

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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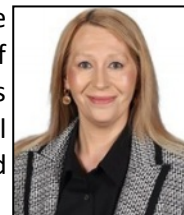
2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

No.12 5th May 2023

Mon - Fri	8 -11 May	Dental Van onsite visiting TWPS
Fri	12 May	P-2 Mother's day afternoon tea @2.30pm
Mon	15 May	Monday Muster: 3:15pm – 4:30pm Families are invited into their child's classroom for children to share their learning .
Tues	16 May	Education Week OPEN MORNING 9am – 10am Parents and Carers are invited into their child's classroom to participate in the regular learning program.
Tues	16 May	School Council Meeting: 6:30pm VISITORS WELCOME! Annual Report being presented.
Wed - Fri	17-19 May	FREE Grade 3/4 Camp: Candlebark Farm
Thur	25	Prep Aquarium Excursion
Mon	29 May	Year 5/6 CERES Excursion
Mon	5 June	Monday Muster: 3:15pm – 4:30pm Parents are invited into their child's classroom from 3:15pm – 4:30pm.
Tue	6 June	Room 16 Attending QUANTUM excursion
Wed	7 June	Room 6 attending Quantum excursion Room 18 Attending QUANTUM excursion
Mon	12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday Students do not attend school
Tues	13 June	Curriculum Day Students do not attend school
Mon	19 June	Room 4 attending Quantum excursion Room 17 Attending QUANTUM excursion
Tues	20 June	School Council: 6:30pm
Wed	21 June	Room 5 attending Quantum excursion Room 15 Attending QUANTUM excursion
Wed	21 June	Semester 1 Student Reports are available to Parents and Carers via Compass
Fri	23 June	Last Day Term 2 Whole School Assembly: 12:00pm Students dismissed at 1:15pm
Mon	6 Nov	**NEW** In 2023 students are expected to attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

From the Assistant Principal

Teresa Marnik is our new Acting Principal for the rest of the term. She has come in for a school tour and got to meet many of our staff and students. We are all very glad to know that she will be here for us while Sandi is on long service leave for the rest of the term. Her first full day at the school was today and Teresa was at our school assembly, as well as available before and after school to say hello.



State MP visit

Our local Member of Parliament, Bronwyn Halfpenny, came to visit our school on Monday morning. The visit began with a tour of the school, during which the MP had the opportunity to meet with students and teachers. She was very impressed at our students' and teachers' work and learning. We showed her all the great things that have been built in our school since her last visit a few years ago, including our new shade sails and the giant shelter over the basketball court. The visit was a great success and provided a valuable opportunity for the school community to engage with a local political representative. Picture on the following page.

Monday Muster

Families are invited into your child's classroom for children to share their learning with their Parents or Carers. Classrooms will be opened from 3.15pm to 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you and viewing your child/children's work.

Breakfast Club

Students are welcome to access Foodbank supplied food with Miss G, our Student Welfare Officer, on the basketball court. She is available with various foods for breakfast for any students who haven't eaten from 8:30am every day. She often has apples, muesli bars and milk among other yummy healthy options ready for those who need it.

Carpark

The car park is for staff of our school and Thomastown Secondary School. For the safety of students, please do not park there. It is only available to families utilising KidsCo before or after school hours. This is for the safety of all students and families.





Have a great weekend

James Crotti

Assistant Principal

TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES

2:30pm Fridays

Parents and Carers are invited to our weekly assemblies

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BASKET BALL COURT	TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday 5 th May 2:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 12 th May 2:30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 19 th May 2:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 26 th May 2:30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 2 nd June 2:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 9 th June 2:30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 16 th June 2:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 23 rd June 2:30pm

Stars of the Week

Term 2- Week 1

Ozgun	2	For trying his best with all his learning tasks and asking for help when he needs.
Elexzyo	3	For showing resilience during PMP and not giving up when learning how to skip.
Jenna	4	For making an excellent start to the term and working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
Emma	5	For showing respect to the active speaker during learning tasks and class discussion.
Advika	6	For starting Term 2 with a positive attitude and coming to school ready to learn.
Kendrick	9	For striving to be his best in reading and using the clues to find the main idea in the text!
Joana	10	For striving to be her best in writing including paragraphs and evidence to back up her reasons in her persuasive writing.
Muhammed Ali	11	For trying very hard with his persuasive writing this week, thinking of some good reasons why children should learn to cook.
Kreon	12	For bringing such a positive attitude to the classroom and trying his best
Julian	15	For writing a really engaging descriptive paragraph using figurative language and an interesting hook sentence!
Mason	16	For striving to be his best and presenting a great power point presentation on an inspirational leader.
Istbrq	17	For consistently showing respect and kindness towards her classmates .
Liam	18	For demonstrating resilience and working hard to complete learning tasks.
Bell		PE: For their great sportsmanship and ball skills during our handball sessions.
Kehlani (3)		ART: For taking great care when sewing her red poppy for ANZAC Day. A super effort!

Stars of the Week

Term 1 - Week 1



Stars of the Week

Term 2- Week 2

Israa	2	For being a very good listener and always trying her best in the classroom.
Liah	3	For showing empathy and checking in on her friends
Andy	4	For being a confident and independent worker who always completes all work to the best of his ability. Well done!
Adem	5	For independently working on his Leafman writing using the power of 3, onomatopoeia and descriptive language.
Ibrahim	6	For showing Resilience during writing sessions and focusing on using finger spaces.
Mariam	9	By always displaying respect towards her teachers and peers.
Mahdi	10	For striving to do his best to live the school values and improve his reading. Keep going Mahdi!
Yasmin	12	For her fantastic work on her persuasive writing and seeking ways to Improve her sentences .
Baneen	15	For always contributing to class discussions and building on new ideas and insights!
Marcus	16	For always displaying respect towards his teachers and peers.
Viva	17	By completing a wonderful piece of writing relating to protecting the planet.
Yousef	18	For demonstrating respect towards his teachers and classmates.
Lydia		PE: For their great sportsmanship and ball skills during our handball sessions.
Taliyah (5)		ART: For always taking great pride in the artworks she creates! A fantastic
Mason		MUSIC: For working so hard and achieving amazing progress on the keyboard as well as the bass guitar this year. Congratulations on your SUPER effort Mason!

Stars of the Week

Term 1 - Week 2




EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 2 Week 2 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 of Term	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week of Term	This Week
Room 2	89%	93%	Room 9	91%	86%
Room 3	81%	88%	Room 10	93%	91%
Year 1/2	Last Week of Term	This Week	Room 11	82%	91%
Room 4	95%	 96%	Room 12	80%	83%
Room 5	87%	88%	Year 5/6	Last Week of Term	This Week
Room 6	90%	83%	Room 15	92%	92%
			Room 16	84%	92%
			Room 17	93%	94%
			Room 18	90%	94%

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.	



TOP DOJO EARNERS

Term 2 Week 2

Congratulations to **Room 9** with 483 Dojo Points

You are the class with the highest number of Dojo points this week!

Prep	Kehlani 9 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Yazan 10 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Moyad 29 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Japjyot 29 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Moyad & Japjyot 29 Dojo Points

Thomastown West Primary Mothers day Stall

The fundraising committee will be having the Mothers Day stall from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th May. Gifts will range from \$2.00 to \$10.00. *(Unless sold out)*

Brochure is on the following page.





2023 Mothers Day Stall

The annual TWPS Mothers day Stall will be held on Tuesday 9th May to the 11th May. (*Unless sold out*) Gifts will range **from \$2.00 to \$10.00.**

We thank you again for your continuous support.



Air freshner \$2.00



Mobile Phone POP Holder
\$3.00



Heart Cookie Cutter
\$3.00



Heart Shaped key ring
for Gran \$4.00



Mum & Gran
shopping list \$4.00



Stationary Desk Set
\$6.00



Mum's Colouring Book
\$6.00



Microfibre Hair Towel
\$6.00



Flip Mirror \$6.00



Brekkie on the run cup
\$8.00



Family Frame
\$8.00










Bowl & Plate set
\$10.00



Love you XO Set
\$10.00



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 		

DO YOU MISS BREAKFAST CLUB? ENROL NOW AT KIDSCO'S BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Enjoy FUN games, food and activities with
your friends before and after school!



"Engaging activities and fabulous with my
child who never wants to leave her mum!"

-KidsCo Mum



BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

from

\$3

after max Childcare Subsidy
7:00am - 8:30am

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

from

\$3.75

after max Childcare Subsidy
3:15pm - 6:15pm

**GET
STARTED**

HERE

kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

ALREADY ENROLLED?

Book now on the Xplor Home App
or email OSHC@kidsco.net.au

THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 2, 2023

Monday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
STRATEGIC BOARD
GAMES

3:15pm – 4:30 pm
HOMEWORK CLUB



Tuesday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
VALUES: **NEW** YOUNG VOICES
IN MEDIA

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
ART CLUB



Wednesday

9:30 am – 2:00 pm
LEARN ENGLISH
(bookings essential)
Call PRACE 9462 6077



Thursday

10:50 am – 11:20 am
MATHS CLUB

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
STEAMING – food science



WCC is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We recognise the importance and responsibility for ensuring a safe and supportive environment that respects the rights of young people, enabling them to thrive.

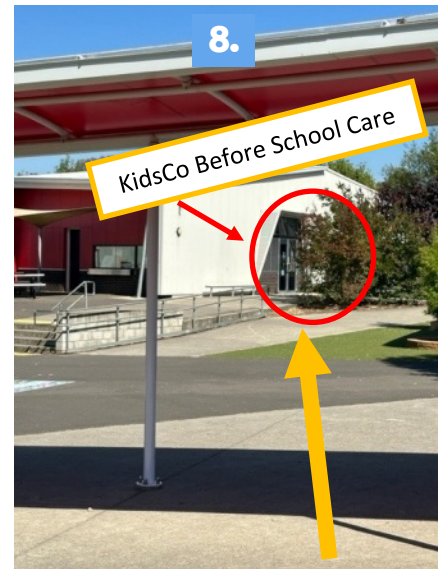
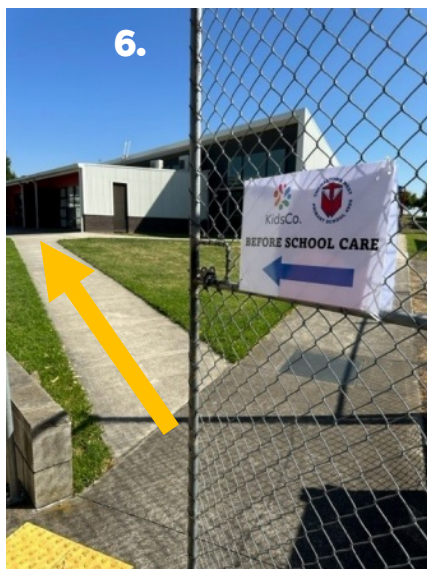
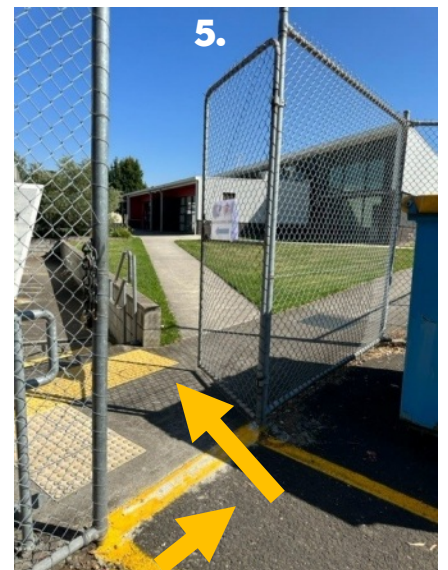
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KidsCo.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am



THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS



OPEN!

The uniform shop is opened every fortnight on Tuesdays in Term 2.
Please check the dates below. Orders can also be placed at the office.

TERM 2			
MAY	Tues 2nd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 30th 1pm - 4pm
JUNE	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm		



THOMASTOWN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2023



Online Orders:

**NEW
MENU**

Welcome to My School Connect
ORDER YOUR CHILD'S MEALS ONLINE

New to My School Connect SIMPLY REGISTER AT:

www.myschoolconnect.com.au

Hot Food

Beef burger with cheese and tomato sauce (Ha)	\$5.00
Large Beef Pie (Halal)	\$4.30
Hot Dog Beef (Halal)	\$4.20
Large Sausage Roll (Halal)	\$4.00
Twin Party Pies 2 pieces (Halal)	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets 6 pieces (Halal)	\$5.00
Pizza – Margarita (Halal)	\$3.50
Pizza – Sujuk Beef	\$4.00
Pizza Zaatar (oregano & herb)	
Chicken Tenderloins Wrap with cheese, Tomato, mayo & sweet chilli sauce	\$6.50
Ricotta Mini Pastry	\$1.60
Ricotta & Spinach Rolls	\$4.00
Extra Tomato sauce	\$0.20

Freshly Made Hot Food

Pasta- Penne Bolognese Sauce	\$6.50
Pasta- Penne Napoli Sauce	\$6.00

Drinks

Lipton Iced tea (peach or lemon)	\$4.00
Fruit Juice Box (apple or orange)	\$2.50
Chocolate and Strawberry Milk	\$3.00
Water (600ml)	\$2.50

Freshly Made Sandwiches(h)

On white bread. Gluten free bread also available upon request

Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Ham	\$3.50
Cheese, Ham, and Tomato	\$4.00
Salad (lettuce, tomato, and carrot) (v)	\$4.50
Vegemite and Cheese	\$3.00
Add to your order	
Mayo	Add \$0.50

Snacks

Banana Bread	\$3.00
Fruit Salad (seasonal fruit mix)	\$3.50
Freshly baked muffin	\$2.50

v)= vegetarian (ve)= vegan (Ha)= Halal

(h) = prepared on site by canteen staff

Note: Prices may be subject to change due to seasonal fluctuations and wholesaler price increases.

- **Every Wednesday and Friday your child can order a lunch order.**
- **Lunch orders can only be ordered via the School Connect App.**
- **Cut off time is 8.30 am**



OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

Download the free app or access www.myschoolconnect.com.au



1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Register on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

2. ADD YOUR STUDENT

And make sure that you select your school and classroom details.



3. SELECT "TOP UP"

To add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.

(Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

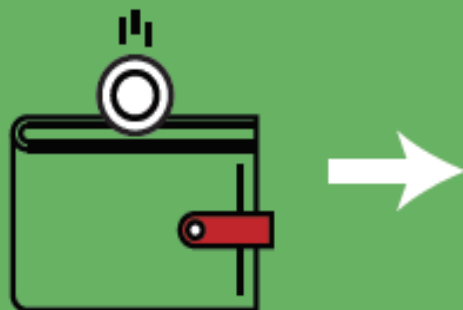


4. ORDER

To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!

5. CHECKOUT

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.



NOTE ON PAID ORDERS

Note that only paid orders will be sent to your canteen, not those still sitting in your cart. To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!



www.myschoolconnect.com.au



My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact 1300 030 915

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

*Experience the Magical Journey...
Dress up in a magical costume and join the parade!*

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:

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