Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Tue	6 June	Room 18 Attending QUANTUM excursion
Wed	7 June	Room 6 attending Quantum excursion Room 16 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.

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From the Assistant Principal

Teachers are amazing

I'd like to start with thanking the teachers for their extra level of hard work recently, including assessing students and writing reports, organising excursions, participating in Professional Learning Communities, and of course teaching classes expertly. Their dedication, resilience, and passion is appreciated, as they create inclusive learning environments and serve as mentors and role models for students, whilst completing all these things and looking after their families and themselves. We are very lucky to have incredible teachers here at Thomastown West Primary School.

There is no recipe to be a great teacher, that's what is unique about them.

-Robert Sternberg

2024 Prep Enrolment

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.

Online safety: Snapchat/Tiktok

Some students in our school are asking their friends to add them to social media platforms such as Snapchat. Remember, the age limit



for Snapchat use is 13+, which is set to protect young children. Ensure that you are actively educating your children on the risks involved with all communication technology. **Did you know...** When you send a Snapchat, it is never really deleted. By following a couple steps, any received messages and pictures can be retrieved and shared!

Minibeasts incursion

Thank you to the grade 1-2 teachers for organising the Minibeasts incursion. The experience sparked their curiosity and fascination with the world of small creatures. During the incursion, they had the opportunity to observe and interact with various minibeasts up close. Expert facilitators guided them through a series of interactive activities, including examining insects, spiders, and other tiny creatures in specially designed habitats. The students learned about the importance of minibeasts in the ecosystem and how they contribute to maintaining a healthy environment. Through hands-on experiences, such as holding butterflies and watching them move and behave, the students developed a sense of wonder and appreciation for the diversity of nature. The minibeasts incursion not only provided a memorable educational experience but also encouraged the students to become curious and empathetic stewards of

the natural world.

CERES excursion

The Grade 5-6 students and teachers all went to the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies in Brunswick East. The excursion left a impact on their understanding environmental conservation. During the excursion, they were immersed in hands-on experiences and engaging educational activities centered around sustainable practices. The students eagerly participated in workshops and interactive sessions where they learned about the importance of reducing waste, conserving energy, and protecting natural resources. Through guided discussions and practical demonstrations, the students gained a deeper appreciation for the impact of their individual actions on the environment. This sustainability excursion not only broadened their knowledge but also instilled a sense of responsibility and motivation to make positive changes in their own lives and communities.

KidsCo available June 13

On Tuesday June 13, students are not required at school. Our teachers will be planning for term 3. If you would like your child or children to join in the fun Masterchef program in the multipurpose room for the day, please book them in with KidsCo. See the flyer on page 14 for details.

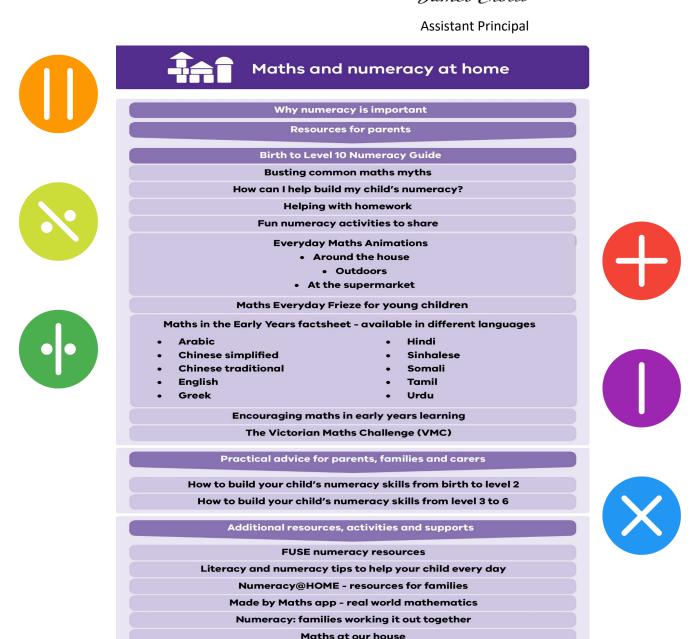
Maths challenge

The answer is 12. What could the guestion be?

Give Mr Crotti at least 3 possible questions and you'll win a prize at assembly. Want researched ideas to support your child with maths at home? Below is a Numeracy Guide for families created by the Department of Education. There are links to activities, advice, research, homework suggestions and a fact sheet in different languages. The resources are from birth to high school levels. Click below on the image.

Have a great weekend

James Crotti



ABC Splash - maths

Learning Potential resources - numeracy

Starting primary school?

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers.

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep.

Below are some simple steps you should follow to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school.

Before filling out an application

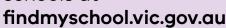
Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at



Contact primary schools to book a tour, visit or for further information



Applying for Foundation enrolment

Get an application or enrolment form from the primary school



Gather the required documents



Submit everything to the primary school by the due date in the timeline



Wait for the school to contact you



You can find out more at:

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) | Victorian Government







Department of Education



ENROL FOR PREP 2024 BOOK A TOUR

TOGETHER WORKING ON PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Thomastown West Primary School provides comprehensive, child centred, educational programs in all of the key learning areas:

- Exemplary Literacy Program
- Oral Language Program
- Engaging/Challenging Numeracy Program
- Digital Technologies
- Outstanding Visual Arts Program
- Music and Instrumental Tuition
- An Investigative Science Program (STEM)
- Encouraging Physical Education Program

Support Programs:

- Perceptual Motor Program
- Student Welfare and Support
- Literacy Intervention
- Koorie Literacy and Numeracy Program
- Choir and School Band
- Whole School Buddies Program
- Before and After School Care
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Program

FOR MORE INFO



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STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST

































Term 2- Week 5

Amira	2	For working hard and using her sound knowledge to write facts about the sea creatures.
Yazan	3	For working hard with assistance to write a sentence about the seajelly.
Robbie	4	For demonstrating a consistent and focused effort in completing tasks in the allocated time. You Superstar!!!
Jasmine	5	For striving to do her best with her writing.
Miracle	6	For working independently in the classroom.
Zoe	9	For making an excellent start at TWPS she has been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up Zoe!
Yousef	10	For following the Morning Routine in the classroom with little or no reminders.
A.J	11	For showing empathy and kindness to his peers.
Dion C	12	For neat writing and completing his triple venn diagram task on writing genres.
Dalia	15	For consistently demonstrating respect towards her classmates and teachers making her a shining example for all!
Baraa	16	For demonstrating resilience during reading and writing sessions and completing all set tasks.
Istbrq	17	By consistently striving to do her best in all areas of the curriculum .
Amaziah	18	For demonstrating resilience and working hard to complete all his learning tasks.
Amaziah 18		PE: For striving to be his best during our handball lessons. Well done on your work as goalie.
Rania 16		ART: For consistently demonstrating all the TWPS values and being a curious, committed art student. A fantastic effort!

Stars of the Week

Term 2 - Week 5







Term 2- Week 6

Terence	2	For consistently trying his best and eagerly contributing to class discussions.
Zaineb	3	. Always trying her best with challenging tasks.
Yazan	4	For articulating his thinking process when solving addition and subtraction worded problems.
Christian	5	For demonstrating his knowledge about minibeasts by writing facts about bees.
Isaac	6	For consistently working hard in the classroom!
Chloe	9	For striving to be her best in writing this week and including rich vocabulary in her information report.
Otto	10	For demonstrating excellent listening skills and as a result doing his best when writing an information report. Keep this up, Otto.
Maria	11	For the persuasive text she wrote about saving an endangered animal.
Marsela	15	For her constant effort to be her best in all areas, inspiring everyone around her with her determination!
Ava	16	For demonstrating resilience when faced with challenging situations this week. Well done Ava.
Hussain	17	By demonstrating an improved effort with his school work.
Ruby	18	For demonstrating responsibility and respect on our excursion.
Chelsea 17		PE: For showing resilience during our AFL clinic. Well done on completing all the activities and not giving up.
Kendrick 9		ART: For working so hard on his African landscape and demonstrating his very good painting skills. A super effort!

Stars of the Week

Term 2 - Week 6





Every day of Learning Counts

Term 2 Week 6 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	64%	60%	Room 9	74%	88%
Room 3	87%	76%	Room 10	79%	82%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	70%	72%
Room 4	93%	94%	Room 12	71%	85%
Room 5	80%	80%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	82%	81%	Room 15	90%	91%
			Room 16	81%	75%
			Room 17	82%	89%
			Room 18	82%	79%

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	Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
	success. Gets your a flying start!	harder for you	success. Makes it r child to make press.	Your child will fi to make progre	nd it very difficult	



Cup of Life

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

Congratulations

The room that had the BEST ATTENDANCE For Term 2 Week 6 is

Room 4

TWPS CUP OF LIFE UPDATE

Who will win the free bowling excursion at the end of the year??

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Room 2								
Room 3								
Room 4	Term 1 Wk 11	Term 2 Wk 1	Term 2 Wk 2	Term 2 Wk 5	Term 2 Wk 6			
Room 5								
Room 6								
Room 9	Term 1 Wk 9	Term 1 Wk 10						
Room 10	Term 1 Wk 3	Term 1 Wk 4	Term 1 Wk 5	Term 1 Wk 7	Term 1 Wk 8			
Room 11								
Room 12	Term 1 Wk 1	Term 2 Wk 4						
Room 15	Term 1 Wk 2	Term 1 Wk 6						
Room 16								
Room 17	Term 2							
Room 18								



Top Dojo Earners

Term 2 Week 6

Congratulations to Room 6 with 187 Dojo Points

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

Dron	Jayden
Prep	4 Dojo Points
Cuada 1/2	Teah & Isabella
Grade 1/2	13 Dojo Points
Cue de 2/4	AJ
Grade 3/4	9 Dojo Points
Cuada F/C	Room 17
Grade 5/6	3 Dojo Points Each
	Teah & Isabella
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	13 Dojo Points

TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES

2:30pm Fridays

Parents and Carers are invited to our weekly assemblies

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	TEAM ASSEMBLY		
BASKET BALL COURT	In your child's building		
☐ Friday 5 th May 2:30pm	☐ Friday 12 th May 2:30pm		
☑ Friday 19 th May 2:30pm	☐ Friday 26 th May 2:30pm		
☐ Friday 2 nd June 2:30pm	☐ Friday 9th June 2:30pm		
☐ Friday 16 th June 2:30pm	☐ 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	 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	 Navy shorts Navy pants No alternative logos are to be visible 	4	Tights are to only be worn under shorts or dressed, not as pants
Summer	Dresses	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	 Red pullover fleece with or without TWPS logo TWPS bomber jacket is navy blue. 		
All year round	Hijab or Turbans	Navy or red material with no decoration or brand name		
All year round. Compuls ory Term 1 and Term 4	Hat	Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name Navy legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name	3	Hats are available for sale at the TWPS front office
All year round	Headwear	Blue, white, red 'scrunchies' and ribbons are permitted Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour		



Tuesday 13th June 2023 7:00 am - 6:00 pm \$10.50 After Max Childcare Subsidy \$70 per child full price

CURRICULUM DAY MEANS IT'S A KIDSCO DAY!

There's no school on Tuesday 13th of June!

Join Jess for an EPIC day of cooking fun as KidsCo MasterChefs.

We'll be testing our kitchen skills and cooking the most delicious foods you've ever had!



BOOK NOW!

Book now via the Xplor Home App or by emailing OSHC@kidsco.net.au



kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown





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



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

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 MACTERS

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 lifesize pac-man. It's sure to be a bonus

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fe



WACKY WEDNESDAY

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

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



NIN IS WADDIONS

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 Fe



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 blue your mind!

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



SURVIVOR

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



SPORTS SPECTACULA

Welcome to the world of spectacular sports! Build your own Foosball 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

oday we will be exploring the world of imagination, drop your pens and encils and pick up a paintbrush, lets explore Picasso's world by creating bstract art and paintings, as well as exploring the world of clay and engless possibilities

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



ELEMENTAL

'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 Florenaria!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 Base Fee + \$30 Experience Fee



SPACE ACADEMY

Travel to the intergalactic space tation. 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

7.50 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

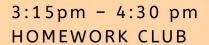
Need a hand? Email OSHC@kidsco.net.au or Call 1300 976 304

THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 2, 2023

Monday

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





Tuesday

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm VALUES: **NEW** YOUNG VOICES

IN MEDIA

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm ART CLUB



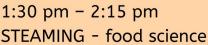
Wednesday

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



Thursday

10:50 am - 11:20 am MATHS CLUB





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













KidsCo.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am

















THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS





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:

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,	\$6.50
Tomato, mayo & sweet chilli sauce	
Ricotta Mini Pastry	\$1.60
Ricotta & Spinach Rolls	\$4.00
Extra Tomato sauce	\$.0.20

Freshly Made Hot Food				
Pasta- Penne Bolognaise 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		
Cheese	\$3.00	
Cheese and Ham	\$3.50	
Cheese, Ham, and Tomato	\$4.00	
Salad (lettuce, tomato, and carrot)	\$4.50	
(v)		
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



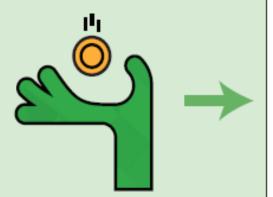
I. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

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)



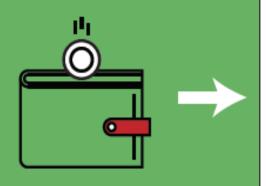
4. ORDER

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 <u>all</u> 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.









TURBANS 4 AUSTRALIA

FREE WEEKLY FOOD HAMPERS

24/44 Mahoneys Road, Thomastown 3074
Sundays 11 am - 1 pm
Walk-in/No appointments needed

MELBOURNE@T4A.ORG.AU

3 0405 557 713 (text message only)

