

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

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	10 July	Term 3 Begins
Mon	6 Nov	**NEW** In 2023 students are expected to attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

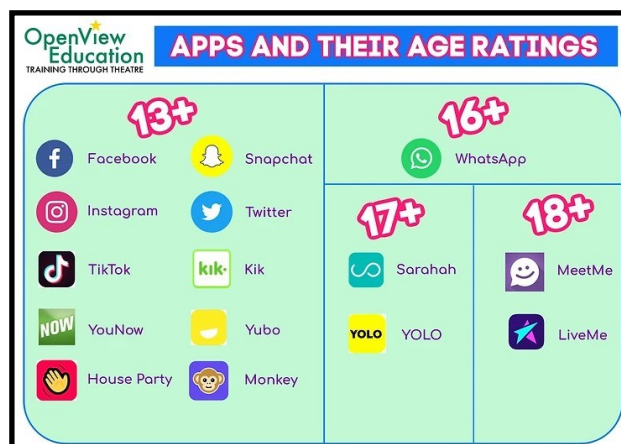
for their children.

Advice in other languages:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/online-safety-for-every-family>

Social media support kid friendly: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with>

Reporting social media issues: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/report>



No.18 16th June 2023

From the Assistant Principal

End of Term Assembly MP Visit

We are excited to share that Bronwyn Halfpenny, our local state MP, will be presenting at the end of term assembly. She will be donating flags to go on our new flagpoles at the front of the school. Also, will be celebrating our achievements for this term. We hope that you can join us for the assembly, which will be held in the Multipurpose Room from 12:00pm to 1:00pm on the last day of school, Friday June 23.

Social Media

Social media has become an integral part of our lives, but it's important for primary school families to prioritise online safety. When using social media platforms, it's crucial to teach children about responsible online behaviour. Encourage them to keep personal information private and to think twice before sharing anything online. Emphasise the importance of setting strong and unique passwords, and advise them to never share their passwords with anyone. It's also vital to teach them about the potential risks of interacting with strangers online and to be wary of accepting friend requests or engaging in private conversations with unfamiliar individuals. Promote open communication within the family, so children feel comfortable reporting any suspicious or uncomfortable experiences they may encounter. By instilling these habits and fostering a culture of digital responsibility, primary school families can ensure a safer and more enjoyable online experience

Excursion to Werribee Zoo

Last Friday, our enthusiastic Grade 3-4 students embarked on a thrilling adventure as they ventured to Werribee Zoo for an unforgettable excursion. With the sun shining and spirits high, the students embarked on a fun-filled bus safari, immersing themselves in the wonders of nature. From the magnificent lions to the gentle giraffes, every moment at the zoo was an opportunity for learning and excitement. The students marveled at the diverse range of animals and even had the chance to get up close and personal with some of them. The day was a resounding success, leaving the students with unforgettable memories and a newfound appreciation for the incredible creatures that inhabit our world. Thank you to Mrs Gaeta and the grade 3-4 teachers for organising and running this amazing excursion. Please see photos on page 12. I think Mrs Young would be very impressed.



Last day of Term 2

Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1:15pm Friday 23rd June. After School care is available through KidsCo if families need it. Thank you to families for your support with picking up your children early, and we wish you well in the school holidays.

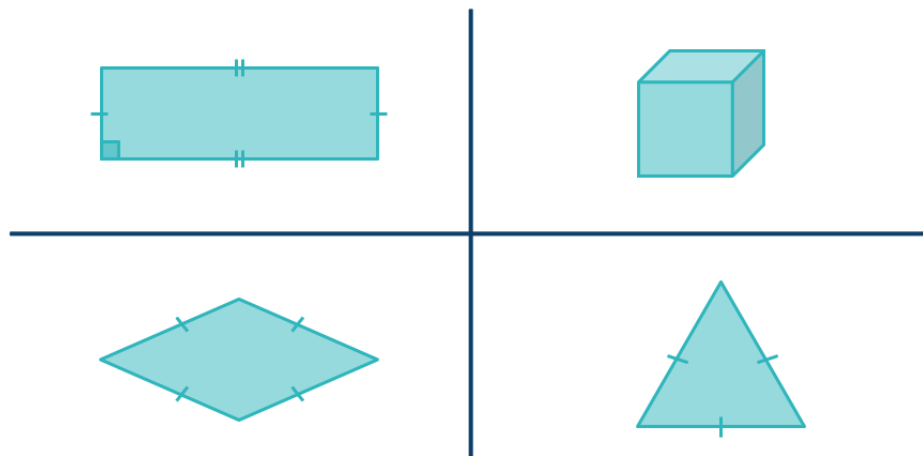
Maths challenge

What's the Split? Explain to Mr Crotti how you could sort the shapes below into groups. Write and/or draw your ideas and you'll win a prize at assembly.

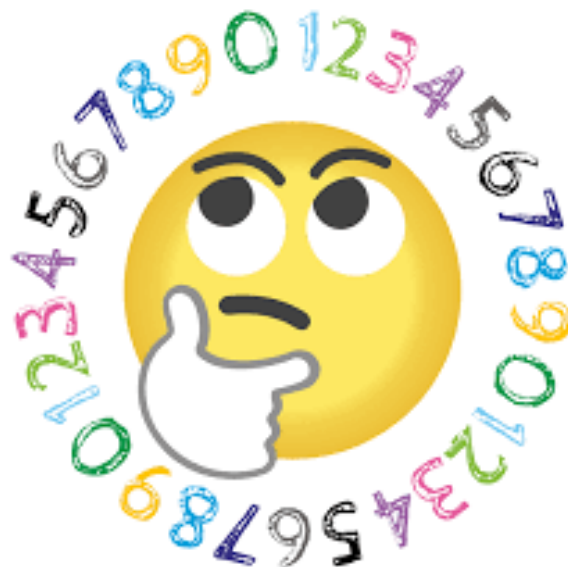
James Crotti

Assistant Principal

What's the split?



mathsteachercircles.org



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 **findmyschool.vic.gov.au**



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

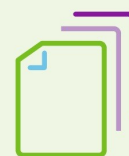


Applying for Foundation enrolment

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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RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT EMPATHY
STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST



Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 7

Divyata	2	For demonstrating great responsibility in the classroom by always listening and completing tasks carefully.
Aysha	3	For working hard to improve her reading.
Alana	4	For always trying her best and becoming a more independent worker. Keep it up!
Lara	5	For demonstrating the value of responsibility by always bringing her homework and reader bag to school.
Isabella	6	For using her sound knowledge to decode unfamiliar words during reading. Keep up the great reading Isabella!
Liam	9	For demonstrating the school values while at the Werribee Zoo excursion and participating in all the activities.. Well done!
Jana	10	For striving to do her best in all areas of the curriculum. Well done and keep this up.
Mya	11	Striving to be her best in planning, drafting and publishing her research on the endangered animal, the koala.
Mikaela Diana	12	For being responsible and a good role model on the excursion. For striving to be her best in handwriting tasks in class
Neinei	15	For settling in well and having a positive attitude. You have shown great adaptability and resilience!
Hassan	16	For having a great work ethic in writing and for being very helpful in the classroom .
Chelsea	17	For a great effort with your writing. You always give everything a go. Well done.
Bell	18	For always striving to do her best and complete all set tasks. Keep up the great work!
Room 4		ART: For working superbly as a team, showing kindness and patience when sharing materials. What a great effort!

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Term 2 - Week 7





Stars of the Week



Term 2- Week 8

Rakan	2	For striving to be his best in reading and using his sound knowledge to read words.
The whole grade	3	For being responsible learners and striving to be their best.
Ayden	4	For educating the class with his knowledge of snails. Well done!
Charbel	5	For striving to do his best when sounding out and blending words together when reading.
Gurasees	6	For striving to do his best when sounding out and blending words together when reading.
Xaviar	9	For demonstrating the school values while at the Werribee Zoo excursion and participating in all the activities.. Well done!
Martin	10	For demonstrating resilience while at the Werribee Zoo excursion and managing to enjoy the day. Well done for bouncing back, Martin.
Moeses	11	For his research and publishing of an information report on an endangered animal.
Dimitrios	12	For being a great classroom helper.
Latoiya	15	For her outstanding performance in reading using the summarising strategy. Keep up the great work!
Mason	16	For demonstrating responsibility and for self-reflecting, acknowledging and acting on his learning and feedback.
ZamZam	17	For being able to complete tasks without being distracted and completing all your work. Well done.
Michelle	18	For consistently displaying empathy and kindness to her classmates.
Moayad		ART: For always being such a creative thinker when planning his artworks, and being prepared to take risks with his designs. What an artist!

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Term 2 - Week 8




Every day of Learning Counts

Term 2 Week 8 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	63%	80%	Room 9	92%	89%
Room 3	82%	85%	Room 10	89%	93%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	84%	84%
Room 4	89%	91%	Room 12	93%	 97%
Room 5	76%	87%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	75%	87%	Room 15	85%	92%
			Room 16	73%	79%
			Room 17	92%	96%
			Room 18	77%	87%

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 8

Congratulations to Room 15 with 88 Dojo Points

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

Prep	Zaya 2 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Crew 2 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Raphael 2 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Lucas 5 Dojo Points Each
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Lucas 5 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 type="checkbox"/> Friday 5 th May 2:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 12 th May 2:30pm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday 19 th May 2:30pm	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday 16 th June 2:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 23 rd June 12:00pm








3/4 Werribee Open Range Zoo Excursion



**WERRIBEE
OPEN RANGE ZOO**



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



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 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

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

THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 2, 2023

Monday

9:30 am – 2:15 pm



Tuesday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

VALUES: **NEW** YOUNG VOICES
IN MEDIA



**No Hub programs next week,
Hub programs will resume in Term 3 Week 2**

Wednesday

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

LEARN ENGLISH

(bookings essential)

Call PRACE 9462 6077



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





Whittlesea
**Community
Connections**
Making a positive difference everyday



**Thomastown West Community Hub
School Holiday Program**

ART STUDIO

**THURSDAY 6th
JULY
10 AM - 1 PM
LUNCH provided**

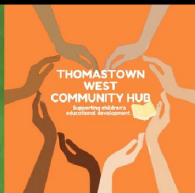
This is a FREE event. Please return the attached consent form to register. Any questions - contact Dean Marando

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THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SPORTS DAY

Soccer

THURSDAY 29 JUNE

10 AM - 1 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

WITH A COACH FROM
MELBOURNE VICTORY

**This is a FREE event.
Please return the
consent form to
register. Consent forms
available on the day.**

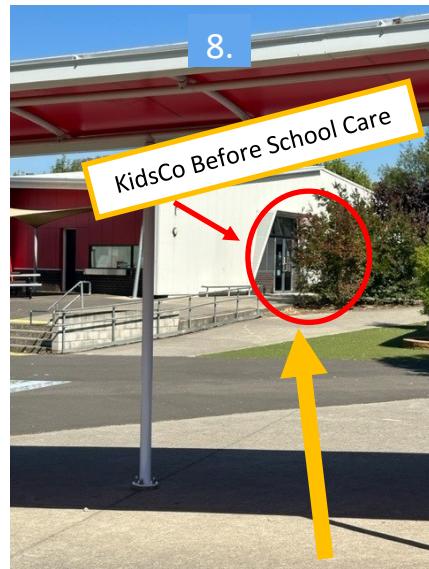
Any questions - contact Serdar or Dean
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KidsCo.

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)

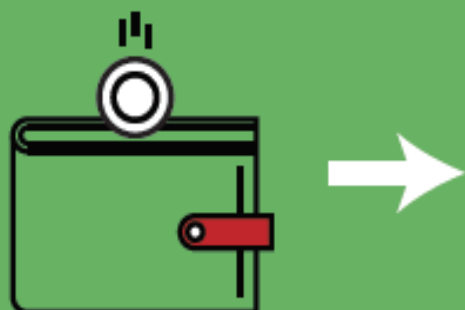


4. ORDER

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.



TURBANS 4 AUSTRALIA

FREE WEEKLY FOOD HAMPERS

 **4/44 Mahoneys Road, Thomastown 3074**

Sundays 11 am - 1 pm

Walk-in/No appointments needed



MELBOURNE@T4A.ORG.AU



0405 557 713 (text message only)

