomastown Parade.

About Walking Thomastown Fri 5th May, 6pm- 9pm

Walking Thomastown is a very special light up, night -time arts event, which will take place on Friday 5th May, 2023. Produced by the City of Whittlesea and TPAG (Thomastown Precinct Activation Group), this exciting annual event features performances by local community groups, professional light up street theatre performers, musicians, fire twirlers, food trucks and glow in the dark visual arts exhibitions. It takes place on the Thomastown Main St Recreation Reserve, surrounding walking paths and includes key landmarks like TRAC, Zeibel's Farm House and the Historical Lutheran Church. The whole community is invited to attend and it is recommended that you bring a torch, snacks, water and a sense of adventure! Please note, children must be accompanied by a carer (16+) at all times

Invitation to join the Magical Dress Up Parade 5.30pm, Friday 5th May @ Thomastown Library

Walking Thomastown 2023 will open with a **Magical Dress Up Parade**, departing from the front of the Thomastown Library, 52 Main St, Thomastown at 5.30pm. The whole community is invited to join the parade and dress in magical costumes! When everyone is assembled in front of the Thomastown Library, we will be joined by a team of amazing professional light up street theatre performers who will lead the parade to the Main St

Recreation Reserve where Walking Thomastown will commence at 6pm. Please note, all children participating in the parade must be accompanied by a carer (16+)



Light up stilt walkers at the 2022 Walking Thomastown Opening Parade

**After School Magic Party and Magic Show @Thomastown Library
3.30pm- 5.30pm, Friday 5th May**

Children and their families are invited to arrive early at the Thomastown Library to prepare for the parade and to join the Magic Party! Please note, all children must be accompanied by carers (16+). Afternoon Tea will be provided and we welcome everyone to join the magical party with wand and lantern making workshops, dancing, games and a FREE MAGIC SHOW! Please see the Magic Party Schedule as follows:

3.30pm Magic Party Starts
4.30pm FREE MAGIC SHOW
5.30pm Dress Up Parade Commences
6- 9pm Walking Thomastown

**2023 Walking Thomastown Theme:
WALKING THOMASTOWN VIDEO LINK:**

Please click on the following link to see footage of the Parade from Walking Thomastown 2022:

<https://youtu.be/8oLBPswrJjs>

Further information:

If you would like further information on the Magical Dress Up Parade or the After School Magic Party, please contact:

Thomastown Neighbourhood House
Liz Skitch (TNH Manager)
Ph: 0488 224 439
manager@tnh.org.au