

Thomastown West Primary School

Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	30 Oct 01 Nov 08 Nov 13 Nov	20 Nov 27 Nov 04 Dec 11 Dec	Prep, 1/2, 3/4 Swimming Program
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
Tue	14 Nov		School Council Meeting
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 <i>Students do not attend school.</i>
Wed	20 Dec		Last Day of Term 4 Whole School Assembly 12pm Students dismissed 1:15pm



TWPS

Working Bee!

Friday 10th November
2:15pm - 5pm




At Thomastown West Primary School

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE AND COMFORTABLE.

We encourage you to speak to your child about playing safely at school.



NO KICKING ZONE
near our buildings and walkways.

THE ONLY PLACE TO KICK A BALL IS ON THE OVAL



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.



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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

Contact primary schools to book a tour, visit or for further information

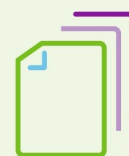


Applying for Foundation enrolment

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

- ☎ 9465 4317
- ✉ thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- 📍 98-112 Main St, Thomastown, 3074



RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT EMPATHY
STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST

Every day of Learning Counts

Term 4 Week 5 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	79%	89%	Room 9	83%	90%
Room 3	8%	82%	Room 10	92%	86%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	90%	89%
Room 4	74%	80%	Room 12	69%	75%
Room 5	71%	77%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	74%	81%	Room 15	80%	94%
			Room 16	73%	72%
			Room 17	86%	87%
			Room 18	88%	84%

Every day of learning really does count!

At TWPS we want every child to achieve their full potential and we know that parents share this goal. There is a clear link between good attendance and educational achievement. If your child is not in school, on time, as often as possible they will be missing out on many important parts of their education.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day...

✓they learn better ✓they make friends ✓they are happier ✓they have a brighter future

If your child is sick, of course it is appropriate to keep your child at home but

other 'days off' school add up to lost learning. See below:

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress.	



Top Dojo Earners

Term 4 Week 5

Congratulations to Room 15 with 101 Dojo Points

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

Prep	Kehlani 8 Dojo points
Grade 1/2	Lily 10 Dojo points
Grade 3/4	Philo 9 Dojo Points each
Grade 5/6	Destiny 20 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Destiny 20 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 20th October ✓
Week 4 Friday 27th October ✓	Week 5 Friday 3rd November ✓
Week 6 Friday 10th November	Week 7 Friday 17th November
Week 8 Friday 24th November	Week 9 Friday 1st December
Week 10 Friday 8th December	Week 11 Friday 15th December
Week 12 Wednesday 20th December 12:00pm (last day of Term 4)	



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

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Where kids love to be!

TheirCare's Values:

Welcome to TheirCare! We pride ourselves in providing children with the opportunity to learn and grow in a fun filled environment, where children can thrive to be their true, authentic selves! Surrounded by devoted educators, Children are guided to learn through a play-based experience within a safe and nurturing environment.



Meet our Coordinator!

Hi, I am Courtney! I am 24 years old, and I am currently completing my Bachelor of Teaching (Primary and High School). I am new to the TheirCare company and so far, I am really enjoying my time here!

Meet our Area Manager!

Hi, I am James!

Meet our Responsible Person!



Hi, I am Nicole! I am currently in my 3rd year of studies at university, undergoing a Bachelor of Education (Primary). I have been working with TheirCare for almost 2 years and I am loving every minute of it!



TheiCare
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Week 4 – Space Week

This week's class delved into the fascinating world of space. Students learned about rocket propulsion, created their own movable rocket models, designed and coloured their imaginative planets, and collaborated to craft their unique galaxy. This multi-faceted experience combined science, art, and teamwork, igniting their curiosity about the cosmos.



Acknowledgement of Country:

We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of the land in which we live, learn, work and play. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the original custodians of the lands in which Thomastown West Primary School is located.



Next Week's Theme: 'Australian Animals'

Next week's theme will focus on Australian animals, offering students a chance to explore the unique wildlife of Australia. Throughout the week, they will engage in various activities, including crafting paper plate animals to mimic some of Australia's iconic species. They will also enjoy colouring pictures of these creatures, showcasing their artistic skills.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to create pictures using earth materials and textures, connecting with the natural environments that many of these animals call home. This interactive and educational week will provide a hands-on experience that fosters an appreciation for the rich biodiversity found in Australia's ecosystems.

MENU: *We offer fresh seasonal fruits and veggies every day! Additionally, our afternoon tea for next week will comprise of:*



Wraps
Seasoned Spuds.
Pizza
Mac and Cheese
Sausages and rice
Crackers and cheese platter.



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If you need any support registering, we are more than happy to lend you a hand!

We always welcome and encourage your input so please reach out to our service phone number on 0400 440 722 if you have any feedback, suggestions or ideas to ensure we provide the best care.

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

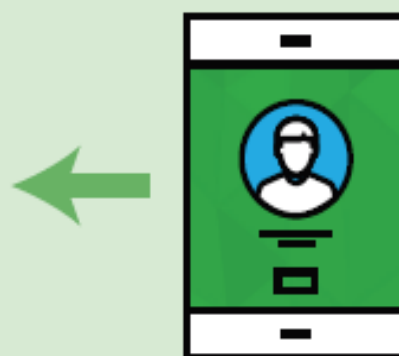


1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

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)

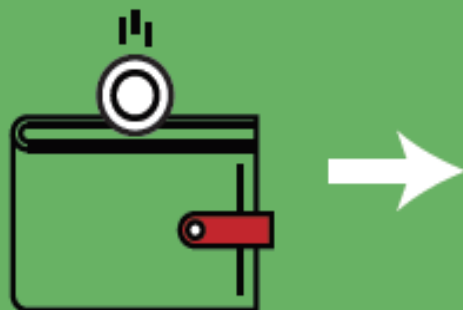


4. ORDER

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.



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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Conditions apply

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Range Cabinetry at:

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KITCHENS

FREEDOM

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