

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Tue	8 Aug	100 days of Learning Celebration P-2
Fri	11 Aug	Hoop time Basketball Tournament Gr 5/6
Mon Fri	14-18 Aug	Science Week
Tue	15 Aug	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Mon Fri	21-25 Aug	Book week
Fri	25 Aug	Book Week Parade 9:15am Parents and Carers welcome! <i>Students dress up as their favourite book character.</i>
Fri	25 Aug	Prep Circus Day
Fri	25 Aug	5/6 Girls Futsal Tournament
Tues- Thurs	29-31 Aug	Fathers Day stall
Thurs	31 Aug	Father's Day Breakfast (Prep-2)
Fri	1 Sept	Grade 5/6 Interschool Boys Futsal Competition
Thur	7 Sept	Whole School Concert 7:30pm Thomastown Secondary College Gym Have you purchased your tickets yet?
Fri	8 Sept	Grades 3-6 AFL Excursion
Wed	13 Sept	Footy Day Parade and Hot lunch (Out of Uniform day)
Thurs	14 Sept	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences <i>Students only attend school at the time of their interview.</i>
Fri	15 Sept	Last Day Term 3 Assembly 12:00pm Students are dismissed at 1.15pm
Mon	2 Oct	First day term 4 <i>Students arrive on time, ready to learn, at quarter to nine.</i>
Mon	6 Nov	Students are expected to attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
Tues	7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday <i>Students do not attend school.</i>
Tues	19 Dec	Curriculum Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Wed	20 Dec	Last Day Term 4 Assembly 12:00pm Students are dismissed at 1.15pm

From the Assistant Principal

How good are donuts?

How good is pyjamas day?

How awesome to have both on one day!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are as excited as we are to share the wonderful moments we had on our recent *Winter Wonderland: Pyjamas Day* at Thomastown West! It was truly a day of cosiness, laughter, and sugary delight, thanks to our Student Representative Council and the incredible support of our amazing parents and carers from the Fundraising Team.

The classrooms and yard were filled with giggles and excitement as the kids admired each other's unique and creative sleepwear. From superheroes to fluffy animals, there was no shortage of creative bedtime attire. The atmosphere was filled with joy, fostering a sense of unity among our students.



Donuts for Days!

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to the wonderful and dedicated group of mums who organised the delightful donuts. The aroma of freshly baked donuts wafted through the staff room, making teachers' tummies rumble with anticipation. As the kids indulged in these sweet treats, their smiles brightened the room, spreading warmth and happiness.

Winter Wonderland is more than just having fun day; it also serves an essential purpose in the development of our students activating their voice and agency in our school's special events. Such events encourage creativity and self-expression, allowing children to showcase their unique personalities. Our school's special events, fosters a sense of belonging and inclusivity, as we come together as a community, reinforcing the idea that each child is special and valued.

Additionally, special days and events (such as our upcoming **school concert**) promote a positive school culture, where everyone feels accepted and appreciated. It helps build a strong bond between students, teachers, and parents, creating a supportive environment for our children to thrive.

Special Thanks

We cannot express enough gratitude to all the Parents and Carers who make our school events possible. Your enthusiasm, support, and dedication are what make our community so exceptional. Pyjamas Day would not have been as memorable without your creative efforts and the delicious donut surprise! **Your involvement in your child's education makes a significant impact, and we appreciate every moment you spend with us.**

Arrive on time

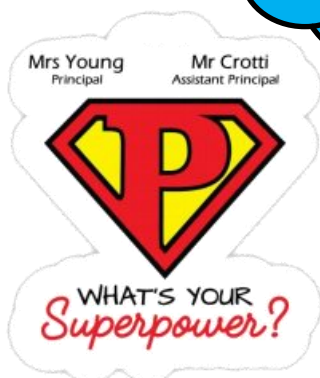
Well done to the families who arrive at school on time every morning. There are still a few families who are arriving after 8:45am. As a dad, I also have to get my kids ready for school and childcare every morning before I start work... I understand that there can be challenges! My kids seem to think every weekday starts with a fun game of 'Make Dad Stress'. But there are many reasons why arriving on time is so important. **Some benefits for your child arriving on time, ready to learn:** Your child doesn't miss out on the important learning tasks that happen early in the day when they are most alert. Early morning learning activities are often reading or writing. Your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills. It helps your child to learn about routines and commitment. It gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions or worry about walking in late into their classroom. Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children. Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves.

Staff Car Park

I have noticed a few people using the Thomastown Secondary car park. It is a staff car park and not suitable for parents to use for drop off and pick up their children between 8am - 4pm. It is a safety issue when large numbers of students are entering and leaving both the primary and secondary school. Please do not be offended if we approach you to ask you to move.

Principal Day

Mrs Young and I wholeheartedly extend our sincere gratitude to the students and staff for their heartwarming acknowledgment and enthusiastic celebration of Principal Day today. It was truly delightful and touching to experience such genuine appreciation and recognition.



Aboriginal Childrens' Day

Children's Day is a time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities and all Australians, celebrate the strengths and culture of our children. It is an opportunity for us to show our support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child. Children's Day has been run annually since 1988 and is the initiative of SNAICC – National Voice for our Children.

Mathematical Mindsets

Jo Boaler is a researcher out of the UK. She has observed and taught Maths lessons in many countries around the world and how parents', students' and teachers' mindsets affect how they learn in mathematics. Top tips are to encourage your children to keep trying if they get stuck, and rather than saying something like, 'I was never good at maths', say things like, 'You can do anything if you keep trying' or 'I believe in you.'

See her TED Talks here:

<https://www.youcubed.org/resource/ted-talks/>

Maths Challenge this week:

Have a go at this to and give your answer to Mr Crotti for a prize at assembly.

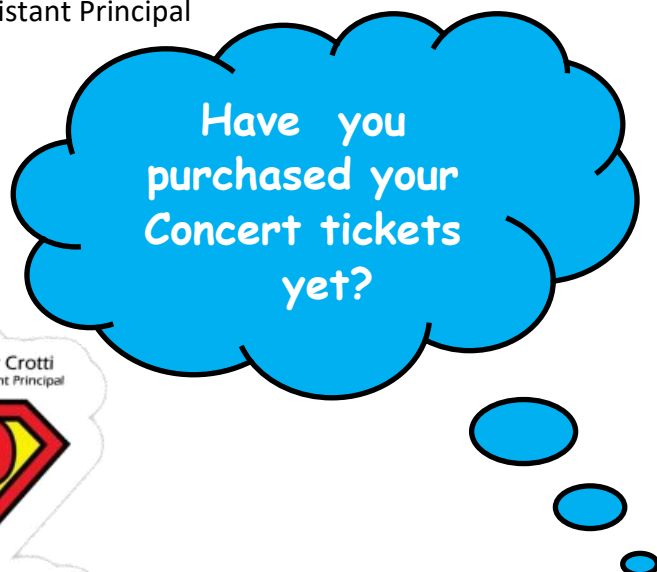
This a Fermi problem:

How many people can you fit into a classroom?

How do you know?

James Crotti

Assistant Principal



Happy Principals' Day!!



YOU CAN
DO IT!

Together Working on Pathways
to Success



Dear Mrs Young,
Thank you for everything you
do for us.

You work so hard and we will
always respect you and appreciate
you.

We all love you so much!

Happy principal day!

Love from the students in Room
4 and 6!



To Mr Crotti...

Thank you for being an amazing
vice principal. We all appreciate the effort
you put into making the school run
like clockwork. We all know that you try
your best to keep all the students happy and
safe in school. Thank you from all the grade
3, 4 students.

Now for some very special news about a super important event!

The **TWPS CONCERT** is going to be held at the end of this term.

It has been 4 long years since our last great production!

Over the next few weeks, lots of important information will be sent out on Class Dojo and in the Newsletter.

Everyone is expected to join in, and have fun learning new skills while creating special memories that will stay with you for a lifetime!

The most important thing to remember today is to

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, 7th September

**The Concert will be held in the Thomastown Secondary College
ECCA (Gym) and will start at 7.30pm.**

Check out the Concert Flyer in the Newsletter designed by Rosalina using Canva. Each week a different flyer with important information will be posted. Our talented graphic artists have been very busy designing more posters, making props and fabulous costumes for the **BIG NIGHT!**



T.W.P.S.
50 Years - YOUNG!

Thursday, 7th September

7:30pm - 9:00pm

**At the Thomastown Secondary
College Gym**

SCHOOL

**DONT MISS OUT ON A ONCE -IN A
LIFE TIME EXPERIENCE**



CONCERT FEVER HITS TWPS!



Lots of exciting concert preparations have been happening this week!

Our Preps have taken home their first Concert Invitations!

Our cast have been busy rehearsing and costumes are being made and fitted!





BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE

AS PART OF OUR BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS WE
WANT YOU TO COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE
BOOK CHARACTER



**BE INSPIRED BY YOUR
FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTERS
FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST @ 9:15AM
Parents and Carers Welcomed**

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

Thomastown West
Primary School

PLAY & GROW



SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday 11th August
2:15pm-3:15pm

Friday 18th August
2:15pm-3:15pm

Friday 25th August
2:15pm-3:15pm



Enrol your child at Thomastown West Primary School to join our weekly **'PLAY AND GROW'** sessions!

Come along to meet new friends through play, reading games and maths hands on activities aimed to develop fine motor skills.

You will receive a **FREE** starting school T-shirt to wear at each session and be apart of the Thomastown West Primary School Community



94 654 317

Scan the QR code to confirm your
child's attendance



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



EVERY DAY COUNTS

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ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you're here.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.

From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I'M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away.

If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

IF I'M NOT AT SCHOOL, WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections.

Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

WHAT IF I'M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Maybe you don't feel safe at school or you really dislike a teacher or things at home aren't great. Perhaps you're feeling down or anxious and don't even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer. Many people want to help you. Try talking to:

- Your parents or another adult family member
- A trusted teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator or the school counsellor
- Another trusted adult like your coach

USEFUL WEBSITES/CONTACTS

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue -
www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au
or e-headspace
www.eheadspace.org.au/ for online
counselling & support

Reach Out – www.reachout.com

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours
a day, 7 days a week or [web](#)
[counselling](#)



ABORIGINAL CHILDRENS DAY

**Aboriginal Children's Day is celebrated
across Australia each year on the 4th of
August. It celebrates culture and young
people**

**This years theme is 'Little voices, loud
futures .**

**I think this means young Aboriginal
children, like me, have more
opportunities now than they did in the
past.**

**by D'lae and Ali
ROOM 16**

Winter Wonderland:



Donut & PJ Day!



Stars of the Week



Term 3- Week 3

Nevaeh	2	For striving to be her best and working really hard in all learning areas
Sanah	3	Trying her best at remembering to S A T P I N sounds in words.
Abla	4	For showing resilience and trying again when something becomes challenging!
Mia	5	Striving to be her best by using the books pictures, title and own experiences to make predictions.
Grace	6	For showing resilience and coming to school ready to learn.
Zack	10	For being a responsible member of the class and following the morning routine independently.
Bilal	11	For always listening and showing respect to everyone in the classroom.
Boutros	12	For listening and responding to classroom tasks in a positive manner this term.
Ibrahim	15	For trying his best to make the right choices and show respect to everyone in the classroom.
Deniz	16	For always showing integrity and being a leader in the classroom.
Istbrq	17	For always being a helpful and supportive member of our class.
Simmu	18	For demonstrating responsibility and consistently being a good role model to her classmates.
Destiny		PE: For her great sportsmanship during our basketball session. Well done on including all your team mates!!
Zahra (16)		ART: For demonstrating real commitment and willingness to problem solve when designing a poster for the school concert.
Aaron		Side by Side: For not missing a single day of school in July!

Stars of the Week

Term 3- Week 3



ASSEMBLIES: 2:30pm Fridays

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court	TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building
Week 2 Friday 21st July ✓	Week 3 Friday 28th July ✓
Week 4 Friday 4th August ✓	Week 5 Friday 11th August
Week 6 Friday 18th August	Week 7 Friday 25th August
Week 8 Friday 1st September	Week 9 Friday 8th September
Week 10 Friday 15th September 12:00pm (last day of Term 3)	



Stars of the Week

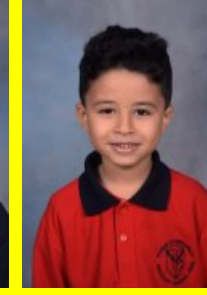


Term 3- Week 4

Terence	2	For striving to be his best and sounding out words to write a fantastic sentence
John	3	Being resilient and trying again when the task becomes challenging.
Michael	4	For striving to be his best and working towards completing all his work in the allocated time.
Lily	5	For making new friends when settling into her new school.
Gurasees	6	For striving to be her best when working independently and staying focused on the task.
Olivia	10	For always striving to be her best and being a responsible member of the classroom.
Maria	11	For always striving to be her best in learning tasks and being a responsible member of the classroom.
Harraz	12	For outstanding leadership in the classroom and running our Morning Circle to start each day.
Abdul	15	For striving to be his best in reading and aiming to improve when given feedback.
Becky	16	For outstanding progress in her information report.
Christian	17	Welcome to TWPS. We hope you enjoy your time with us.
Zahra	18	For always striving to do her best with all learning tasks and for writing a beautiful descriptive paragraph about the Sakura -Cherry Blossom Trees.
Adam rm 3		PE: For always striving to be his best. Well done on your dribbling and catching skills.
Lucas		Concert: For always being an enthusiastic, dedicated and respectful cast member during lunchtime practice sessions for the concert!

Stars of the Week

Term 3- Week 3



Winter Wonderland: Donut and PJ day




EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 3 Week 4 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	90%	78%	Room 9	90%	91%
Room 3	85%	85%	Room 10	75%	86%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	73%	70%
Room 4	79%	87%	Room 12	88%	83%
Room 5	70%	84%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	77%	81%	Room 15	96%	 92%
			Room 16	79%	76%
			Room 17	81%	85%
			Room 18	82%	58%

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.	



TOP DOJO EARNERS

Term 3 Week 4

Congratulations to Room 9 with 461 Dojo Points

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

Prep	Ayushman 6 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Giselle 9 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Liban 23 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Rosalina 7 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Liban 23 Dojo Points



WINTER WONDERLAND DONUT DAY



Winter wonderland pyjama day was once again a great success. Thank you to all the families who ordered donuts and contributed to this great fundraiser.

A special thank you to the fundraising committee who spent the morning packing up orders and ensuring all students received their donuts.

The fundraising team managed to raise over **\$500.00**. A fantastic effort.












ABORIGINAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Aboriginal Children's Day is celebrated each year on August 4th. It is a time to celebrate the strength and culture of Indigenous children. After recognizing our Elders during NAIDOC Week, August 4th is a day to acknowledge the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Aboriginal Children's Day was first celebrated in 1988. This year's theme is "Little voices, Loud futures" and encourages Indigenous children to have power over their future.

by Harmony Room 18

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

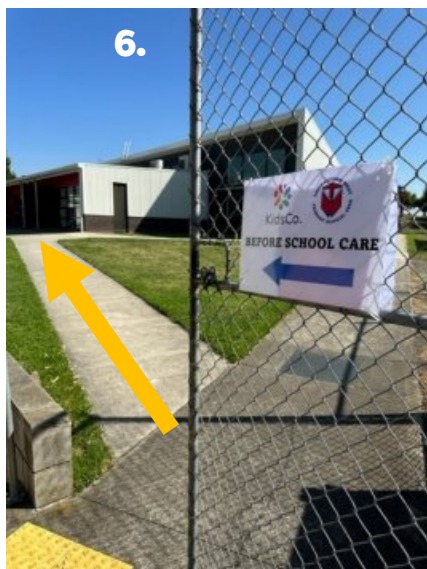
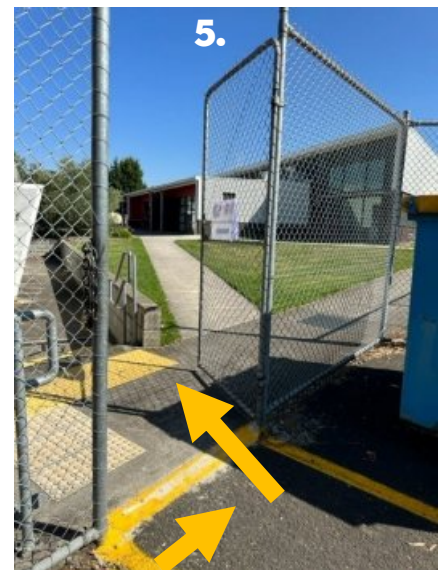
Season		Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Polo Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve Short sleeve Red in colour With or without TWPS logo No alternative logos are to be visible 		With or without TWPS logo
All year round	Shorts/Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy shorts 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 		

Items worn under the uniform (such as long sleeve t-shirts) should be blue, white or red.



KidsCo.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am





Thomastown West KidsCo!

Star highlights from last week's program

The past week at Thomastown Kidsco has been an absolute blast with creating lava lamps, getting creative using air dry clay, beading (bracelets and necklaces), and enjoying the delicious pancakes we cooked ourselves!

We also kept our down ball competition going from last week and really enjoyed when some of the parents played with us during pick-up time! This was definitely a highlight of our week - seeing everyone come together and enjoying some quality time.

Want to join in on the FUN?
It's free to enroll and then simply book into ANY session to join the fun!

<https://oshc.kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown/>

Here's a sneak peak of what's to come!

<u>MONDAY</u> <u>7th</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u> <u>8th</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>9th</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>10th</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u> 11th
We are playing "real life" - Among Us!	Get ready to get messy - we are using our hands and fingers to paint!!	Cooking Club – we are making one of our <i>all-time</i> favourites... banana bread	Lego building competition	Funky Friday! An all-time favourite: we will be getting ooey and gooey creating SLIME!

THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS

TERM 3				
JULY	Tues 11th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 25th 1pm - 4pm		
AUGUST	Tues 8th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 22nd 1pm - 4pm		
SEPTEMBER	Tues 5th 1pm - 4pm			

OPEN!

The uniform shop is opened every fortnight on Tuesdays in Term 3.

Please check the dates above. Orders can also be placed at the office.



2023 TERM DATES

Term	Starting date	Finishing date
Term 1	Tues 31 Jan	Thurs 6 April
Term 2	Wed 26 April	Fri 23 June
Term 3	Mon 10 July	Fri 15 Sept
Term 4	Tues 3 Oct	Wed 20 Dec

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

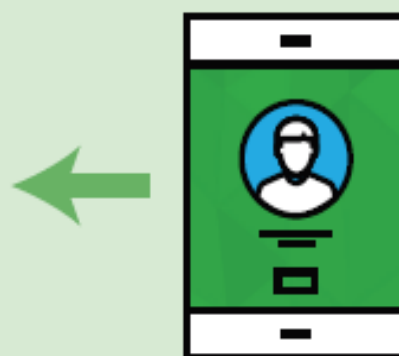


1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

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)

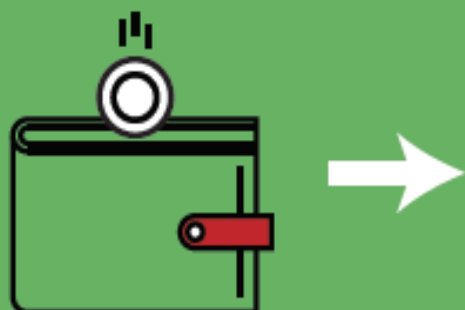


4. ORDER

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!



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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.

Gambler's Help Northern offers a wide range of community education sessions that aim to raise awareness about gambling harm in *Banyule, Darebin, Nillumbik, Whittlesea, Hume, and Melton*.

We have the flexibility to tailor our presentations to meet the needs and interests of the group that we are delivering our workshops to.

*We are a **free** service that can run sessions during 9-5 working hours as well as after hours if needed.*

We are also able to provide interpreting services if required.

We can present at team meetings, local councils, sporting clubs, neighbourhood houses, adult education programs, flexible learning schools, TAFE'S, youth education programs, social/community/play groups and more!

For any enquiries contact

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General gambling harm awareness

(15-minute overview – 1 hour)

Our gambling harm education sessions aims to raise awareness around gambling trends and statistics in Australia, the impacts of advertising, the harms that can occur for the person gambling & affected others, breaking down the stigma that is often associated with talking about gambling harm and promoting the help services available.

If you would like to hear from our **ReSpin Lived Experience Team**, we can organise a guest speaker who share their own lived experiences of gambling harm and recovery. Our speakers have either gambled themselves or been affected by another's gambling.



Financial literacy

(45 minutes – 1 hour)

our financial literacy education sessions aim to equip people with knowledge and practical tips that they can use to manage their money. Content varies depending on the group that we present to. We have experience in working with CALD communities, newly arrived communities, youth groups and more.

Topics can include but are not limited to:

A brief overview of the tax and superannuation system, types of bank accounts, credit cards, how to budget, costs of living out of home, identifying spending leaks, practical tips to reduce our groceries and utilities costs.



The convergence of gaming and gambling

(15-minute overview – 1 hour)

Our gaming education sessions aim to educate young people, parents, careers, and service providers about the growing blurred lines between the gaming and gambling industries.

Topics include:

The positives of gaming, the risks of excessive screen time and gaming, what unhealthy gaming behaviours can look like, gambling elements within games, social casino games, tips to manage excessive screen time and gaming, how to use parental controls on devices.



Feedback from our community

I wanted to thank you for taking the time to attend our staff meeting to present the Gamblers Help Northern services. It was a really useful presentation that had a lot of great information and facts that staff continued to discuss after our meeting

That was an amazing presentation!!! I've already had so many people message me and comment about how eye-opening it was. Thank you sooooo much!!!

It was an absolute pleasure having you here, you are a great presenter, and our participants got so much out of the session

If it wasn't for you coming to teach us about screen time and parental controls, we would have no idea at all, thank you

I didn't realise how much Australian's gamble, that was very interesting

Thank you for sharing these tips with us, I will use them when I go shopping and hopefully, I can save some money

THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

MONDAY

With Serda

Recess
Fun Maths Club

Lunch
Young Voices in Media

After school from 3:15pm
Homework Club
Finishes at 4:30pm

TUESDAY

With Ruqia

Recess
Fun Reading Club

Lunch
STEM Club

After school from 3:15pm
Pixels & Paint Club
Finishes at 4:30pm

WEDNESDAY

With PRACE
9:30am - 2:00pm

LEARN ENGLISH

Bookings Essential Call:
9462 6077

THURSDAY

With a Chess Teacher

Lunch
CHESS Club

FRIDAY

With Mrs Young & Mr Nick

Lunch
Strategic Board Games Club

HUB PROGRAMS TERM 3

Have you returned your Hub
permission notice?

TUNING INTO KIDS

An emotion focussed parenting program

Tuning into Kids (TiK) is a program that provides parents and carers with skills in emotion coaching. Emotion coaching is about recognising, understanding and managing your own emotions as a caregiver as well as your children's emotions. When children develop these emotional skills they are better equipped to negotiate the ups and downs of life.

TiK is an evidence-based program; randomised controlled research trials have shown that it makes a difference to parents and children.

TiK is a **FREE** program run by Kids First that is suitable for parents with children aged 3 to 10 who reside in Whittlesea catchment.

Session dates and times

Session 1:	Wednesday, 2 August
Session 2:	Wednesday, 9 August
Session 3:	Wednesday, 16 August
Session 4:	Wednesday, 23 August
Session 5:	Wednesday, 30 August
Session 6:	Wednesday, 6 September

10:00am - 12:00pm

Location

Online via Microsoft Teams

For all enquiries please contact

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delcheikh@kidsfirstaustralia.org.au



FREE WEEKLY ENGLISH CLASSES @ THOMASTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

TNH is keen to spotlight the commencement of our Weekly English Classes commencing in Second Semester. TNH will be partnering with PRACE to deliver 'Everyday English – English Conversation' Classes every Tuesday from 10am- 1pm in the TNH room at Thomastown Library. Please share this information with anyone who you think would benefit from the class and please note that registrations are essential. Please note that those with Bridging Visas E & F, Temporary Protection Visa & SHEV are also eligible to register.

Everyday English English Conversation

Meet new people and practice your English Language Skills in this friendly and supportive class.



Location: Thomastown Neighbourhood House
@ Thomastown Library, 52 Main St, Thomastown

Days and Hours: Tuesdays 10.00am- 1.00pm

Dates: 11 July- 5 December 2023
(19 Sessions)

Entry Requirements:

Bridging Visas E & F, Temporary
Protection Visa, SHEV , Permanent Residents and Australian
Citizens

Cost: Free

Registration & Further Info:

PRACE

9462 6077

office@prace.vic.gov.au

