

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2022 IMPORTANT DATES:

Tue	6 Sep	Athletics Divisional Finals
Wed	7 Sep	R U OK? DAY Students wear yellow to school.
Thurs	8 Sep	Curriculum Day: Confirmed Students do not attend school
Fri	9 Sep	Grade 1/2 excursion Toys & Forces Science Works excursion
Tue	13 Sep	Footy Day (Parade will be 9am weather permitting)
Wed	14 Sep	Grade 3/4 Science Works excursion
Thurs	15 Sep	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences ONSITE at TWPS! Students attend school, with their parents or carers, <u>only</u> at the time of their conference.
Fri	16 Sep	Last Day Term 3 1.15pm finish
Mon	3 Oct	First Day of Term 4 8:45am start
Tue	18 Oct	School Council 6:30pm at TWPS
Mon	31 Oct	REPORT WRITING DAY Students do not attend school
Tue	1 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Students do not attend school

No.27 2nd September 2022

From the Principal

EDUCATION SUPPORT WEEK at TWPS

Every day, Education Support Staff work to keep our schools running. At Thomastown West, our Education Support Staff are the lovely Suzi and Sakina in the Office, the caring Student Welfare Officer Gurleen and our wonderful Aides: Genella, Carmen, Tamara, Chantelle, Kelly, Emily and Susan. Although their roles are quite diverse, all of our education support staff work very hard to:

- ✓ maximise learning time for our students
- ✓ support and optimise student wellbeing
- ✓ sustain positive relationships with parents and carers
- ✓ collaborate with others to support day-to-day operations

On behalf of the TWPS Community, I would like to sincerely thank our Education Support Staff. We genuinely appreciate and value the contribution they make to our school, each and every day. This week, all of our **Education Support Staff are our extra special STARS OF THE WEEK!**

HATS ARE BACK!

Spring is here and it's that time of year when we ask students to wear their SunSmart hats from **September** to the end of April, as per our SunSmart Policy. During these months school hats are required as the UV rating increases. **Please ensure students have**

their school hat, ready for Monday. School hats are available to purchased at our school office for **\$14.00**

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Friendly reminder ☺ If you are one of the randomly selected parents who were invited to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey, **please complete the survey before 16th September**. Please be assured that your responses are confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only **one parent** from your family is invited to complete the survey (the link below should only be used once and should **not be shared** with anyone).

R U OK? DAY

On Wednesday 7th September, TWPS will participate in R U OK? DAY. **Children are encouraged to wear yellow clothes or an accessory that is yellow.** This special day reminds us that every day is the day to ask, 'are you okay?'.

ILLNESS

It can be difficult for families to know when their child is sick enough to need to stay home from school. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.



Families can experience problems when trying to take time off to care for an ill child at home. However, it is important that parents focus not only on the wellbeing of their own child, but also upon the wellbeing of other children and the staff. If you need to administer Panadol/Nurofen before school, then your child should not be at school. **If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they must be completely well for 24 hours before returning to school.**

EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

And so does every hour... including Tuesday afternoons! Please avoid collecting your child/children early because it is convenient. We understand that the secondary school finishes earlier on a Tuesday, but this is not an acceptable reason for students to miss out on their learning.

CURRICULUM DAY: NEXT WEEK

On Thursday 8th September, staff at Thomastown West Primary School will be released from their scheduled duties to focus on the improved delivery of teaching and learning. This is a valuable professional practice day for staff and a student free day at school which was endorsed by School Council.

GREAT NEWS! Our new out-of-school-hours care provider, **KIDSCO** will be operating at TWPS on our Curriculum Day for the **ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY, as well as after school care!!!** More details on page 2.

Wishing all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, close family friends, a very happy Father's Day! We hope you get lots of hugs and kisses!

Sandi Young
Principal



PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

THURSDAY 15TH 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.



Thursday 8th September
A TWPS Curriculum Day
now
means it's a KidsCo Day!



KidsCo OSHC is located in the multi-purpose sports hall at Thomastown West Primary School

Program	Session Times	Session Fees	After Max CCS
TWPS Curriculum Day	8:00am - 6:00pm	Cost Per Child \$70	Pay as little as \$10.50

Let's get **MESSY!**

Secure your spot at KidsCo for the Curriculum Day next Thursday.
Join Caitlin and the team for a day of **MAD** science experiments & games!

Have any questions? Email us at oshc@kidsco.net.au

How to Enrol

Simply visit our website to enrol your child and activate your Xplor account!

A member of our team will call you once your enrolment is active and we will help you make bookings and answer any questions you may have!

Already enrolled? Book now on the Xplor Home app!



Thomastown West Primary School
98-112 Main St,
Thomastown VIC 3074



1300 976 304



oshc.kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown



Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

Due to our Curriculum Day on Thursday the 8th of September, TWPS will be celebrating RU OK? Day on **Wednesday the 7th September**.

To get involved we are asking all TWPS staff and students to wear something yellow.



Dress in **yellow** to get involved in RU OK? DAY



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage
action



4. Check in

Parent Student Teacher Conferences will be **ONSITE** at TWPS in Term 3 2022

This year, we will use COMPASS again for booking our Parent Student Teacher Conference meetings.

From this Friday morning 10:00am YOU can book your child(ren) conference ONLINE using COMPASS! (We will not activate the button until Friday 10:00am. Do not panic if you can't find where to click, as it will not work until 10:00am Friday 26th August 2022).

GREAT NEWS! When you use COMPASS to book a conference meeting with your teacher, it will be a time that you choose, which suits YOUR FAMILY! **It is really easy to let us know (on Compass) if you require an interpreter!**

For parents and carers that do not have access to the internet at home, at work, Thomastown Library, or at a friend's house, **support will be available at the office from Monday 29th August 2022 onwards**, so that parents and carers can still make bookings online. The Parent Student Teacher conference is strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. **However, more time may be allocated to your conference if your child has their Student Support Group (SSG) meeting scheduled.**

Parents can change their bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by revisiting COMPASS, and following the instructions. Remember to use the same COMPASS login you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their meeting times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: **9465 4317.**

Students only attend school with their parents or carers at the time of their conference.

Please note that Mrs Filomena Raif (Grade 3/4 Room 10) is **not available** for conferences this term and will hold her Parent Student Teacher Meetings next term, on **Tuesday 11th October.**

It's **EASY** to **BOOK** your 2022 Parent Student Teacher Conference

To book a time for your Parent Student Teacher Conference for Thursday 15th September:

1. Login to Compass:

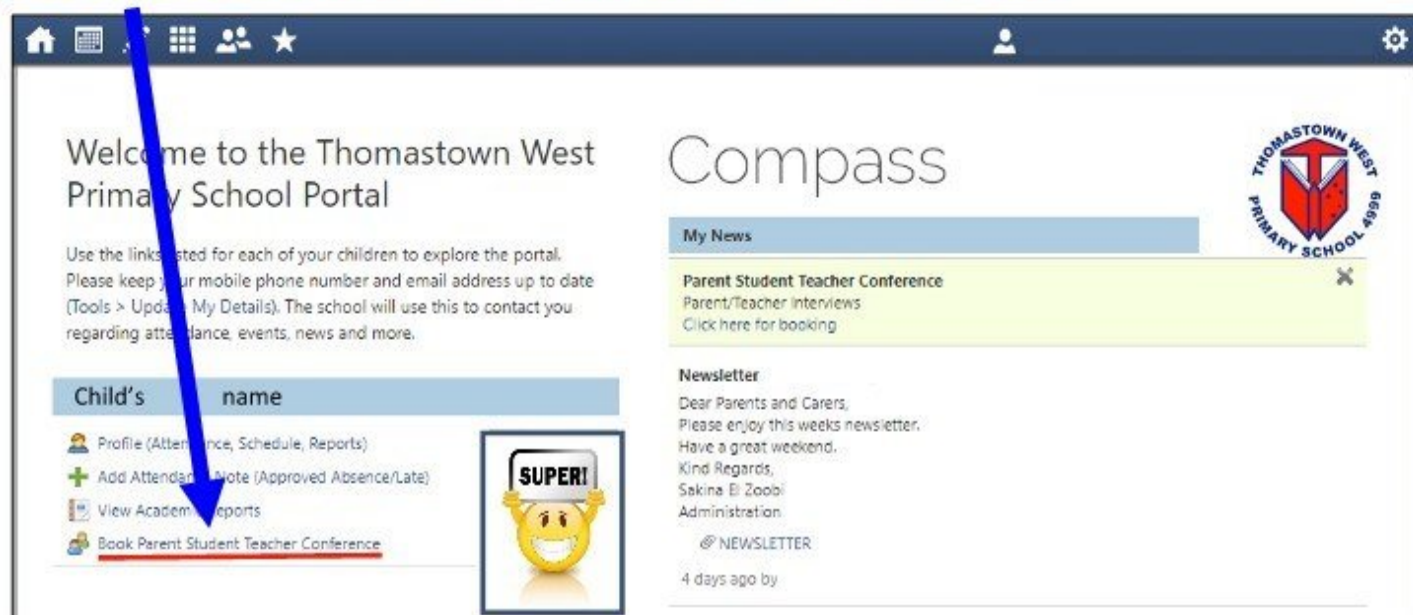
Use your parent login details.

- Please do not give these to your child.
- Your login details are unique to you and provide you with ongoing parent access to Compass and information about your child(ren).
- If you have problems... click on the:

'Can't access your account?'



2. Click Book Parent Student Teacher Conference



3. Click **My Bookings**

Conferences

Conference Cycles

Cycle Name

Term 3 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences

STUDENT NAME

First Slot: Thursday, September 15 2022 - 12:00 PM , Last Slot: Thursday, September 15 2022 - 6:45PM

My Bookings

4. Click **START BOOKING NOW** *

Term 3 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences

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Send My Bookings Print Preview Information/Help

Student Name

Teachers

Selma RAIF PE Interview Welcome

Oscar ROSA MUSIC Interview Welcome

Fiziana (Tiz) ROCCA Generalist S/b Interview Welcome

Margot SHEEHAN AIT Interview Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to Term 3, 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences

Start Booking Now Show me How to Book

*Click 'Start Booking Now' and continue with the instructions listed below and on the next page.

OR

*If you click the **SHOW ME HOW**, just follow the instructions on your device

5. Click the time that suits you then click on the teacher's name

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6. CHECK the time is correct then **click** **OK** unless...

Would you like an interpreter?

CLICK HERE and **CHOOSE** the language

Term 3 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences

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06:00 PM	06:15 PM	06:30 PM	06:45 PM	06:00 PM	06:15 PM

Student Name: [Dropdown]

Teachers: [List of teachers with 'Interview Welcome' status]

Booking Dialog Box:

- Session: General S/S
- Staff Member: Tiana (T) ROCCA
- Student: Student Name
- Time: Thursday 18th September - 6:00PM
- Interpreter: [Dropdown menu with options: None Required, Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Pasifika, Samoan, Tongan, Vietnamese]

7. If you have more than one child... Click here

Welcome to the Thomastown West Primary School Portal

Use the links listed for each of your children to explore the portal. Please keep your mobile phone number and email address up to date (Tools > Update My Details). The school will use this to contact you regarding attendance, events, news and more.

My News

- Parent Student Teacher Conference
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Click here for booking
- Attendance: Attendance Note Required
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Thomastown West Primary School uses the **Compass School Manager** to communicate with Parents and Carers.

Please download the **Compass School Manager App**

You need Compass to:

- ✓ Book your Parent/Teacher meeting
- ✓ View or download your child's Semester report
- ✓ Receive notifications and reminders from the school
- ✓ Receive emails and messages from the school if there was an emergency.

Follow the steps on the previous 2 pages...

THEN press the button to return to the main Dashboard

Click on the link for the next child.



Stars of the Week



Term 3- Week 8

All of our wonderful Education Support Staff		For their dedication and commitment to student learning and wellbeing and for always going above and beyond for us all at Thomastown West.
Ibrahim	2	For showing responsibility and taking ownership of his learning.
Robbie	3	For being resilient and brave when things are challenging.
Malak	5	For striving to be her best as she was able to correctly sort facts and opinions under the right headings.
Rukaya	6	For always being respectful to her teachers and peers. You are a great Role model Rukaya.
Desmond.B	19	For participating in daily classroom tasks and sharing his learning with the teacher.
Leslie	20	For staying focussed during maths groups and offering to assist others with their learning.
Bilal Baraa	9	For striving to be his best in writing this week and asking questions when he is unsure. Well Done! For demonstrating resilience and having a great attitude to learning.
Abbie Marcus	10	For taking responsibility for her learning by starting promptly and staying focussed to complete tasks on time For showing resilience and working hard to get up to date with his information report about the sun.
Destiny	11	For making valuable contributions during Guided Reading groups.
Ian	12	For taking responsibility for his learning by staying focused and completing his information report about the sun.
Yousef	15	For taking responsibility for his learning by completing all of his homework tasks.
Exayvion	17	For seeking feedback and up levelling his writing to produce a quality information report
Hassan	18	For striving to do his best and demonstrating an excellent understanding of figurative language.
Mary	PE: For her great leadership and team work during PE.	
Zack	ART: For striving to be his best during Art, really focusing on modelling with clay!	
Omran	STEM: Being his best during STEM class this week and working hard!	
Benjamin	Wellbeing: Being a caring friend, especially when his friends are having a hard time.	

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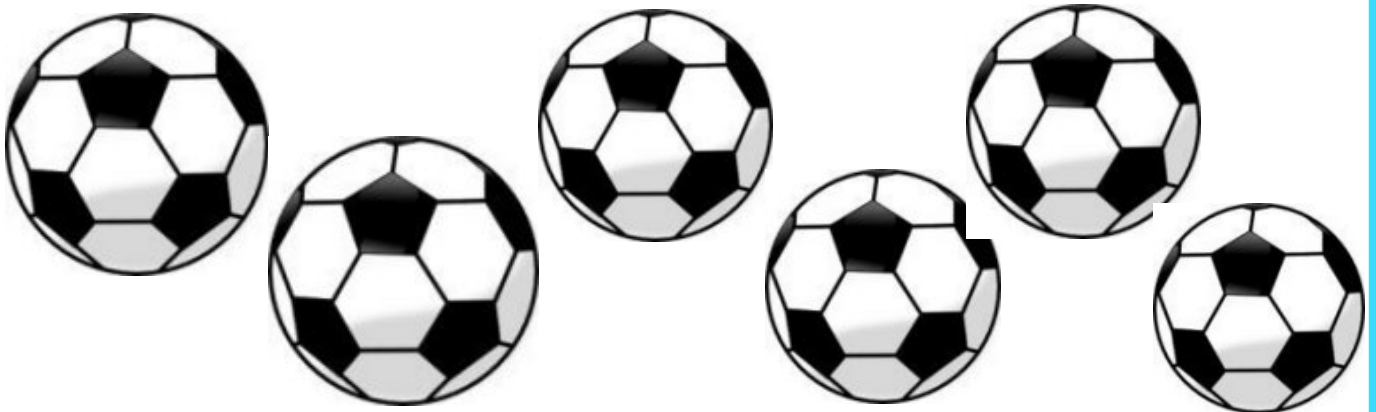
Term 3 - Week 8



5/6 Girls Futsal Tournament

On Friday 26th August a selected group of 5/6 girls represented TWPS at the Girls Futsal Round Robin tournament. The girls played incredibly well and displayed the school values.

Congratulations on coming runners up, you all played well and should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you to Mr Rosa for driving the girls and Mrs Peterson and Miss Gogia for assisting with dropping off and picking up.



Hello Everyone ,

Parents & Carers

How to Talk and Listen to your children #2

*Last week we looked at how and when to talk to your children. This week we are looking at helping your children **Tell the Truth** and encouraging them to **Talk About School**.*

Telling the Truth

All children lie at times to get themselves out of trouble or to get their way, but telling lies can become a habit for some children. It is therefore vital for parents/carers to encourage their children to tell the truth. Here are some suggestions on how to do this:

1. Be aware that your behaviour as a parent/carer may encourage lying. For example, you don't need to ask, "Who broke the vase?" if the only one in the room was the child you are talking to. Instead, ask, "How did the vase break?" and talk about how your child can repair or replace it, such as doing chores to earn enough money to repair or replace it.

2. If you suspect your child is lying, it's best not to accuse them of being a liar as this will heighten their emotions and they will dig in with their lie. Instead, you might say, "I'd like to believe you, but it's hard for me to believe you are telling the truth because no one else was in the room." Then wait, giving your child a chance to straighten things out. You may have to wait a while. Sometimes, children will tell the truth in a private bedtime conversation. Sometimes it takes two or three days before children come clean.

When your child does confess, thank them for telling the truth. Tell them you think they are brave for taking responsibility for their mistake.

3. Some children are great storytellers. The problem for some parents/carers is helping children distinguish between truth and fiction. Some children will tell big lies for attention. You could set aside daily storytelling time if your child does this. During this time, encourage your child to invent tall tales, the wilder and more unbelievable, the better. You can also join in by sharing your own tales.

This activity is fun for both the parent/carer and the child, and it helps your child learn the difference between fact and fiction and demonstrates there is a place for both. The time spent together will also address your child's need for attention.

4. **Ensure all consequences are measured and constructive.** Sometimes the fear of being punished will prevent a child from telling the truth. If, however, the consequence of admitting to making a mistake or doing something wrong is a calm conversation with their parent or carer, the result may be different. You can still explain why you're disappointed in their behaviour and discuss what they should do next time, but not give them a reason to fear telling the truth.

Talking About School

1. Spend some time each day talking with your child about school. Since the answer to the question, "What did you do at school today?" is likely to be "Nothing," try to ask specific questions, for example:

- A. What was one thing you enjoyed at school today?
- B. What was the hardest thing you did today?
- C. How did your maths test go?
- D. Who did you sit with in art?
- E. What was something new you learned?

2. Experiment with times to see when your children are more likely to talk. Don't force or guilt your child into having a conversation. Some children may want to tell you all about their day as soon as they see you after school,

but others may want to chat just before bedtime.

3. If you can't get any information out of your child, ask their teacher or aide to send home a small list of activities your child enjoyed throughout the week, each Friday, so you have some conversation starters when they are calm over the weekend. Once your child gets used to talking about school, you won't need the teacher's input anymore.

4. Talk to your child about your day. You can show your child they are not alone by telling them about your day and what you enjoyed or found challenging. For example, if you work, tell them about problems you had to solve, people you had to work with (*that you may not have wanted to work with*), *deadlines, jobs you were responsible for completing and new skills you learned.* You can then ask your child to share similar experiences they may have had that day. For example, *did they have any problems, did they do any group or teamwork, do they have any assignments due, or did they learn something new?*

5. If your child has homework, ask them to show you what they are learning at school at the moment and build a conversation around that topic. Ask them what they have learned already; you could even do some research together on the topic.

Learning the art of really talking and listening to children is one of the most powerful ways parents/carers can show their love and help their children to be successful throughout their lives.

Gita Peterson

Mental Health & Wellbeing Coordinator

Gurleen Gogia

& Student Welfare Officer



TOP DOJO EARNERS

Term 3 Week 8

Congratulations to Room 11 with 293 Dojo Points

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



Prep	Ibrahim Rm 2 13 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Molly, Aryan & Suyana 10 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Victoria 24 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Dylan 16 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Victoria 24 Dojo Points


EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 3 Week 8 Student Attendance Report

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

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

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

Prep	Last Week	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
Room 2	71%	79%	Room 9	85%	83%
Room 3	78%	84%	Room 10	83%	 92%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	80%	80%
Room 5	88%	85%	Room 12	79%	83%
Room 6	90%	81%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 19	70%	66%	Room 15	87%	79%
Room 20	88%	80%	Room 17	83%	85%
			Room 18	80%	88%

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. The school may take further action to support improved attendance.	

TWPS LEGO MASTERS

STEM

SUPERSTARS



**Carnival
FUN!**

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Robots

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FOOTY DAY

Tuesday 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

COME DRESSED TO SCHOOL IN YOUR FOOTY COLOURS.

THE FOOTY PARADE WILL BE HELD AT 9AM, WEATHER PERMITTING.

(Parents and Carers are welcome to attend)



\$10.00 = 1 Beef pie and Juice

\$10.00 = 1 Sausage roll and Juice

\$10.00 = 1 Spinach and Ricotta roll and Juice

\$10.00 = 1 Vegetable pastie and Juice

(Meat in the pies and sausage rolls are Halal)

This year we will be supporting our lovely local bakery,

Edgars Road Bakery

who will be supplying our pies, pasties, and sausage rolls.

ORDERS TO BE RETURNED ASAP

with the correct money to the office please.

Orders will not be accepted after Thursday 9th September 2022

Please note: A refund will not be provided to students who are absent on the day

*****ONE FORM PER CHILD PLEASE*****



Thomastown West Primary School is pleased to announce that we are now a SunSmart School.

The SunSmart program is dedicated to reducing skin cancer incidence, illness and mortality through a targeted prevention and early detection program.

The objectives of the SunSmart Program is:

1. Improve and monitor skin cancer prevention awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour
2. Support priority populations to detect cancers earlier.
3. Advocate for strategies that aim to reduce the health and economic burdens of skin cancer.

Thomastown West Primary School recommends that from September 1st to end of April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, students come to school wearing sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- **a wide brim hat/ bucket or legionnaire style hat to be worn in September 1st to the end of April.**



For the best protection use all five forms of sun protection-clothing, sunscreen, a broad brim hat, shade and sunglasses-when the UV is 3 and above.

For more information on how to be SunSmart, click on the link below.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>



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

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 3, 2022

"Re-establishing connections to support transitions"

Monday

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

3:15 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

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
DIGITAL ART



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



WCC is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We recognise the importance and responsibility for ensuring a safe and supportive environment that respects the rights of young people, enabling them to thrive.

For further information, please
contact:

P: (03) 9401 6666

E: twch@whittleseacc.org.au

images: Flaticon.com





ART STUDIO



Monday 19th September
Tuesday 20th September
10 am - 1 pm
(lunch provided)



**Join us for art and craft fun over the
school holidays!**

Thomastown West Community Hub

**This is a FREE event and places are
limited, please return the
consent form to register.**

Permission notices were handed out to students today.
Please return the signed notices to Mrs Young as soon as possible!



Whittlesea
Community
Connections
Making a positive difference everyday



GAMES DAY

Thursday 29th
September

10 am - 1 pm
(lunch provided)

THOMASTOWN WEST
COMMUNITY HUB

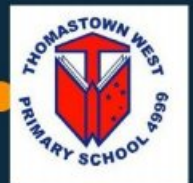
Join us for some fun
games and activities!

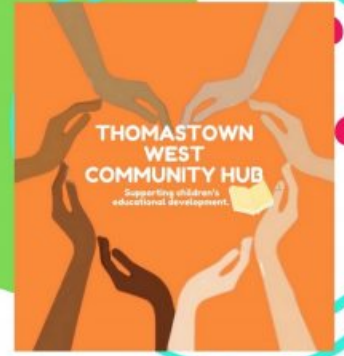
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The Hub Working Bee

Thursday 15th September 2022
11:30 am - 2:30 pm (lunch provided)
98 Main Street, Thomastown 3074



Please rsvp to either:

Ruvee

rratnayake@whittleseacc.org.au | (03) 9401 6613

or

Dean

DMarando@whittleseacc.org.au | 0473 019 831



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

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

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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
<u>TANDOORI CHICKEN WRAP: (H)</u> Tender chicken meat marinated in tandoori spices with baby spinach, tomato and cucumber yoghurt sauce.	\$5.50	➢ WITH SOUR CREAM/SWEET CHILLI	\$4.00
<u>CHICKEN SNITZEL WRAP: (H)</u> Homemade crumb chicken breast grilled with lettuce, tomato, cheese and our sweet chilli mayonnaise.	\$5.50	TOMATO SAUCE EXTRA	\$0.25
<u>MILD SALAMI PANINI:</u> A crusty roll with mayonnaise, baby spinach, tomato, mild salami and cheese.	\$5.50	HOT MEALS:	
<u>HAM PANINI:</u> 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	<u>LEMON THYME CHICKEN SALAD:</u> Marinated chicken tenderloin grilled on a bed of mesclun lettuce, tomato, cucumber, couscous, with a citrus dressing. (H)	\$5.50
VEGEMITE	\$2.70	<u>TRADITIONAL GREEK STYLE SALAD:</u> 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	<u>ROASTED GRILLED VEGETABLE SALAD:</u> 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

Last day for Lunch orders for Term 3 is Wednesday 7th September.

Lunch orders will resume in Term 4 on Wednesday 5th October.

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)

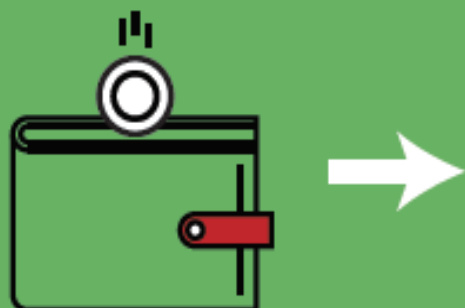


4. ORDER

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

Healthy eating in schools

Presented by: DPV Health

Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety

This session will provide professionals, working at schools, with practical tips to promote healthier food and drink options at their schools and through their canteens.

Recommended for: Early years Educators and out of school hours Coordinators



When: Monday 12 September, 10am – 11am

Where: Online Webinar

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings are essential and must be done by 7 September 2022 via trybooking.com/BVAIK

For more information: Contact Council's Family Services Education Officer on **9404 8865** or email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



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Working respectfully with Aboriginal children, young people, families and workers in the child and family sector

Presented by Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency

Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

Our Cultural Awareness Training sessions provide participants with introductory knowledge of Aboriginal culture in Victoria, as well as culturally respectful ways of working with, and walking alongside, Aboriginal people, families and communities. This session will focus on working respectfully with Aboriginal children, families and colleagues in a culturally safe space.

Recommended for: Early years Educators



When: Thursday 1, 8, 15 September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Where: Shop MM9, 1st Floor, Westfield Plenty Valley, 415 McDonald's Road, Mill Park

Cost: \$60

Bookings: Bookings are essential and must be done by 29 August 2022 via trybooking.com/BVAHH

For more information: Contact Council's Education and Engagement Facilitator on **9404 8865** or email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



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Bringing Up Kids Expo

Free
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Free
Family
Day

Indoor and
outdoor
activities

**Wednesday 7 September
from 10am–1pm**

The expo will bring together family support agencies to provide information on services, programs and events offered to the City of Whittlesea community.

Activities for children will be provided

Register now: www.trybooking.com/BUZJQ

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**Barry Road Community Activity Centre
36 Barry Road, Thomastown**

MILL PARK
VILLAGE



**City of
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This information session will provide you with some great information, tips and ideas to help you feel more confident at your child's next student support group meeting. You will be guided through the session by a facilitator from the Association for Children with a Disability.

Recommended for: parents/carers of children



When: Tuesday 13 September, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Where: Online Webinar

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings are essential and must be done by 9 September 2022 via

www.trybooking.com/BUZJU

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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



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COME & TRY DAY



THOMASTOWN UNITED CRICKET CLUB
WELCOME YOU TO OUR JUNIOR COME & TRY
DAY!

BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES FROM
THE AGE OF 6-17 YEARS ARE WELCOME!

THERE WILL BE SPECIALIST COACHES
ATTENDING ON THE DAY.

OUR PARTNER DECATHLON SPORTS WILL ALSO
BE THERE WITH EXTRA ACTIVITIES AND SIGNING
PEOPLE UP TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

17TH SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Skill & technique drills
- ✓ Fielding exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & activities



FIRST SESSION

17th September
11am - 1pm

SECOND SESSION

26th September
5:15pm - 6:45pm

THIRD SESSION

3rd October
5:15pm - 6:45pm

THOMASTOWN EAST RESERVE

LESLIE STREET, THOMASTOWN, 3074

MORE INFORMATION

RILEY - 0416 382 254 /
thomastownunited@gmail.com

REGISTRATION LINK

PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU
SEARCH "THOMASTOWN UNITED"



Junior Cricketers Wanted!

Thomastown Cricket Club is inviting Junior's of all ages, to be part of our program for the upcoming 2022/23 cricket season.

All are welcome to join our under 10 & 12 cricket teams.
We also invite children younger than 8 to be part of our Junior Blasters program.

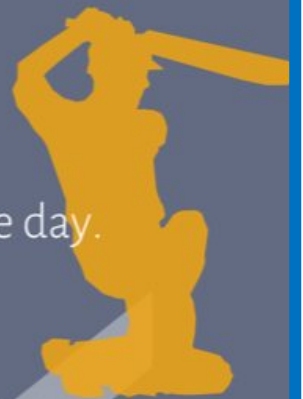
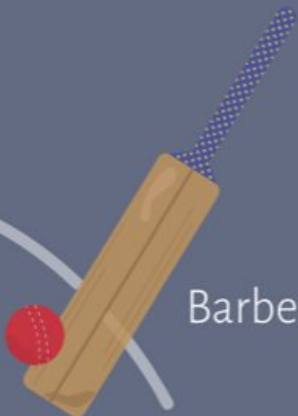
When: Thomastown Cricket Club will be conducting a Junior Registration Day on Sunday September 11 2022 at 12 pm at our clubrooms.

Where: Located at Main Street Reserve, Main Street Thomastown (behind TRAC).

Past players also welcome.

Parents welcome.

Barbecue lunch & free soft drinks provided on the day.



DANCE STREET

A Production of



Music and Lyrics by
Lin-Manuel Miranda, Opetaia Foa'i & Mark Mancina

Book Adapted by
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Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by
Ian Weinberger

Based on the 2016 Disney film Moana

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2:00PM & 7:00PM

ADULT \$35 | CHILD \$30 | FAMILY \$115 (2 x adult 2 x child)

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