

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	30 Oct 20 Nov 01 Nov 04 Dec 08 Nov 11 Dec 13 Nov	Prep, 1/2, 3/4 Swimming Program
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	12pm Music Matinee - Music Groups performing for whole school. (Time to be confirmed, check notice)
Thurs	14 Dec	5/6 Funfields Excursion
Thurs	14 Dec	Prep, 1/2 and 3/4 Class Celebrations
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
Fri	15 Dec	Grade 5/6 Class Celebrations
Mon	18 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
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

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From the Assistant Principal

Curiosity Hour Success

Thank you to all the families that came into the classrooms on Monday to see the incredible projects that our students have created this term. Mrs Young and I were blown away by the efforts of so many students throughout the school. We could see their pride in their work as they shared their learning with parents and carers. We know the teachers were incredibly proud too, and Mrs Young and I would like to thank them for all their hard work to plan, organise, support students and give them feedback along the way. All those incredible final products come from so much teacher time and energy that brings out the best from our students.

Dinner and Sleepover

The Year 1 Dinner and Year 2 Sleepover went ahead with much excitement last Friday. It was an impressive turn out with the girls and boys in the P-2 building, students with sleeping bags and teddies. The pizza and chips were devoured before the games and disco. The kids had a fabulous time. A BIG thanks to the wonderful 1/2 Teachers, Miss Galea and Selma Raif for giving up their precious time away from their family to ensure a successful evening for our 1/2 students! The Sleepover is an exciting part of the TWPS Camp Program.

Grade 6 Countdown

The countdown has begun for our Year 6 students! Only 12 more days of primary school left! Our Year 5/6 students will celebrate their achievements with an excursion to Funfields on Thursday 14th December. Then our Year 6's will have their graduation ceremony on *Monday 18th December*. For some of our families, this is their last year in the TWPS community. We want to thank you for your ongoing care and support as we work in partnership to guide, inspire and challenge our kids to always strive to be their best!

2024 Classrooms Transition

This week on Tuesday we had a transition session where students were participating in cooperative games with their peers, while they were getting to visit new teachers and new buildings. We have more sessions planned, to ensure that students and teachers are ready for success from the start of 2024. We aim to have every student have friend at least one of their nominated friends in their 2024 class and to be excited about the room and teacher that they will be in together. In the coming sessions over the next couple of weeks, students will visit different classrooms. Please note, this may or may not be your child's final grade placement. At TWPS we value the transition process that builds connections, as well as helps us decide the best possible outcome for everyone.

2024 School Captains Selection Process

Our shortlisted candidates for school captains in 2024 have been completing some collaborative challenges to show and build their leadership skills. This process has included; an interview for the role in the presence of Mrs Young, Mr Crotti and our current school captains, performing the role of office monitors, creating their own tasks like running an activity for younger students, running a team assembly and building a tower of dry spaghetti and marshmallows. They have all been amazing in each of these challenges and are making Mrs Young

and Mr Crotti proud of our young leaders. We know that whoever is chosen will do an amazing job as our captains in 2024. The official announcement of the captains for 2024 will be made at our whole school assembly next week.



Maths Challenge

How long would it take to count to a million?

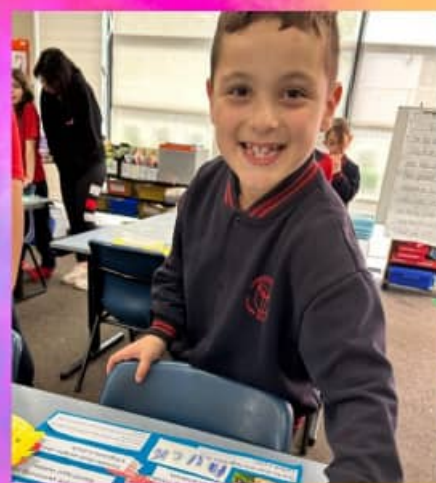
Give your answer to Mr Crotti for a prize at assembly.

James Crotti

Assistant Principal

GRADE 1 2 DINNER AND SLEEP OVER





Curiosity Showcase





Stars of the Week



Term 4- Week 7

Ayushmann	2	For striving to be his best during maths and teaching his friends how to share fairly.
John	3	For contributing interesting information during curiosity hour.
Yazan	4	For being a curious learner who is always asking interesting questions.
Dixin	5	To strive to be his best by showing half and a quarter of an object and a collection.
Grace	6	Researching great facts on horses for her curiosity project independently.
Moayad	9	For striving to be his best during Maths. He has combined his Maths knowledge to problem solve and come up with solutions to this week's learning tasks
Joana	10	For striving to be her best in Maths and deepening her understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages.
Dwayne	11	For all of the hard work he has put in for his curiosity project.
Shakira	12	For writing an awesome Narrative on the Haunted House.
Latoiya	15	For her exceptional dedication and mastery in converting improper fractions to mixed fractions.
D'lae	16	For striving to be his best and making a great effort during his reading tests.
Hazen	17	For showing more responsibility for his own learning.
Yousef	18	For striving to do his best and moving up 5 f & p reading levels.
Yousef rm 10		PE: For showing resilience when batting in cricket and continuing to try his best and not giving up.



Stars of the Week



Term 4- Week 8

Mariam	2	For striving to be her best during writing activities this week.
Zainab	3	Working hard to be her best when writing a sentence.
Joyce	4	For being a mature and sensible member of the class who can always be relied upon to be a helpful monitor in the classroom
Leila	5	For demonstrating responsibility in the classroom by always listening and following instructions.
Musa	6	Settling well at Thomastown West PS. Welcome to Room 6 Musa!
Zoe	9	For being a responsible and respectful learner and following all school values.
Whole Grade	10	For being responsible environmental monitors, all pitching in to make our school a cleaner place to play.
Doaa	11	For all of the hard work she has put in for her curiosity project.
Jashan	12	Making a great start at TWPS, you are already a polite and valued member of our class.
Lucas	15	For her exceptional dedication and mastery in converting improper fractions to mixed fractions.
Zahra	16	For demonstrating resilience during her maths this week and having a growth mindset towards challenging tasks.
Viva	17	For consistently showing respect towards her teachers and peers.
Harry	18	For demonstrating resilience and displaying a growth mind set when presenting his leadership speech.
Hazen		PE: For striving to be his best during our cricket sessions. Hazen showed great skills in both batting and bowling.

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Term 4 - Week 7



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Curiosity Showcase



EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 4 Week 9 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.

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Prep	Last Week	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
Room 2	79%	83%	Room 9	83%	80%
Room 3	84%	75%	Room 10	92%	80%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	90%	79%
Room 4	74%	91%	Room 12	69%	74%
Room 5	71%	75%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	74%	68%	Room 15	80%	81%
			Room 16	73%	68%
			Room 17	86%	79%
			Room 18	88%	78%

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 9

Congratulations to Room 4 with 172 Dojo Points

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

Prep	Adam 10 Dojo points
Grade 1/2	Alana 14 Dojo points
Grade 3/4	Alexander 2 Dojo Points each
Grade 5/6	Alie 6 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Alana 14 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)	



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Here's what we have been up to!

Hello School community and families! Term 4 is cruising along, and we will continue planning numerous activities for your children to keep them happy and engaged!

Highlights of this fortnight have been Nominating "MAKE A WISH" as our region's nominated charity and we celebrate NATIONAL FAIRY BREAD DAY in support of children in foster care in Australia on 24th November. Children have been making the most of the weather by playing sports outdoors. They have also been enjoying Sensory play with playdough, Kinetic sand, Magi clay and Hamma beads. Snakes and Ladders have been our favourite board game lately.



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 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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Times

Before School: 7:00am – 9:00am

After School: 3:30pm – 6:00pm



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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.



MENU: *We offer fresh seasonal fruits everyday along with Yoghurt and Custard on alternate days.*

Nachos with salad and cheese.
Napolitana sauce pasta with cheese.
Corn thins with dips and cheese.
Crackers and cheese platter
Croissants with chicken and cheese.
Wraps with salad, chicken and cheese.

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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/>**

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



What about Before School care?

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

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

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

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



Thomastown West
Primary School

TWPS BREAKFAST CLUB

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



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

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

Starting primary school?

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers.

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep.

Below are some simple steps you should follow to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school.

Before filling out an application

Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at



findmyschool.vic.gov.au

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 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
Has finished for the
year. Medals will
be awarded at
the end of year
Assembly.



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

Parent Code of Conduct at Thomastown West PS

A code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors, ensures that communications with our staff or anyone who visits our school site (including an online environment, such as Zoom, Class Dojo, our School Facebook page and emails) is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner. This ensures that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to inappropriate, aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

At Thomastown West Primary School we believe the following:

- ✓ We all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible.
- ✓ We all have the right to feel comfortable and safe.



We have 5 key school VALUES which we encourage everyone to *live* by our school values:

Respect **Responsibility** **Resilience** **Empathy** and **Strive to be our best**

We teach the children that:

- ✓ *Values guide the way we think, speak and behave.*
- ✓ *Values help us to decide what is right and what is wrong.*

At Thomastown West Primary School, Parents and visitors are expected to:

- ✓ Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- ✓ Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- ✓ Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- ✓ Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- ✓ Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures.
- ✓ Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

Under no circumstance are parents to approach another student or parent regarding any incidents or issues.

Your co-operation is sought in maintaining a safe and happy school.



This updated Parent Code of Conduct was approved by TWPS School Council in October 2021.


Thomastown Neighbourhood House is working with Project Us Foundation to bring their HALAL FRESH FOOD BOX Food Relief Project to Thomastown. Scan the QR code to sign up for a Halal Fresh Food Box comprising of fresh halal poultry and vegetable samples on a fortnightly basis (Wednesdays). The Thomastown pick up point is TRAC outdoor Area, 52 Main St, Thomastown.

Up and coming distributions to Thomastown will take place on:



- ✓ Wednesday 29th Nov 10.30am- 12pm
- ✓ Wednesday 13th Dec 10.30am- 12pm
- ✓ Wednesday 27th Dec 10.30am- 12pm
- ✓ Wednesday 24th January 10.30am- 12.30pm

Click on the following link or the QR code below:

[https://
www.projectusfoundation.org/
community](https://www.projectusfoundation.org/community)



GET YOUR Halal Fresh Food Box



We know times are hard and the price of everything has risen. For some of us, it's becoming harder to provide fresh, nutritious food for our families. **We're here for you.**

Scan the QR code to sign up Halal Fresh Food Box comprising of fresh halal poultry and vegetable staples on a monthly basis at a centre near you. One of our team members will be in touch with you shortly.

Lv 11, 2 Queen St, Melb VIC, 3000 | (03) 9917 7521 | [projectusfoundation.org](https://www.projectusfoundation.org)

HOW TO RECEIVE SUPPORT

1. **Contact Us:** Reach out to us at (03) 9917 7521 or email us at support@projectusfoundation.org or visit our website at www.projectusfoundation.org
2. **Assessment:** Our team will conduct a brief assessment to understand your specific needs and preferences.
3. **Matching:** Based on your needs, we'll match you with appropriate services and resources.
4. **Engagement:** Subscribe to our newsletter to engage in our programs, workshops, and services to receive ongoing support.
5. **Feedback:** We value your feedback to continuously improve our services and meet your needs.
6. **Hubs:** Visit our distribution centres to pick up your fresh food box.

DO YOU NEED HELP?



P: (03) 9917 7521

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www.projectusfoundation.org

We know how hard times can get, we are here for you!

If you would like to access our programs including the food relief service please call us at (03) 9917 7521 or email us at support@projectusfoundation.org.

Note: service is only available in Melbourne

We have a 100% donation policy

We distribute 100% your donations to those in need

PROJECT US FOUNDATION IS ABOUT COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO EMPOWER US, PROTECT US, AND HONOUR US.

Project Us Foundation is an Australian Not-For-Profit creating positive economic and social impact in the lives of Muslims in need via community, children and elderly programs in Australia and overseas.

All donations are tax deductible. Our 100% donation policy means all donations are used towards the giving initiatives allowing for maximum outcome.

Beyond the programs we deliver, we want to live by our Islamic values and create positive and long term economic and social change for our community and leave the world in better state than what we found it in.



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projectusfoundation.org





For ages
10-17
years

FREE!

Crafternoon

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

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