

# Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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## 2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	11 Dec	Prep, 1/2, 3/4 Swimming Program
Tue	12 Dec	Year 6 2023: State Wide Transition Day
Tue	12 Dec	School Council
Wed	13 Dec	12pm Music Matinee - All welcome!
Thurs	14 Dec	5/6 Funfields Excursion
Thurs	14 Dec	Prep, 1/2 and 3/4 Class Celebrations
Fri	15 Dec	TWPS Intra-school Transition: <b>Students meet their 2024 Teacher</b>
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	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b> <i>Students do not attend school.</i>
Wed	20 Dec	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b> Whole School Assembly 12pm Students dismissed 1:15pm

## 2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	29 Jan	<b>Curriculum Day 1</b> <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Tues	30 Jan	<b>Curriculum Day 2</b> <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Wed	31 Jan	<b>Term 1 begins for Grades 1 - 6</b>
Mon	5 Feb	<b>Term 1 begins for Prep students</b>
Weds	7, 14, 21,28	Preps do not attend school in Wednesdays in February
Thur	22 Feb	<b>Kaboom Sports Family Fun afternoon!</b> 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Wed	27 Mar	<b>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences</b>
Thur	28 Mar	Last day of Term 1
Mon	15 Apr	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
Thur	02 May	<b>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY</b>
Tues	11 June	<b>Curriculum Day 3</b> <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Fri	28 June	Last day of Term 2
Mon	15 July	<b>First day of Term 3</b>
Wed	11 Sept	<b>Whole School Professional Practice Day</b> <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Thur	19 Sept	<b>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences</b>
Fri	20 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon	07 Oct	<b>First day of Term 4</b>
Mon	4 Nov	<b>Curriculum Day 4</b> <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Fri	20 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2024

No.38 8th December 2023

## From the Principal

As we enter the final stretch of this school year, we reflect with pride on the incredible achievements and busy schedules our students and staff have embraced. With just 7.5 school days remaining, we are excited to engage in the important events yet to unfold as we conclude the 2023 school year on a high note.

Today at our whole school assembly we were pleased to present our 2024 student leaders! We eagerly anticipate the exemplary leadership and contributions our new captains will bring forth in 2024, as they live the school values and shine as outstanding role models for our entire school community. Congratulations to:

**School Captains:** Muhamed and Harmony

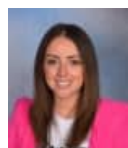
**Student Voice Captains:** Abdul and Harry

**SRC Captains:** Tristan and Destiny

### Thank you Parents and Carers!

Unfortunately Covid has impacted our community at this time of the year (again) and as a result we will not be holding our parent helpers morning tea. Instead we will be sending home a **thank you gift** next week to acknowledge the efforts and contributions from our parents that are very much appreciated by all staff and students! We thank everyone for their support with fundraising, snacks and raffle ticket sales at the concert, volunteers at excursions and camps, selling icy poles and other fundraising events Footy Day, School Council. We are most fortunate to have a number of parents and friends who assist the school in so many ways. Without this help our school would not function at the high level it does. We hope you enjoy the yummy gift and accept our gratitude for your assistance.

### Farewell



At this time of year, it is always difficult when we need to farewell any of our staff and this year is no exception. While this announcement is tinged with sadness there is also a great deal of excitement and pride in knowing that Mrs Jess Bufalino will take the skills and knowledge gained at TWPS to both further her career and benefit other school communities. Mr Crotti and I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to Jess, an exceptional classroom and specialist teacher, who over many years and has positively impacted hundreds of students and families with her time, compassion, expertise, guidance and care. On behalf of the entire TWPS community, we wish Jess the best of luck and warm wishes as she begins her next exciting chapter in a new school. If you would like to farewell Jess, she will be available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday after school, next week.

### Curriculum Day

**A reminder that on Tuesday 19th December, students are not required to attend school.** Staff will be participating in their CPR and first aid training, as well as developing 2024 Learner Profiles and sharing information about students individual learning and wellbeing needs to ensure that the best learning opportunities are provided for your children. This day has been communicated previously and is approved by our School Council.

## Swimming

Monday, next week sees the conclusion of our swimming program. The students have enjoyed and benefitted from the high level instruction and opportunity to further develop their swimming and water safety skills. While it's been a frantic term of swimming and students will no doubt be feeling a little tired, I am immensely proud of the exemplary behaviour demonstrated by our students living our school values and was thrilled to receive positive feedback from the instructors at TRAC!

## Student Reports

Your child's Semester 2 assessment report will be live on Compass from 12pm on Friday 15th December. We ask that you please ensure you read through this report carefully and discuss (as appropriate) what it says with your child/ren. Mr Crotti and I have enjoyed reading through each grade's reports, as well as the children's self assessment comments. They really give us a strong indication of what has been most enjoyable for them and what they know of themselves as learners. **I would like to thank all our teachers for the many hours of painstaking work they put into developing these reports for parents and carers.** I know that we all heave a sigh of satisfied relief when they are complete. They are a HUGE job!

## Parent Contributions

Earlier in the term we sent home the 2024 Parent Contribution letter. This outlines what we feel is incredible value provided by Thomastown West Primary School. We appreciate that sometimes finding the money to pay school contributions can be difficult, which is why payment by instalments is also welcomed. I strongly urge parents to support the school through making financial contributions. **Parent payments are the difference between providing a full program and doing the bare minimum.** In addition, grounds improvements are only possible with parental support. The school puts great care into the presentation of the school grounds; with your assistance enabling us to provide a regular gardener to ensure that the school surrounds are tidy. **With your support, we can continue to maintain and improve our school so that it is the best possible learning environment for our students.**

## Payment methods

Payments can be made by direct debit to our school account, EFTPOS in the office (Visa and Mastercard accepted), or cash directly to the office. **To enable us to have classroom supplies ready to start the school year, you may choose to make your School Contribution this year Monday – Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm during Term 4.**

**Or School Contribution contributions can be made by parents and carers in the first weeks of Term 1, 2024:**

- ✓ **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January or Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
(Curriculum Days) 8:30am - 4:00pm
- ✓ **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- ✓ **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Educational items for the students to own:** Parents and carers may choose to purchase their child's Educational items elsewhere **or to ensure your MAXIM orders and delivery is ready for the first week of school, orders are placed via the online portal this year.**

Payments must be made **before 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** please note **the MAXIM portal for ordering TWPS Education items will close and not take orders from 18/12/23.**

## Lost Property

It can be heart breaking to see the amount of almost brand new pieces of clothing that come through lost property that cannot be identified and returned to its owner in a timely manner.

**If you get the chance please check the lost property.** It is located in the Admin building, however NEXT WEEK when the weather is fine, lost property will be displayed outside.

## 2024 Orientation Day

Tuesday, December 12 is the Statewide Orientation Day with all **Grade 6 students attending their Secondary Colleges** for a day's activities in readiness for next year.

## 2024 Class Placement

Students will officially meet their 2024 teachers and classmates on Friday 15th December. ON that Friday afternoon, students will bring home a notice for parents and carers, informing you of their child's 2024 teacher.

Please note that the class placement process is extremely thorough and is undertaken over the course of 7 weeks. Each individual student is considered from an academic, social, and emotional perspective when being placed. The needs of individual students are balanced across the year levels as each student is assured at least one of their chosen learning buddies. Please be assured that we are committed to supporting the growth and development of every single student.

## Living the School Values

As the school year draws to a close and everyone is exhausted from a very busy year, it is very easy to become frustrated over things that may not have bothered you earlier in the year. At this time of the year, people can be stressed or under pressure for a variety of reasons. **Please be kind and do your best to keep your thoughts, words and actions positive.**

**Thomastown West is committed to maintain a positive, safe and supportive environment for our entire school community.** Please support your children and our school community, to achieve our goal.

**Education is Powerful, Student Voice Matters,  
Teachers Make a Difference &  
Every Day of Learning Counts!**

Sandi Young  
Principal

## OUR UNIFORM SHOP

- ✓ Beleza Thomastown on site campus is open every Tuesday till the end of Term 4.

**UNIFORM  
SHOP OPEN**

- ✓ Beleza Thomastown on site campus will be open January 23rd to January 25th 2024.

10am—3pm.

**www.beleza.com.au**



# Stars of the Week



## Term 4- Week 9

Raika	2	Raika has shown great student agency by developing skills such as expressing her wonderings, actively asking questions, and being a curious learner.
Kehlani	3	Always being a responsible and respectful student offering to do jobs and help others.
Amaanat	4	For becoming a more independent and confident member of the class.
Ali	5	For showing responsibility when using the laptop to type up his procedural writing.
Aaron	6	For striving to be his best when completing set tasks.
Cassie	9	For researching, filming and presenting her Curiosity project on film making.
Dalat	10	For always striving to be your best to live the school values . You have been an excellent role model in the class.
Muhammed Ali	11	For coming to school each day ready to learn and trying his best when completing set tasks.
Diana & Mikhaela	12	For being responsible classroom helpers.
Sahar	15	For demonstrating exceptional effort during our maths fraction lessons!
Exayvion	16	For demonstrating resilience during our Fraction unit and persevering when tasks were challenging and making a huge improvement, scoring 100% on his test.
Christian	17	For showing resilience when faced with a challenging situation.
Salah	18	For demonstrating responsibility and leadership throughout the year as one of class captains.
Ahmad & Matthew		<b>PE:</b> Well done Matthew on achieving the highest beep test result, 7.6 in the grade 5/6 area. All your hard work has paid off.
Asra		<b>ART:</b> For being an outstanding Visual Arts student throughout 2023, demonstrating a real passion for the creating process!



# Stars of the Week



## Term 4- Week 10

Bilal	2	For consistently showing respect by always being polite and well-mannered towards both his teachers and peers
Zara	3	Great results in reading.
Sarah	4	For becoming such a confident and expressive reader who has a wonderful understanding of what she is reading.
Wafa	5	For striving to be his best when reading aloud to the teacher.
Advika	6	For having a go at set tasks when working independently.
Imran	9	For always being ready to have a go, even when work can be challenging.
Blake	10	For your determination and never give up attitude to complete projects you are passionate about .
Steven	11	For taking responsibility in his learning and demonstrating empathy when supporting others.
Dion	12	For being a responsible classroom helpers.
Rueben	15	For consciously making more responsible choices in the classroom, acting as a role model to all his peers!
Perla	16	For consistently striving to be her best this year and working hard to achieve her goals.
Jamie	17	For always following the school values. You are a positive role model for your peers.
Matthew	18	For demonstrating responsibility and leadership throughout the year as one of class captains.
Isaac		<b>PE:</b> Well done Ahmad on achieving the highest beep test result, 7.6 in the grade 5/6 area.
Viva		<b>ART:</b> For being an outstanding Visual Arts student throughout 2023! Imagination and creativity are always a feature of her work

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# Chess club at The Hub

Congratulations to our Chess champions of 2023.



# Intergenerational Day

with elderly citizens at the Barry Road Community Centre, Thomastown

Today the TWPS Choir participated in an AMAZING DAY at the Barry Road Community Centre sharing food, games, music, song and dance with elderly members of our community. Thank you to Mason Vong for joining the crew to perform a couple of classical pieces on the keyboard, that was loved by all. Mr Rosa and Ms Bufalino were so impressed with our students' performance and consistently living the values during the day!



# EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

## Term 4 Week 10 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	83%	87%	Room 9	80%	71%
Room 3	75%	73%	Room 10	80%	77%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	79%	82%
Room 4	91%	87%	Room 12	74%	77%
Room 5	75%	72%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	68%	75%	Room 15	81%	80%
			Room 16	68%	77%
			Room 17	79%	72%
			Room 18	78%	71%

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 10

Congratulations to Room 9 with 155 Dojo Points

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

Prep	John 7 Dojo points
Grade 1/2	Yazan 4 Dojo points
Grade 3/4	Darius 14 Dojo Points each
Grade 5/6	Kane 5 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Darius 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)	

With the maximum child care subsidy. \*\*Without the child care subsidy.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Public Holiday!</b> 	<b>Service closure!</b> 	<b>Service closure!</b> 	<b>Service closure!</b> 	<b>Service closure!</b> 
<b>Bubble - O - Fun</b>  Don't burst your bubble! Nurture your creativity, imagination, and imagination with our special 2024 Bubble Machine! But wait, not all... Dive into a world of endless fun with activities such as vibrant sidewalk chalk art, simple mazes, and engaging in friendly competitions with group games! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Everyday Heroes</b>  Fight for a day! Heroes are the toughest, coolest, and most amazing people we know. Let's celebrate them by dressing up as our favorite heroes and going on a mission to save the world. We'll have a variety of activities, including a hero-themed scavenger hunt, a group game, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Super JumpSide</b>  Test the jump side of your superhero! Superhero JumpSide is a fun and exciting activity for all ages. We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$10.00* Full Fee \$18.00**	<b>Ancient Egypt</b>  Step back in time to the land of pharaohs and pyramids with our Ancient Egypt adventure! Build a magnificent pyramid, create a mummy, and learn about the history of this ancient civilization. We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Zoo Explorers</b>  Embark on an exciting journey to the zoo! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**
<b>15 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>16 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>17 JAN</b>  From as low as \$10.00* Full Fee \$18.00**	<b>18 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>19 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>Passport to Summer</b>  Pick your bags and take your summer holiday with you! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Volley Stars</b>  Get some action and take your summer holiday with you! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>What the Buzz</b>  Bee busy like a bee! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Movie Magic</b>  Get in the magic of movies! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Bollywood by Storm!</b>  Get in the magic of Bollywood! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**
<b>8 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>9 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>10 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>11 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>12 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**
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<b>Scottish Charm</b>  Get a taste of Scotland with our Scottish Charm! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Spray Dye Panda</b>  It's time to get creative! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Mexican Fiesta</b>  Celebrate the vibrant culture of Mexico with our Mexican Fiesta! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Vertical Ventures</b>  Get ready to climb new heights! We'll have a variety of activities, including a group game, a special treat for all our heroes, and a special treat for all our heroes! From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>Public Holiday!</b> 
<b>22 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>23 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>24 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>25 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**	<b>26 JAN</b>  From as low as \$5.50* Full Fee \$15.00**
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## Holiday Program Important Information!

### What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

### Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your kitchen roll-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be refrigerated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

### Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

### TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Subsequent
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

### Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

### Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

### Serious stuff!

#### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/dietary intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

### Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8.30am – 9.00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

### Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day / Full Fee
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (100 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your financial circumstances.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



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# SUMMER

## Summer Holiday Program

The place to be these holidays!



**STEM Bubbles**



**Cultural Drumming**



**Splashtacular**



**Movie Time**

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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](http://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.



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# **TWPS BREAKFAST CLUB**

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



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

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

# Starting primary school?

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

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

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

## Before filling out an application

Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at **[findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://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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- 📍 98-112 Main St, Thomastown, 3074



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**STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST**

# 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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Whittlesea



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571-583 High St, Epping VIC 3076

(03) 9401 6666

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 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am- 12pm
- ✓ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

E: support@projectusfoundation.org

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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THOMASTOWN  
COMMUNITY CENTRE





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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