Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

<u> 202</u>		PORTANT DATES:			
Mon	30 Oct 2 01 Nov 2 08 Nov 0 13 Nov 1	7 Nov 4 Dec Prep, 1/2, 3/4 Swimming Program			
Tues	21 Nov	Prep 2024 Transition Session 3			
Fri	24 Nov	1/2 Dinner and Sleepover			
Fri	24 Nov	TWPS Intra-school Transition session			
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			
Fri	01 Dec	Team School Assembly 2.30pm			
Mon	04 Dec	Fire Brigade visit 5/6			
Tues	05 Dec	TWPS Intra-school Transition session			
Fri	08 Dec	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm			
Tue	12 Dec	Year 6 2023: State Wide Transition Day			
Tue	12 Dec	School Council			
Wed	13 Dec	Music Matinee - Music Groups performing in MP building for whole school.			
Thurs	14 Dec	5/6 Funfields Excursion			
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			
Mon	18 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation			
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 Assistant Principal

Hoop Time Basketball Girls

I felt very privileged to take the Girls' 5-6 basketball team at the Hoop Time Tournament on Monday at Mill Park Basketball Stadium. Our Grade 5/6 TWPS team had beaten many local teams at an earlier tournament to get there, so we were up against many strong teams that had also beaten schools from their local area. They didn't win games, but were excellent sports and never gave up. I was very proud of our team and the way that they represented our school and all our values. We all learnt more about the game and how to play as a team, and we had fun.

Working Bee Success

Thank you to everyone who joined the Working Bee last Friday. It was incredibly successful thanks to all their hard work in the heat. You may notice our Community Garden has been cleared of many low hanging branches, worn fences and wooden stumps. There are benches painted in between the 5/6 classrooms and next to our prep classrooms. The front garden was heavily trimmed near the front fence at the main entrance. The front fence and the main gate was oiled to make it water proof. We achieved so much in one hot afternoon, and finished with cold drinks, ice blocks and a barbecue thanks to Citylife volunteers. Tools and gloves were donated by our local Thomastown Bunnings. Please see the photos on page 4.

Grade 1/2 Dinner and Grade 2 Sleepover

Next Friday is the Grade 1/2 Dinner and the Grade 2 Sleepover. This is a fun event for all students involved, and is a special stepping stone for Grade 2 students to build confidence and independence in preparation for the grade 3/4 camp next year. This is an important step in a child's development, as well as building resilience for us parents to let our kids build their confidence in our absence (plus a night off for parents). Please return notes to your grade 1/2 teachers as soon as possible if you haven't already.

In this week's newsletter we have included the updated Camps/Excursion policy that was ratified at School Council. If you have any feedback, please email:

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

Breakfast Club

A friendly reminder that our Breakfast Club operates daily from 7:45am in The Hub. Student's who arrive before 8:30am are expected to attend breakfast club, even if they've had breakfast they can play inside games so they are adequately supervised.

Whole-School Transition

Safely navigating transition from year to year is crucial to a child's healthy development and wellbeing. This can lay the foundation for a future of learning and better outcomes. Likewise, children are able to grow, develop and learn best when they are feeling safe with a sense of belonging. At TWPS we pride ourselves on the purposeful and carefully planned transition sessions we facilitate at the end of each year. In the next few weeks, students will participate in weekly sessions in the next year level up, preparing them for their learning experiences to come. We are looking forward to seeing a boost in their confidence and preparedness for a new year and a new teacher in 2024!

Prep Bundoora Farm

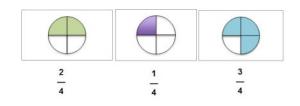
Excursion

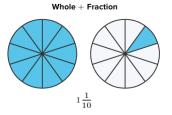
What a perfect weather day the prep students, teachers and helping parents had for their excursion to Bundoora Farm! The teachers and parents said that the excursion was so much fun and everyone learned so much about animals and had an



Maths Challenge

This week and next week all students in the school are learning about fractions. The challenge for students to win a prize at assembly is to <u>create a problem for Mr</u> Crotti to solve where the answer is a fraction.





James Crotti
Assistant Principal





TWPS STUDENT GARDEN

The students of TWPS have been very busy combining their biological science knowledge and stem skills to re-do our school garden!





















We have planted many herbs including parsley, basil and coriander.

There are several lettuce plants and cherry tomatoes too!

Can you spot them growing?



We are using our communal responsibility to take care of the garden. We are using our stem/ science sessions to water, replant and weed the area in order to keep our crops healthy!

Can you guess what we are planning to build next?

































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





Prep Bundoora farm Excursion





















THOMASTOWN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY 2023 -2027

POLICY: UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

Season	Item	Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Polo Shirts	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	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	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 navy tights can be worn under dresses.
All year round	Jumper	Red pullover fleece with or without TWPS logo TWPS bomber jacket		Hoods are not to be worn at school. Hoodies are not the style of our school jumper and not part of our school uniform.
Winter	Coat/Rain jackets	 Red or navy coats and rain jackets with no decoration or brand name. During winter, students may wear a different coloured thick/warmer jacket in the mornings or outside during playtimes, <u>over</u> their uniform jumper or uniform bomber jacket to stay warm. 		 Hoods are not to be worn at school. Jackets are to be removed when the student is inside.



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Season	Item	Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Footwear	Sneakers or leather shoes Shoes are to be closed toe, but not ballet slippers.		Shoes must be appropriate for sport activities
All year round	Hijab or Turbans	Navy, white or red material with no decoration or brand name	9	
Compulsory: Term 1 until 1st April. From 1st September to end of Term 4.	Hat	Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name Navy legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name	-	TWPS is a SunSmart School. Hats are available for sale at the TWPS front office
All year round	Head- wear	 Blue, white, red 'scrunchies' and ribbons are permitted in hair, not on wrists. Thin elastic bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour. 	Different coloured hair accessories are not appropriate.	
All year round	Socks	Navy, white, grey or black short socks without decoration or brand name		 If families are facing hardship or financial difficulties, existing socks may be worn but folded down so that the logo is covered and not visible.
All year round	Sport specific	• TWPS branded sports polo shirt		These items are ordered through the front office at specific times of the school year
All year round	Year 6 specific	TWPS branded Year 6 commemorative polo shirt		These items are ordered through the front office at specific times of the school year

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.

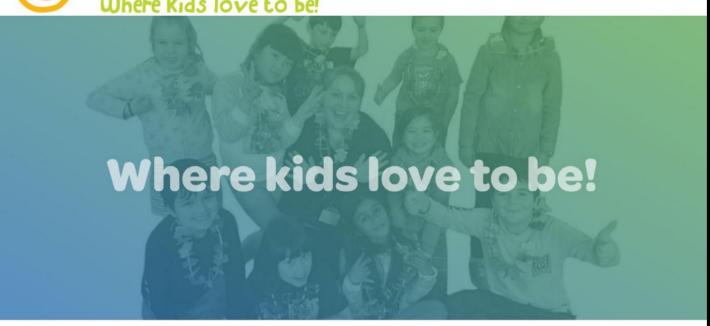
Instead, TWPS will offer a FREE Breakfast Club at our Community Hub from 7:45am.

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.

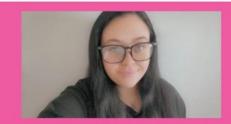


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TheirCare's Values:

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 playbased 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!



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Week 5 – Superhero Week

During Superhero Week, the classroom transforms into a hub of creativity as students embark on crafting their own superhero masks. Armed with vibrant materials, laughter fills the air as unique



masks take shape, each reflecting the wearer's superhero alter ego. The



excitement extends to character creation, with pencils sketching out extraordinary abilities, backstories, and costumes. The room becomes a vibrant tapestry of superheroes, showcasing boundless imagination. As students present their creations, a sense of unity and empowerment permeates the class, turning ordinary students into extraordinary champions. Superhero Week is a celebration of self-discovery, collaboration, and the limitless potential of creativity. The legacy left behind is a classroom adorned with masked heroes, a

testament to the joy of embracing one's own superhero identity in a world where imagination knows no bounds.

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: 'Catching Up Week'

During Catch-Up Week, students eagerly revisit missed adventures from the past six weeks. For those who couldn't participate, it's a chance to dive into the excitement they missed. Whether it's revisiting science experiments, art projects, or literature discussions, the atmosphere buzzes with enthusiasm. The classroom becomes a dynamic space where every child catches up on the fun and learning they might have temporarily missed. Catch-Up Week is a celebration of inclusivity, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to partake in the thrilling experiences that make each class memorable and enriching.

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



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



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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.



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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/



TWPS BREAKFAST CLUB

Parents must sign their children in before 8:15am



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

If children arrive <u>after 8:15am</u> they may sign themselves in to Breakfast Club without parents.





Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Thomastown West Primary School Office 9465 4317 or thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the processes and procedures Thomastown West Primary School will use when planning and conducting camps, excursions and adventure activities for students.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all camps and excursions organised by Thomastown West Primary School. This policy also applies to adventure activities organised by Thomastown West Primary School, regardless of whether or not they take place on or off school grounds, and to school sleepovers.

This policy is intended to complement the Department's policy and guidelines on excursions, camps and adventure activities which all Victorian government schools are required to follow. Thomastown West Primary School will follow both this policy, as well as the Department's policy and guidelines when planning for and conducting camps and excursions.

This policy does not apply to student workplace learning or intercampus travel.

DEFINITIONS

Excursions:

For the purpose of this policy, excursions are activities organised by the school where the students:

- are taken out of the school grounds (for example, a camp, day excursion, school sports).
- undertake adventure activities, regardless of whether or not they occur outside the school grounds.
- Attend school 'sleepovers' on school grounds.

Camps are excursions involving at least one night's accommodation (including school sleepovers).

Local excursions are excursions to locations within walking distance of the school and do not involve 'Adventure Activities.'

Adventure activities are activities that involve a greater than normal risk. Further information and examples of adventure activities are available on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, at the following link:

https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/excursions/guidance/adventure-activities



POLICY

Camps and excursions can provide a valuable educational experience for our students which are complementary to their learning, as they provide access to resources, environments and expertise that may not be available in the classroom.

For all camps and excursions, including adventure activities, our school will follow the Department's Policy and Advisory Library: Excursions:https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/excursions/policy

Planning process for camps and excursions

All camps and excursions will comply with Department planning requirements.

Part of this planning process includes conducting risk assessments, to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to minimise the risks associated with each proposed camp or excursion. Thomastown West Primary School's risk assessment will include consideration of arrangements for supervision of students and consideration of the risk of bushfire or other natural disaster activity in the excursion location. In the event the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts a Catastrophic fire danger rating (FDR) day, excursions or camp activities in affected locations will be cancelled or rescheduled. Planning will also cover arrangements for cancelling, recalling or altering the camp or excursion for any other reason.

Thomastown West Primary School is committed to ensuring students with additional needs are provided with an inclusive camps and excursions program and will work with families during the planning stage, as needed, to support all students' attendance and participation in camp and excursion activities.

In cases where a camp or excursion involves a particular class or year level group, the Organising Teacher will ensure that there is an alternative educational program available and appropriate supervision for those students not attending the camp or excursion.

Supervision

Thomastown West Primary School follows the Department's guidelines in relation to supervision of students during excursions and camps.

All excursion staff (including parent volunteers) will be familiar with supervision requirements and the specific procedures for dealing with emergencies on each camp and excursion.

All school staff will be aware that they retain overall responsibility for the supervision and care of students throughout all camps and excursions (including adventure activities), regardless of whether or not external providers are managing the activity.

Parent/Carers volunteers

Parents/Carers may be invited to assist with camps and excursions. School staff will notify parents/carers of any costs associated with attending. School staff are in charge of camps and excursions and parent/carer volunteers are expected to follow teachers' instructions. When deciding which parents/carers will attend, the Organising Teacher will take into account: any valuable skills the parents/carers have to offer (e.g. bus licence, first aid etc.) and the special needs of particular students. Parents/Carers who attend a school camp must attend a compulsory camp information session.



Volunteer and external provider checks

Thomastown West Primary School requires all parent or carer camp or excursion volunteers and all external providers working directly with our students to have a current Working with Children Check card. [For more information about when a WWC clearance is required, see Volunteers page:

https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edrms/keyprocess/cp/SitePages/SchoolPoliciesDetail.aspx?Cld=88 on the School Policy Templates Portal.

Parent/Carer consent

For all camps and excursions, other than local excursions, Thomastown West Primary School will provide parents/carers with a specific consent form outlining the details of the proposed activity. Thomastown West Primary School informs parents about school camps and excursions by placing a note in student bags and asking parents/carers to return the part of the note that asks for parents/carers signature confirming they consent to their child's participation. Parents/carers are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any questions or concerns that they or their child may have with a proposed camp or excursion.

For local excursions, Thomastown West Primary School will provide parents and carers with an annual Local Excursions consent form at the start of each school year or upon enrolment if students enrol during the school year. Thomastown West Primary School will also provide advance notice to parents/carers of an upcoming local excursion through a note home in the student's bag. For local excursions that occur on a recurring basis (for example weekly outings to the local oval for sports lessons), Thomastown West Primary School will notify parents once only prior to the commencement of the recurring event.

Parent Payments for camps and excursions

Most camps and excursions provided by Thomastown West Primary School enhance and broaden the schooling experience of our students but are not a mandatory component of our curriculum. These activities are provided on a user-pays basis in accordance with the Department's Parent Payments Policy.

Consent forms will have clearly stated payment amounts and finalisations dates, and families will be given sufficient time to make payments.

Students who have not finalised payment by the required date for camps and excursions provided on a user pays basis will not be able to attend unless the Principal determines exceptional circumstances apply.

Where a camp or excursion is provided as part of the standard curriculum requirements, parents may be invited to make a voluntary contribution but all students will be able to attend regardless of whether their parents contribute.

Financial Help for Families

Thomastown West Primary School will make all efforts to ensure that students are not excluded for financial reasons. Families experiencing financial difficulty are invited to discuss alternative payment arrangements with the Principal or Business Manager. The Business Manager can also discuss family eligibility for the Department's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), which provides payments for eligible students to attend school activities, including camps and excursions. Applications for the CSEF are open to families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents and are facilitated by the school. Further information about the CSEF and the application form are available at Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy.



Refunds

If a camp or excursion is cancelled or altered by the school, or a student is no longer able to attend part or all of the camp or excursion, our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents/carers on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will provide information about refunds to parents/carers at the time of payment.

Student health

Parents and carers need to ensure the school has up-to-date student health information prior to camps and excursions. A member of staff will be appointed with responsibility for the health needs of the students for each camp/excursion. Teachers will administer any medication provided according to our *Medication* policy and the student's signed *Medication Authority Form*. To meet the school's obligations relating to safety, a first aid kit and mobile phone will be taken by teachers on all camps and excursions so that parents/carers can be contacted in case of an emergency.

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure their child/children are in good health when attending excursions and camps. If a student becomes ill during a camp and is not able to continue at camp it is the parent/carer's responsibility to collect them and cover any associated costs. If the Principal approves a student joining a camp late, transport to the camp is the parent/carer's responsibility.

Behaviour expectations

Students participating in camps and excursions are required to cooperate and display appropriate behaviour to ensure the camp or excursion is a safe, positive and educational experience for all students involved.

Parents/carers will be notified if their child is in danger of losing the privilege to participate in an excursion or camp due to behaviour that does not meet the standards of behaviour set out in our School Values and the school's Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion Policy. The decision to exclude a student will be made by the Principal or Assistant Principal, in consultation with the Organising Teacher. Both the parent/carer and the student will be informed of this decision prior to the camp or excursion.

If on a camp or excursion the Teacher in Charge considers an individual student's behaviour does not meet required standards, then the Principal or their nominee may determine that a student should return home during the camp or excursion. In these circumstances the parent/carer is responsible for the collection of the student and any costs associated with this.

Appropriate consequences may apply to students who do not display appropriate behaviour on camps and excursions consistent with our school's *Student Engagement*, *Wellbeing and Inclusion Policy*.

Students with Disabilities

Students will not be denied attendance to any excursion or camp because of disability or medical condition. Prior to the excursion or camp, parents and carers will meet with relevant staff and the Principal/Assistant Principal to be consulted about reasonable adjustments that may be implemented by the school to enable the student to safely attend the excursion or camp. Thomastown West Primary School will document these adjustments in a *Camp/Excursions Support Plan* document. (Appendix A)



Electronic Devices

Students will not be permitted to bring electronic devices to camps or excursions except with prior approval from the Principal. The Principal will only approve students bringing electronic devices to a camp or excursion in exceptional circumstances and when it is in the best interests of the student and may place conditions on its location and use during the camp or excursion.

Food

Students are not permitted to bring their own supply of food items to camps and excursions unless the item is medically indicated and discussed with the Organising Teacher or included as an item on the clothing and equipment list for that camp or excursion.

Accident and Ambulance Cover

Any costs associated with student injury rest with parents/carers unless the Department is liable in negligence (liability is not automatic).

Unless otherwise indicated, Thomastown West Primary School and the Department do not provide student accident or ambulance cover. Parents/carers may wish to obtain student accident insurance cover and/or ambulance cover, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

COMMUNICATION

A school mobile phone is taken by teachers on all school camps and excursions so that parents/carers can be contacted in case of an emergency. The school mobile phone is not for all parents or carers to phone their child or the teachers for a 'check in' during a camp. However for some students, reasonable adjustments may be implemented by the school to enable the individual student to attend the excursion or camp with the appropriate supports. If a child's Camp/Excursion Support Plan requires communication during camp details will be included in the Camp/Excursions Support Plan document.

The mobile phone will only be available/monitored during a school camp from 6:30pm - 7:30pm daily.

SMS text messages using the school mobile between parents, teachers and students are not appropriate.

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following way:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training.
- Available publicly on our school's website.
- Discussed at parent/carer Camp information sessions.
- Parent/Carer Volunteer Camp Agreement.
- Reminders in our school newsletter.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.



FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Department polices and guidelines:

- Excursions: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/excursions/policy
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy
- Parent Payments Policy: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy

Supporting/Preparing students for Camp

- https://www.ottawaparentingtimes.ca/communicating-with-campparents/#:~:text=Camps%20communicate%20regularly%20through%20their,them%20face-to-face
- https://www.abc.net.au/everyday/how-to-make-first-school-camp-positive-for-kids-and-parents/12054290
- https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/school-events/preparing-for-school-camp

The following school policies are also relevant to this Camps and Excursions Policy:

- Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September 2023	
Consultation	Consultative Committee School Council	
Approved by	Principal	
Next scheduled review date	September 2027	



Appendix A

TWPS STUDENT EXCURSION/CAMP SUPPORT PLAN 2023

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Student's Profile/Strengths	
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Strengths of the Heart	• .
Strengths of Community	
Strengths of Self- Control	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Strengths of Meaning	



Student Baseline Behaviours "What is the student usually like when regulated and settled?"	Res	ponse
	Teacher / Aide xxxx	Camp Coordinator (TWPS staff)
Potential issues/Triggering Events	Res	ponse
Known triggers:	Teacher / Aide	Camp Coordinator (TWPS staff)
Escalation Behaviours	Res	ponse
	Teacher / Aide	Camp Coordinator (TWPS staff)
Challenging and Crisis Behaviours	Res	ponse
	Teacher / Aide	Camp Coordinator (TWPS staff)
De Escalation Behaviours	Res	ponse
	Teacher / Aide	Camp Coordinator (TWPS staff)
Post-incident Behaviours/ Follow Up and prevention	Res	ponse
	Teacher / Aide	Camp Coordinator (TWPS staff)
Camp Coordinator: Sig	gnature:	Date:
Parent/Carer: Sig	nature:	Date:
Student: Sig	enature:	Date:

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

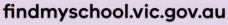
Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at



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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RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT EMPATHY
STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST

EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 4 Week 7 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	78%	80%	Room 9	86%	91%
Room 3	86%	77%	Room 10	92%	90%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	77%	88%
Room 4	83%	83%	Room 12	74%	79%
Room 5	77%	78%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	85% 71%		Room 15	85%	81%
			Room 16	74%	74%
			Room 17	82%	79%
			Room 18	84%	73%

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 fir to make progre	



Cup of Life

Well done to all the boys and girls who are attending school every day.

The room that had the BEST ATTENDANCE For **Term 4 Week 7** is **Room 15**

TWPS CUP OF LIFE UPDATE

Who will win the free bowling excursion at the end of the year??

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Room 2									
Room 3	Term 3 Wk 6	Term 4 Wk 1							
Room 4	Term 1	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2				
	Wk 11	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 5	Wk 6				
Room 5									
Room 6									
Room 9	Term 1	Term 1	Term 3	Term 3					
Noom 5	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 8	Wk 9					
Room 10	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 4			
	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 2			
Room 11									
Room 12	Term 1	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2	Term 3				
	Wk 1	Wk 4	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 7				
Room 15	Term 1	Term 1	Term 3	Term 3	Term 3	Term 3	Term 3	Term 4	
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Room 16									
	Term 2	Term 4							
Room 17	Wk 3	Wk 3							
	- WK 3								
Room 18									



Term 4 Week 7

Congratulations to Room 9 with 381 Dojo Points

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

Prep	Amira 5 Dojo points
Grade 1/2	Joyce 8 Dojo points
Grade 3/4	Abbie 21 Dojo Points each
Grade 5/6	Aala 7 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Abbie 21 Dojo Points

ASSEMBLIES: 2:30pm Fridays

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	TEAM ASSEMBLY
Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court	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)	

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

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WEDNESDAYS WITH PRACE

9:30am-2pm LEARN ENGLISH (bookings Essential) Call 9462 6077 THURSDAYS
WITH GRANT
Lunch
CHESS CLUB

TUESDAYS WITH HAYLEY

> Recess FUN READING CLUB

> > Lunch STEAMING

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





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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:

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	
Twin Party Chicken Nuggets of Pizza – Sujuk Beef Pizza Zaatar (oregano & herb) Chicken Tenderloins Wrap with cheese,	\$5.00
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Twin Party Can	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets o	or I
Pizza – Margarita (Halal)	" IUnch
Pizza – Sujuk Beef	29th
Pizza Zaatar (oregano & herb)	No
Chicken Tenderloins Wrap with cheese,	
Tomato, mayo & sweet chilli sauce	
Ricotta Mini Pastry	\$1.60
Ricotta & Spinach Rolls	\$4.00
Extra Tomato sauce	\$.0.20

Freshly Made Hot Food	
Pasta- Penne Bolognaise Sauce	\$6.50
Pasta- Penne Napoli Sauce	\$6.00
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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

\$3.00
\$3.50
\$4.00
\$4.50
\$3.00
Add \$0.50

s from the canteen will be Wednesday

Snacks

Banana Bread	
Fruit Salad (seasonal fruit mix)	
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



I. 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)



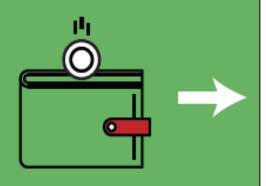
4. ORDER

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 <u>all</u> 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.









Every Wednesday, 3.45pm-5pm from 22 November to 13 December

Thomastown Library
52 Main Street, Thomastown

Join us for an afternoon filled with artistic fun and crafty adventures.

Whether you're a seasoned artist or just discovering your creative flair, there's something for everyone at our Crafternoon activity including heaps of snacks!

No bookings required







TheHub. 3757





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



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



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