

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2022 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	11 July	Term 3 Begins 8:45am Arrive on time, at quarter to nine!
Mon	11 July	NEW OSHC KidsCo begins!!! Flyer included on page 13
Mon	11 July	NAIDOC WEEK Special NAIDOC assembly 2:30pm (Smoking Ceremony)
Fri	15 July	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
Tue	26 July	School Council 6:30pm
Fri	12 Aug	Curriculum Day (Students do not attend school)
Mon	22 Aug	Book week
Fri	26 Aug	Girls Futsal Tournament
Fri	2nd Sep	Boys Futsal Tournament

No.19 24th June 2022

From the Principal

Term 2 and semester one have now come to an end and this is our last Newsletter for the term. It has to be said, I **have missed you all** while I have been unwell at home. While I am on the mend, I still have laryngitis. I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank our Acting Assistant Principal who has been our fabulous and fearless leader in my absence. I would also like to extend my genuine appreciation to our incredibly caring, hard working, exhausted and passionate team of teachers, as well as kind-hearted ES staff and the dedicated, dynamic duo in the office. Please rest and recharge during the holidays. You deserve it!

Thank you to our parents, carers and our local community, which includes our invaluable Thomastown West Community Hub partners, for your continued support this term. Well done to the student leaders who have matured in their role and consistently live the school values, demonstrating personal and communal responsibility each day! To our wonderful students who are such loyal friends, love learning and have worked hard this term: Be kind to your parents and carers during the holidays and remember to live the school values at home during the holidays!

Special mention to our School Council and our Fundraising Team. We thank you for your time, commitment and energy when attending our meetings or ensuring our Mother's Day stall and Winter Wonderland fund raisers continue to be a huge success.

Cup of Life

Who has had the best attendance? Who is the grade who wins a free lunch? Well at first, it may look like a tie... All week we have closely analysed the results and we had determined the average attendance for the term for each grade. **Congratulations to Room 6! You have had the best attendance and have won Cup of Life three times this term.** As a result, Room 6 will be rewarded with a FREE LUNCH! Information notices will be sent home in the first week of term.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the **14** students who received attendance awards for their 100% attendance this term! **You should be very proud of yourself! Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.** Students learn new things at school every day – missing school or consistently arriving late can have a major impact on a child's future. **It's not OK to be away UNLESS you are sick** and then we understand completely!

Today many students were also awarded **Punctuality Awards!** Congratulations to those students who have **arrived on time at quarter to nine** on the days that they attended school.

Child Safe Standards

Schools have been asked to prepare for the new Child Safe Standards by 1 July 2022. The Department of Education has provided guidance and support material on the implementation of the new Standards. TWPS will be transitioning to the new standards during the upcoming term break and there will be a few elements that will need to be implemented during Term 3, for example engaging with the school community on the new standards (listed below). School Council will be emailed all of the updated policies which align to the new standards. Once approved, I will upload the drafts on our school website and seek your feedback. Our goal is to have all of the Child Safe policies translated into languages other than English to support our families to read and understand the changes.

TWPS STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Thomastown West Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families.

We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students.

We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments.

We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect.

We take proactive steps to identify and manage any risk of harm to students in our school environment. When child safety concerns are raised or identified, we treat these seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Inappropriate or harmful behaviour targeting students based on these or other characteristics, such as racism or homophobia, are not tolerated at our school, and any instances identified will be addressed with appropriate consequences.

Child safety is a shared responsibility. Every person involved in our school has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and promptly raising any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

Thomastown West Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to regularly reviewing our child safe practices, and seeking input from our students, families, staff, and volunteers to inform our ongoing strategies.

At Thomastown West Primary School, **Together Working on Pathways to Success** and our approach to creating and maintaining a child safe school environment is also guided by our school rights and school values. At Thomastown West Primary School everyone has the right to learn and feel safe. *We understand that our attitudes and behaviours have an impact on the people around us.*

Semester One Student Reports

Have you read your child's report?

If the answer is not yet... **It's not too late!** Please use the instructions on page 4 to access your child's Semester One reports.

We hope you have found the new hybrid format informative and can clearly see what specific learning skills your child has achieved or is working towards.

Tutor program

Our TWPS Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) has achieved some very pleasing results this term. Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) program has continued to support our students' reading Grades 3-6 and during a few precious hours each week, Mrs Davies has worked with our Grade 1/2 students on their phonological awareness skills. New to the Tutor Team is Mr Nick Climo. Nick will be with us for the remainder of the year and has already demonstrated that he is a valuable addition to the TWPS team.



2021 Annual Report to the School Community

The annual report informs the school community of what has been achieved and how the school is performing. It has approved by School Council earlier this term and recently by the Department of Education. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect as a school and ensure we are planning accordingly for the future. If anyone has any queries or questions regarding this document, please contact me. You can view our Annual Report on the website:

https://www.thomwestps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/arc_2021_4999_website.pdf

NAIDOC Week

National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is held in the first full week of July each year. It celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – the first Australians and the oldest surviving culture in the world. This is a week that we celebrate in schools, but it often falls during the holiday period. As a result, **TWPS will be celebrating NAIDOC week during the first week of term 3.** Mrs Jones has organised a surprise during a very special assembly on Monday 11th June at 2:30pm. During the week, all students will participate in learning that increases their cultural understanding of the traditional custodians of our land. I look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our entire community.

Enrolments for 2023

We are now definitely taking enrolments for 2023 and Enrolment forms can be requested by calling the Office, 94654317. If you have a child turning 5 years old by April 30th, 2023, please contact us today to arrange a tour and/or enrolment.

Leaving??

It is vitally important that we know of any students who will be leaving our school this year, or at the end of the year. If your family are moving out of the area, or your child or children are changing schools, then please let us know immediately. Our 2023 planning has started already, and it helps us enormously if we have a clear indication of enrolments as early as possible.

Let's Celebrate what we have achieved this Semester!

Teaching and Learning

- ✓ Prioritising Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to maximise formative assessment that informs teaching and learning in the classroom.
- ✓ Valuable Student Support Group meetings
- ✓ Tutor program providing additional support to students
- ✓ Curriculum Day utilised for collaborative term Planning Days and learning more about the Berry Street Education Model.
- ✓ Working with DET's Teaching Partners to improve our students reading outcomes.
- ✓ Team Leaders receiving coaching sessions to build their leadership capacity.
- ✓ Mrs Young completing her School Improvement course lead by Vic Zbar.
- ✓ The Maths team have created Maths resource kits for each grade and begun to distribute planning documents to teachers
- ✓ The English team have been preparing Guided Reading professional learning for Term 3.
- ✓ The Student Engagement and Wellbeing team has reviewed our processes and created supporting documentation
- ✓ The Inquiry team have been busily preparing for a Curiosity weekly program for Term 3.
- ✓ Students have thoroughly enjoyed Specialist Programs
- ✓ Semester 1 student reports were modified to make it easier to locate more information about your child's learning.
- ✓ Students reflecting on their Semester One achievements, as indicated on their Self Assessment Reflections that we sent home Wednesday afternoon.

Positive Climate for Learning

- ✓ Cup of Life prizes return to support an increased awareness & improved student attendance
- ✓ Successful DET attendance audit
- ✓ SRC and Student Voice meeting and planning regularly
- ✓ Morning Circles in the classroom

- ✓ Grades taking initial steps to prepare their 'Getting Ready to Learn Plans'
- ✓ Mrs Jones now supports Koorie Club
- ✓ Child Safe standard policies and procedures updated.
- ✓ Side by Side supports students, families and staff.
- ✓ Wellbeing Team continues to offer targeted programs and access agencies to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students. Such as: TRITACTICS, Play therapy and drama therapy supporting and extending students
- ✓ Dojo Department Store goes mobile
- ✓ Successful awarded grant for shelter behind 3/4 building

Special Events & Community

- ✓ Hub programs commenced
- ✓ Successful fundraisers were held.
- ✓ Excursions commenced: Sovereign Hill, Aquarium & School of Rock
- ✓ Assemblies commenced onsite
- ✓ Flash Mob at the Promise Thomastown Picnic

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.



Victoria's Child Safe Standards

- **Child Safe Standard 1** – Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.
- **Child Safe Standard 2** – Ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.
- **Child Safe Standard 3** – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- **Child Safe Standard 4** – Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
- **Child Safe Standard 5** – Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 6** – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 7** – Ensure that processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.
- **Child Safe Standard 8** – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
- **Child Safe Standard 9** – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
- **Child Safe Standard 10** – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.
- **Child Safe Standard 11** – Policies and procedures that document how schools are safe for children, young people and students.
- Ministerial Order 1359 provides the framework for child safety in schools.

Your child's Semester 1 Report is **NOW AVAILABLE** on Compass!

1.

Log in to your Compass account.

2.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the Thomastown West School Portal' page. A navigation bar at the top includes a home icon, a pencil icon, a grid icon, and a user profile icon labeled 'Your Name'. Below the welcome message, there's a section for 'Your child's name.' with a dropdown menu. The menu options are: Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports), Add Parent Approval (Approved Absence/Late), and View Academic Reports. A blue box with the text 'CLICK ON VIEW ACADEMIC REPORTS' points to the 'View Academic Reports' option. To the right of the dropdown, a box says 'Your child's photo appears here.' with an arrow pointing to a placeholder for a photo. Below this, a 'My News' section is visible. On the right side of the page, there's a purple box titled 'Using your laptop, computer or mobile device:' containing steps 3 and 4. Step 3 says 'Click on 'View Academic Reports'.' and step 4 says 'Click on the REPORTS tab'. Below the purple box, there's a screenshot of the 'Reports' section. The 'Reports' tab is highlighted in the top navigation bar. A blue box with the text 'CLICK ON THE REPORTS TAB' points to the 'Reports' tab. Below the 'Reports' tab, there's a 'Reporting Cycle' section with a dropdown menu showing '2022 - Semester One'. A blue box with the text 'CLICK ON 2022 - SEMESTER ONE' points to this dropdown. On the right side of the page, there's another purple box titled 'Using the Compass APP:' containing steps 1, 2, and 3. Step 1 says 'Tap on your child's photo and select the 'Reports' tab.' Step 2 says 'Tap on the appropriate Report and wait for it to appear. (This may take a minute or so)'. Step 3 says 'Tap on the 'send to' icon and select 'Save' or 'iBooks' or 'iCloud Drive' etc.'.

Using your laptop, computer or mobile device:

- Click on 'View Academic Reports'.
- Click on the **REPORTS** tab
- Click on **2022 - Semester 1**
Click OK and wait for the report to appear. (This may take a minute or so.)
- Click on 'Open' or 'Save'.

Using the Compass APP:

- Tap on your child's photo and select the 'Reports' tab.
- Tap on the appropriate Report and wait for it to appear. (This may take a minute or so)
- Tap on the 'send to' icon and select 'Save' or 'iBooks' or 'iCloud Drive' etc.

Please contact the Office on 9465 4317 if you

- **DO NOT** have access to the Internet and **CANNOT** view or see your child's report online using COMPASS.
- **CANNOT** access a smart phone, device, laptop or computer

**and you would like the school to provide you with your Compass details
Or PRINT A REPORT for your child(ren)**

We will post the paper report to your home or you may pick it up from the Office.

WINTER WONDERLAND DONUT DAY

and SRC PYJAMA DAY





Hello Everyone ,

Self-care strategies for Parents and Carers

Childhood is a very exciting, happy and rewarding time of life. However, it can sometimes be stressful, exhausting and worrying. Having children can often bring up different emotions and challenges for parents and caregivers.

It may seem like all of your energy is focused on your child, and you can forget to look after yourself. Even if you may not seem to have the time it's important to take care of yourself. If you are happy and healthy you will be able to be a better mother, father or partner. We call this self-care and there are many different strategies you can use to help you stay in good physical and mental health. You can do self-care at any time, such as when your children are sleeping or when they are being cared for by a trusted friend or family member.

Don't think of these strategies as a 'to-do' list – instead, they are practical things you can do to improve your well-being. Here are some activities you may find helpful.

How to get enough sleep

If you are having trouble sleeping or not getting enough sleep, try these suggestions:

Go to bed at the same time each day.

- Avoid exercise before bed.
- Make your bedroom as restful an environment as possible.
- Avoid screen time or other stimulating activities just before bed.
- Avoid caffeine or other stimulants in the evening.
- Try a warm bath or shower two hours before bed to regulate your body temperature for sleep.
- Avoid a nap in the evening.
- If you cannot sleep, get up and do something quietly in another room.
- Short 20-minute naps can improve alertness and help you make better decisions.

Make time for some physical activity

Regular physical activity is important for our overall health and wellbeing. It improves our fitness and helps us maintain a healthy weight while reducing our risk for many chronic diseases. If you are not sure how to start or find it hard to make the time, remember:

- To set achievable goals depending on your personal circumstances, previous exercise history and physical health (especially if you are recovering from the birth).
- Fresh air and sunshine can lift mood and boost vitamin D.
- Schedule exercise time in your day. If it is difficult to find some time alone, take a short walk in the morning with your child in a pram or pusher.
- Exercise can include gentler activities – such as breathing exercises, meditation or yoga.

Look after your dietary needs

Many parents and caregivers of young children, can struggle to find the time to cook, stay hydrated and eat healthily. Suggestions include:

- Have small, protein-based snacks (such as yoghurt or nuts) on hand if you struggle to find time to prepare food during the day.
- Keep a bottle of water nearby as dehydration can make you feel irritable and tired.
- Set manageable goals for your family and allow for something easy like toasted sandwiches or eggs.

Making friends and connecting with others

New and existing social networks can help new parents feel connected to other adults. Some suggestions to maintain and develop social networks include:

- First-time parent groups.
- Joining a playgroup.
- Free local activities, like story time at the local library.
- Using social media, such as joining supportive Facebook communities.

Be kind to yourself

It's important to be kind to yourself. It's ok to feel frustrated or scared sometimes. It can be helpful to:

- Write in a diary or journal.
- Speak to your partner, a close friend or family member if you're able to.
- Write a list of things you're grateful for or proud of every day.

Take some time out

Parents and caregivers need a break from caring from time to time. This also allows another person to have some one-on-one time with the baby. Suggestions for time out include:

- Establishing a set time for an activity of your choice each week.
- Doing an enjoyable hobby or craft.
- Having a relaxing bath. Generally, you'll get the most benefit from time out if the rest of the family is out of the house.
- Going for a walk.
- Going shopping.
- Reading a book or magazine.
- Watching a movie.
- Catching up with friends.
- Having a massage or pedicure.

Seek support for your mental health

Suggestions include:

Be aware and informed about common mental health conditions (such as anxiety and depression), that may occur during pregnancy and after having a baby.

- Talk about your mental health concerns with family or friends (if you feel comfortable).
- Talk to your maternal and child health nurse or call the Maternal and Child Health Line on Tel: [13 22 29](tel:132229).
- Talk to your doctor or GP.
- See a mental health professional, such as a psychologist or counsellor.
- Call a helpline, such as Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia (PANDA) or Parentline.

Relationship support for parents and caregivers

Becoming a parent or caregiver can enhance and strengthen the bond with your partner, however, it will bring new challenges.

Relationship issues can include:

- Difficulties adapting to parenthood, such as disagreements around traditional gender roles.
- Society's expectations of mothers and fathers.
- Division of household chores and child care.
- A reduction in relationship equality, sex and intimacy.
- An increase in conflict.

If you need relationship advice and support, there are organisations such as Relationships Australia to help you adapt to parenthood. It can also be helpful to speak to your maternal and child health nurse, doctor or counsellor.

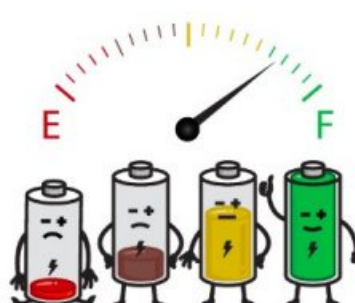
Support is available for dads too

Parenting doesn't come easy for most of us and many dads can find becoming a new parent challenging. You are adjusting to a new role as a father, your relationship has changed, and it may be hard to communicate or find some intimacy with your partner with the arrival of a new little person. You also may not know how to bond with your new baby.

The following organisations can help dads:

- [Relationships Australia](#) - has resources for fathers that focus on the role of dads, the relationship between dad and their partners and the bond between dads and their children.
- [The Centre of Perinatal Excellence \(COPE\)](#) has a guide for expectant and new dads.
- [Raising Children website](#) also has information specifically for dads, from pregnancy through to the birth and growth of your baby.
- [Beyond Blue](#) has information to help dads take care of their own health and wellbeing.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and you all get a chance to recharge your batteries.



Gita Peterson
Mental Health & Wellbeing Coordinator

School of Rock 2022

On Tuesday 21st of June, the choir and band performed at School of Rock in front of many other schools. The students had a blast and enjoyed watching other schools perform.

Thank you to Mr Rosa and Mrs Bufalino ...ROCK ON!!




EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 2 Week 9 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%	59%	Room 9	77%	92%
Room 3	84%	87%	Room 10	83%	89%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	78%	89%
Room 5	65%	91%	Room 12	80%	91%
Room 6	78%	 94%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 19	70%	86%	Room 15	82%	89%
Room 20	77%	94%	Room 17	85%	90%
			Room 18	84%	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 better when they go to school all day, every school day...

✓they learn better ✓they make friends ✓they are happier ✓they have a brighter future

If your child is sick, of course it is appropriate to keep your child at home but

other 'days off' school add up to lost learning. See below:

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.	



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
Week 9 is **Room 6**

TWPS CUP OF LIFE UPDATE

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

Room 2	Term 2 Week 6					
Room 3	Term 2 Week 6					
Room 5	Term 2 Week 1	Term 2 Week 2				
Room 6	Term 1 Week 4	Term 1 Week 5	Term 1 Week 11	Term 2 Week 4	Term 2 Week 5	Term 2 Week 9
Room 19	Term 1 Week 6					
Room 20						
Room 9						
Room 10	Term 1 Week 3	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 7			
Room 11						
Room 12						
Room 15	Term 1 Week 10					
Room 17	Term 1 Week 6	Term 2 Week 3	Term 2 Week 8			
Room 18						

TOP DOJO EARNERS

Term 2 Week 9

Prep	Vicky 5 Dojos
Grade 1/2	Lily 5 Dojos
Grade 3/4	Martin 32 Dojos
Grade 5/6	Sahar 9 Dojos
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Martin 32 Dojos

Congratulations

to **Room 11**
with **493 Dojo points**

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



Thomastown West Primary School

warmly welcomes our **NEW** After School Care provider
KidsCo.

see you all in Term 3!



KidsCo.

After School Care for little legends

We're making every day the BEST day ever for the families of Thomastown West Primary School!
Our After School Care programs focus on developing skills that enable the next generation to embark on a journey of fun, connection, exploration and real-life skills in our care.



I would recommend KidsCo OSHC to a friend because my daughter said it's fun and they have varieties of activities. I loved how they designed their mobile app as a parent, and booking is as easy as 1 2 3.

- Box Hill North Primary Mum

We understand that life can be unpredictable, that's why we provide accessible, fair and flexible care for all families

- ✓ All of our programs are subsidised by CCS
- ✓ Book up to 2 hours before the session starts
- ✓ We don't charge for cancellations or late bookings
- ✓ Manage your account and bookings through our app



After School Care Program Sample

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in
3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea
STEAM Zone Coding	STEAM Zone Angry Birds	STEAM Zone Rollercoaster Tycoon	STEAM Zone Little Farmers	STEAM Zone The Band
Physical Literacy All Sports Football	Physical Literacy All Sports Soccer	Physical Literacy Grand Final Day	Physical Literacy Ninja Warrior	Physical Literacy Survivor
Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available
Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available

Enrol your child online now!
kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

If you need any help please email us at oshc@kidsco.net.au



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

ART STUDIO

**TUESDAY 28TH JUNE AND
THURSDAY 30TH JUNE
10AM - 2PM**

**Make and decorate your own
toolbox! Please wear old clothes
as we will be painting.**

THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

**This is a FREE event. Children have been selected and
permission notes were sent home.**

**If you have not returned your permission note to TWPS,
take it with you to the Hub on the above dates.**



In partnership with Lalor Men's shed

GAMES DAY AT THE HUB!



TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022
10 AM - 1 PM

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES!

**THOMASTOWN WEST
COMMUNITY HUB**

This is a FREE event. Children have been selected
and permission notes were sent home.

If you have not returned your permission note to
TWPS, take it with you to the Hub on
Tuesday 5th July at 10am.





Come and Join

***Thursday 7th of July
2022***

10am - 1pm

MONSTERS AND MINDFULNESS

***Thomastown West
Community Hub***

This is a FREE event. Children have been selected and permission notes were sent home.

If you have not returned your permission note to TWPS, take it with you to the Hub on Thursday 7th July at 10am.

THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

**THE HUB ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME TERM 3 WEEK 2,
MONDAY 18th JULY**

Monday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
YOUNG VOICES IN
MEDIA

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
HOMEWORK CLUB



Thursday

10:50 am – 11:20 am
FUN READING CLUB

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



Tuesday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
STEAM

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
LITTLE GREEN HANDS
COOKING



Friday

9:30 am – 1:00 pm
LEARN ENGLISH
(bookings essential)
Call PRACE 9462 6077

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm
KOORIE KIDS GROUP
with Eva

**THE HUB ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME
TERM 3 WEEK 2, MONDAY 18th**

WCC is a

For further information, please
contact:

P: 9401 6666 or 9464 7950
E: twch@whittleseacc.org.au



Newsletter

June 2022

OSHClub

Children engaged in board games, drawing, soft toys and group imaginary play.



Baking a delicious chocolate cake...
YUMMO!

Pyjama Day



Goodbye from OSHClub



Dear Families,

After many years of delivering Outside School Hours Care at Thomastown West Primary School, OSHClub will be finishing up our time at the end of this term.

We have been very thankful to spend this time as an integral part of Thomastown West Primary School and the school community.

We look back with appreciation on the wonderful relationships that we developed with the children, families, and school. We hope we were able to provide a place that children had fun, were happy and had great learning experiences.

We would especially like to thank the school and all our families for your ongoing support throughout this time and for entrusting us with the care, health, and wellbeing of your children.

We wish you all the best for the future.

The OSHClub Team, Desiree and Carmen.



*It's been fun!! We've loved every minute.
OSHC. Every day in the Multi-Purpose Hall, 3:15 - 6:15pm.*

THOMASTOWN SHAKERS WIN THE TROPHY!!

Great news! The “Thomastown Shakers” made up of students from Thomastown West PS & Thomastown East PS, were awarded “Most Entertaining Act” at the City of Whittlesea Fast Track Talent Finals (co- produced with Baselines Youth Services).

Huge congratulations to Thayla, Molly & Fonzie and all the kids who have been coming to rehearsals at Thomastown Neighbourhood House as part of our “Little Diggers”, after – school club on a Thursday.

The trophy will be on display at the Thomastown Library for all to view and celebrate!



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.



**Apply
now**

Have you applied for Kindergarten in 2023?

Apply by 30 June to be considered in the first round of offers.

3 & 4 year old kindergarten placement offers are going out to families during July/August.

You can access kindergarten for free or low cost, if you or your child,

- Holds an eligible Health Care/Concession card
- Holds a Refugee/Asylum seeker visa
- Identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

For further information and to Apply visit www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder or email keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au if you have any other questions.



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Winter School Holidays are right around the corner

Don't miss out on the BEST school holidays ever at the Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre!

Learn more on our website www.kidsco.net.au/trac

Week 1 Program Schedule

Everyday is a different theme, in centre workshop or excursion!

WEEK 1	 FEELIN' FROSTY Winter is SNOW much fun! This snow season we're hitting the slopes! Watch out for storms and blizzards, they're SNOW laughing matter! Can you survive them and become the snowball champion? MON 27/6	 FIT KIDZ Grab those sweat bands & start stretching because we're about to get FIT! Compete in awesome challenges designed to get your blood pumping & body moving and kick it out at Bubble Soccer! TUE 28/6	 LET'S BOWL! Get ready for a fun filled day that is sure to be right up your alley, that's right, we're going bowling! We'll be on a mission to leave no pin standing, get a load of lucky strikes and of course... HAVE FUN! WED 29/6	 JUNGLE SAFARI Take a walk on the wild side, we're going on a safari! We'll venture deep into the jungle in search of rare and exotic animals. Swing from the vines and let your imagination run WILD! THU 30/6	 KIDCHELLA Dress to impress! We're ready for some good vibes and great times at Kidchella Festival! Will you be crowned rockstar or popstar at the talent show? Or score yourself a prize or two at the carnival games? FRI 1/7
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Program	Session Times	Session Fees	After Max CCS
School Holiday Care	7:00am - 6:00pm	Regular	Pay as little as \$70 \$10.50
Special Excursion & In Centre Workshops	additional \$30	Late Collection Fees May Apply	\$1 per minute

Book now through the Xplor Home app if you have already enrolled or email us at oshc@kidsco.net.au

Enrol now on our website www.kidsco.net.au/trac

Available on Wednesday & Fridays only

Online Orders ONLY No Cash payments accepted

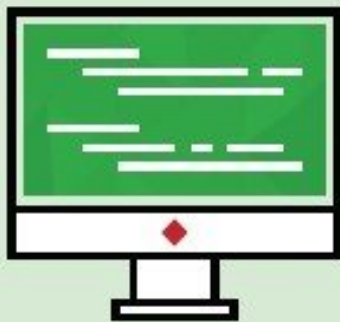


SNACKS:		FAST FOODS:	
NUT FREE BANANA BREAD: (H)	\$4.00	BEEF PIE: (H)	\$4.00
FRESH FRUIT SALAD: (H)	\$3.50	TWIN PARTY PIES: (H)	\$2.50
SWEET YOHURT WITH GRANOLA: (H)	\$3.00	CHEESEBURGER W TOMATO SAUCE: (H)	\$4.50
HOMMUS DIP WITH VEGETABLE STICKS AND HOMEMADE PITA CRISP. (H)	\$4.00	HOME MADE SAUSAGE ROLL: (H)	\$4.00
TOASTED SANDWICHES:		RICOTTA & SPINICH ROLLS: (H) (V)	\$4.00
CHEESE: (H)(V)	\$3.20	HOTDOG: (H)	\$4.00
CHEESE & TOMATO: (H)(V)	\$3.50	MINI RICOTTA PASTRY: (H)	\$1.50
HAM & CHEESE	\$4.00	CHICKEN NUGGETS: (H)	
*EACH EXTRA FILLING COSTS	\$0.50 EXTRA	➢ 6 PACK	\$ 4.20
		➢ EACH	\$ 0.80
TOASTED PANINI / WRAPS:		POTATO WEDGES: (H)(V)	\$3.00
TANDOORI CHICKEN WRAP: (H) Tender chicken meat marinated in tandoori spices with baby spinach, tomato and cucumber yoghurt sauce.	\$5.50	➢ WITH SOUR CREAM/SWEET CHILLI	\$4.00
CHICKEN SNITZEL WRAP: (H) Homemade crumb chicken breast grilled with lettuce, tomato, cheese and our sweet chilli mayonnaise.	\$5.50	TOMATO SAUCE EXTRA	\$0.25
MILD SALAMI PANINI: A crusty roll with mayonnaise, baby spinach, tomato, mild salami and cheese.	\$5.50	HOT MEALS:	
HAM PANINI: A roll filled with spinach, tomato, cheese and mild mustard.	\$5.50	BUTTER CHICKEN WITH RICE: (H)	\$6.00
SANDWICHES:		PENNE WITH BOLOGNAISE SAUCE: (H)	\$6.00
TASTY CHEESE (H)(V)	\$3.00	PENNE NAPOLI SAUCE: (H)(V)	\$5.50
EGG & MAYONAISE (H)	\$3.50	RICOTTA & SPINICH CANNALONI: (H)(V)	\$6.00
HAM CHEESE	\$4.00	HOUSEMADE SALADS:	
VEGEMITE & CHEESE (V)	\$3.20	LEMON THYME CHICKEN SALAD: Marinated chicken tenderloin grilled on a bed of mesclun lettuce, tomato, cucumber, couscous, with a citrus dressing. (H)	\$5.50
VEGEMITE	\$2.70	TRADITIONAL GREEK STYLE SALAD: A mix of cucumber, tomato, olives, Kalamata olives, feta on a bed of lettuce with an herb and olive dressing. (H) (V)	\$5.00
SALAD	\$4.00	ROASTED GRILLED VEGETABLE SALAD: In house grilled pumpkin, eggplant, zucchini, roasted capsicum on a bed of baby spinach & a balsamic glaze. (H) (V)	\$5.50
EXTRAS:		DRINKS:	
CHEESE	\$0.50	SPRING WATER 220ML	\$1.20
TOMATO	\$0.30	600ML	\$2.00
CUCUMBER	\$0.30	TROPICAL FRIUT JUICE BOX	\$1.50
LETTUCE	\$0.30	DRINKING YOGHURT	\$2.50
BEETROOT	\$0.30	CHOCOLATE MILK	\$2.20
CARROT	\$0.30	STRAWBERRY MILK	\$2.20
Please turn over for more information regarding the colour coding. (V) = VEGETARIAN (H) = HALAL			



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)

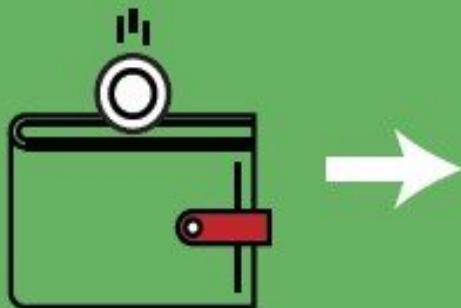


4. ORDER

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



Play Learn Grow Text Message Program

Get practical tips to your phone from leading early childhood experts, for free!

What is Play Learn Grow?

Play Learn Grow is a free text message program developed in collaboration with leading early childhood experts to support parents and carers of children aged two or three.

What does participation involve?

Parents and carers will receive three text messages a week for the duration of the program, with practical advice and fun and easy activities to support your child's learning, development and wellbeing at home.

The program is specifically designed to support:

- the learning, development and wellbeing needs of children aged two or three, helping to lay the foundations for children to have success later in life; and
- the wellbeing needs of parents and carers.

Who can sign up?

All parents and carers living in Victoria with children aged two or three.

Sign up today. It's free! Text PLAY to 0428 606 027

www.vic.gov.au/play-learn-grow-text-message-program



Parentline

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. We offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.



What does Parentline do:

Qualified counsellors are available to:

- talk about any issues to do with parenting and your relationships with your child
- help you with ways to cope and be a positive parent
- help with your family's wellbeing and resilience
- connect you with services in your area.

Your call

- Parentline respects your privacy. Your call is confidential and anonymous.
- Calls are not time limited and you can call back as often as you need.
- Parentline's qualified and experienced counsellors have social work or psychology backgrounds. You can ask for a male or female counsellor and ask to speak to the same counsellor if you call back again.
- Parentline can assist non-English speaking parents and carers connect to a translating and interpreting service.
- If you're hearing impaired, you can call Parentline using the National Relay Service.
- Calls from a landline are charged at a local call rate. Mobile call rates will depend on your network provider. Check with your provider if you're unsure.

We are happy to call you back to minimise the cost to you. If you choose a call back, we will ring back and you'll be placed at the front of the queue until you're connected with the next available counsellor.

Some reasons to ring Parentline

We can discuss a range of issues about parenting, including:

- child behaviour and development
- parent / carer child relationships
- education
- bullying
- living with teenagers
- family violence



kids**helpline**
Anytime Any Reason

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**Apply
now!**

Make a difference in your community.

**School Crossing Supervisor positions now available.
Enjoy the benefits of permanent part-time work!**

There are so many great reasons to join the City of Whittlesea team as a Crossing Supervisor:

- Starting hourly rate of \$31.04 (work 40 weeks but be paid for 52 weeks a year)
- Work 15 hours per fortnight during school terms (Annualised salary paid 12.6hrs per fortnight)
- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
- 10% superannuation and pro-rata sick leave
- Receive on-the-job training and uniform is provided
- Reduced price memberships available at Mill Park Leisure and Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Join the City of Whittlesea's active social club and attend organised events
- Health & Wellbeing Programs available



TO APPLY visit the City of Whittlesea website at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2508 or email school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Just in case you missed it...

Thomastown West Primary School
warmly welcomes our **NEW** After School Care provider

KidsCo.

see you all in Term 3!



KidsCo.

After School Care for little legends

We're making every day the BEST day ever for the families of Thomastown West Primary School!
Our After School Care programs focus on developing skills that enable the next generation to embark on a journey of fun, connection, exploration and real-life skills in our care.



I would recommend KidsCo OSHC to a friend because my daughter said it's fun and they have varieties of activities. I loved how they designed their mobile app as a parent, and booking is as easy as 1 2 3.

- Box Hill North Primary Mum

We understand that life can be unpredictable, that's why we provide accessible, fair and flexible care for all families

- ✓ All of our programs are subsidised by CCS
- ✓ Book up to 2 hours before the session starts
- ✓ We don't charge for cancellations or late bookings
- ✓ Manage your account and bookings through our app



After School Care Program Sample

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in	3:15pm - 3:30pm Sign in
3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea	3:30pm - 3:45pm Afternoon tea
STEAM Zone Coding	STEAM Zone Angry Birds	STEAM Zone Rollercoaster Tycoon	STEAM Zone Little Farmers	STEAM Zone The Band
Physical Literacy All Sports Football	Physical Literacy All Sports Soccer	Physical Literacy Grand Final Day	Physical Literacy Ninja Warrior	Physical Literacy Survivor
Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available	Zen Garden Always Available
Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available	Quiet Homework Area Always Available

Enrol your child online now!
kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

If you need any help please email us at oshc@kidsco.net.au