

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

Fri	24 Feb	Year level Team assembly 2:30pm
Thurs Fri	2&3 Mar	Glasses for Kids Testing (prep to 3) Speak to Miss g for more information
Fri	3 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Tue	7 Mar	FREE Brainstorm Production (Whole School Wellbeing Incursion)
Fri	10 Mar	Year level TEAM Assembly 2:30pm
Mon	13 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Fri	17 Mar	Whole school assembly 2:30pm
Fri	24 Mar	Year levels TEAM Assembly 2:30pm
Thurs	28 Mar	GRIP Leadership Conference 5/6 (Leadership students only)
Wed	5 Apr	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>Students only attend school at the time of their conference meeting.</i>
Mon	24 Apr	Staff Professional Practice Planning Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Tue	13 June	Curriculum Day 3 <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Thu	14 Sept	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>Students only attend school at the time of their conference meeting.</i>
Mon	6 Nov	**NEW** Students attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
Tue	19 Dec	Curriculum Day 4 <i>Students do not attend school</i>

2023 TERM DATES

Term	Starting date	Finishing date
Term 1	Tues 31 Jan	Thurs 6 April
Term 2	Wed 26 April	Fri 23 June
Term 3	Mon 10 July	Fri 15 Sept
Term 4	Mon 3 Oct	Tues 20 Dec

No.3 17th February 2023

From the Assistant Principal

It has been such a great start to the year! Thank you all for making me feel so welcomed into the Thomastown West Primary School community. I am enjoying getting to know staff, students and families. Come up and say hello to me before or after school near the gates. I gave a little bit of information about myself and my family in a previous newsletter, but thought I'd share a bit more each time I write in the newsletter this term, while I'm getting to know you all. I have a dog named Winnie. She is a kelpie and border collie cross, and loves cuddles and playing fetch, and is five years old.



Internet Safety

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on **Tuesday, 7th February 2023**, when, once again, stakeholders joined forces across the globe to work "**Together for a better internet**".

Digital technologies provide us with a world of possibilities at our fingertips. Never before have we enjoyed so many opportunities to learn, exchange, participate and create. Yet, the internet also opens up certain risks to its users – especially the most vulnerable ones, such as children. These risks include: privacy concerns, cyberbullying, disinformation, exposure to potentially harmful content and predatory behaviours, to quote but a few.

Thomastown West Primary School recognises the need for students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies. **We believe that explicitly teaching students about safe and responsible online behaviours is essential and is best taught in partnership with parents/guardians.** We request that parents/guardians work with us and encourage this behaviour at home.

Although our school has steps in place to reduce the risks accompanying internet and digital technologies use, students may encounter digital information resources that have not been screened by educators for use by children. Therefore, parental/guardian approval is required before students access the school resources.



If you have not already done so, please return your child's 2023 Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet and Digital Technologies as soon as possible please.

Teaching Prep Science

I am teaching the prep students for science on Fridays this term, and have thoroughly enjoyed our first sessions of learning. Students explored seashells and urchins, using all their senses and magnifying glasses. Please enjoy the photos on page 8.

Parking

Parents are asked to please park in the side streets. The car park is for staff of Thomastown West Primary School and Thomastown Secondary School. This is for the safety of students and families. There are many young students along the footpath at that time and having more cars entering and exiting the car park at bell times is a risk to them.

Essential Resources Book Pack

We understand that the Book Pack process has not run as smoothly as it has in previous years. We are pleased that all of the online orders submitted before the end of December were delivered before Term 1 began. Thank you for your continued patience as we liaise with Maxim to retrieve the orders that were made online during January 2023. Mrs Young and I would like to reassure you that no child is missing out and teachers are supplying students with the essentials that they need while we wait for the Book Pack to be delivered.

The Essential Resources Book Pack funds are vital for us and your children to enable the provision of high quality programs and a focus on improved student learning. While the Department of Education and Training (DET) provides us with a substantial amount of our funding, we require the family contributions to provide the resources and to run the programs we currently provide and the community has come to expect.

Thomastown West Primary School *makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.*

Financial Support for Families

Thomastown West Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to contribute to the cost of camps, sports and excursions (\$125 per eligible student)
- Payment plans
- State Schools Relief supports families with School

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Sandi Young (Principal), James Crotti (Assistant Principal) or Suzi Ilic (Business Manager) Ph: 03 9465 4317 Email: thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Headphones

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD:



Have they brought their headphones to school yet?
During NAPLAN all students in Grade 5-6 will use their headphones, even those students not participating in the assessment, they will be completing a different learning task.

Parent/Student/ Teacher Conferences

SAVE the DATE! Our Parent Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday 5th April. We intend to hold the conferences onsite at TWPS. Participating in your child's education does pay off. Current research strongly indicates that when parents engage in their children's education it leads to improved student achievement.

Communication at TWPS

Effective communication is vital for a school community to sustain positive and productive relationships. TWPS teachers and parents work in partnership with the shared responsibility of improving children's learning; *together working on pathways to success.*

We pride ourselves in utilising a range of multimodal communications with all key stakeholders within and beyond our school community. We use:

- ✓ Informal notes home to parents
- ✓ Phone calls
- ✓ Emails
- ✓ Weekly Newsletter
- ✓ Grade newsletters
- ✓ School Website: www.thomwestps.vic.edu.au
- ✓ Parent/teacher interview meeting

AND

- ✓ **We regularly communicate important news, events and information pertaining to the school community via COMPASS.**

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE COMPASS...

OR YOU HAVE LOST YOUR LOG IN DETAILS

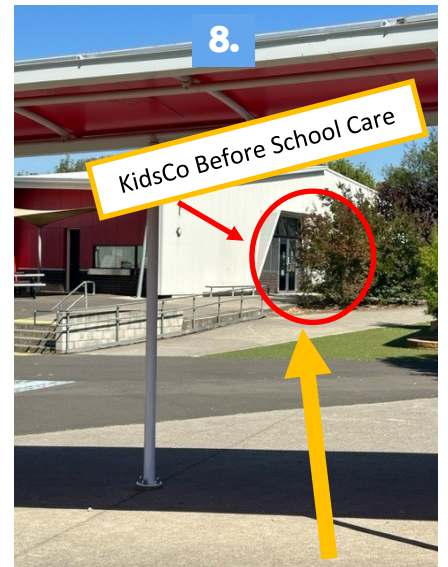
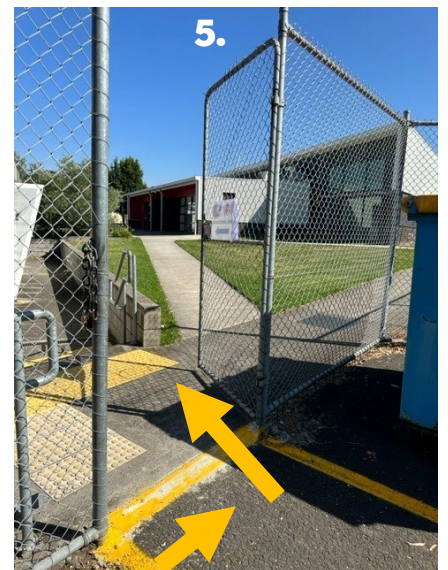
PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE FOR SUPPORT ASAP

James Crotti
Assistant Principal



KidsCo.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am



TWPS School Council Elections 2023

School Council Elections are held each year. I have included the **Schedule 3 2022 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for School Council**, a nomination form and some frequently asked questions about School Council with this Newsletter. There are a number of vacancies so I hope you will consider supporting the school by joining School Council.

Would you like to know more about School Council:

- ✓ It is a legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of a school.
- ✓ Is the major governing body of the school
- ✓ Plays an important role in school accountability and improvement processes
- ✓ Endorses the key school planning, evaluation and reporting documents
- ✓ All School Council decision-making takes place within a framework of legislated powers, Ministerial Orders, directions, guidelines and DET policy objectives
- ✓ Assist in the efficient governance of the school
- ✓ Ensure students' best interests are primary
- ✓ Enhance the educational opportunities for students
- ✓ Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulations Fundamental Function Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- ✓ Participate in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- ✓ Develop, review and update school policies
- ✓ Develop, review and monitor the Student Engagement Policy and the School Dress Code
- ✓ Raise funds for school-related purposes
- ✓ Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- ✓ Maintain the school's grounds and facilities
- ✓ Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- ✓ Report annually to the school community and to DEECD
- ✓ Generally, stimulate interest in the school in the wider community

Schedule 3

2023 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for School Council

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Thomastown West Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by **4.00pm on Friday 24th February 2023**.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school by **Friday 3rd March 2023**. If a ballot is necessary, it will close at **4.00 pm on Friday 10th March 2023**.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of positions
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the Declaration of the poll in 2023 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	3
Community Member	From the day after the date of the Declaration of the poll in 2023 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	1
DET Employee	From the day after the date of the Declaration of the poll in 2023 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Sandi Young

The categories of membership explained:

1. A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
2. A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of School Council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
3. An optional Community member category - members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The easiest way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. This way you have input into who will be representing you.

The other way is to nominate yourself or nominate someone you would like to see on council.

School Council Elections 2023

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Thomastown West Primary School Council.

Name:

Residential address:

Home telephone: Business telephone

Email:

I am the parent/guardian ofwho is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training. Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named School Council.

I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

- Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the School Council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL HATS WHEN OUTSIDE.

If your child has lost their hat, they can be purchased at the office for \$14.

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 1st 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 1st 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/>



Hello Everyone!

Today, I will be sharing some tips for supporting healthy habits. As we hang out with our own bodies and minds all the time, we tend to take them for granted and forget how amazing they are, while humans are pretty complex and capable of all sorts of incredible things, looking after ourselves boils down to some simple principles.

Eating a healthy, balanced diet; getting enough sleep; being physically active; being social – taking care of these basics helps us be as physically and, in turn, as mentally healthy as we can be.

You can help your children and young people establish healthy habits that they'll carry throughout their lives. The best thing you can do is to set an example and make living healthily a positive and enjoyable.

Physical activity and hobbies

- ✓ Encourage kids to keep active. They might join a sports team or ride their bike, walk the dog, go for a run or help coach a local sports team. The main thing is getting out and having fun.
- ✓ How much activity children or young people are willing to do will depend on their interest in being active. Starting small and building up might be what they need.
- ✓ Fit physical activity into everyday activities – like walking to school or the shops instead of driving.
- ✓ Suggest they exercise with a friend to help keep them motivated.
- ✓ Encourage them to try as many different things as they can – art, music, IT, rock climbing and writing poetry – so they can figure out what they're into.
- ✓ Suggest they set some goals for the next day, week or month – something that they enjoy or find rewarding and is achievable.

Healthy Eating

- ✓ Ensure there's a range of food available at home. Include a variety of healthy foods such as plenty of vegetables, fruit and cereals (like bread, rice and pasta), some lean protein (meat, chicken, fish or tofu) dairy products (milk, yoghurt, cheese) and lots of water. It's a good idea to avoid fatty foods and foods with lots of sugar in them.
- ✓ Get children and young people involved in cooking family meals and making their own lunches. There are countless kid-friendly recipes online – give them a go!
- ✓ By choosing and eating healthy food as a family from the time kids are very young, you help them learn about making healthy food choices. This lays the groundwork for when they're older and eating out, or eating away from home – without you there telling them to lay off the chips and chocolate.
- ✓ Cook when you have time and energy and freeze bulk portions.

Social activity

- ✓ Help your children and young people create and maintain a sense of belonging to the family, their friends, culture and their community.
- ✓ Encourage them to hang out with friends or suggest social activities that might be of interest, such as sports, after-school clubs, playing in a band, listening to music or going to the movies.
- ✓ Strong connections with their cultural heritage, family and community has big mental health benefits for children and young people, particularly those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. Suggest they attend cultural and community events – offer to go along with them.

Good sleep habits

The length of time we sleep and the quality of rest we get have a huge effect on how we feel. If your child is staying up till 3am playing video games, they're probably also struggling to drag themselves out of bed and falling asleep by mid-afternoon.

Encourage your kids to develop a regular sleeping routine by:

- ✓ Getting up at the same time each morning, even at the weekend
- ✓ Winding down 30 minutes before going to bed
- ✓ Avoiding watching TV or playing video games late at night
- ✓ Writing any worries down before going to bed so they can deal with them the next day
- ✓ Getting up after 15-20 minutes if they can't sleep rather than staying in bed feeling restless, returning to bed when they feel more relaxed and sleepy.
- ✓ Avoiding naps in the day.

I hope you will enjoy reading this article and take the utmost care of yourselves and your children for a healthy and happy living.



Gurleen Gogia (Ms G.)

Student Welfare Officer

ASSEMBLIES

2:30pm Fridays

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BASKET BALL COURT	TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building
Friday 17th February <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friday 10th February <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Friday 3rd March	Friday 24th February
Friday 17th March	Friday 10th March
Friday 31st March	Friday 24th March

Preps enjoying Science!





Stars of the Week



Term 1- Week 3

Raika	2	For striving to be her best in all the learning activities she has completed.
Xander	3	For a great start to the prep year!
Maggie	4	For making a wonderful start to the year and always working hard.
Wafa	5	For striving to do his best during class and settling into his new school.
Grace	6	Coming to school each day with a smile and ready for learning.
Moayad	9	For consistently showing responsibility in the classroom and being a great role model to his peers.
Cyrus	10	For making a great start to the school year and striving to live the TWPS values every day.
Dwayne	11	For consistently being organised and taking responsibility for his own learning.
Boutros	12	For doing a great job with handwriting and completing his story.
Kane	15	For always showing respect to the teachers and his peers!
Japjyot	16	For starting the school year with a positive attitude and coming to school ready to learn .
Chelsea	17	For having a go at all tasks and striving to be her best consistently.
Salah	18	.For demonstrating responsibility and be a good role model for his classmates.
Ali rm 5		PE: For being great team players during their PE session.
Ayden		Wellbeing : For being engaged and motivated in the classroom.

Stars of the Week

Term 1 - Week 3





Stars of the Week



Term 1- Week 4

John	2	For being resilient by settling into prep and school routines.
Kehlani	3	For being a responsible class member.
Brian	4	For making interesting contributions to our class reading discussion.
Taliyah	5	For being a responsible role model for others in the classroom and in the playground.
Ali-Reza	6	For making a great start to the school year.
Darius	9	For making a great start to the school year and striving to live the TWPS values every day.
Esmeralda	10	For consistently showing responsibility in the classroom and helping others. You are very thoughtful and considerate.
Doaa	11	For showing empathy and kindness towards others in the classroom.
Raphael	12	For making such a great start to his time at TWPS and working hard to achieve his best.
Waverly	15	For always trying her best and showing that she is always ready to learn!
Ava	16	For striving to be her best and living by the school values.
Saad	17	For starting off the year settled and ready to learn.
Harry	18	For striving to be his best and displaying a growth mindset with all his work.
Cruze rm 9		PE: For being great team players during their PE session.
D'Lae		Wellbeing : For a great start to the year.

Stars of the Week

Term 1 - Week 4



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.


EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 1 Week 4 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	65%	63%	Room 9	85%	83%
Room 3	72%	71%	Room 10	92%	 89%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	77%	65%
Room 4	79%	65%	Room 12	75%	80%
Room 5	76%	74%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	74%	80%	Room 15	95%	85%
			Room 16	67%	72%
			Room 17	67%	81%
			Room 18	75%	81%

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...

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.	

Lolly making in STEM!



TOP DOJO EARNERS

Term 1 Week 4

Congratulations to **Room 18** with 241 Dojo Points

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



Prep	Isabel 12 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Jasmine 8 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Albraa 7 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Salah 18 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Salah 18 Dojo Points

HUB programs start next week

THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 1, 2023

Monday

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



3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
HOMEWORK CLUB



Wednesday

9:30 am – 2:00 pm
LEARN ENGLISH
(bookings essential)
Call PRACE 9462 6077



Tuesday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
STEAM



3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
PIXELS AND PAINT ART CLUB



Thursday

10:50 am – 11:20 am
FUN READING CLUB

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



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 Ruvee:
P: (03) 9401 6666 | E:twch@whittleseacc.org.au



THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS



OPEN!

2023

TERM 1				
JANUARY	Tues 24th 10am - 3pm	Wed 25th 10am - 3pm	Fri 27th 10am - 3pm	Mon 30th 10am - 3pm
FEBRUARY	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 14th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 28th 1pm - 4pm
MARCH	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 14th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 28th 1pm - 4pm
APRIL	Tues 4th 1pm - 4pm			
TERM 2				
MAY	Tues 2nd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 30th 1pm - 4pm	
JUNE	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm			



THOMASTOWN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2023



Online Orders:

**NEW
MENU**

Welcome to My School Connect

ORDER YOUR CHILD'S MEALS ONLINE

New to My School Connect SIMPLY REGISTER AT:

www.myschoolconnect.com.au

Hot Food

Beef burger with cheese and tomato sauce (Ha)	\$5.00
Large Beef Pie (Halal)	\$4.30
Hot Dog Beef (Halal)	\$4.20
Large Sausage Roll (Halal)	\$4.00
Twin Party Pies 2 pieces (Halal)	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets 6 pieces (Halal)	\$5.00
Pizza – Margarita (Halal)	\$3.50
Pizza – Sujuk Beef	\$4.00
Pizza Zaatar (oregano & herb)	
Chicken Tenderloins Wrap with cheese, Tomato, mayo & sweet chilli sauce	\$6.50
Ricotta Mini Pastry	\$1.60
Ricotta & Spinach Rolls	\$4.00
Extra Tomato sauce	\$0.20

Freshly Made Hot Food

Pasta- Penne Bolognese Sauce	\$6.50
Pasta- Penne Napoli Sauce	\$6.00

Drinks

Lipton Iced tea (peach or lemon)	\$4.00
Fruit Juice Box (apple or orange)	\$2.50
Chocolate and Strawberry Milk	\$3.00
Water (600ml)	\$2.50

Freshly Made Sandwiches^(h)

On white bread. Gluten free bread also available upon request

Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Ham	\$3.50
Cheese, Ham, and Tomato	\$4.00
Salad (lettuce, tomato, and carrot) (v)	\$4.50
Vegemite and Cheese	\$3.00
Add to your order	
Mayo	Add \$0.50

Snacks

Banana Bread	\$3.00
Fruit Salad (seasonal fruit mix)	\$3.50
Freshly baked muffin	\$2.50

v)= vegetarian (ve)= vegan (Ha)= Halal

(h) = prepared on site by canteen staff

Note: Prices may be subject to change due to seasonal fluctuations and wholesaler price increases.

- **Every Wednesday and Friday your child can order a lunch order.**
- **Lunch orders can only be ordered via the School Connect App.**
- **Cut off time is 8.30 am**



OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

Download the free app or access www.myschoolconnect.com.au



1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Register on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

2. ADD YOUR STUDENT

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



3. SELECT "TOP UP"

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

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

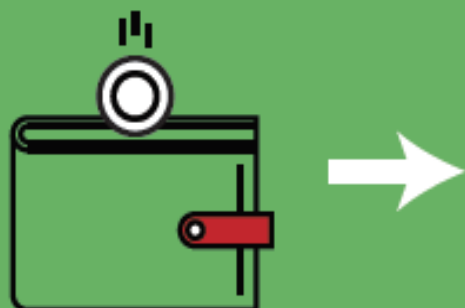


4. ORDER

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

5. CHECKOUT

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



NOTE ON PAID ORDERS

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



www.myschoolconnect.com.au



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



**FROM
\$3
PER CHILD
AFTER MAX CCS**

DO YOU MISS BREAKFAST CLUB?

Enrol for KidsCo Before
School Care for your
breakfast fix!

QUESTIONS?

Call: 1300 976 304
Email: oshc@kidsco.net.au

KIDSCO BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

- From 7:00am 8:30am
- From \$3 per child before Max CCS
- Breakfast included
- FUN games & activities



ENROL ONLINE

kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

Invitation

Let's Dance!

**TWPS Students are invited to perform
at the Promisetown Picnic & Markets, Sat 4th March 1- 5pm.**

Thomastown Neighbourhood House is excited to announce that the PROMISETOWN PICNIC & MARKETS will return on Saturday 4th March! The day will feature: Nepalese & Vietnamese performances, multicultural drumming and a big community dance workshop for young and old!

TWPS Students are invited to perform the "High Hopes" dance on the community stage at 3pm. Also dancing will be Thomastown Primary School and many members of the local community.

If you would like to learn the dance at home, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNJFORsSFic>

Entry is free and everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic and some cash for bargains at the markets- selling hand- made crafts, trash and treasure. The Promisetown Picnic is full of activities for children including puppet making, fairy wings workshop, face painting and an amazing circus show!

FREE Event for all the family.

Date: Sat 4th March

Time: 1-5pm

Venue: TRAC (Thomastown Recreation Aquatic Centre) Outdoor Play Area, 52-54 Main St, Thomastown

The Promisetown Picnic is supported by the City of Whittlesea Community Event Funding Program. Special thanks to TRAC for being home to the Promisetown Picnic.

LINKS: Promisetown Picnic & Walking Thomastown Trailer:

<https://youtu.be/8oLBPswrJjs> (made by Chris Preuss)

Website: www.tnh.org.au

PROMISETOWN

PICNIC

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Saturday 4th March, 2023

1- 5pm

Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre

@TRAC

Outdoor Play Space

Family Fun Day + Free Entry

Makers Market, Art Activities, Music, Dance & Kids Show!

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the heart of our community



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THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

- **FREE SCREENING**
- **FREE TESTING**
- **FREE GLASSES!!**

Contact Ms Sandi Young, Principal

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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.