

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

No.31 13th October 2023

Tue	17 Oct	School Council 6.30pm
Fri	20 Oct	Team School Assembly 2.30pm
Mon	23 Oct	3.15— 4.35pm Monday Muster Informal students sharing their learning
Mon	30 Oct 01 Nov 08 Nov 13 Nov	20 Nov 27 Nov 04 Dec 11 Dec Prep, 1/2, 3/4 Swimming Program
Fri	27 Oct	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
Tue	31 Oct	Prep 2023 Transition Session 1
Fri	3 Nov	Team School Assembly 2.30pm
Mon	6 Nov	Students are expected to attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
Tue	07 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Wed	08 Nov	TWPS Intra-school Transition session #1
Thurs	09 Nov	Prep Bundoora Farm Excursion
Fri	10 Nov	Working Bee 2.30pm– 5.00pm The Working Bee replaces the assembly
Tues	14 Nov	Prep 2024 Transition Session 2
Tues	14 Nov	TWPS Intra-school Transition session #2
Fri	17 Nov	Team School Assembly 2.30pm
Tues	21 Nov	Prep 2024 Transition Session 3
Fri	24 Nov	1/2 Dinner and Sleepover
Fri	24 Nov	TWPS Intra-school Transition session #3
Fri	24 Nov	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
Mon	27 Nov	Monday Muster: 3pm—4:35pm CURIOSITY PROJECT CELEBRATION Parents/Carers are encourage to visit their child's classroom to view their child's work.
Thur	30 Nov	TWPS Intra-school Transition session #4
Fri	01 Dec	Team School Assembly 2.30pm
Thur	07 Dec	TWPS Intra-school Transition session #5
Fri	08 Dec	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
Tue	12 Dec	Year 6 2023: State Wide Transition Day
Tue	12 Dec	School Council
Fri	15 Dec	Team School Assembly 2.30pm
Fri	15 Dec	TWPS Intra-school Transition: Students meet their 2024 Teacher
Fri	15 Dec	Semester 2 Student Reports available to Parents and Carers via COMPASS
Tue	19 Dec	CURRICULUM DAY Students do not attend school.
Wed	20 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 Whole School Assembly 12pm Students dismissed 1:15pm

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Members of our school community are affected by the devastating events in the Middle East. All of us are upset and disturbed by the awful events depicted in media footage and images. This time is particularly distressing for staff, students, families and carers who have family and friends in Israel and Gaza. We are also aware that students of diverse backgrounds, including Jewish and Muslim students, may be significantly affected by public events, mainstream media coverage and social media at this time.

Please be assured that all staff are aware of the extreme emotional toll on many in our community at this time. But please also feel free to get in contact with any of the staff at our school if you would like to ensure we are aware of what your child is going through at this time.

Our support staff will continue doing all they can to support all our students, and support is also available for our staff. I also want to assure you that the Department of Education is monitoring the situation from a school security perspective, and have advised there is no further action we need to take at this stage.

It is possible that extremely distressing scenes from the conflict may be posted online in coming days. Please ensure your children are aware of where they can find support in the event they come across such images. At our school, this includes:

- Your child's classroom teacher or specialist teacher
- Student Welfare Officer: Miss G
- Mental Health Leader: Mrs Colakovski
- Our NEW Wellbeing Worker: Miss Jeanette
- Education Support Staff: Aides or Office Staff
- Principal/AP: Mrs Young / Mr Crotti

You may find some aspects of this resource helpful:
Helping my children after trauma: A guide for parents:
<https://www.phoenixaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Helping-my-Children-after-Trauma---A-Guide-for-Parents.pdf>

Support is also available through external services including:

Headspace: 1800 650 890 **Lifeline:** 13 11 14
Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800
Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636.

My door is always open and I am sure we will all look to support one another in this very difficult time.

2024 Enrolments

As we begin deciding on class structures it is imperative that we know of any changes to the enrolments. If you know of someone in our community considering enrolling at TWPS for 2024, encourage them to let us know or to make an

appointment **as soon as possible please**. They could join us for a tour or collect an enrolment pack from the office. Parents can also access the online tour from our school website.

If you are leaving our school and will not require a place at Thomastown West PS in 2024 can you please let the office know immediately?

Have you returned your swimming notice?

The Swimming in Schools program supports the delivery of quality swimming and water safety education as part of the health and physical education in the Victorian Curriculum. The initiative provides funding to ensure all students have the opportunity to develop lifelong skills in water safety to reduce their risk of drowning and injury.

The Swimming Program has been organised at the Thomastown Recreation and Aquatics Centre (TRAC) for all Grade Prep, 1/2 and 3/4 students in term

4. Students do not need to know how to swim to attend the program. The swimming program consists of eight (8), 45 min lessons conducted by qualified **Austswim Teachers** in small groups.



Swimming times will be:

Grade Prep:	9.30-10.15am
Grade 1/2 Half of Rm 5 and room 4:	10.15-11.00am
Grade 1/2 Half of Rm 5 and room 6:	11.00-11.45am
Grade 3/4 Rms 10 & 11:	11.45-12.30pm
Grade 3/4 Rms 9 & 12:	12.30-1.15pm

Please carefully check the dates of swimming... students will be attending swimming mostly on Mondays **but** there are two dates that are Wednesdays.

Thunderstorm asthma

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of *thunderstorm asthma*. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hayfever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Thomastown West Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

How you can prepare for this pollen season:

During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- ✓ If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from

the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.

- ✓ If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- ✓ If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- ✓ Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – effectively managing asthma and allergies matters!

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 \$14. 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.

TRANSITIONING into 2024

During the next fortnight, friendship request slips for 2024 classes will be completed by children in their classroom as we begin the planning for next year. Friendship requests on these slips are not in order of importance, and we make every attempt to accommodate at least one of these requests. The teachers take both friendships and the learning environment into account when putting the classes together.

We encourage you to start having a discussion with your child now, so when the children make their friendship list in class, it is much easier to complete. Questions you might like to ask include:

- Who helps you to learn in the classroom?
- Who is the person you like to work with, because you achieve your best?
- Who is a child who you know works really hard and when you sit beside them you do too?
- Is there a friend on your list who you like to play with but would distract you from learning?
- Who is someone you enjoy working with because you achieve success and get great results when you do?

Parents may also have a request regarding students friendships. Before the 27th October, parent requests in relation to their child's friendships, can be emailed to thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au , or you may write a letter to the Principal, please mark it confidential on the front of the envelope. **Please note, we cannot accommodate requests about teachers.**



WHOLE SCHOOL GOAL: WEEK 3

Every minute of learning counts! Next week our whole school goal is to **arrive on time, ready to learn at quarter to nine!**

We understand that there can be challenges when getting ready for school **but** there are an alarming number of students who arrive after the bell in the morning and missing valuable learning time.

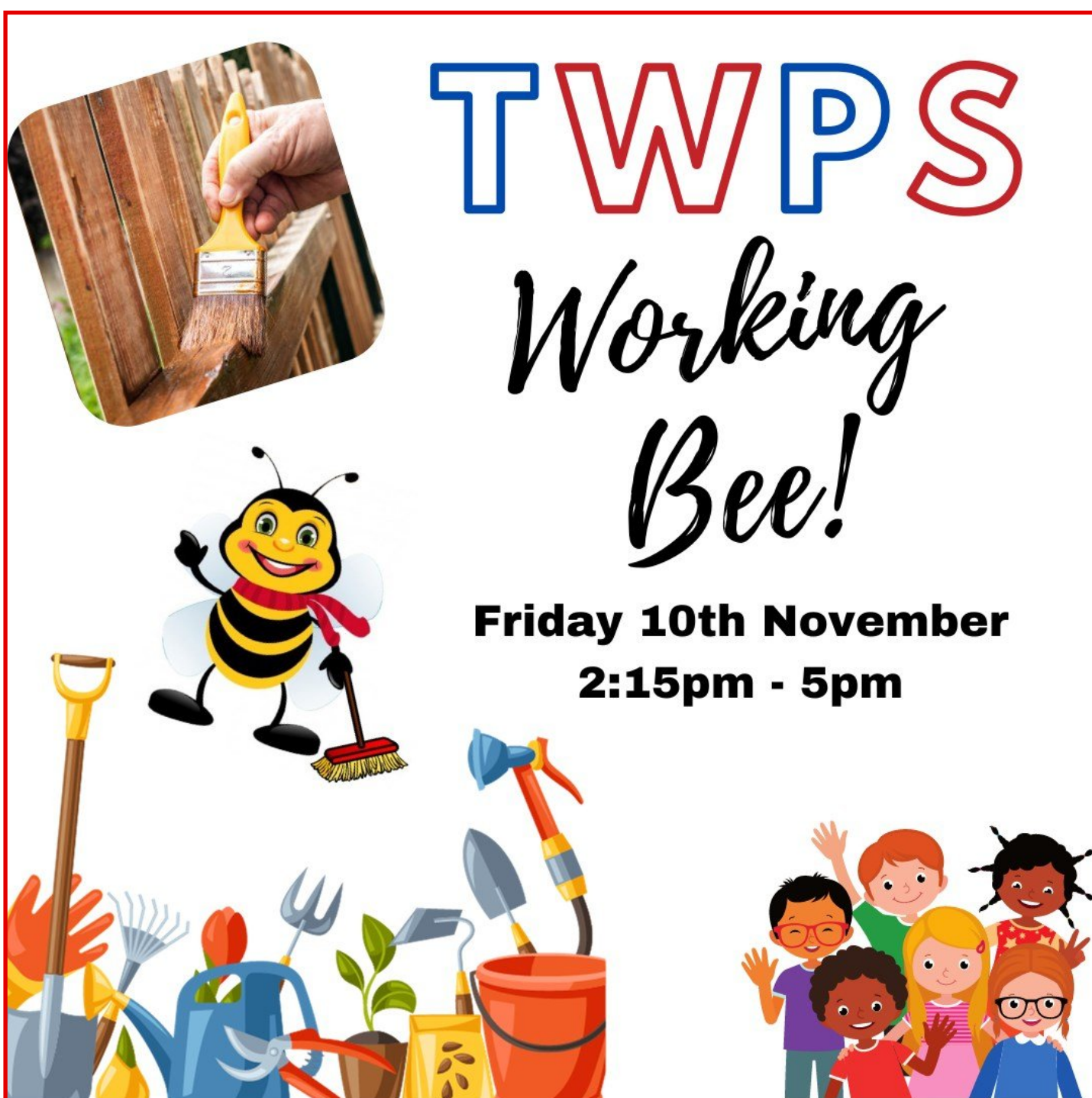
TWPS WORKING BEE

Please note that the day and time for our school's working bee has changed. We are hoping that parents and carers support our school by lending a hand before or after they pick up their children on Friday 10th November. Notices will be sent home next week with more information. **Everyone who completes a task during the working bee will receive a FREE sausage in bread.**

Education is Powerful, Student Agency Matters, Teachers Make a Difference & Every Minute of Learning Counts!

Sandi Young

Principal

A colorful poster for the TWPS Working Bee. At the top left, there is a photo of a hand painting a wooden fence. Below it is a cartoon bee wearing a red scarf and holding a broom. At the bottom left, there is a collection of gardening tools including a shovel, rake, trowel, and a watering can. At the bottom right, there is a group of diverse children waving. The text 'TWPS' is in large, outlined letters, and 'Working Bee!' is in a large, cursive font. The date and time 'Friday 10th November 2:15pm - 5pm' are prominently displayed in the center.

Chess Club



Congratulations to our chess champions Raphael and Rafid who received medals from the Thomastown West Community Hub Chess Club Term 3 chess tournament.

Well done boys!



Famous First Nations People

Part 3:

Neville Bonner

By Harmony Iliopoulos

Neville Bonner was born in 1922 and passed away in 1999, aged 76. He was born in Tweed Heads on the 28th of March 1922. In 1943 he married Monna Bonner and had five sons with her. Although he had five sons, he later also fostered three daughters. He was an Indigenous Australian and his mob was Jagera Nation who lived near the Brisbane River.

Early life

Neville's mother passed away when he was just 10 years old, and he went to live with his grandmother. He finished his education at Beaudesert State Rural school and became interested in politics. When he finished his schooling, he started work as a ring barker, cane cutter and a stockman.

Parliament

At the age of 38 Neville discovered an interest in politics and he worked for a group called OPAL. OPAL stands for One People of Australia League, which is an Indigenous rights organisation. After working with them for a few years he became president of the group. In 1967 he joined the Liberal Party and became the first Indigenous member of Parliament. He was passionate about standing up for Aboriginal rights and he was famous for stopping a law that would allow drilling in the Great Barrier Reef.

Neville was named Australian of the year in 1979.



He is still remembered today as the greatest Indigenous politician of all time.

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.



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 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/>**

Since the beginning of Term 4 Thomastown West Primary School has a **NEW** out of school hours care provider. In Term 4 we have warmly welcomed 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 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 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**

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TheiCare
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



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**



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وراعية ومشاركة

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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



TheirCare
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
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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.

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



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



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

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.





Thomastown West
Primary School

TWPS BREAKFAST CLUB

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



Thomastown West
Primary School

**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

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



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



98-112 Main St, Thomastown, 3074



RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT EMPATHY
STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST



Stars of the Week



Term 4- Week 2

Divyata	2	For working hard and producing some great writing.
Mohammad	3	For working hard to learn his numbers to 10.
Jasmina	4	For becoming a more fluent, expressive and engaged reader who is able to recall important facts and details, and explain the main idea.
Emaan	5	For striving to be best with her writing. Emaan was able to create reasons to support her opinion.
Isabella	6	For making a great start to Term 4 and writing a great retell of her weekend.
Xaviar	9	For striving to be his best and participating in class discussion and sharing his ideas in maths.
Jerome	10	Welcome back to Thomastown West PS
Attila		For striving to be his best and completing his persuasive text in the allocated time.
Alexander	11	For writing a great persuasive text remembering to include some great features to convince the reader.
Charlotte	12	Welcome to TWPS Charlotte. You have settled in well into Room 12 and striving to be your best in following our school values .
Harraz		For his outstanding contributions to class discussions and showing great respect when others are speaking.
Dion	15	For showing resilience in the face of a challenge!
Victoria	16	For coming to school everyday this week with a positive attitude ready to learn and making a conscious effort to come on time.
Deen	17	For making a more concerted effort to complete his work in the allocated time.
Krystal	18	For demonstrating responsibility by completing her homework tasks with accuracy and attention to detail. Well done Krystal and keep up the fabulous work!!
AJ		MUSIC: For outstanding memory recall and enthusiastically contributing to class-room discussion about chords and harmony in Music class.

Stars of the Week

Term 4- Week 2



EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 4 Week 2 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	87%	78%	Room 9	81%	86%
Room 3	90%	86%	Room 10	86%	92%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	77%	77%
Room 4	86%	83%	Room 12	70%	74%
Room 5	76%	77%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	84%	85%	Room 15	81%	85%
			Room 16	78%	74%
			Room 17	75%	82%
			Room 18	81%	84%

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 2

Congratulations to Room 6 with 135 Dojo Points








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

Prep	Ayushann 4 Dojo points
Grade 1/2	Sineen 12 Dojo points
Grade 3/4	Sam A & Dalat 7 Dojo Points each
Grade 5/6	Victoria 12 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Sineen & Victoria 12 Dojo points

ASSEMBLIES: 2:30pm Fridays

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court	TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building
Week 2 Friday 13th October	Week 3 Friday
Week 4 Friday ✓	Week 5 Friday
Week 6 Friday	Week 7 Friday
Week 8 Friday	Week 9 Friday
Week 10 Friday	Week 11 Friday
Week 12 Wednesday 20th December 12:00pm (last day of Term 4)	

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.

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



For further enquiries please contact:

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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

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)

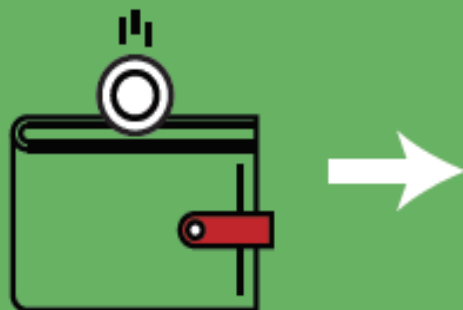


4. ORDER

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.

RUOK?™

A conversation could change a life.



The Conversation Convoy is coming

Join us for: Lunch at Whittlesea Food Collective

Learn how to spot the signs someone might be struggling with life, when to ask 'are you OK?' and what to do when someone says 'I'm not OK'.

Date: Friday 3 November 2023

Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm

Venue: Whittlesea Food Collective at Melbourne Polytechnic, Corner of Dalton Rd and Cooper St, Epping - Building D

RSVP: Not required - just turn up on the day!





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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FREE ONLINE 'TUNING IN TO KIDS' AND 'TUNING IN TO TODDLERS' GROUPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

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
AND TO SIGN UP](#)**





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

CONTACT:

Karen Allen - Facilitator

karena@mytimevic.com.au

Mobile: 0411 523 187



mytime.net.au