

# Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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## 2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

No.5 3rd March 2023

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

### From the Assistant Principal

As promised previously, I thought I'd share a bit more about me. I moved around a lot before I came to Melbourne, where I've been living for 11 years. I was born in Sydney, and moved to Adelaide before I turned 2. I lived there until the end of grade 3, then I lived in Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory for a year in grade 4, which is where a band called Yothu (means baby) Yindi (means big) are from, and I learnt Yolngu Matha (the local language). I lived in a town called Katherine for 6 years after that, then moved back to Adelaide in year 11 to finish high school and go to university. I'll tell you about some of my adventures as teacher next time I write in the newsletter.



### Preps first full week

Congratulations to our Preps and their families on their first full week at school this week, coming to school every day and building their routines and stamina. The prep teachers are enjoying their start to the year as much as our excited new students. I have popped into the prep classes and seen them all so settled and on task with their learning. Last week for prep science we made and flew kites, which flew really well on that windy day.

### Exciting Extracurricular Activities

What a busy and fun week ahead! We have the Brainstorm Productions on Tuesday next week, which is free for students and P-2 will see the performance before recess, then 3-6 will see their version after recess. Grade 5-6 students will have interschool sports away against Lalor East. Room 10 and 11 will be going on an excursion to Quantum Victoria on Wednesday, to learn about STEM and will use Makey Makeys to do some programming. The other classes in grade 3-4 will be going on that excursion on Friday March 24.

### Digital Safety

Children are taught about online safety at TWPS through our eSmart program and digital technology usage agreement. Social media apps like Snapchat and Instagram are for people over 13 years of age, and many online games that young students play have comment areas and chat functions. Please monitor what is being



# PROMISETOWN

## PICNIC

## & MARKETS

# TOMORROW

## 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!

**Presented by Thomastown Neighbourhood House &  
Supported by City of Whittlesea Community Events Funding Program**



**Thomastown Recreation  
& Aquatic Centre**



said and played when your children are online. Parents are encouraged to check <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> for information about how to keep your family safe online at home. The Australian Multicultural Foundation also has an app called Cyberparent, which is available in many languages here <https://amf.net.au/entry/cyberparent-guideline/>.



### Harmony Day is happening on 21st March!

On March 21st, TWPS will be celebrating our cultural and linguistic diversity at our annual Harmony Day event. Students will be invited to come to school in either cultural dress or a splash of orange.

Throughout the day there will be a range of activities which promote and teach students about the beauty of tolerance, respect and diversity. Look out for more information about our exciting events. We look forward to seeing everyone in orange and their cultural dress on the day!



### School Council

Last Tuesday night we held our final School Council Meeting for the 2022 cycle. The meeting was well attended and many processes and improvements for Thomastown West were discussed. We have a lot of passionate parents in our community and on our School Council. Please approach our councilors with suggestions, questions, and concerns when you see them around the school. Their role is to represent your voice in everything Thomastown West related. Mrs Sandi Young and I would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the 2022 School Council members who supported Thomastown West Primary through their School Council membership and have now completed their tenure.

Nominations have now officially closed. Mrs Young and I are delighted to introduce you to the 2023 Thomastown West Primary School Council:

#### Parent Members

Paul Johanson  
Lena Lazorovska  
Rebecca Edgell

#### New Parent Members

Caz Dunell  
Wafa Taha

#### Staff Members

Sandi Young  
James Crotti  
Genella Irons  
Suzi Ilic

\*We still have 1 place available for a Parent or Carer member in School Council. Please see Mrs Sandi Young or myself if you are interested supporting our school.

### Rubbish in the Yard

In the last week staff have noticed that there is a lot of rubbish in the yard. At our school students are given time to eat inside for 10 minutes before heading out in to the yard, however many children still have a lot of food to eat by the time the bell goes. **Where possible we encourage you and your families to reduce the number of packets and plastic wrap that are in your child's lunch boxes.** Here are a few simple ways to reduce waste in our lunchboxes.

- **Cut up fruit and vegetables.** Children often take 1 or 2 bites out of an uncut apple or banana and throw the rest away. To avoid this, pack cut-up fruits and vegetables in a reusable container. Your child can take a few bites and save the rest for later.
- **Pack drinks in reusable containers.** Children cannot reseal juice boxes, cans, or pouches. Often they drink half (or less) and throw the rest away. To get the most out of your money, buy drinks in larger containers. Send a small amount to school in a reusable container (then recycle the bottle at home). Remember, children need plenty of water, so consider making water your beverage of choice.
- **Encourage your children to help plan, prepare, and pack their own lunches.** They're more likely to eat a meal that they've helped prepare. Involvement in meal preparation also teaches them where their food comes from. It also provides them with the confidence and skills they will need to prepare food for themselves later in life. Younger children can cut fruit or make their own trail mix from a selection of healthy items such as raisins, dried apricots, sunflower seeds, whole-grain cereals, and pumpkin seeds.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your family and friends, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for another week of learning and fun!

James Crotti  
**Assistant Principal**

# 2023 Grade 6 Class Captains & House Captains



## Class Captains

## House Captains

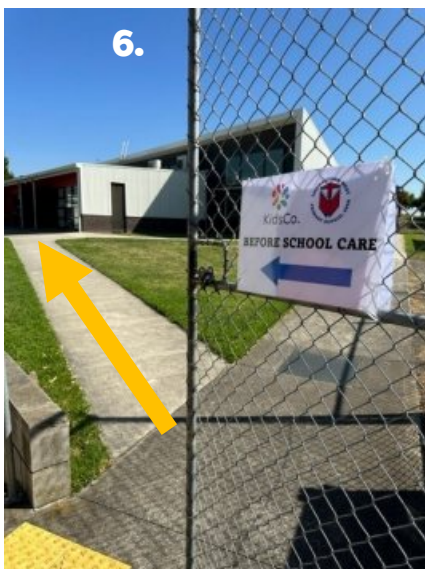
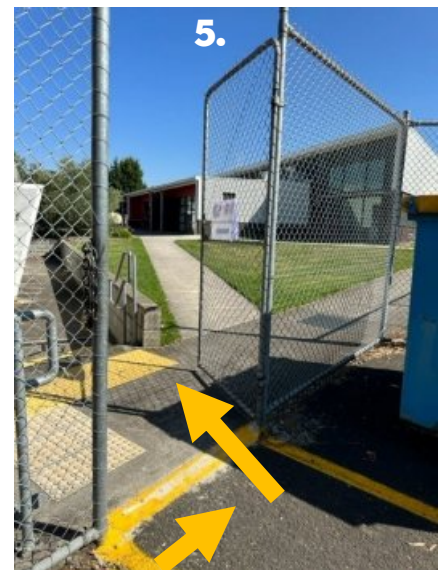
Room 15	Alie	Ruby	Rueban
	Ibrahim		Rania
Room 16	Japjyot	Sapphire	Waverly
	Shorya		Yousef
Room 17	Madeline	Gold	Hassan
	Audrey		Marcus
Room 18	Salah	Emerald	Simmu
	Mathew		Zahra





# KidsCo.

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am**





## 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 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/>



# **Thomastown West Primary School compulsory school uniform items are as follows:**

Season		Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Polo Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long sleeve</li> <li>Short sleeve</li> <li>Red in colour</li> <li>With or without TWPS logo</li> <li>No alternative logos are to be visible</li> </ul>		With or without TWPS logo
All year round	Shorts/Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy shorts</li> <li>Navy pants</li> <li>No alternative logos are to be visible</li> </ul>		Tights are to only be worn under shorts or dressed, not as pants
Summer	Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checked dress (as in image only)</li> <li>Tights and skivvies can be worn underneath for modesty purposes. White, blue tights and skivvies are to be worn.</li> </ul>		In winter white, red, navy skivvies can be worn underneath In winter navy tights can be worn under dresses
All year round	Jumper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red pullover fleece with or without TWPS logo</li> <li>TWPS bomber jacket is navy blue.</li> </ul>		
All year round	Hijab or Turbans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy or red material with no decoration or brand name</li> </ul>		
All year round. Compulsory Term 1 and Term 4	Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name</li> <li>Navy legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name</li> </ul>		Hats are available for sale at the TWPS front office
All year round	Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue, white, red 'scrunchies' and ribbons are permitted</li> <li>Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour</li> </ul>		

# 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friday 24th February <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Friday 17th March	Friday 10th March
Friday 31st March	Friday 24th March

## S.R.C News

On Thursday 30th March we will be having a fundraiser for the ***National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence***. On this day, you will need to dress up as your favourite superhero and take a stand against bullying. There will also be a dollar coin donation going fully towards schools in Australia to support behaviour and bullying programs to keep everyone from feeling unsafe. This program will be able to assist students on how to show responsibility over their actions. A dollar on this day will keep the bullies away.

- **Date:** Monday 3rd April
- **Donation:** A gold coin
- **Mission:** Dress up as your favourite superhero and take a stand against bullying.

**'Zero to Hero  
for Bully Zero'**





# 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.



# Stars of the Week



## Term 1- Week 5

Isabel	2	For striving to be her best and completing all learning tasks to an excellent standard .
Mohammad	3	For showing resilience each morning when coming to school. Well done for being brave!!
Ayva	4	For writing descriptive sentences about 'Jetty Jumping' using a variety of writer's tools.
Julian	5	For striving to be his best when completing his writing tasks.
Victoria	6	Writing descriptive sentences about 'Jetty Jumping' using the power of Three .
Abbie	9	For always trying her best and showing that she is always ready to learn!
Dalat	10	For living the school values and being an excellent role model for her classmates
Alexander	11	For always being focused and striving to be the best in everything he undertakes!
Denison	12	For striving to be his best in completing writing tasks.
Tristan	15	For being responsible in the classroom and always listening to instructions! You always come to school with a smile on your face and ready to learn!
Victoria	16	For consistently striving to be her best and completing all sets tasks.
Madeline	17	For an outstanding effort with her narrative writing.
Harmony	18	For striving to be her best and always having a great attitude towards her work.
Leon	<b>PE:</b> For striving to be his best, following instructions and being a great team player .	
Destiny	<b>MUSIC:</b> For being an attentive student who always strives to be her best in Music sessions. Because of this Destiny, you show a great understanding when playing instruments and making music	



# Stars of the Week

Term 1 - Week 5





# Stars of the Week



## Term 1- Week 6

Bilal	2	For striving to be her best and completing all learning tasks to an excellent standard .
Dian	3	For being responsible and remembering to take off his eyepatch at 11am .
Fonzie	4	For writing descriptive sentences about 'Jetty Jumping' using loads of adjectives.
Amy	5	For always showing respect to the active speaker during class discussions and morning circle time.
Kaiden	6	Writing descriptive sentences about 'Jetty Jumping' using the power of Three.
Chloe	9	For demonstrating responsibility and being a great role model for her classmates.
Olivia	10	For working hard on all set tasks and demonstrating resilience when challenged.
Mae	11	For demonstrating resilience in challenging situations and working hard on all set tasks.
Shakira	12	For challenging herself to complete all tasks to the best of her abilities.
Aala	15	For writing a very engaging narrative using rich vocabulary and writers tools to describe her 'Happy Place'!
Baraa	16	For demonstrating resilience during reading this week and completing his work.
Benjamin	17	For giving everything a go and striving to do his best.
Marcus	18	For striving to be his best by using rich vocabulary, a variety of sentence types and figurative language to describe his 'Happy Place'.
Ibrahim RM 15		<b>PE:</b> For striving to be his best during athletics tryouts. Well done on never giving up and for always trying to do better.
Muhammed D RM 15		<b>MUSIC :</b> For participating with inhibition and showing great 'feel' when playing the clave rhythm using body percussion as well as with latin american percussion instruments.



# Stars of the Week

Term 1 - Week 6




# EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

## Term 1 Week 6 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	64%	75%	Room 9	87%	90%
Room 3	69%	82%	Room 10	88%	 95%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	65%	72%
Room 4	73%	81%	Room 12	84%	85%
Room 5	80%	82%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	73%	86%	Room 15	86%	91%
			Room 16	70%	75%
			Room 17	70%	88%
			Room 18	79%	77%

## 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?

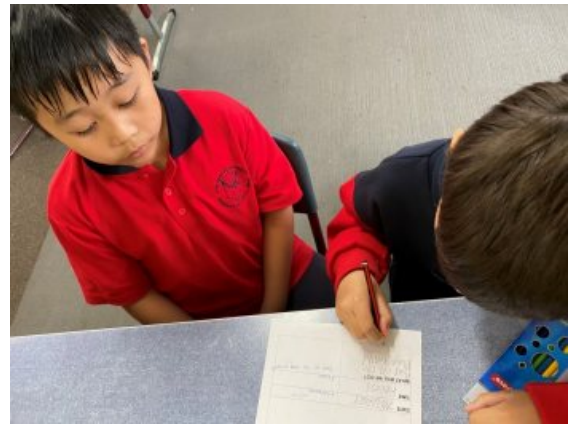
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day...

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.	



# Room 10 & 15 Buddy Hour

The buddies spent their time discussing common interests and arranging play dates during recesses and lunchtimes. It was a productive time with new friends getting to know each other or old friends reacquainted. A great time was had by all.



## TOP DOJO EARNERS

### Term 1 Week 6

Congratulations to **Room 15** with 93 Dojo Points

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



Prep	Isabel Rm 2 <b>5 Dojo Points</b>
Grade 1/2	Vicky, Moyad & Elena <b>8 Dojo Points</b>
Grade 3/4	Levi <b>4 Dojo Points</b>
Grade 5/6	Ibrahim & Dalia <b>6 Dojo Points</b>
<b>Most Dojo points Prep - 6</b>	Vicky, Moyad & Elena <b>8 Dojo Points</b>

## Hello everyone!

This Week we had Glasses for Kids Program in our school where Prep to Year 3 students were invited to participate in the program. Qualified optometrists conducted the screening, testing and prescribing of glasses if required. The screening and testing sessions were completed class by class, during school time. All vision screenings (and further testing if required) are undertaken by a registered optometrist or by a practitioner under the supervision of a registered optometrist. Glasses, if needed, were chosen by the student then dispensed at no cost to the student.

As stated by Vision Australia, “children are often unaware or unable to express the fact that their vision is blurry. Sixty per cent of children identified as ‘problem learners’ are challenged by ‘poor vision’. Studies show that over 60 per cent of people with ‘poor vision’ only need glasses to improve both their vision and quality of life. There is also a link between poor vision and falls among older Australians” (Mae Chong, Vision Australia, 2022).

Here are some happy pictures after the testing

Please do not hesitate to speak to Ms G (Gurleen Gogia) if you need any assistance.





# THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 1, 2023

## Monday

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



3:15pm – 4:30 pm  
HOMEWORK CLUB

## Tuesday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  
STEAM



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



## Wednesday

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



## 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				
<b>JANUARY</b>	Tues 24th 10am - 3pm	Wed 25th 10am - 3pm	Fri 27th 10am - 3pm	Mon 30th 10am - 3pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 14th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 28th 1pm - 4pm
<b>MARCH</b>	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 14th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 28th 1pm - 4pm
<b>APRIL</b>	Tues 4th 1pm - 4pm			
TERM 2				
<b>MAY</b>	Tues 2nd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 30th 1pm - 4pm	
<b>JUNE</b>	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](http://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<sup>(h)</sup>

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
<b>Add to your order</b>	
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](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)

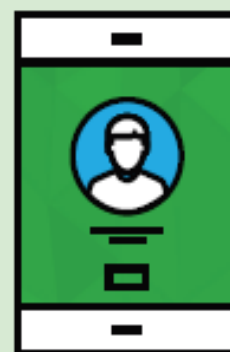


### 1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

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)



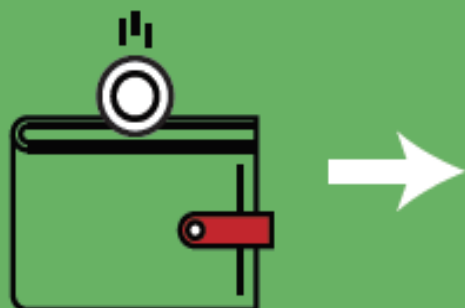


## 4. ORDER

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



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



# **EXPLORE THE WORLD & BEYOND**

At



**Before & After School Care**

**EVERY DAY IS A NEW ADVENTURE**

**Before School Care:**  
7:00am - 8:30am

→ **From \$3 After Max CCS** ←

**After School Care:**  
3:15pm - 6:15pm

→ **From \$3.75 After Max CCS** ←

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



# Invitation

## Let's Dance!

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

Thomastown Neighbourhood House is excited to announce that the PROMISETOWN PICNIC & MARKETS will return on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tnh.org.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.*