

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Thur	25	Prep Aquarium Excursion
Fri	26 May	Year 1/2 Mini Beast Incursion
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
Fri	9 June	Year 3/4 Werribee Zoo 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.

No.14 19th May 2023

From the Assistant Principal

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We would like to thank families for attending the P-2 Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. We appreciate your presence and participation. A special thanks goes to the teachers for organising the event and the students for setting out snacks and writing lovely messages for their mums. The event celebrated mothers and showcased our strong school community. We value the support and look forward to future memorable moments together. See photos on page 3 & 6.

Education Week

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Monday Muster in classrooms. Your presence and support made the event truly special for our students and teachers. It was a wonderful opportunity for you to witness firsthand the incredible learning and progress of our students. We appreciate your involvement in their education and for taking the time to engage with their learning journey. Your presence and encouragement mean the world to us, and we are grateful for your continued support. Thank you for being a part of our Monday Muster and for being such amazing partners in your child's education.

Education Support Staff Day

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing teacher aides and office staff, who we recently celebrated with a delightful morning tea. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support play a crucial role in creating a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for our students. Your commitment to assisting our teachers and providing individualised attention to students is truly commendable. We appreciate your tireless efforts, enthusiasm, and the positive impact you have on our school community. The morning tea was a small token of our gratitude for the incredible work you do every day. Thank you for being an essential part of our team and for making a difference in the lives of our school.

Farewell Miss Taylor

Today we farewelled Milly Taylor who is going on Maternity leave. We wish you all the very best for the exciting new chapter in your life. Staff and students will dearly miss you.



Camp

Grade 3/4 students have had a happy and successful camp experience. They enjoyed canoeing, campfires, archery, the flying fox, and a visit to Healesville Sanctuary. The camp helped them develop teamwork, archery techniques, and a sense of adventure. They also learned about native wildlife and conservation. The students' behaviour was commendable, and the school values were upheld. Camp experiences foster personal growth and lifelong memories. The school is grateful to the organisers, instructors, and staff. Overall, it was an enriching and enjoyable camp for all the students and teachers. Photos will be posted in next weeks Newsletter.

Mothers' Day Stall

Thank you to our lovely parent volunteers, who came in for a few days in a row and ran our very successful Mothers' Day Stall. We managed to raise over \$600 for the school and I'm sure it made a lot of mums in our school community very happy with the lovely gifts from our students.

Thomastown Magic Dress Up Parade Party

I had a great time at the Magic Show and Disco Party and so did my kids, Elsa Dragon (aka Lola) and Spiderman (aka Eddie). Thank you to the Magical Liz for all her efforts, The Goddess (aka Caz) and the families from Thomastown West Primary School who helped with and/or joined in the fun evening.

From Liz and the TNH team: Unfortunately, due to bad weather, Walking Thomastown was postponed, but Thomastown Neighbourhood House worked with YPRL (Thomastown Library) to go ahead with the Magic Party and Magical Dress Up Parade. Huge thanks to all families who attended and also to TRAC for coming on board at the last minute to be a part of the wet weather plan by providing their fitness room for a Magical Disco Party! The new date for 2023's Walking Thomastown, magical light up, night time event- will be set soon! Check out the YouTube link for some fun photos <https://youtu.be/PVYQRUEPXRm>



Covid-19 2023 guidelines

As we head into the cooler months, we anticipate that there will be an increase in student illness and positive results to COVID-19. In line with Department guidelines:

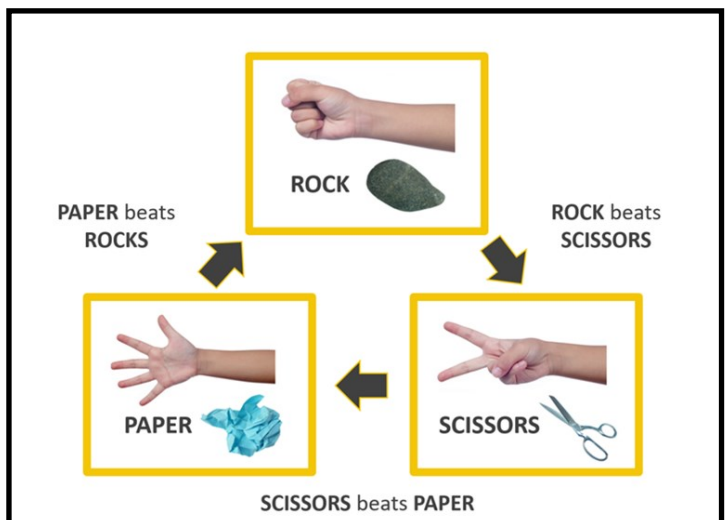
It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are continue to be used by students and staff:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.
- Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.
- Parents of students who are symptomatic should be asked to collect their child from school and to keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic.

We appreciate your support with this and we continue to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Maths Challenge

Rock. Paper. Scissors. Which is the best option? Why Play 9 rounds of rock, paper, scissors and record the results. Did you win, lose or draw more? Show Mr Crotti the results of your rounds and explain what are the chances of winning, losing or drawing and you will win a prize at assembly. What do you think would happen if you played 90 rounds?



Have a great weekend

James Crotti

Assistant Principal



Mum's
Day





Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 3

Zaya	2	For striving to be his best by being a great contributor to classroom discussions.
Reza	3	For always trying hard in the classroom.
Zarah	4	For being a bright and cheerful member of the class. She treats everyone around her with kindness and respect.
Ali	5	For enthusiastically contributing steps for our procedural writing piece.
Ariana	6	For having a go at all learning tasks when working independently, even when work is tricky.
Lucas	15	For always showing respect in the classroom and trying his best.
Noah	16	For striving to be his best in writing this week and including rich vocabulary in his narrative.
Pip	17	For a great effort with your narrative writing. Keep up the great work.
Dang	18	For consistently demonstrating respect towards his classmates and teachers. Well Done!!
Lily 6		ART: By skillfully making bubble prints and then kindly showing others how to be successful with their print-making.
Raika		Music: By being an excellent listener and trying her best when playing instruments in Music.

Stars of the Week

Term 2 - Week 3







Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 4

Jayden	2	For trying his best with all his learning tasks and writing a great factual piece on the octopus.
Zara	3	For working to improve her reading.
Amanaat	4	For becoming a more independent and confident worker who is willing to have a go. Well done Amanaat!
Emaan	5	For striving to do her best by demonstrating her knowledge of her double facts up to 10.
Leon	6	For working independently within the classroom and staying focused. Well Done Leon!
Mireille	9	For living the school values at all times while the remaining 3/4 students were at camp. Well done, Mireille.
Baria K	10	For living the school values at all times while the remaining 3/4 students were at camp. Well done, Baria.
Philo A	11	For living the school values at all times while the remaining 3/4 students were at camp. Well done, Philo.
Raphael	12	For living the school values at all times while the remaining 3/4 students were at camp. Well done, Raphael.
Ahmad	15	For his fantastic work on his narrative writing and seeking ways to Improve his work!
Deniz	16	For consistently demonstrating the value of respect when talking to his teachers and peers. Well done Deniz.
Abdullah	17	For giving things a go and striving to be your best. Keep it up.
Eric	18	For striving to do his best and demonstrating a positive mindset towards all his learning tasks. Well Done!!
Cyrus 10		ART: By being a very focussed art learner. Congratulations Cyrus on creating a stunning African silhouette. You can be really proud of your efforts!
Mikaela		MUSIC: By trying her hardest in Music and showing excellent skills on the drums. Well done!

Stars of the Week

Term 2 - Week 4



Every day of Learning Counts

Term 2 Week 4 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	87%	86%	Room 9	82%	90%
Room 3	90%	84%	Room 10	76%	88%
Year 1/2	Last Week of Term	This Week	Room 11	80%	81%
Room 4	78%	79%	Room 12	88%	94%
Room 5	84%	76%	Year 5/6	Last Week of Term	This Week
Room 6	71%	76%	Room 15	78%	88%
			Room 16	80%	88%
			Room 17	91%	82%
			Room 18	83%	82%

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

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 4

Congratulations to **Room 17** with 170 Dojo Points

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

Prep	Divyata 8 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Taliyah 9 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Steven 5 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Amer 10 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Amer 10 Dojo Points








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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday 12 th May 2:30pm
<input checked="" 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

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.

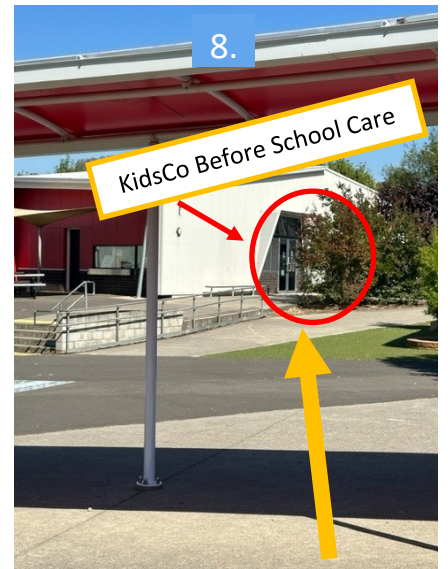
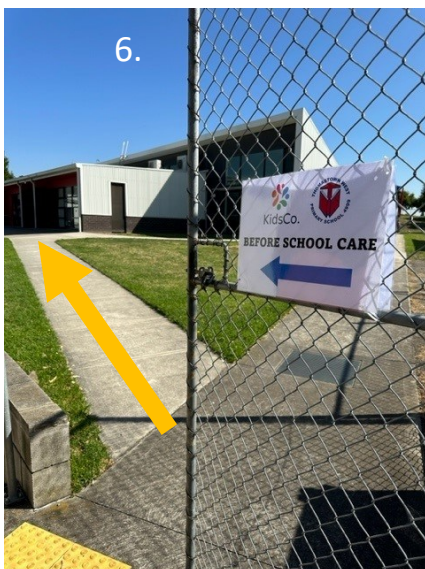
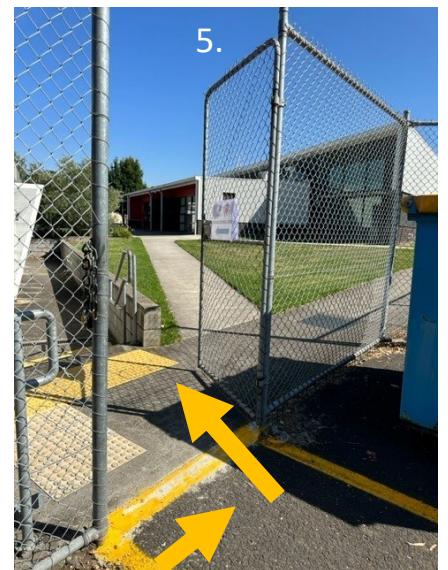
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KidsCo.

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)

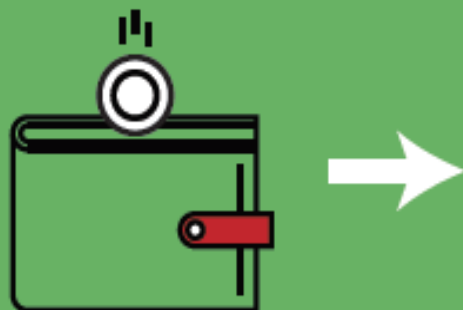


4. ORDER

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.