

# Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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## 2022 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	5 Dec	Prep, 1/2 and 3/4 Swimming Program
Fri	9 Dec	<b>Billy Cart Race</b> 2:30pm Parents and Carers welcome
Tue	13 Dec	2023's Year 7 Orientation Day <b>School Council 6:30pm—Zoom</b>
Wed	14 Dec	Grade 5/6 FUNFIELDS Excursion
Thurs	15 Dec	TWPS instrumental groups performances 11:30am Parents and Carers welcome
Fri	16 Dec	<b>Student Semester 2 Reports available</b> Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Mon	19 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
Tue	20 Dec	<b>Last Day of Term 4 2022</b> <b>Whole School Assembly 12.00pm</b> School Finishes at 1.15pm

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## From the Assistant Principal

### Student Leadership

This week, our Year 5 students who aspire to be our 2023 Student Leader Captains interviewed with Mrs Young, myself and our current School Captains. We were impressed by how well the students prepared for their interviews. Although a little nervous, they clearly articulated their desires to lead our school and support our community. Our task was made difficult by the calibre of the students who applied! Today, we announced our 2023 School Captains, Student Voice and Student Representative Council Leaders. The best part of this process was giving our leaders an opportunity to call home and share the news with their Parents/Carers. To see their smiling faces light up with pride was such a wonderful experience for both Mrs Young and I. Congratulations to:

**2023 School Captains:** Baneen & Esra

**2023 SV Leaders:** Lydia & Arrina

**2023 SRC Leaders:** Alie & Salah

Our House Captain speeches also occurred this week and the outcome of these are yet to be announced. Congratulations to all of our students who have courageously delivered speeches to all of their peers. We are so proud of you!

### Year 1/2 Dinner & Year 2 Sleepover

The Year 1 Dinner and Year 2 sleepover went ahead with much excitement last Friday. It was a record turn out with the girls and boys in the P-2 building were jammed packed, 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 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.



### Year 6 Celebrations

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 Wednesday 14th December. Then our Year 6's will have their graduation ceremony on Monday 19th 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 partnership to guide, inspire and challenge our kids to always strive to be their best!

### School Council

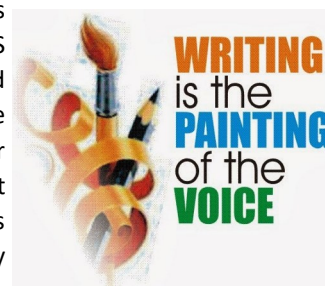
The final School Council meeting for 2022 will be on Tuesday night! We have some work to do with our school's class structures, 2022 budgets and Annual Implementation Plan. Then we will make time to acknowledge and celebrate the year's achievements!

### Student Reports

Reports will be available from **Friday the 16th December**. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to sit down with their children and discuss their successes, address areas for improvement and set new goals. It's increasingly common that over the summer holidays, students throw their reading and maths out the window! Unfortunately this often leads to regression in learning. When practised over and over, these skills become automatic and our students become lifelong learners. Let's support them to continue their growth over the next school holidays.

### Writers Festival

On Thursday afternoon, families came onsite for our TWPS Writing Festival. This involved students sharing their creative stories and illustrations with their parents and carers. The turnout was fantastic and it was wonderful to see our community share their love of literacy.



### Custody/Court Orders

It is important that families ensure that the school has the most updated Custody/Court Orders. If orders have expired and no longer current, then they are deleted from our system. It is each family's responsibility to ensure that the school is kept informed of changes. Please see us ASAP if you have updated orders for us to file.

*Vanessa Trpceuski*  
Acting Assistant Principal

## WHAT IS IT?

We are a friendly and dedicated team that invites families, students and the school, to work together to help our students get to school and continue their love of learning.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?



- 12 months of extra learning support
- We can help you get your children to school & join in fun events throughout the year
- Working together to help you access resources in our community

## MEET THE TEAM!

### Family Education

Hi, I'm Zac. I'm here to help you and your family get to school! I can help you join in fun school holiday activities too!

Hi



### Teacher

Hi, I'm Catriona. I am a teacher at your school and I help kids with their learning!



### Family Education

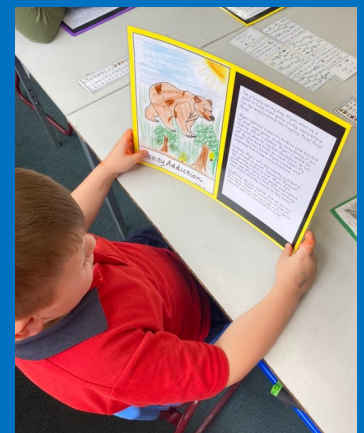
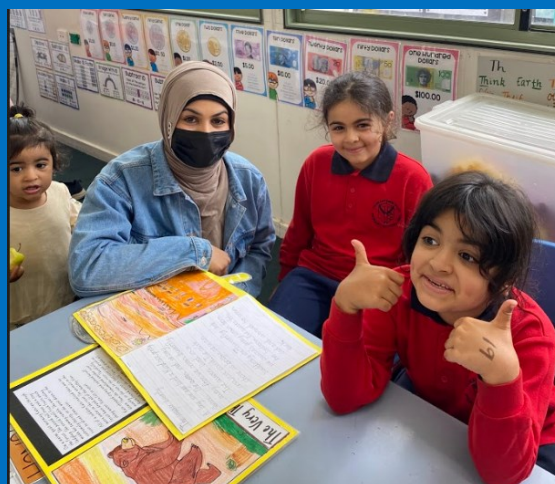
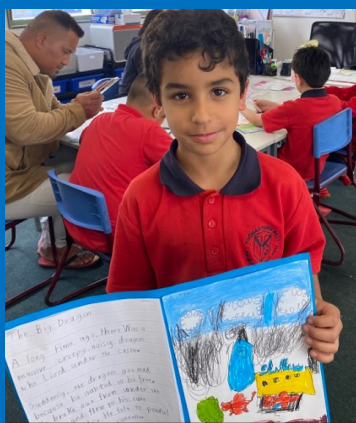
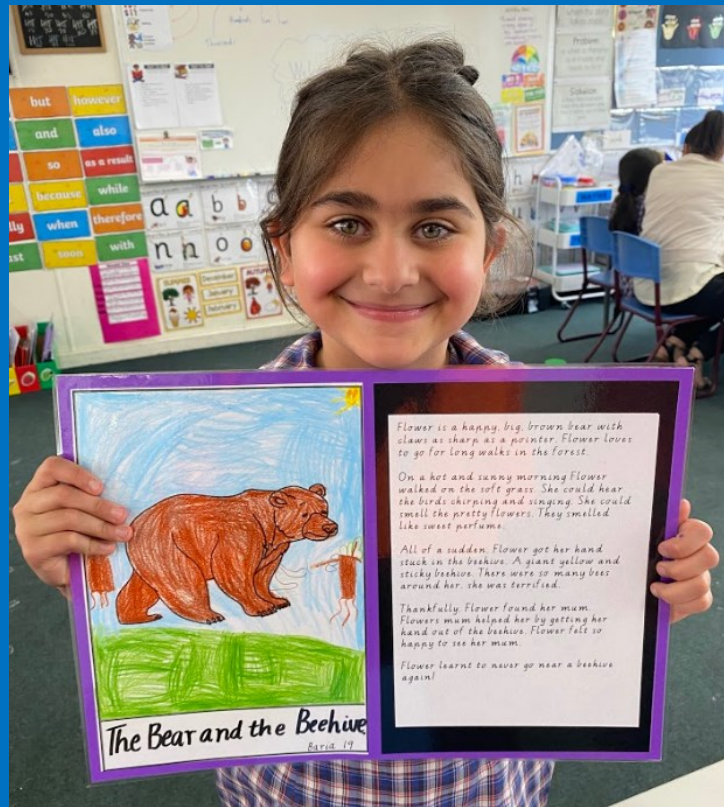
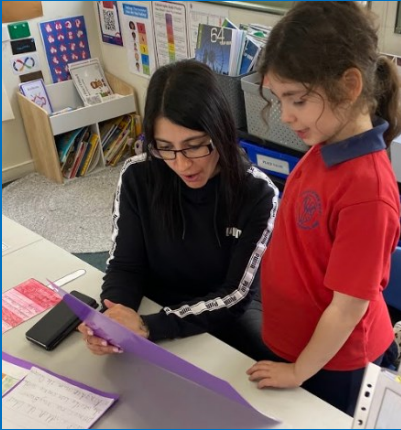
Hi, I'm Stewart. I can help you get to school & join in cultural activities throughout the year!

Hi





# 1/2 Writing Showcase





# Stars of the Week



## Term 4 - Week 9

Ibrahim	2	For a great first week back at school and getting straight into routine.
Fonzie	3	Being resilient and adapting to new changes.
Zarah	5	For showing resilience when participating in swimming lessons while in the deep end of the pool.
Luli	6	For displaying beautiful handwriting on the good copy of her narrative writing.
Kreon	19	For generating amazing reasons during persuasive writing. Well done!
Joyce	20	For showing resilience at swimming when she was initially worried about going in the deep end.
Tristan	9	For consistently demonstrating the school values and being a positive role model for his peers. Tristan is always ready to learn.
Aala	10	For your commitment and passion to winning Cup of Life weekly. Love the way you encourage students in our class to come to school every day.
Muhamed	11	For demonstrating a consistently responsible approach to all tasks he has undertaken this term.
Liyana	12	For striving to be her best when writing her persuasive text.
Michelle	15	For striving to be her best and writing an excellent sizzling start for her persuasive piece.
Arrina		For demonstrating responsibility and taking initiative when helping prepare for the TWPS writers showcase in room 15
Alexander	17	For leading by example during learning time and graduation practice.
Saad	18	For striving to do his best and creating and publishing an information text for the writer's festival.
Viva		<b>PE:</b> For striving to be her best during our cricket session



# Stars of the Week

Term 4 - Week 9



## Top Dojo Earners

Term 4 Week 9

Congratulations to **Room 9** with 494 Dojo Points

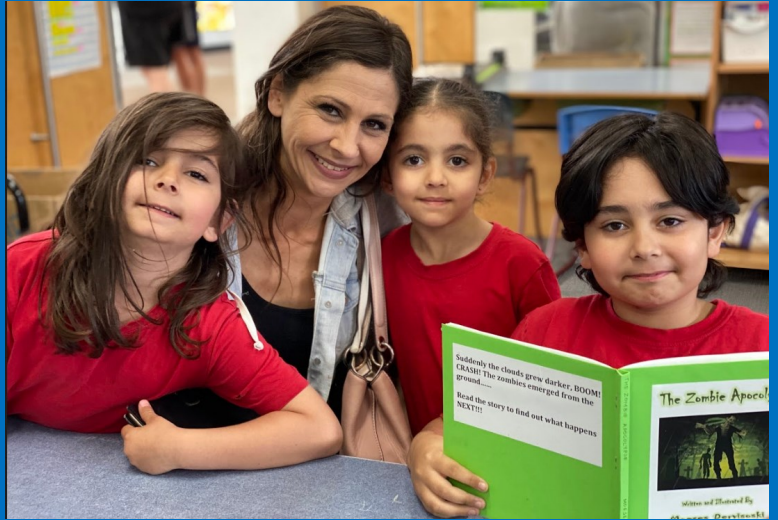
*You are the class with the highest number of Dojo points this week!*



Prep	Aysha 8 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Isaiah 11 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Dalia 41 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Austin 24 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Dalia 41 Dojo Points



# 3/4 Writing Showcase





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**

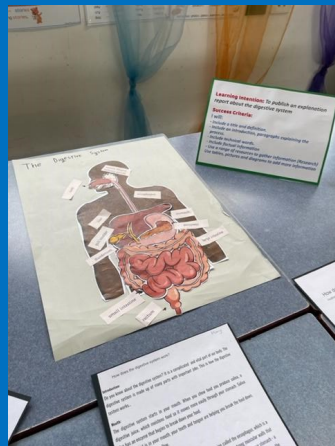
**near our buildings and walkways.**

**THE ONLY PLACE  
TO KICK A BALL  
IS ON  
THE  
OVAL**





# 5/6 Writing 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.

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	60%	79%	Room 9	79%	72%
Room 3	87%	87%	Room 10	85%	 92%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	82%	85%
Room 5	86%	76%	Room 12	69%	86%
Room 6	77%	76%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 19	82%	75%	Room 15	86%	85%
Room 20	69%	64%	Room 17	86%	80%
			Room 18	70%	80%

## 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

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. The school may take further action to support improved attendance.	



# Cup of Life

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

**Congratulations**

The room that had the BEST ATTENDANCE

For Term 4 Week 9 is

**Room 10**

## TWPS CUP OF LIFE UPDATE

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

Room 2	Term 2 Week 6								
Room 3	Term 2 Week 6	Term 3 Week 3	Term 4 Week 8						
Room 5	Term 2 Week 1	Term 2 Week 2	Term 3 Week 1						
Room 6	Term 1 Week 4	Term 1 Week 5	Term 1 Week 11	Term 2 Week 4	Term 2 Week 5	Term 2 Week 9	Term 3 Week 7	Term 4 Week 2	
Room 19	Term 1 Week 6	Term 3 Week 5							
Room 20	Term 3 Week 2	Term 3 Week 6							
Room 9									
Room 10	Term 1 Week 3	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 7	Term 3 Week 4	Term 3 Week 8	Term 4 Week 2	Term 4 Week 3	Term 4 Week 6	Term 4 Week 9
Room 11	Term 4 Week 3								
Room 12									
Room 15	Term 1 Week 10	Term 4 Week 7							
Room 17	Term 1 Week 6	Term 2 Week 3	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Week 9					
Room 18	Term 3 Week 10	Term 4 Week 1	Term 4 Week 4	Term 4 Week 5					





Thomastown West Primary School is pleased to announce that we are now a SunSmart School.

The SunSmart program is dedicated to reducing skin cancer incidence, illness and mortality through a targeted prevention and early detection program.

The objectives of the SunSmart Program is:

1. Improve and monitor skin cancer prevention awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour
2. Support priority populations to detect cancers earlier.
3. Advocate for strategies that aim to reduce the health and economic burdens of skin cancer.

Thomastown West Primary School recommends that from September 1<sup>st</sup> to end of April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, students come to school wearing sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- **a wide brim hat/ bucket or legionnaire style hat to be worn in September 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of April.**

For the best protection use all five forms of sun protection-clothing, sunscreen, a broad brim hat, shade and sunglasses-when the UV is 3 and above.

For more information on how to be SunSmart, click on the link below.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>



# 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.*



PROGRAMS BEGIN TERM 4 WEEK 2

# THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 4 2022

***"Re-establishing connections to support transitions"***

## Monday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  
YOUNG VOICES IN  
MEDIA

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm  
HOMEWORK CLUB



## Thursday

10:50 am – 11:20 am  
FUN READING CLUB

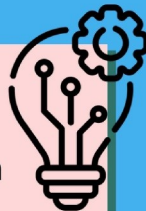
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  
STRATEGIC BOARD GAMES



## Tuesday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  
STEAM

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm  
DIGITAL ART



## Friday

9:30 am – 1:00 pm  
LEARN ENGLISH  
(bookings essential)  
Call PRACE 9462 6077

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm  
KOORIE KIDS GROUP  
with Eva



WCC is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We recognise the importance and responsibility for ensuring a safe and supportive environment that respects the rights of young people, enabling them to thrive.

For further information, please  
contact:

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# Wrapping up another AWESOME week at KidsCo!

Star highlights from last week's program

This week at KidsCo, we have been working together to create our values program! The children have chosen our values to align with Thomastown West Primary School values, such as respect, responsibility, and empathy. Children will be recognised and rewarded for demonstrating these values in our service.

We have also been experimenting with slime, and even made edible slime this week! It has been a fun-filled week of learning.



School Holidays are less than 3 weeks away!

The FUN never stops! School holiday bookings are now open. Easily book now through your Xplor app, or visit [kidsco.net.au/trac](https://kidsco.net.au/trac) to enrol!



**KidsCo.**  
OSHC



# Making every day the best day ever!

Our After School Care programs focus on developing skills that enable the next generation of AWESOME to embark on a journey of fun, connection, and exploration in our care.

Only \$3.75  
After Max  
CCS!



All of the programs are led by qualified school teachers (who know how to be a BIG kid) and instil resilience and confidence!

## How to Enrol

Simply visit our website to enrol your child and activate your Xplor account!

A member of our team will call you once your enrolment is active and we will help you make bookings and answer any questions you may have!



Thomastown West Primary School,  
98-112 Main St,  
Thomastown VIC 3074



1300 976 304



[kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown](https://kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown)



# هيا لنجعل كل يوم أفضل يوم على الإطلاق!

تركز برامج رعاية ما بعد المدرسة على تطوير المهارات التي تمكن طفلك من الانطلاق في رحلة من المرح، والتواصل، والاستكشاف في رعايتنا. نحن نقدم شاي بعد الظهر صحيًا ومغذيًا وأيضًا أنشطة جذابة. يمكن لطفلك قضاء بعض الوقت مع الأصدقاء القدامى أثناء تكوين صداقات جديدة!




جميع برامجنا يقودها مجموعة من معلمي المدارس  
المؤهلين (الذين يعرفون طريقة تفكير الأطفال) وطرق  
غرس المرونة والثقة!



## كيفية التسجيل

قم بزيارة موقعنا على الانترنت لتسجيل طفلك! سيقوم فريقنا بالاتصال بك بعد مراجعة تسجيلك لمساعدتك في إجراء الحجوزات والإجابة على أي أسئلة قد تكون لديك.

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98-112 Main St,  
Thomastown VIC 3074

 1300 976 304

 [kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown](http://kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown)

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**Please note, you can ONLY order online through the  
Myschool App**



SNACKS:		FAST FOODS:	
NUT FREE BANANA BREAD: (H)	\$4.00	BEEF PIE: (H)	\$4.00
FRESH FRUIT SALAD: (H)	\$3.50	TWIN PARTY PIES: (H)	\$2.50
SWEET YOHURT WITH GRANOLA: (H)	\$3.00	CHEESEBURGER W TOMATO SAUCE: (H)	\$4.50
HOMMUS DIP WITH VEGETABLE STICKS AND HOMEMADE PITA CRISP. (H)	\$4.00	HOME MADE SAUSAGE ROLL: (H)	\$4.00
TOASTED SANDWICHES:		RICOTTA & SPINICH ROLLS: (H) (V)	\$4.00
CHEESE: (H)(V)	\$3.20	HOTDOG: (H)	\$4.00
CHEESE & TOMATO: (H)(V)	\$3.50	MINI RICOTTA PASTRY: (H)	\$1.50
HAM & CHEESE	\$4.00	CHICKEN NUGGETS: (H)	
*EACH EXTRA FILLING COSTS	\$0.50 EXTRA	➢ 6 PACK	\$ 4.20
		➢ EACH	\$ 0.80
TOASTED PANINI / WRAPS:		POTATO WEDGES: (H)(V)	\$3.00
TANDOORI CHICKEN WRAP: (H) Tender chicken meat marinated in tandoori spices with baby spinach, tomato and cucumber yoghurt sauce.	\$5.50	➢ WITH SOUR CREAM/SWEET CHILLI	\$4.00
CHICKEN SNITZEL WRAP: (H) Homemade crumb chicken breast grilled with lettuce, tomato, cheese and our sweet chilli mayonnaise.	\$5.50	TOMATO SAUCE EXTRA	\$0.25
MILD SALAMI PANINI: A crusty roll with mayonnaise, baby spinach, tomato, mild salami and cheese.	\$5.50	HOT MEALS:	
HAM PANINI: A roll filled with spinach, tomato, cheese and mild mustard.	\$5.50	BUTTER CHICKEN WITH RICE: (H)	\$6.00
SANDWICHES:		PENNE WITH BOLOGNAISE SAUCE: (H)	\$6.00
TASTY CHEESE (H)(V)	\$3.00	PENNE NAPOLI SAUCE: (H)(V)	\$5.50
EGG & MAYONAISE (H)	\$3.50	RICOTTA & SPINICH CANNALONI: (H)(V)	\$6.00
HAM CHEESE	\$4.00	HOUSEMADE SALADS:	
VEGEMITE & CHEESE (V)	\$3.20	LEMON THYME CHICKEN SALAD: Marinated chicken tenderloin grilled on a bed of mesclun lettuce, tomato, cucumber, couscous, with a citrus dressing. (H)	\$5.50
VEGEMITE	\$2.70	TRADITIONAL GREEK STYLE SALAD: A mix of cucumber, tomato, olives, Kalamata olives, feta on a bed of lettuce with an herb and olive dressing. (H) (V)	\$5.00
SALAD	\$4.00	ROASTED GRILLED VEGETABLE SALAD: In house grilled pumpkin, eggplant, zucchini, roasted capsicum on a bed of baby spinach & a balsamic glaze. (H) (V)	\$5.50
EXTRAS:		DRINKS:	
CHEESE	\$0.50	SPRING WATER 220ML	\$1.20
TOMATO	\$0.30	600ML	\$2.00
CUCUMBER	\$0.30	TROPICAL FRIUT JUICE BOX	\$1.50
LETTUCE	\$0.30	DRINKING YOGHURT	\$2.50
BEETROOT	\$0.30	CHOCOLATE MILK	\$2.20
CARROT	\$0.30	STRAWBERRY MILK	\$2.20

Please turn over for more information regarding the colour coding. (V) = VEGETARIAN (H) = HALAL



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**Please note, you can ONLY order online through the  
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## OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

Download the free app or access [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)

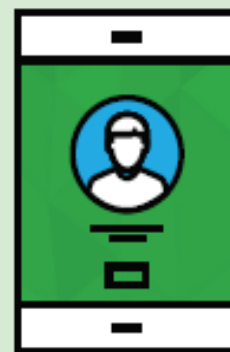


### 1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Register on any device, simply login to [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au) and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

### 2. ADD YOUR STUDENT

And make sure that you select your school and classroom details.



### 3. SELECT "TOP UP"

To add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.

(Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

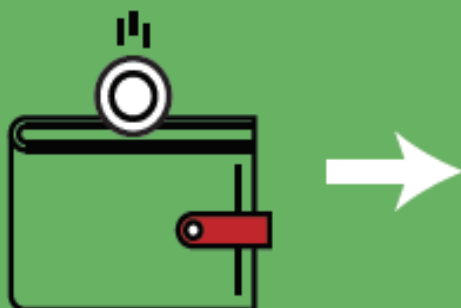
# Lunch orders will resume from WEDNESDAY 9TH November.



To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!

## 5. CHECKOUT

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.



## NOTE ON PAID ORDERS

Note that only paid orders will be sent to your canteen, not those still sitting in your cart. To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!



[www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)



My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact 1300 030 915



# Parentline

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. We offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.



## What does Parentline do:

Qualified counsellors are available to:

- talk about any issues to do with parenting and your relationships with your child
- help you with ways to cope and be a positive parent
- help with your family's wellbeing and resilience
- connect you with services in your area.

## Your call

- Parentline respects your privacy. Your call is confidential and anonymous.
- Calls are not time limited and you can call back as often as you need.
- Parentline's qualified and experienced counsellors have social work or psychology backgrounds. You can ask for a male or female counsellor and ask to speak to the same counsellor if you call back again.
- Parentline can assist non-English speaking parents and carers connect to a translating and interpreting service.
- If you're hearing impaired, you can call Parentline using the National Relay Service.
- Calls from a landline are charged at a local call rate. Mobile call rates will depend on your network provider. Check with your provider if you're unsure.

We are happy to call you back to minimise the cost to you. If you choose a call back, we will ring back and you'll be placed at the front of the queue until you're connected with the next available counsellor.

## Some reasons to ring Parentline

We can discuss a range of issues about parenting, including:

- child behaviour and development
- parent / carer child relationships
- education
- bullying
- living with teenagers
- family violence



kids**helpline**  
Anytime Any Reason

1800 55 1800 | [kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

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# **HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**21 - 23  
DECEMBER**

**8:30AM - 3:00PM**



## **LALOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

134 Kingsway Drive, Lalor

### **DAY 1**

Ice Breakers  
Capture the Flag  
Soccer World Cup

### **DAY 2**

T20 Cricket Blast  
Dodgeball Battle  
Downball Championship

### **DAY 3**

Nerf War  
Lego Masters  
Multi Sport Tournament

All programs are  
run by qualified  
Health and PE  
teachers and expert  
coaches



**Single and three day programs available**



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**0402 711 444**