

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

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
Fri	25 Aug	Whole School Assembly
Tues- Thurs	29-31 Aug	Fathers Day stall
Fri	1 Sept	Father's Day Breakfast @ 8am (Prep-2) <i>*Please note change of date*</i>
Fri	18 Aug	Whole School Assembly
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 <i>(Out of Uniform day)</i>
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>
Sat	7 Oct	WORKING BEE at TWPS 9am—2pm
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

Maths in classrooms trial underway

You may have heard from your children that we are currently embarking on a trial of the Student Centred Inquiry Model for our Maths lessons. Through this method, students will delve into Maths learning by actively exploring open-ended questions and real-world problems, fostering not only a deeper comprehension of mathematical concepts but also honing their collaborative and problem-solving skills. The main difference with this Students Centred Inquiry Model of Maths is that students try the questions for themselves before the teacher helps, enables or shows them how to do it. This creates resilience and a 'have-a-go' growth mindset for students. Students then share and collaborate with the teacher supporting them as a facilitator. Our skilled teachers have undergone specialised training to ensure each student's learning style is met, creating an engaging and empowering environment. We anticipate sharing the positive outcomes of this trial as we strive for educational excellence together. Your support is greatly appreciated

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Get ready for the upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences, where we'll discuss your child's progress and achievements. Next week, we will send home a notice providing instructions on how to book your 15-minute conference meeting for your child/ren on Compass. We will also include this information in next week's newsletter. Your active participation in the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences is key to your child's success. Teachers look forward to the insightful conversations held during the conferences. Thank you for valuing education and your continued support.

Class Dojo

As you are all aware, our school uses ClassDojo as an informal tool to support two-way communication between teachers and parents or carers. However, if your question or concern is urgent, it is best to phone the school on 9465 4317 or email the school:

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With 269 accounts/messages, occasionally Mr Crotti and I can miss a message or if the same message is sent to two or three members of staff, it can be challenging for Mr Crotti and I to maintain a clear overview or resolution of the communication.

Did you know that teachers also use Class Dojo to regularly reinforce positive classroom behaviour? Teachers allocate Dojo points for demonstrating our School Values, such as students listening actively,

completing their work, helping others or showing resilience. Sometimes these points are added immediately on the Class Dojo App. Other times, Dojo points are recorded on the classroom whiteboard or laminated chart and updated on the app later in the day, week or fortnight. This is due to teachers being occupied with teaching lessons, supporting students, completing yard duty or attending meetings.

Grade 2 Sleepover

We're excited about the upcoming Grade 2 Sleepover, an adventure that goes beyond fun. It's a chance for your child to develop resilience by stepping out of their comfort zone and adapting to new situations, all while forming friendships that will contribute to a supportive classroom environment. To ensure a seamless experience, we encourage you to arrange practice sleepovers with friends or family in the months leading up to the Grade 2 Sleepover event.

Student Belongings

Please make sure all student belongings, clothes, lunch boxes etc are clearly labelled with the first and family names to avoid confusion and reduce excess lost property. **If your child has lost their bomber jacket or toy, please visit lost property in our school office.**



Maths challenge

Play a board game at home that involves some Maths and explain to Mr Crotti what Maths is involved in the game you played. **If you write your explanation and give it to Mr Crotti, you'll win a prize at assembly.**

James Crotti

Assistant Principal

Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2022

More information will be included in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

****Similarly to last year, parents and carers will use COMPASS to book their meeting time.**

Need help with COMPASS?

Forgotten your LOG IN details?

You can also ask the lovely office staff for help.



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)	



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](#)

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!**





TWPS PRESENTS

'50 YEARS YOUNG!'

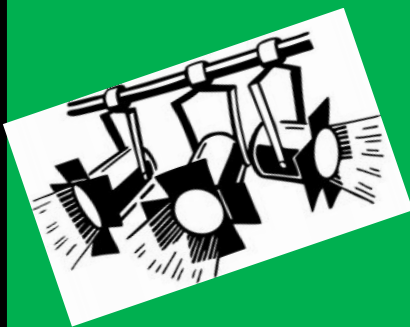
Thursday 7th September

7:30PM-9:00PM

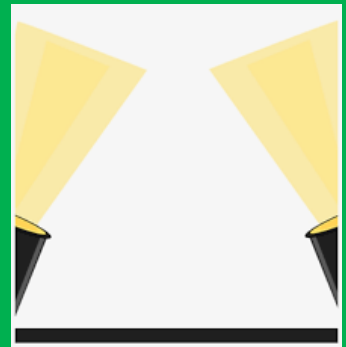
Thomastown Secondary College

GYM

Tickets: \$20!



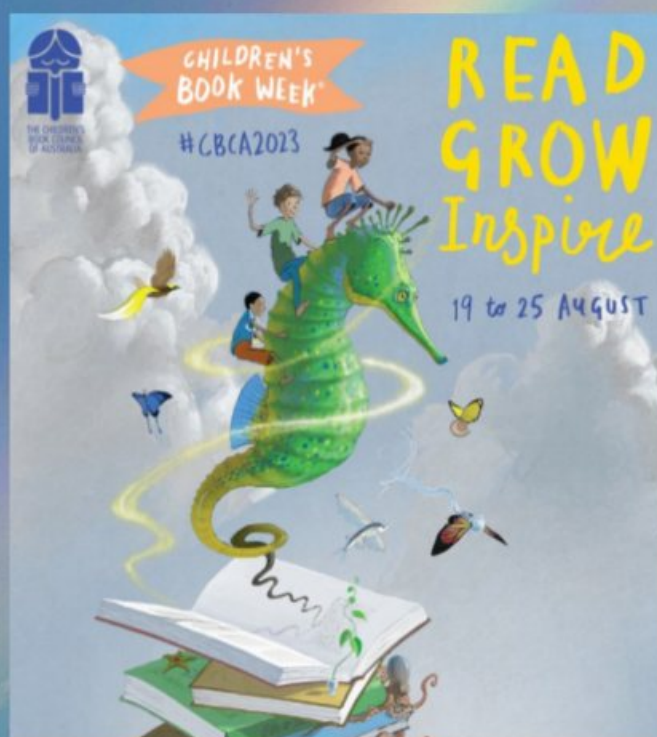
BACKSTAGE PASS





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**



PREP Science

We explored the anatomy
of an ANT and made a
paper ant model!



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



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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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Famous First Nations People

Part 2:

Jessica Hilda Mauboy

By Djaron L

Jessica Hilda Mauboy was born on 4th August 1989 in Darwin, Northern Territory. Jessica's father was born in Indonesia and her mother is from the Kuku Yalanji mob of Far North Queensland. She is one of five girls.



Jessica started singing in church when she was young. Her mum sang too and her dad played guitar. Her life changed in 2006 when she came second on Australian Idol. But she was a real winner as she then released many songs. She skyrocketed to fame and earned money than Australian Idol could give her. She's now worth \$8 million.

Jessica is now a successful artist and pop singer who has been nominated for twenty-four Australian Record Industry Awards. She has won two out of twenty-four awards. She has worked with many famous artists such as Flo rider, Snoop Dogg, Beyonce, Pit bull and many more. She has also been in movies such as "Bran Nue Dae" and "The Sapphires".



When Jessica Mauboy was a young girl, she dreamed of being on the cover of magazines, representing Indigenous people. In 2023 she achieved this goal and was on the cover of the First Nations issue of Stellar Magazine. She is now a very famous person.



GRADE 1/2 SCIENCE – Life Cycles

*We have been learning about different
lifecycles and exploring our school yard for
creepy crawly creatures!*



Stars of the Week

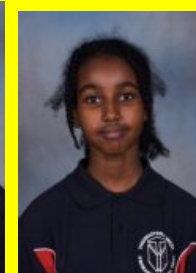
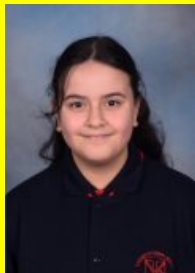
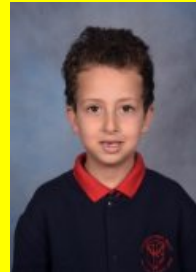
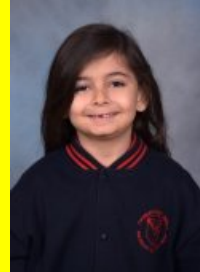


Term 3- Week 5

John	2	For striving to be his best and working very hard during our Maths explore.
Kehlani	3	For striving to be her best by great decoding and reading
Isaiah	4	For demonstrating respect on the floor by exhibiting courteous behaviour, attentive listening, and thoughtful interaction with others.
Luli	5	For striving to do her best when reading with the teacher.
Ibrahim	6	For writing an interesting narrative about the birthday surprise.
Cruze	9	For striving to be his best by exploring, investigating new Maths concepts and for having a positive growth mindset.
Attila	10	For striving to be his best when rehearsing for the concert.
Isaac	11	For always showing respect and responsibility in the classroom.
Yasmin	12	For putting in a great effort in concert practice
Muhamed	15	For trying his best to draw a map and use the success criteria to extend himself.
Asra	16	For consistently demonstrating the school values and being an excellent role model for her peers.
Audrey	17	For always striving to be her best and taking on teacher feedback with her writing.
Zahra	18	For striving to be her best by exploring, investigating new Maths concepts and for having a growth mindset.
Andy rm 4		PE: For always striving to be his best during all PE sessions.
Steven (11)		ART: For striving to be his best when designing symbols for his fabric blanket.
Room 15		Concert: By demonstrating great commitment in learning their dance routine, working as a team and encouraging each other to be their best!

Stars of the Week

Term 3- Week 5





Stars of the Week

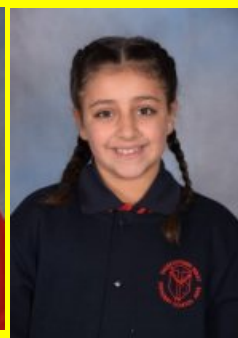


Term 3- Week 6

Ayushmann	2	For always trying his best in all learning tasks.
Dian	3	For always attempting tasks to the best of his ability
Sarah	4	For having a positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best.
Aysha	5	For striving to be her best when identifying a statement as fact or an opinion.
Kaiden	6	For always being focused when working independently
Liban	9	For striving to be his best during all classroom activities.
Blake	10	For striving to be his best across all areas and for his excellent knowledge of vocabulary. He always has the best word to use in his writing.
Mya	11	For striving to be her best in learning tasks and always participating in class discussions.
Denison	12	For his outstanding research and presentation of this week's Inquiry task
Alie	15	For doing an outstanding job at running the morning circle every morning!
Mustafa	16	For striving to be his best and actively participating in reading groups this week
Feruzana	17	For being a responsible class member and staying on task and completing her school work.
Harmony Ruby	18	For striving to be her best by exploring, investigating new concepts and having a growth mindset! For demonstrating resilience and a growth mindset by reading aloud in her reading group!
Girls Hooptime Team		PE: Congratulations to all the girls who participated and won the Lalor District Hooptime Tournament.
Molly		ART: By taking on a leadership role in organising and assisting others to design and make Samoan necklaces for the Room 9 Concert item.
Simmu		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 6




EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 3 Week 6 Student Attendance Report

As part of the Department of Education *Every Day Counts* initiative, schools report attendance in percentages. **The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a school student.**

The percentages in the table below indicates the average attendance for each class for this week.

The shaded boxes below indicate which classroom has the highest level of attendance for their year level.

Prep	Last Week	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
Room 2	76%	74%	Room 9	84%	87%
Room 3	83%	 90%	Room 10	84%	74%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	68%	71%
Room 4	85%	76%	Room 12	89%	86%
Room 5	82%	73%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	74%	70%	Room 15	91%	89%
			Room 16	78%	73%
			Room 17	86%	80%
			Room 18	78%	76%

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 6

Congratulations to Room 9 with 425 Dojo Points

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



Prep	Zaineb 6 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Amaanet, Robbie, Ali-reza & Gurasees 11 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Darius 23 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Abdul M 9 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Darius 23 Dojo Points

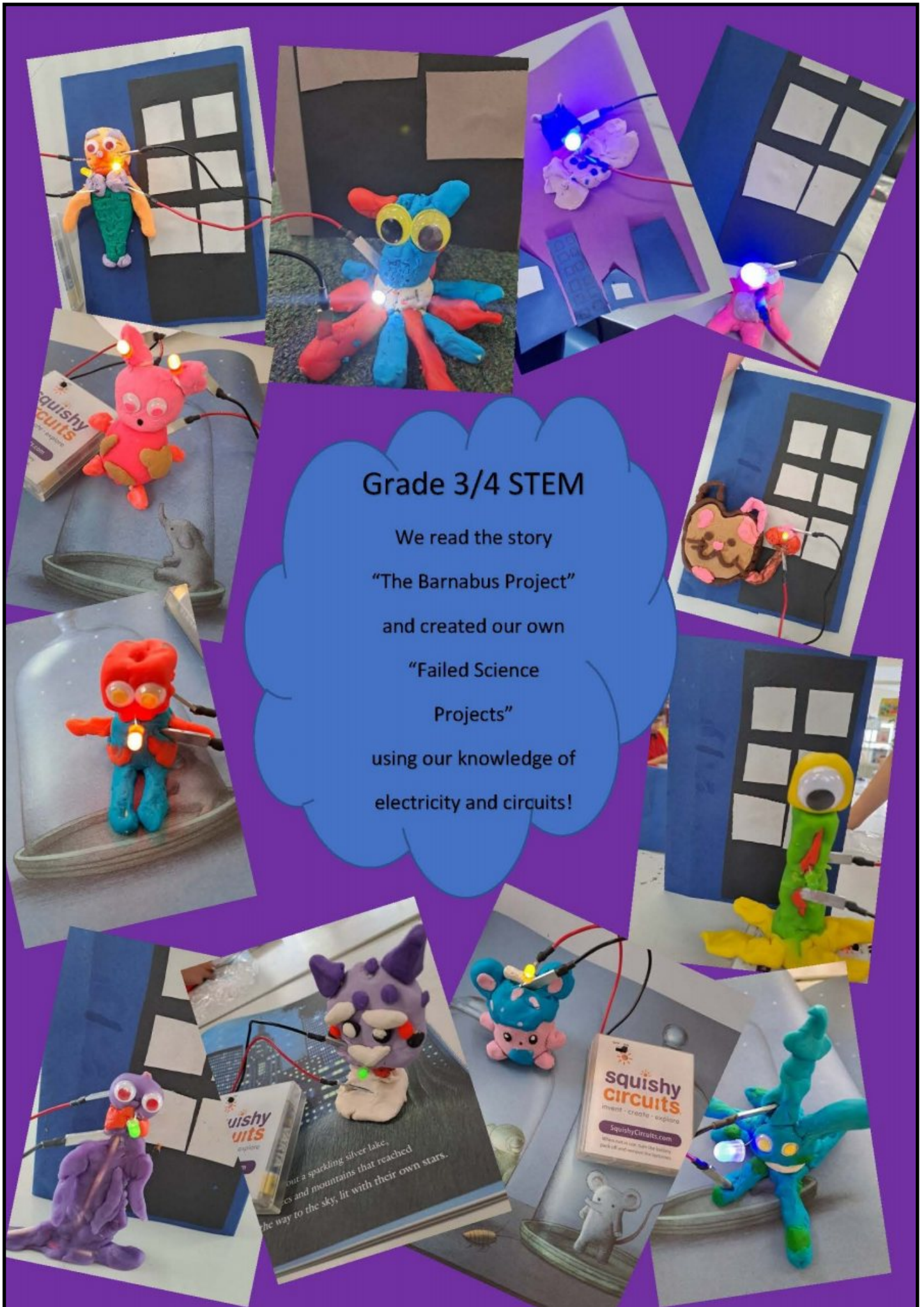
5/6 Hooptime Basketball Tournament

Well done to all students who participated in the Hooptime Basketball Tournament. A big congratulations to the girls team who won the event. Well done girls you all played an amazing tournament. The girls team will now represent the district in a regional final next term.



Grade 3/4 STEM

We read the story
"The Barnabus Project"
and created our own
"Failed Science
Projects"
using our knowledge of
electricity and circuits!



HARBARD STREET KINDER VISIT!

Our grade 1/2 students had a wonderful time visiting Harbard Street Kindergarten as part of our buddies program!



We painted, read books, played with blocks and met Popcorn the lizard!

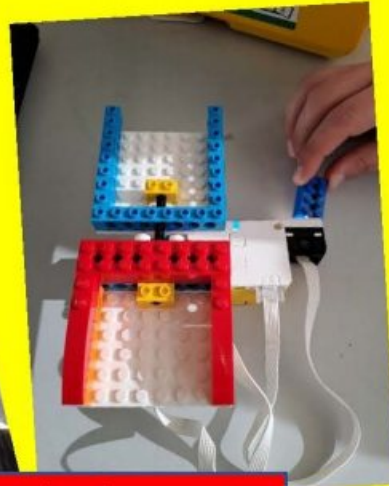


Harbard Street Kinder Visit

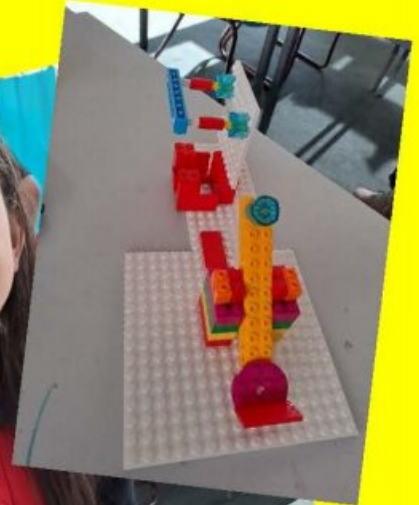


Pip invented a colour sensor to sort out and clean clothes!

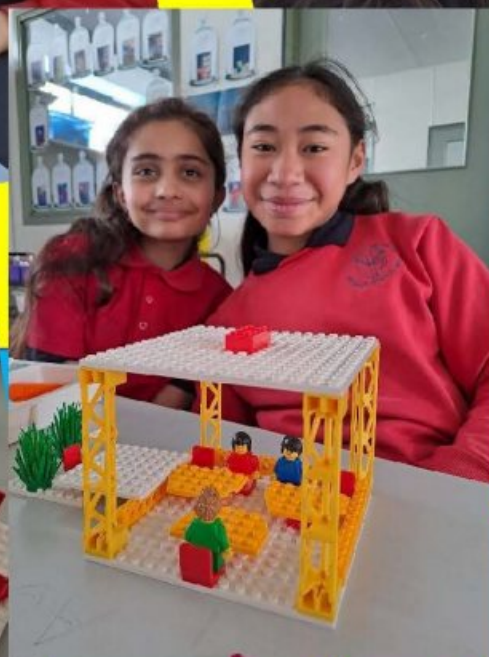
GO PIP!



Automatic
Wheelchair!



Catapult!



Classroom!



Classroom Toy
Organiser!

Grade 5/6
STEM – Lego Education

We have been designing and building various lego machines and thinking of new inventions for our classroom!

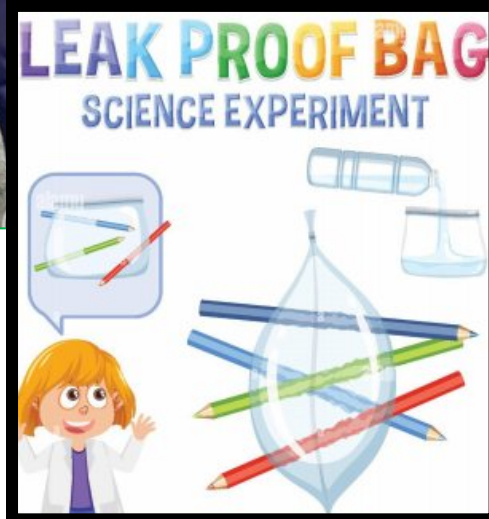
Buddies Science Activity Rm12 & Rm 5

During Science week Rooms 12 and 5 have worked together to conduct a science experiment called “Leak proof Bag Experiment”

The students had to first make predictions on what would happen if the sandwich bag was filled with water and a pencil was pushed through it. Would the bag burst or will it not burst. We then tested the experiment and shared our responses. The buddy rooms had a scientific and fun learning experience.



Buddies Science Activity Rm6 & Rm 18



Fundraising update

- TWPS fundraising team will be running a Fathers day stall in September. Keep a lookout for the brochure with gifts and prices very soon.
- Footy finals is almost here!! The fundraising committee will be discussing a hot lunch footy day for the end of Term 3.








If you are interested in joining the Fundraising committee please call or email Mrs El Zoobi.

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

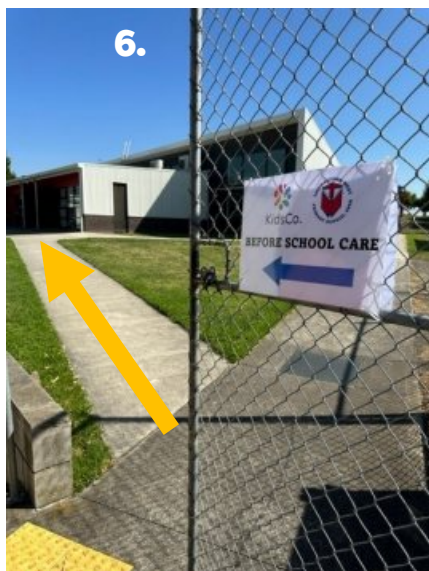
Season		Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Polo Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve Short sleeve Red in colour With or without TWPS logo No alternative logos are to be visible 		With or without TWPS logo
All year round	Shorts/Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy shorts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





Highlights from last week's program



Over the last week at Thomastown West we completed a HUGE box house that they have been working on all term. We are SO proud of the our final house and have really enjoyed working together to create it. At the cooking club we made jacket potatoes, this was our first time creating these and it was so much fun!!



Down Ball Training



Creating Down Ball Flyers/Initiations



Cooking Club
Fruit Skewers



Paint like Picasso



Funky Friday
Oobleck

Here's a sneak peek of what's to come next week!

 **KidsCo.**
ANNOUNCEMENT!

Get Ready!...

We are excited to announce to continue to support the children's strong interest and exceeding abilities in Down Ball we will be holding our very own.....



KidsCo Down Ball World Cup

Will YOU be the Down Ball Champion??

WHEN: Thomastown West Primary
KidsCo After School Care

WHERE: Thursday 24th August

HOW:

Simply enrol into KidsCo via our website. Then Book into the after-school care session



KIDSCO DOWN BALL WORLD CUP!

Thursday 24th August at KidsCo After School Care

From
\$2.50
After Max CCS



Are you the next Down Ball Champion?!

Come battle it out at the KidsCo Down Ball World Cup. Put your skills to the test and see if you can come out on top!

Thursday 24th August • KidsCo After School Care • 3:15pm - 6:15pm

BOOK NOW!

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

NEW TO KIDSCO? ENROL FOR FREE ONLINE:

kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

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)

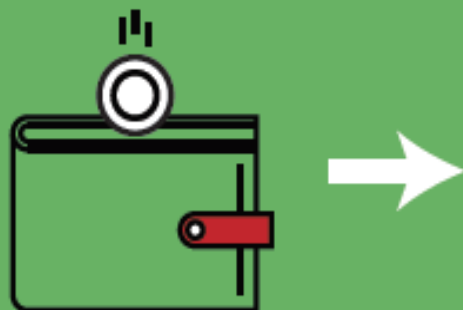


4. ORDER

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!



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.

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

Donna El-Cheikh
0409 006 126 | 03 9450 0900
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

