# Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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#### **2023 IMPORTANT DATES:**

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
Tue	20 Jun	SRC Gold Coin Out of school uniform fundraiser
Tues	20 June	School Council: 6:30pm
Wed	21 June	REPORTS SHARED WITH PARENTS VIA COMPASS
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.17 9th June 2023

## From the Acting Principal

As we head into the last weeks of Term 2, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our families who have volunteered their time and have attended the many excursions and camps we have held this term. Our family volunteers are an essential part of ensuring that these learning opportunities can take place. Learning outside the classroom is an essential part of our curriculum and these excursions are designed to complement our student's classroom learning and create lasting memories.

#### **New Flag Poles**

We are delighted to announce the installation of our brand-new flag poles at the front of the school. These flagpoles will proudly showcase our required flags, promoting a sense of pride and unity amongst our school community. A special thank you to Mr Crotti for overseeing this project.

#### **Principal Conference**

This week, I attended the state-wide Principals' Conference held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. The event, hosted by the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Learning, brought together Principals from around Victoria. The theme of the conference — 'Leading People' and explored the concepts of :

- Leading coherence
- Leading outcomes
- Leading self

This deeply resonated with me and with many school leaders as we strive to be the best version of ourselves to lead our school communities.

#### **Semester 1 Reports**

Please note Semester 1 reports will be available to families on **Wednesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **June, 2023** via COMPASS. Please find on page 2 further information with regards to how to access them. Should you require an interpreter please complete the information form.

#### **Public Holiday and Curriculum Day**

Just a reminder Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June is a Public Holiday and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June is a Curriculum Day.



Students are not required to attend school. Please contact KidsCo if you would like to enrol your child/ren into the program for the day. Have a safe and restful break and we will welcome our students back to school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Teresa Marnik

**Acting Principal** 

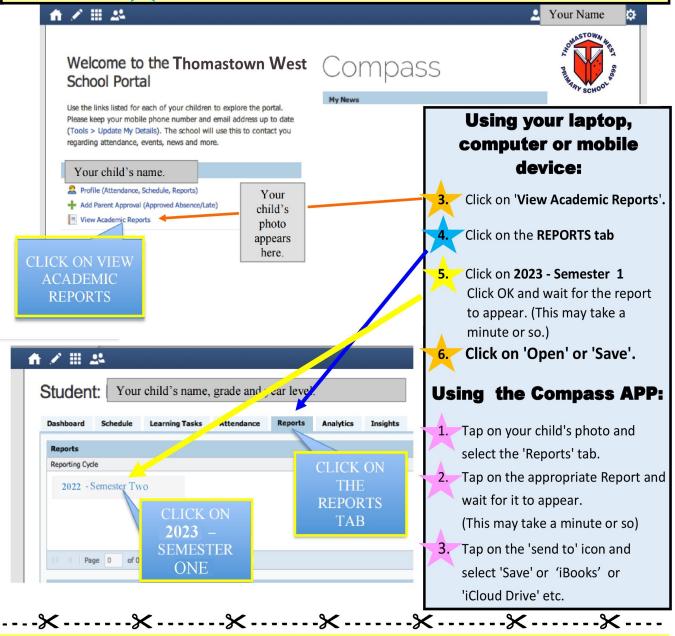
### How do I access my child's Semester 1 Report on COMPASS?

Student Reports are available online from 12pm Wednesday 21st June 2023



Log in to your Compass Parent account.

Click on **Student Profile** under your child's name.



#### Please return the note below if you...

<ul> <li>DO NOT have access to the Internet and CANNOT view or see your child's report online using COMPASS</li> </ul>
● CANNOT access a smart phone, device, laptop or computer
And as a result, you would like <b>TWPS to PRINT A REPORT for your child(ren)</b> . We will send home the paper Semester One Report with your child <u>from</u> Wednesday 21st June 2023.
☑ YES, please print my child's Semester 1 Report:
Name: Room:

Would you like support in translating or interpreting your child's Semester One Report?

☑ YES please, I would like to see an interpreter:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_

## 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**



thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

98-112 Main St, Thomastown, 3074





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## Every day of Learning Counts

#### **Term 2 Week 7 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	60%	63%	Room 9	88%	92%
Room 3	76%	82%	Room 10	82%	89%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	72%	84%
Room 4	94%	89%	Room 12	85%	<b>93</b> %
Room 5	80%	76%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	81%	75%	Room 15	91%	85%
			Room 16	75%	73%
			Room 17	89%	92%
			Room 18	79%	77%

## 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!		harder for you	Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.  Your child will find to make progress.		The state of the s

# Room 6 Quantum Excursion













## **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 7 is

Room 12

### 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							
D 4	Term 1	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2		
Room 4	Wk 11	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 5	Wk 6		
Room 5							
Room 6							
Doors 0	Term 1	Term 1					
Room 9	Wk 9	Wk 10					
Room 10	Term 1						
KOOIII 10	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 7	Wk 8		
Room 11							
Room 12	Term 1	Term 2	Term 2				
	Wk 1	Wk 4	Wk 7				
Door: 45	Term 1	Term 1					
Room 15	Wk 2	Wk 6					
Room 16							
Room 17	Term 2						
	Wk 3						
Room 18							



### Top Dojo Earners

#### Term 2 Week 7

Congratulations to Room 10 with 104 Dojo Points

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

Dron	Yazan
Prep	7 Dojo Points
Crade 1/2	Ayden
Grade 1/2	13 Dojo Points
Cue de 2/4	Doaa
Grade 3/4	12 Dojo Points
Cuada F/C	Zahra Rm 18
Grade 5/6	9 Dojo Points Each
Mark Daile wainta Duran CO	Ayden
Most Dojo points Prep - 60	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 <sup>th</sup> May 2:30pm	☐ Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2:30pm
☑ Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2:30pm	☑ Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2:30pm
☑ Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2:30pm	☑ Friday 9th June 2:30pm
☐ Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm	☐ Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 12:00pm

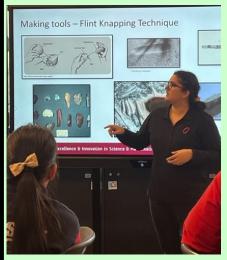






## **Room 18 Quantum Excursion**























# SRC News!

On Tuesday the 20th of June, S.R.C will be running an Out of School Uniform day. Students may choose not to wear uniform on this day but must remember to wear sensible and safe shoes.

Students participating in the Out of School Uniform day will need to bring a GOLD COIN donation.

SRC have decided that the money raised will go towards our school community to contribute towards new sports equipment. Soccer goals, a new volleyball court and extra balls are things that SRC are thinking of buying with the money raised.

SRC team thank you for your support.



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

Season		Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Polo Shirts	<ul> <li>Long sleeve</li> <li>Short sleeve</li> <li>Red in colour</li> <li>With or without TWPS logo</li> <li>No alternative logos are to be visible</li> </ul>		With or without TWPS logo
All year round	Shorts/Pants	<ul> <li>Navy shorts</li> <li>Navy pants</li> <li>No alternative logos are to be visible</li> </ul>	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	<ul> <li>Red pullover fleece with or without TWPS logo</li> <li>TWPS bomber jacket is navy blue.</li> </ul>		
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 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

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

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#### 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 WARRIONS

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

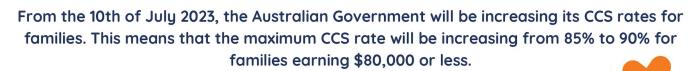
Need a hand? Email OSHC@kidsco.net.au or Call 1300 976 304



## **CHANGES TO CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**

From 10th July 2023, there are changes to the way Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements are calculated.

This means your family's CCS may increase





CCS entitlements per income band

Family Income	Current CCS	New CCS
\$70,000 \$80,000 \$90,000 \$100,000 \$120,000 \$140,000 \$160,000 \$200,000 \$220,000 \$240,000 \$260,000 \$280,000 \$300,000	85% 82.5% 79.2% 75.8% 69.2% 62.5% 55.8% 50% 50% 50% 48.9% 42.3% 35.6% 20%	90% 90% 88% 86% 82% 78% 74% 70% 66% 62% 58% 54% 50% 46%

Please note, this table is a guide only and changes to centre fees, the law, policy or your individual circumstances may mean that any Child Care Subsidy you are entitled to may differ from the amount shown.

## NHAT DO YOU **NEED TO DO**

If you already get CCS, you don't need to do anything to get the increased rate. The changes will automatically apply for you from 10 July 2023.

If you do not currently have CCS, check if you're eligible and apply by visiting:

servicesaustralia.gov.au/whocan-get-child-care-subsidy

For all CCS queries please call Centrelink on 1300 667 276

## **CHILD CARE SUBSIDY CALCULATOR**

You can check or update your income estimate at any time using:

- your Centrelink online account through my.gov.au
- the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app
- the myGov app

Find out how you can update your family income estimate by visiting: servicesaustralia.gov.au/familyincomeestimate

Check what your new Child Care Subsidy rate may be from 10th July by visiting: startingblocks.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-calculator



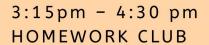


# THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

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



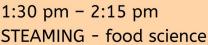
## Wednesday

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





















PRINCIPAL PARTNERS







MAJOR PARTNERS















SUPPORTERS

















# 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)



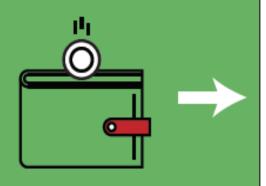
## 4. ORDER

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

0405 557 713 (text message only)

