

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	29 May	Year 5/6 CERES Excursion
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	Monday Muster: 3:15pm – 4:30pm Parents are invited into their child's classroom from 3:15pm – 4:30pm.
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.15 26th May 2023

From the Acting Principal

I would like to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful work that has occurred across the school this week. We are mid-way through the term and our students are focused on their learning. Our teachers are working hard to complete assessments to inform our upcoming reports and plan for the needs of their students. We had our wonderful year prep students attend their first excursion to the Aquarium and by all accounts it was a success. Our prep teachers received lovely feedback from the staff at the Aquarium for their behaviour and the way they represented TWPS. This is a credit to our amazing prep students and our staff. A special thank you to our parent volunteers.



Today we acknowledge National Sorry Day and we move into National Reconciliation Week from 27th May until the 3rd June. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Cold and Flu Season

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- ✓ take a COVID-19 test and follow the current Department of Health isolation requirements if a positive result is shown.
- ✓ keep your child at home until their symptoms pass. Common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired.

2024 Prep Enrolment

Finally, just a reminder to families, if you have a pre-schooler who is entering Prep in 2024, please contact the office to obtain an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) and submit it by 28 July 2023. You will be notified of the outcome of your application by Friday 11 August 2023. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by Friday 25 August 2023.

Teresa Marnik

Acting Principal

On behalf of our campers and their families, Mrs Marnik and Mr Crotti would like to sincerely thank the TWPS staff and parent volunteer who attended our Grade 3/4 Candlebark farm, Healesville camp.

It is because of their enthusiasm, personal time away from their own family, willingness to support and care for our students and the sleepless nights, we have such an engaging and successful camping program.



3/4 Candlebark farm, Healesville Camp




Every day of Learning Counts

Term 2 Week 5 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	86%	64%	Room 9	90%	74%
Room 3	84%	87%	Room 10	88%	79%
Year 1/2	Last Week of Term	This Week	Room 11	81%	70%
Room 4	79%	 93%	Room 12	94%	71%
Room 5	76%	80%	Year 5/6	Last Week of Term	This Week
Room 6	76%	82%	Room 15	88%	90%
			Room 16	88%	81%
			Room 17	82%	82%
			Room 18	82%	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?

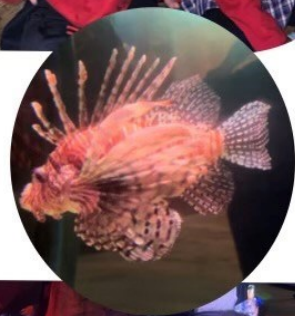
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve

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.	

PREP EXCURSION

SEA★LIFE

Melbourne





Top Dojo Earners

Term 2 Week 5

Congratulations to **Room 9** with 365 Dojo Points

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

Prep	Issra 4 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Joyce & Ayva 8 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Liam 27 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Waverly 7 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Liam M 27 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
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<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 		

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.

For further information, please contact Ruvee:
P: (03) 9401 6666 | E:twch@whittleseacc.org.au



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



Ready for the holidays?

Winter School Holiday Programs
at Thomastown West Primary School

Join in the holiday FUN from
Monday 26th June - Friday 7th July

CCS
eligible!



LEGO MASTERS

Are you a Lego Master? You don't quite know?.. No probs, Lego! Let's get stuck into challenges that will really put your engineering skills to the test! We'll make a Lego photo frame and a lego version of YOU!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fee



GAME ON

Players are you ready? POWER UP for the KidsCo Arcade! Create our own pinball machine and play life-size pac-man. It's sure to be a bonus round of FUN!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fee



WACKY WEDNESDAY

Are you ready to be Wacky? Welcome to the world of doing everything backwards, experimenting with food and joining in on a crazy hair day. Do you have what it takes to be Wacky?

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



NINJA WARRIORS

First, we enter the 'art zone' to create your own Ninja headbands. Then it's time to get serious - test our agility & strength as we crawl, balance, hang and jump through the Ninja Warrior course, will you make it all the way?

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fee



MAD SCIENCE

Calling all nutty professors in the making, it's time for some spectacular science FUN! So get ready for your brain to be bursting with ideas and full of excitement for the most epic experiments ever! This day will surely blow your minds!

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



SURVIVOR

You have been chosen! Will you be the Survivor? Get ready to test your mind and body over a series of challenges before the tribe has spoken! Outwit, outplay, outlast!

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Welcome to the world of spectacular sports! Build your own Football or Air Hockey to take home with you! Learn how your lungs work, and partake in the KidsCo Olympics!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fee



PICASSO DAY

Today we will be exploring the world of imagination, drop your pens and pencils and pick up a paintbrush, lets explore Picasso's world by creating abstract art and paintings, as well as exploring the world of clay and endless possibilities.

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



ELEMENTAL

It's time to explore and discover the elements that make our world so amazing! Do opposites react or attract? PLUS an adventure to the cinemas to watch the new movie Elemental!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fee



SPACE ACADEMY

Welcome to KidsCo Space Academy! Travel to the intergalactic space station. But first, you must learn how to engineer a rocket ship, survive a meteor shower and navigate the stars! This journey will be out of this world!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fee

Already enrolled? Book now on the Xplor Home App
or enrol online for free!

Enrol now!

Visit kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

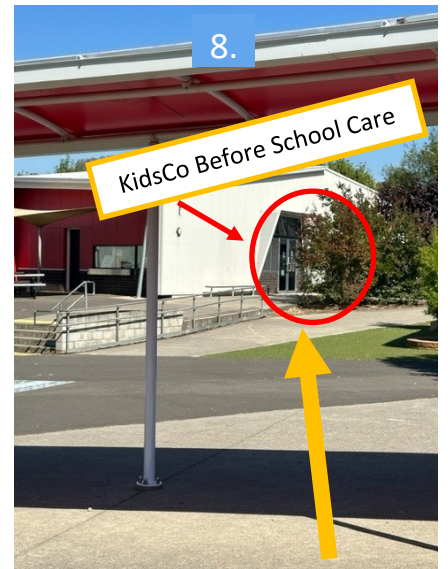
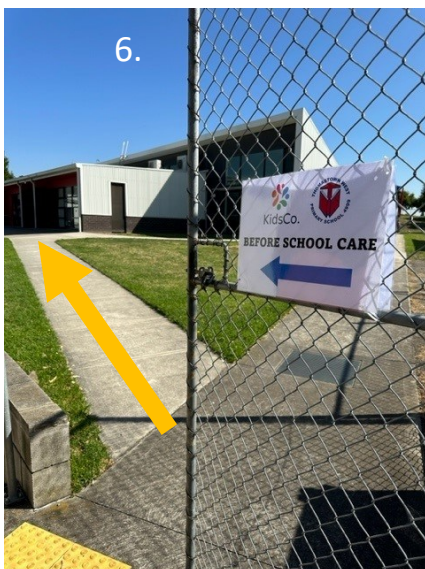
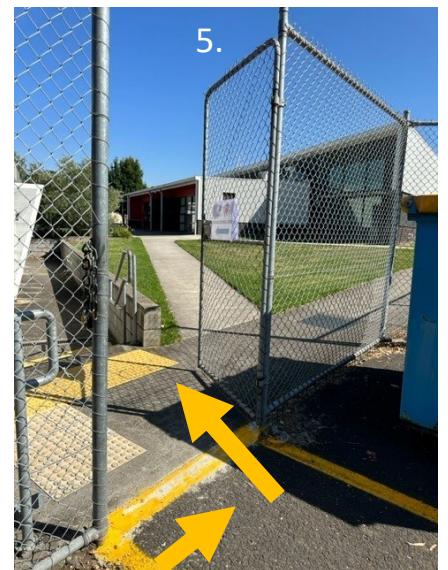
Need a hand?

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



KidsCo.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am



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)

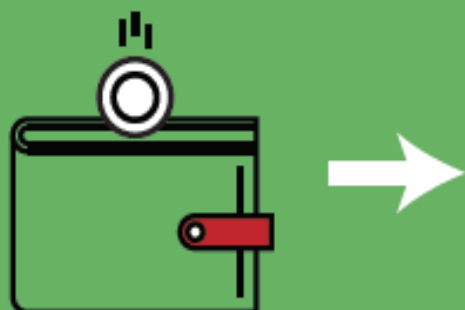


4. ORDER

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:

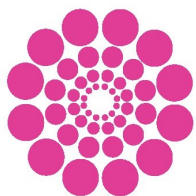
- ✓ Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- ✓ Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- ✓ Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- ✓ Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- ✓ Discuss issues 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.



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

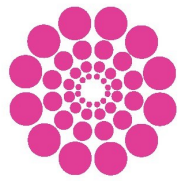
Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
JUNE OPEN DAY



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

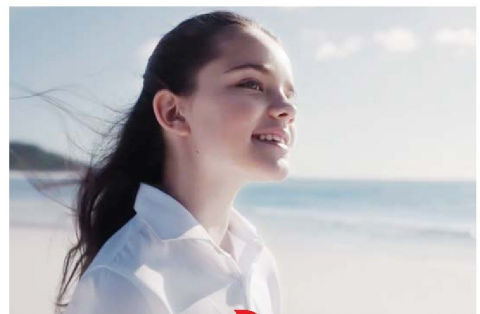


An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. We are proud to have represented Qantas for 25 years in the iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns and at hundreds of live events.

Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarrville.



QANTAS

JOIN US AT OUR **JUNE** OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

