

# Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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## 2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Sat	07 Oct	<b>POSTPONED— New Date TBC</b> <b>No Working Bee 9am- 1pm</b>
Fri	13 Oct	Whole School Assembly
Tue	17 Oct	School Council 6.30pm
Fri	20 Oct	Team School Assembly 2.30pm
Mon	23 Oct	<b>3.15— 4.35pm Monday Muster</b> Informal students sharing their learning
Mon	30 Oct 01 Nov 08 Nov 13 Nov 20 Nov 27 Nov 04 Dec 11 Dec	<b>Prep, 1/2 Swimming Program</b>
Tue	31 Oct	Prep 2023 Transition Session 1
Mon	6 Nov	Students are <b>expected to attend school</b> the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
Tue	07 Nov	<b>Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday</b>
Thurs	9 Nov	Prep Bundoora Farm Excursion
Tues	14 Nov	Prep 2023 Transition Session 2
Tues	21 Nov	Prep 2023 Transition Session 2
Fri	24 Nov	1/2 Dinner and Sleepover

No.30 6th October 2023

## From the Assistant Principal

**Welcome back!** I hope you've had a lovely break with your family. I know I did. I did come into work a bit to let in trades people and get ready for the term, but I also had some lovely day trips down to Torquay and Geelong with my family. We had picnics by the beach, played beach cricket in the sand and jumped in the waves. We have had some exciting work completed here during the school holidays, including having the grade 5-6 classrooms painted lovely colours. We also now have our incredible new LED screen out the front of the school! Make sure to gaze at it regularly in awe and admire the P4 image quality (not too long while you're driving), as well as reading the messages for our community.

### Dropping off students safely

We realise that it is very busy out the front in the mornings, and that it can take a while to find a carpark, but please do not stop and drop students off on Main Street. It is a safety risk to your children, as well as unsafe, disruptive and frustrating for families in cars behind those that stop on the road. Please find a car park in the side streets and walk your child safely in to our school.

### TheirCare after school care

We are so impressed with the staff from TheirCare already! James and Nicole have been in and running programs for our students inside and outside after school this week. Check out how to register on the following pages. Guides are also in Arabic and Vietnamese.

### HATS

All children must wear school sun hats during Term 4. Hats protect the face, neck and ears. At TWPS students wear a legionnaire style of hat. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$15. Please make sure that the hat is named! Remember... No hat, no play! Students not wearing an appropriate hat will be required to remain in the shade that is offered outside the Prep rooms, near Room 2 & 8, as well as the 3/4 shelter near Room 9 and 11.

### Grade 5-6 Swimming

It was a privilege to go with our wonderful grade 5-6 students to their swimming safety lessons at TRAC on Thursday. The students were all very engaged and listened to everything the instructors told them, and gave it all a go. The instructors were excellent, and taught our students about how to rescue people in a pool, from CPR to calling for help in a deep pool. There was a rotation of activities and students did an amazing job at every one of them. See photos on page 16.

### Rob Vingerhoets: Maths Consultant

This Wednesday we were very excited to have an after school professional learning session with Rob Vingerhoets. Teachers and ES staff have all had our first session with Rob out of a series of sessions this term. Rob will be taking lessons in classrooms with our students while teachers observe and learn from him, as well as helping our teachers plan lessons for the students.

### Math Challenge

Cook something at home and share the recipe with Mr Crotti. What math can you see in the recipe? There will be a prize at assembly for students who share what math's they learnt in their cooking.

*James Crotti*

Assistant Principal





*We love our  
freshly painted  
Grade 5/6 classrooms!*







# New After school care provider!

from TERM 4 2023



## Bookings Now Open!

**Bookings for Term 4 at Thomastown West Primary School TheirCare are now open for families to access.**

**Registration and bookings are completed online at [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) and usually takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to complete.**

**Want to know more about TheirCare? Scan the code on your mobile to watch our introduction video!**



**FAQs can be located on our website:  
<https://theircare.com.au/how-to-register/>**

**From the beginning of Term 4 Thomastown West Primary School will have a **NEW** out of school hours care provider. In Term 4 we warmly welcome our fabulous **NEW** after school care provider:**



**From Term 4 2024, TheirCare will provide an **after school care service** for the Thomastown West School Community from **3:15pm - 6pm**.**

**Learn more at [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) or call **1300 072 410****



# How to Register



## Register your child

Using our online booking system



## Log in

Make or amend a booking



## Holiday Programs

Fun, stimulating and inclusive

# Welcome To TheirCare

## How to Register Guide:

**Registration and bookings are completed online at [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) and usually takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to complete.**

**When completing your child's registration there will be some information and documents that you will need on hand to complete the registration process.**

### **This includes...**

- **Centrelink CRNs for yourself and the child you are enrolling**
- **Credit card or bank account details for direct debit purposes**
- **Emergency contact details in case you are not contactable in an emergency**
  - **Authorised nominees for drop off and collection**
  - **Doctor, Medicare, immunisations details for your child**
    - **Any medical or health details for your child**

**FAQs can be located on our website:**

**<https://theircare.com.au/how-to-register/>**





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where Kids love to be!

## Thomastown West Primary School

Social, enjoyable  
& fun experiences  
for children

Develop creativity, life  
skills & confidence  
through play

Qualified, caring &  
engaged staff

Exciting &  
thoughtfully  
developed programs

Healthy & Yummy  
food provided  
each day

### Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	N/A		
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:15 PM	\$30.00	\$3.00
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:15 PM	\$87.50	\$8.75
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM to 6:15 PM	\$87.50	\$8.75

\*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | \*\* Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | \*\*\* Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

#### No late booking/ cancellation fees for Term 4 2023

##### Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

**BSC/ASC within 48 Hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

**Holiday Program within 5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**

**Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.**

##### Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

**BSC/ASC within 48 Hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

**Holiday Program:** book less than **5 Days** from  
the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

##### Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

**\$1 per minute** after service close time.

**To register visit [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)**



Service Phone number:  
0400 440 722

Your service Coordinator will be  
available during session times.

Save up  
to **90%** with  
the Child Care  
Subsidy!



**TheiCare** support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time)  
on **1300 072 410** or **[info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)**





مدرسة Thomastown West الابتدائية



تقديم طعام صحي  
ولذيذ كل يوم

برامج مثيرة  
ومُوسوعة بعناية

هيئة تدريس مؤهلة  
وراعية ومشاركة

تُنمي الإبداع والمهارات  
الحياتية والثقة  
من خلال اللعب

تجارب اجتماعية  
وممتعة ومسلية  
للأطفال

## باب الحجز مفتوح الآن

الرسوم المترتبة عليك بعد اعانة دعم رعاية الطفل**	الرسوم قبل اعانة دعم رعاية الطفل*	من الاثنين - الجمعة ساعات العمل	الرعاية ما قبل المدرسة (BSC)
\$3.00	\$30.00	لا ينطبق	الرعاية ما بعد المدرسة (ASC)
\$8.75	\$87.50	من 3:15 مساءً حتى 6:15 مساءً	يوم اجازة للطلاب
\$8.75	\$87.50	من 7:00 صباحاً حتى 6:15 مساءً	برنامج العطلة***

\*تكاليف الرسوم العادية قبل اعانة دعم رعاية الطفل | \*\*تكاليف الرسوم العادية بعد الحد الأقصى من اعانة دعم رعاية الطفل | \*\*\*تكاليف الرسوم العادية باستثناء الجولات الداخلية/الخارجية

لا توجد رسوم على الحجز/ الإلغاء المتأخر للفصل الرابع 2023

### رسوم الإلغاء

(لا يتم استخدام اعانة دعم رعاية الطفل لرسوم الإلغاء)

BSC/ASC في غضون 48 ساعة من وقت بدء تقديم الرعاية: \$5.00

برنامج العطلات: في غضون 5 أيام من وقت بدء تقديم الرعاية: \$10.00

رسوم الإلغاء في نفس اليوم هي الرسوم المترتبة عليك مقابل تقديم الرعاية.

### رسوم الحجز المتأخر

(لا تستخدم اعانة دعم رعاية الطفل لرسوم الحجز المتأخر)

BSC/ASC في غضون 48 ساعة من وقت بدء تقديم الرعاية: \$5.00

برنامج العطلات: احجزوا أقل من 5 أيام من

وقت بدء تقديم الرعاية والرسوم هي \$10.00

### رسوم الاستلام المتأخر

(لا تستخدم اعانة دعم رعاية الطفل لرسوم الاستلام المتأخر)

\$1 للدقيقة بعد وقت إغلاق الخدمة.

للتسجيل تفضل بزيارة

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رقم تليفون الخدمة:

0400 440 722

سيكون منسق الخدمة الخاص بك  
متواجداً خلال أوقات تقديم الرعاية.

وفر ما يصل الى  
90% مع إعانة  
رعاية الطفل!

فريق دعم TheirCare متواجد بين الساعة 6.30 صباحاً - 9 مساءً طوال أيام الأسبوع  
(التوقيت الشرقي) على 1300 072 410 أو info@theircare.com.au





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Where Kids love to be!

## Trường tiểu học Thomastown West

Trải nghiệm xã hội,  
thú vị và vui vẻ  
cho trẻ em

Phát triển kỹ năng  
sáng tạo, kỹ năng  
sống và sự tự tin  
thông qua vui chơi

Đội ngũ nhân viên  
chuyên nghiệp, quan  
tâm và tận tụy

Các chương trình thú  
vị và được soạn thảo  
một cách chu đáo

Cung cấp thức  
ăn có lợi cho sức  
khỏe và ngon  
miệng mỗi ngày

### Hiện đang nhận đăng ký

	Thứ Hai – thứ Sáu Giờ mở cửa	Lệ phí trước Khoản trợ cấp Gửi trẻ (Child Care Subsidy)*	Lệ phí tự thanh toán sau Khoản trợ cấp Gửi trẻ (Child Care Subsidy)**
Giữ trẻ Trước Giờ Học (BSC)	Không áp dụng		
Giữ trẻ Sau Giờ Học (ASC)	3:15 chiều đến 6:15 tối	\$30.00	\$3.00
Ngày Học sinh Nghỉ học	7:00 sáng đến 6:15 tối	\$87.50	\$8.75
Chương trình Kỳ bãi trường***	7:00 sáng đến 6:15 tối	\$87.50	\$8.75

\*Các lệ phí thông thường trước Khoản trợ cấp Gửi trẻ | \*\*Lệ phí thông thường sau Khoản trợ cấp Gửi trẻ tối đa | \*\*\*Lệ phí thông thường không bao gồm lệ phí chương trình sinh hoạt tại trường/chuyến du ngoạn

Không tính lệ phí đăng ký/hủy bỏ trẻ cho Học kỳ 4 năm 2023

### Lệ phí Hủy bỏ

(Không áp dụng Khoản trợ cấp Gửi trẻ cho Lệ phí Hủy bỏ)

BSC/ASC trong vòng 48 giờ kể từ lúc buổi bắt đầu: \$5.00

Chương trình kỳ bãi trường: trong vòng 5 ngày kể từ lúc buổi bắt đầu: \$10.00

Lệ phí Hủy bỏ trong cùng ngày là lệ phí tự thanh toán.

### Lệ phí Đăng ký Trẻ

(Không áp dụng Khoản trợ cấp Gửi trẻ cho lệ phí đăng ký trẻ)

BSC/ASC trong vòng 48 giờ kể từ lúc buổi bắt đầu: \$5.00

Chương trình kỳ bãi trường: đăng ký trước chưa tới 5 ngày  
kể từ lúc buổi bắt đầu là \$10.00

### Lệ phí đến đón trẻ

(không áp dụng Khoản trợ cấp Gửi trẻ cho lệ phí đến đón trẻ)

\$1 mỗi phút sau giờ dịch vụ đóng cửa.

**Muốn đăng ký, hãy truy cập  
theircare.com.au**

Số điện thoại của Dịch vụ

**0400 440 722**

Điều phối viên dịch vụ của quý vị sẽ  
có mặt trong thời gian của các buổi.

Tiết kiệm tới  
**90% khi có  
Khoản trợ cấp  
Gửi trẻ!**

Nhóm hỗ trợ **TheirCare** làm việc từ 6:30 sáng – 9:00 tối các ngày thường trong tuần  
(Giờ Tiêu chuẩn Đông bộ) theo số **1300 072 410** hoặc **info@theircare.com.au**



# Welcome to TheirCare



## Our Philosophy

TheirCare exists to enrich communities. We provide exceptional care focused on children. We value being caring, open and engaged.

The foundations of our care philosophy centre around the My Time, Our Place Framework and we adhere to the National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care.

We incorporate the needs, interests and learning development of all children in our care, to ensure children and families have a sense of belonging and engagement.



## What to Expect at TheirCare

Children love coming to TheirCare because we create fun, energetic, and interesting experiences. Quality programming is paramount.

We take pride in creating warm and welcome spaces for the children. We invest in quality resources that are regularly replenished.

At TheirCare every child will feel listened to. Connection with families and schools is key to our success.

Quality and safety underpin everything we do. During session time children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.



## TheirCare Programs

Intentional (planned) and spontaneous (unplanned) experiences are available at every session. Experiences are developed based on the children's interests, needs and developmental stages and designed to keep children engaged and active.

- ☒ Cooking
- ☒ Science experiments
- ☒ Incursions
- ☒ Daily activities such as Lego, building blocks, drawings, creative play
- ☒ Various themes (sustainability, world and cultural special events)
- ☒ Art, craft, music, drama and dance
- ☒ Physical activities and sports
- ☒ Outdoor play



Fun!



## TheirCare Educators

TheirCare educators are engaged, caring and open.

All educators have:

- ☒ Valid Working with Children Checks or the state equivalent
- ☒ Child Care First Aid
- ☒ Mandatory Reporting Training



## Food Glorious Food!

Food is a wonderful way to connect and celebrate life!

At TheirCare we embrace various cultural and dietary requirements.



**Breakfasts include:**  
a selection of cereals, wholemeal bread, fruit, yoghurt, and milk. Sometimes we offer alternatives such as pancakes, toasties, and TC breakfast burritos!



**Afternoon teas can include:**  
fresh vegetables, fruit, sandwiches, wraps, dips, crackers, rice, pasta and soups.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

## About TheirCare

# Learn more about Term 4 After School Care!

## Serious Stuff



### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☒ A completed Medical Management Plan, signed by a doctor and with a colour photo of the child.
- ☒ Medication must come in its original packaging and labelled with the child's name, required dosage, time, date and storage requirements.

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and part of our Terms and Conditions to provide this information.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.



### Collecting Your Child

TheirCare has prepared a drop off and collection policy specific for each School and it is important to follow this at all times. A copy of the policy is on display at the service or is available from your Service Coordinator.

Importantly:

- ☒ TheirCare will not allow child/ren to walk home unsupervised from the service.
- ☒ All children must be signed out by an authorised person listed on the enrolment form.
- ☒ In the event that parents or guardians organise an alternative person to pick up their child who is NOT on the enrolment form, the service MUST be notified in writing beforehand of the person's details.
- ☒ The person doing pick up must provide identification on arrival.



**NOTE:** if the service has not been informed of the alternative pick up person, the child will NOT be released.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



### How to Enrol & Book

Enrolment instructions and access to book/cancel sessions can be found at [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)



### Easy Booking Options

Permanent bookings can easily be set up for the same day(s) of each week.

Alternatively, casual bookings can be made based on your needs.



### Late Bookings & Cancellation Fees

A small cancellation or late booking fee is incurred for bookings. This amount varies across services. Please refer to your Service Flyer for details. Please note, it helps us greatly to deliver a high-quality service if you book in advance.



### Late Pick-Up

A late pick-up fee of \$1.00 per child per minute is charged once the service close time has passed.



### Customer Service

Your Service Coordinator is your primary contact for any assistance or to raise any concerns. A highly visible information board at your service contains an escalation path for any issue you believe has not been satisfactorily resolved. TheirCare Support Team is available between 8:30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on 1300 072 410 or [infor@theircare.com.au](mailto:infor@theircare.com.au)



### Payment

Payments are made by direct debit from a nominated bank account and charged weekly in arrears. An online statement is issued and emailed weekly.



### Child Care Subsidy

The Australian Government provides significant fee relief to Australian families who utilise approved childcare services via the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) program.

You will ONLY pay the 'out-of-pocket' costs for your children to attend.

To claim the CCS you need a CRN (Customer Reference Number) for yourself and your child/ren and to update your details at [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au)

If you do not have a CRN you can apply via Centrelink.

The CCS is based on income assessment and activity tests conducted by Centrelink. Relief for up to 90% of the fees is available for eligible families. Families with a combined income of \$530,000 are not eligible.





# From Term 4: Free Breakfast Club at the Hub from 7:45am



## What about Before School care?

From Term 4, there will no longer be Before School Care at the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Instead, TWPS will offer a FREE Breakfast Club at our Community Hub from 7:45am.**

Thomastown West Primary School will return to our traditional TWPS Breakfast Club but with a few necessary changes!

- **Breakfast Club will open at 7:45am.**
- Breakfast Club is FREE.
- **Breakfast Club will operate from our Thomastown West Community Hub.**
- **Students will enter Breakfast Club via the single Hub gate on Main Street.**
- **From 7:45am - 8:15am parents or carers must drop their child at Breakfast Club and sign them in.**
- From 8:15am students may arrive at Breakfast Club in the Hub and sign in without their parents or carers.
- Students are encouraged to bring a small toy or game to play. There are plenty of books to read at the Hub.
- The Breakfast Club will close at 8:30am and the single Hub gate on Main Street will be closed.
- At 8:30am the double gates at the front entrance of our school will be opened for students to enter.





Thomastown West  
Primary School

# **TWPS BREAKFAST CLUB**

**Parents must sign their  
children in before 8:15am**



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**TWPS students  
please go to  
Breakfast Club  
in the Hub if  
you arrive to  
school before  
8:30am**

If children arrive [after 8:15am](#)  
they may sign themselves in to  
Breakfast Club without parents.



# 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](https://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



# Come to our Thomastown West Primary Book Fair 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Book Fair is held in the library and commences Monday 9th October and concludes Friday 13th October 2023.

## Opening Days:

**Monday 9th October:** 3:15pm – 4:00pm  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October:** 3:15pm – 4:00pm  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** 3:15pm – 4:00pm  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** 3:15pm – 4:00pm  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** 3:15pm – 4:00pm (Book Fair concludes)

## Wish List:

The children will have the opportunity to preview books before the Book Fair commences. Children will take home a **“My Wish List”** which includes items they would like to purchase. There are three ways to purchase items:

1. Bring in “My Wish List” and see Chantelle in the library.
2. Parents can visit the Book Fair with their child after school and make a purchase then.
3. (Eftpos machines available)
4. See details on the back of the “My Wish List” for online payment, bring receipt to Chantelle who will complete your book order.

The image shows two forms. The top one is a receipt template titled 'RECORD YOUR PARENT RECEIPT NUMBER BELOW' with fields for Name, Address, and a receipt number. The bottom one is the 'My Wish List' form, which includes a header with 'My Wish List' and 'Book Fairs', and a table with columns for 'Book Title', 'Author', 'Price', and 'Quantity'. There are also checkboxes for 'I have read this book' and 'I want to buy this book'.

**EFTPOS ONLY- cash will not be accepted**





# 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



9465 4317



thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au



98-112 Main St, Thomastown, 3074



**RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT EMPATHY**  
**STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST**



# 100% Attendance Term 3

**Congratulations to the following students who have had 100% attendance for Term 3.**

Ayushmann Rm2	Jayden Rm2	Aiyana Rm 3	Victoria Rm 6	Beila Rm 3
Emaan Rm 5	Ella Rm 6	Andy Rm 4	Sam S Rm 9	Attila Rm 10
Maria Rm 11	Chloe Rm 9	Dalat Rm 10	Eric Rm 18	Muhammed Rm 17
Abdullah Rm 17	Lucas Rm 15	Zahra Rm 16	Aala Rm 15	Deen Rm 17
Julian Rm 15	Salah Rm 18	Zahra A Rm 15		





# 100% Attendance Semester 3

**Congratulations to Eric, Alex K and Andy P who had 100% attendance for semester 2.**



# Attendance Matters





# EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

## Term 4 Week 1 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 of Term 3	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week of term 3	This Week
Room 2	77%	87%	Room 9	91%	81%
Room 3	82%	90%	Room 10	84%	86%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	61%	77%
Room 4	85%	86%	Room 12	82%	70%
Room 5	75%	76%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	79%	84%	Room 15	83%	81%
			Room 16	77%	78%
			Room 17	89%	75%
			Room 18	83%	81%



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.	









## Term 4 Week 1

**Congratulations to Room 15 with 182 Dojo Points**

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








Prep	Nevaeh 12 Dojo points
Grade 1/2	Jasmine 8 Dojo points
Grade 3/4	Doaa 86 Dojo Points each
Grade 5/6	Eli 17 Dojo Points
<b>Most Dojo points Prep - 6</b>	Doaa 86 Dojo points

# 5/6 Swim Survival





# 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"> <li>Long sleeve</li> <li>Short sleeve</li> <li>Red in colour</li> <li>With or without TWPS logo</li> <li>No alternative logos are to be visible</li> </ul>		With or without TWPS logo
All year round	Shorts/Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy shorts</li> <li>Navy pants</li> <li>No alternative logos are to be visible</li> </ul>		Tights are to only be worn under shorts or dressed, not as pants
Summer	Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checked dress (as in image only)</li> <li>Tights and skivvies can be worn underneath for modesty purposes. White, blue tights and skivvies are to be worn.</li> </ul>		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"> <li>Red pullover fleece with or without TWPS logo</li> <li>TWPS bomber jacket is navy blue.</li> </ul>		
All year round	Hijab or Turbans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy or red material with no decoration or brand name</li> </ul>		
All year round. Compulsory Term 1 and Term 4	Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name</li> <li>Navy legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name</li> </ul>		Hats are available for sale at the TWPS front office
All year round	Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue, white, red 'scrunchies' and ribbons are permitted</li> <li>Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour</li> </ul>		

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



# Thomastown West Community Hub

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAYS

WITH HAYLEY

Recess  
FUN MATHS CLUB

Lunch  
YOUNG VOICES  
IN MEDIA

After School  
FUN LEARNING  
CLUB  
finishes at  
4:30pm

### TUESDAYS

WITH HAYLEY

Recess  
FUN READING  
CLUB

Lunch  
STEAMING

After School  
PLANT TO PLATE  
GARDENING CLUB  
finishes at  
4:30pm

### WEDNESDAYS

WITH PRACE

9:30am-2pm  
LEARN ENGLISH  
(bookings  
Essential)  
Call 9462 6077

### THURSDAYS

WITH GRANT

Lunch  
CHESS CLUB



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Permission notices for 'The Hub' activities were sent home  
today. Please check your child's school bag.



# 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](http://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<sup>(h)</sup>

*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
<b>Add to your order</b>	
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](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)



### 1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Register on any device, simply login to [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://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)



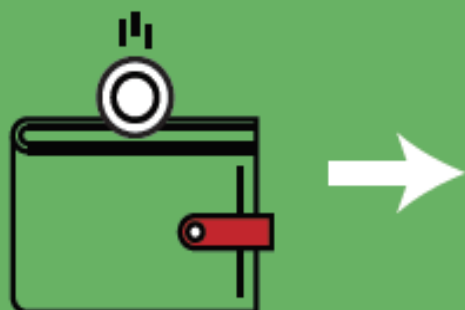


## 4. ORDER

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](http://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.*





# 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 & time

Session 1:	Friday, 13th October
Session 2:	Friday, 20th October
Session 3:	Friday, 3rd November
Session 4:	Friday, 10th November
Session 5:	Friday, 17th November
Session 6:	Friday, 24th November

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Location

McLeans Rd Kindergarten  
151 McLeans Rd, Bundoora

## For all enquiries please contact

The Hub 3757 on 1300 038 401







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*Evidence-based parenting programs*

**8 X 2 HOUR ONLINE SESSIONS  
FROM WEEK OF 23 OCT - 11 DEC**

For parents and carers of children aged 1-11 years.

Learn how to better connect with your child and to support their social and emotional development.

These programs will help you better understand and communicate with your child, and prevent anxiety and behaviour problems.



**[CLICK HERE FOR SESSION TIMES  
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## MyTime Mill Park

Fridays Fortnightly  
9.30am - 12 noon

Unwind and  
share experiences  
with others who  
understand

## Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

### FIND US AT:

**Mill Park Drive Children's Centre**  
152 Mill Park Drive, Mill Park

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