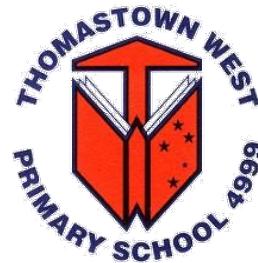


# Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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## 2022 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	14 Mar	<b>Labour day Public Holiday</b> (Students do not attend School)
Tue	15 Mar	<b>Curriculum Day</b> (Students do not attend School)
Fri	18 Mar	<b>FACEBOOK LIVE Assembly 2:35pm</b> Leadership badge presentation
Thu	24 Mar	<b>GRIP Student Leaders Conference</b>
Mon	28 Mar	Gr 5/6 Democracy Incursion
Wed	06 Apr	<b>Parent Teacher ZOOM Conferences</b> (Students join the ZOOM conference with their Parent or Carer).
Fri	08 Apr	<b>Last Day Term 1</b> (Students dismissed at 1.15pm)
Tue	26 Apr	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>
Tue	17 May	<b>Curriculum Day</b> (Students do not attend School)

No.6 11th March 2022

### *From the Assistant Principal*

Hi everyone! My goodness we have had another busy week. If you have not seen me in the yard before school, I have been in the office with Mrs Sheean reorganising plans (that were made the day before), because we have had last minute cancellations with the casual teachers that had been booked. Mrs Young has written previously about the staffing shortage, and it has continued to be a challenge at TWPS this week! I genuinely look forward to meeting many more parents and carers in the coming weeks. I am outside after school most afternoons. Please do not hesitate to come and introduce yourself!

I have to admit a highlight of the week has been the Student Support Group meetings. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in partnership with students and their parents or carers, classroom teachers and aides to discuss the progress made with student's Individual Education Plans and Behaviour Support Plans. It's also a time where new goals are set and for students to *strive to be their best!*

### Long Weekend Reminder

The school will be closed next Monday 14th March for the annual Labour Day Holiday and Tuesday 15th March has been endorsed as a Curriculum Day (Staff Training Day). Please remember, students will not be in attendance on this day. **School will be back to normal operation on Wednesday 16th March.** We sincerely hope that this four day weekend affords all families a short 'midterm mini break'!

### Parent Student Teacher ZOOM Conferences

**When:** Wednesday 6th April 2022  
**Who:** Students, Parents/Carers and the teacher  
**What:** A valuable opportunity to discuss your child's learning and share thoughts about your child's progress during remote learning.

**Students join their Parent or Carer for the ZOOM interview/conference.** Please check out page 2, 3 and 4 for the instructions about how to book your Parent Student Teacher Conference Meeting.

**If you require support** in selecting an interview time or accessing Compass, please call the school on **9465 4317**.

### Student Leadership at TWPS

Thomastown West Primary School is committed to providing student leadership opportunities for our students. We have recently elected our new student leaders: the Student Voice Team, the Student Representative leaders and the Class Captains. **We look forward to presenting the students with their leadership badges leaders at a Facebook Live whole school assembly next week, Friday 18th March 2022.** Each leader may invite 1 parent to watch the badge presentation at TWPS. We invite all members of our community to attend and celebrate with us online.

Congratulations to our student leaders listed on the next page. **We are very proud of you!** Thank you for consistently living our school values. We are confident that you will be excellent role models!

### Thomastown West Community Hub

Great news! The Thomastown West Community Hub's programs have resumed:

Program	Day	When
Young Voices in Media	Monday	1:30pm - 2:15pm
STEAM	Tuesday	1:30pm - 2:15pm
FUN READING CLUB	Thursday	10:50am - 11:20am
STRATEGIC BOARD GAMES	Thursday	1:30pm - 2:15pm
Koorie Kids Club	Friday	2:15pm - 3:00pm

Today, information and permission notices were sent home with students who are involved in different Hub Clubs that run during play times.

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

*Helen Keller*

Vanessa Trpcevski  
Acting Assistant Principal



# ***TWPS Student Leadership Team 2022***

<b>School Captains</b>	Christopher, Asmaa
<b>SRC Captains</b>	Aliya, Necibe
<b>Student Voice Leaders</b>	Fatma, Sohung
<b>Koorie Leaders</b>	Amiri, Eliza

## ***House Captains***

<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Emerald</b>
Jarome Mia	Mary Wayne	Caner Charles	Alexander Francesco

## ***Student Representative Council***

Room 5	Malak
Room 6	Molly, Steven
Room 19	Ridha, Haneen
Room 20	Otto, Shakira
Room 9	Krystal, Fatima
Room 10	Feruzana, Cyrus, Milly
Room 11	Zahra, Martin, Dalat
Room 12	Elena, Mikaela
Room 15	Ali, Ava
Room 17	Becky, Bell
Room 18	Matthew, Shorya

## ***Student Voice Team***

Room 5	Zarah, Jenna
Room 6	Mariam, Rukaya
Room 19	Sam, Xaviar
Room 20	Dion, Mahdi
Room 9	Tristan, Diana, Moayad
Room 10	Liyana, Kabir, Aala,
Room 11	Harry, Cassie, Muhamed.D
Room 12	Ian, Jaiden
Room 15	Arrina, Madeline, Fatima
Room 17	Eliza, Amiri, Mustafa, Japjyot, Mary
Room 18	Baneen, Esra, Alie, Salah

## ***Class Captains***

Room 15	Bissan, Austin
Room 17	Alexander, Mia
Room 18	Wayne, Alaeddin

# Parent Student Teacher Conference meetings

## Term 1 2022

This year, we will use COMPASS again for booking our Parent Student Teacher Conference meetings.

**From this Friday morning 10:00am YOU can book your child(ren) meeting ONLINE using COMPASS!** (We will not activate the button until Friday 10:00am. Do not panic if you can't find where to click, as it will not work until 10:00am Friday 11th March).

**GREAT NEWS!** When you use COMPASS to book a conference meeting with your teacher, it will be a time that you choose, which suits YOUR FAMILY! **It is really easy to let us know (on Compass) if you require an interpreter!**

For parents and carers that do not have access to the Internet at home, at work, Thomastown Library, or at a friend's house, **support will be available at the Office from Wednesday 16th March 2022 onwards**, so that parents and carers can still make bookings online. The Parent/Teacher meetings is strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited.

Parents can change their bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by revisiting COMPASS, and following the instructions. Remember to use the same COMPASS log in, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their meeting times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: **9465 4317**.

## It's EASY to BOOK your 2022 Parent Student Teacher Conference

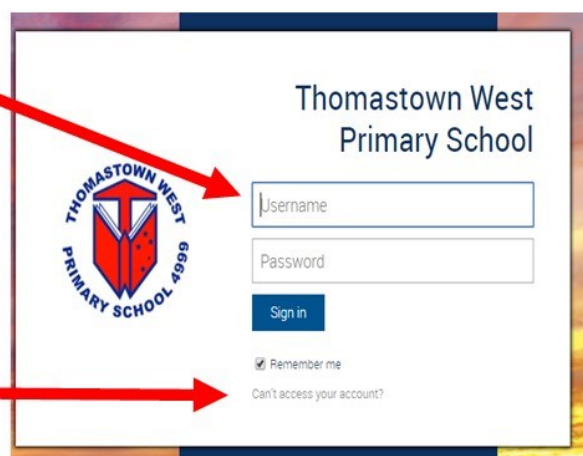
To book a time for your Parent Student Teacher meeting for Wednesday 6th April:

### 1. Login to Compass:

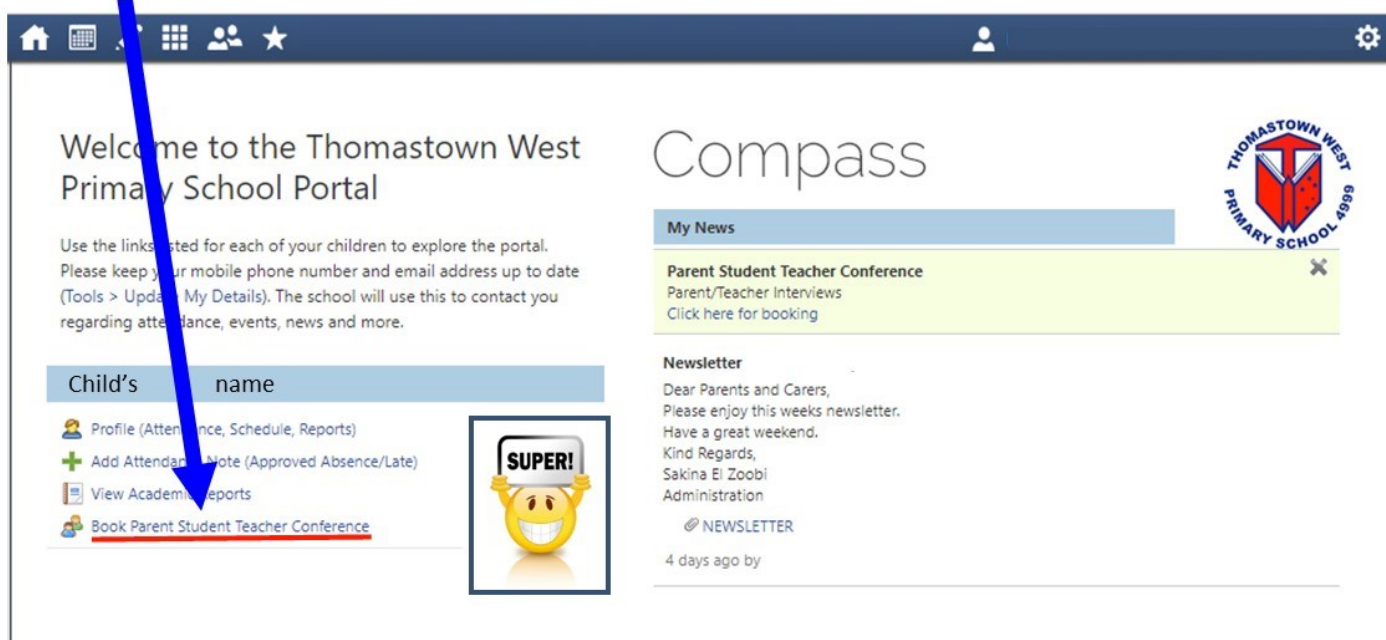
Use your parent login details.

- Please do not give these to your child.
- Your login details are unique to you and provide you with ongoing parent access to Compass and information about your child(ren).
- If you have problems... **click on the:**

**'Can't access your account?'**



### 2. Click Book Parent Student Teacher Conference





### 3. Click My Bookings

## Conferences

Conference Cycles	
Cycle Name	
Term 1, 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences	
STUDENT NAME	
First Slot: Wednesday, April 6 2022 - 12:00 PM, Last Slot: Wednesday, April 6 2022 - 06:45 PM	
	<a href="#">My Bookings</a>

### 4. It may show you **START BOOKING NOW** or **SHOW ME HOW TO BOOK**\*

Term 1, 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, April 6

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06:00 PM	06:15 PM	06:30 PM	06:45 PM		

Email My Bookings

Print Preview

Information/Help

Student Name

Teachers

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Interview Welcome

Oscar ROSA Music  
Interview Welcome

Tiziana (Tiz) ROCCA Generalist 5/6  
Interview Welcome

Margot SHEEAN Art  
Interview Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to Term 1, 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences

[Start Booking Now](#)[Show me How to Book](#)

\*Click 'Start Booking Now' and continue with the instructions list below and on the next page.

**OR**

\*If you click the SHOW ME HOW, just follow the instructions on your device

### 5. Click the time that suits you then click on the Teacher's name

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**6. CHECK** the time is correct then **click** **OK** unless...

**Would you like an interpreter?**

**CLICK HERE** and **CHOOSE** the language

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Confirm Booking

Reason: Generalist 5/6  
Staff Member: Tiziana (Tiz) ROCCA  
Student: Student Name  
Time: Wednesday, April 6 2022 - 06:00 PM  
Interpreter: **None Required** (dropdown menu open showing: Arabic, Italian, Punjabi, Vietnamese)  
OK Cancel

Student Name

Teachers

- Selma RAIF PE Interview Welcome
- Oscar ROSA Music Interview Welcome
- Tiziana (Tiz) ROCCA Generalist 5/6 Interview Welcome
- Margot SHEEAN Art Interview Welcome

**7. If you have more than one child... Click here**

Welcome to the Thomastown West Primary School Portal

Use the links listed for each of your children to explore the portal. Please keep your mobile phone number and email address up to date (Tools > Update My Details). The school will use this to contact you regarding attendance, events, news and more.

Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)  
Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)  
View Academic Reports  
**Book Parent Student Teacher Conference**

My News

- Parent Student Teacher Conference  
Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Click here for booking
- Attendance: Attendance Note Required
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Crazy Hair Day Students wear School Uniform

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Crazy hair day is today please bring in a gold coin donation. Students need to come to school in full school uniform.  
Kind regards,  
Sakina El Zoobi  
Administration  
3 hours ago by Sakina EL ZOABI

Whole School Assembly cancelled this Friday

Dear families,  
The Whole School Assembly will be cancelled this Friday 31st of May due to the predicted weather forecast.  
If your child is receiving student of the week it will be presented at the Team Assembly next week  
21 hours ago by Sakina EL ZOABI [See More]

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Please enjoy this weeks newsletter.  
Have a great weekend.  
Kind Regards

**Follow the steps on the previous 2 pages...**

**THEN** press the  button to return to the main Dashboard

**Click on the link for the next child.**



# Brainstorm Productions

On Tuesday students watched a live performance which showed how to **regulate their emotions** and **connect** with people in a positive way. It explored strategies for the **safe use of technology**, dealing with **bullying** and getting the right **balance** between **screen time**, **sleep**, **exercise** and **face-to-face communication**.

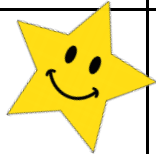







# Stars of the Week



Term 1 - Week 7

Jasmina	2	For showing empathy by understanding how her peers are feeling and helping them to feel better.
Ali	3	For showing resilience each morning and starting school in a posi-
Afanseh	5	For being respectful and kind to others in the classroom and during
Aryan	6	For doing great listening and always striving to be his best.
Saliha	19	For having a positive attitude and always striving to be her best.
Elissa	20	For always being helpful around the classroom, and making good choices.
Natahlia	9	For the brilliant sentences she constructed in her narrative writing!
Milly M	10	For having a positive attitude and striving to do her best with all her work .
Olivia 	11	For her excellent attitude to school and learniFor her excellent attitude to school and learning and always giving 100 % in all that she does.
Sahar	12	For 'Striving to do her best' and producing some fantastic work during narrative writing.
Chelsea	15	For striving to be her best and coming up with great ideas for her writing.
Mosa	17	For showing resilience and a growth mindset to produce work to the best of his ability.
Mason	18	For demonstrating resilience and striving to do his best with his writing.
Ibrahim 		PE: Great participation in the junior school clinic.
Waverly 		Art: For always being a superstar in Art! 



# Stars of the Week



Term 1 - Week 7





Hello everyone!

## Living On The Autism Spectrum # Part 2

### *Through the eyes of an eleven year old autistic student*

Hello Everyone,

In this newsletter, I would like to continue sharing information about Autism.

### The Cause

Although there is no single known cause for Autism, people keep saying ridiculous things like vaccines, 5G, bad parenting, your diet or the environment cause it. Even though it is a form of neurodiversity and you are born with it and you can't catch or develop it.

The most common misunderstanding is that vaccines cause Autism. The reason why people think this is because a stupid man call Andrew Wakefield lied about his research in 1998 and said the measles and mumps vaccine caused Autism. However, when he was asked to prove his research he couldn't, because he had lied, he made up his research because he was being paid by lawyers to say it was true for a court case. When he was caught lying he lost his doctor's licence. No scientists or doctors have ever been able to prove that vaccines cause autism.

Scientists and doctors do believe Autism may be genetic which means you might inherit it from your parents or grandparents.

### The Cure

Autism is not a disease and does not need a cure! Autistic people just need understanding, support, acceptance and inclusion, so please respect us.



## I'm a Kid, Not a Diagnosis

I am an eleven year old boy who loves animating, coding, and gaming. I have my own Youtube channel, which I use to make sense of the world, vent my frustrations, and share my creativity and sense of humour. I love riding my bike and scooter, reading, telling jokes and making puns, memes, comic strips and cartoons. I enjoy jumping on my trampoline, spending time outside in our garden and playing with my dogs, Molly and Cody. I also enjoy rock climbing, high ropes courses, swimming underwater, going on roller coasters that freak my Mum out, beating my Dad at computer games, spending time with my Grandma and building amazing creations with Lego.

Adults get to define who they are, but as a kid, I am often defined by others, and I do not want to be defined as "The Autistic, Anxious kid." I just want to be known as Sean.

Often Autism is painted in a negative light, a stigma is attached to the diagnosis and parents are often afraid when paediatricians mention Autism. But the truth is, Autism is not wrong or bad. Autism is simply a difference in how the brain works and processes information. It can impact people in a variety of ways, some more significantly than others. But Autism does NOT mean a person will never be happy, will never speak or communicate through non-verbal means, will never have a job, or will never have a family of their own. It may take time, but talking about and viewing Autism in a more positive way can be helpful in better understanding us, accepting us for who we are, supporting and advocating for us, and most importantly helping us better understand and appreciate ourselves.

*Below is my personal experience of being Autistic:*

### POSITIVE

- I don't think like everyone else
- I have a unique perspective on life
- I am a very good judge of character
- I am artistic, creative and think outside the box
- I am resilient
- I try new things even when they make me anxious
- I have a great sense of humour
- I am a problem solver
- I am caring and have lots of empathy
- I don't give up even when life is hard
- I have excellent observation skills and always take notice of what is happening around me
- I am accepting of other people who are different
- I pay attention to detail when I am creating animations, stories, Legos and drawing
- I am very good at coding and animating
- I am passionate about my interest

### NEGATIVE

- I get judged for being different
- I find it hard to make and keep friends
- Some kids won't even go near me just because I have autism
- I worry about my past mistakes most of the time, and I find it hard to forgive myself
- I feel like the world is against me

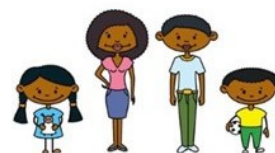


# Parent Code of Conduct at Thomastown West PS

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 WEST COMMUNITY HUB

98 MAIN STREET, THOMASTOWN | TERM 1, 2022

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

## Monday

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

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
HOMEWORK CLUB



## Thursday

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

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



## Tuesday

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm  
STEAM

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
LITTLE GREEN HANDS  
COOKING



## Friday

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

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm  
Koorie Kids Group  
with Eva



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

For further information, please  
contact:

P: 9401 6666 or 9464 7950  
E: [twch@whittleseacc.org.au](mailto:twch@whittleseacc.org.au)



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### **FRIENDLY REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR HATS AT PLAY TIMES**

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/>



# Available on Wednesday & Fridays only

**\*Online Orders ONLY No Cash payments accepted\***



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

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





## OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

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

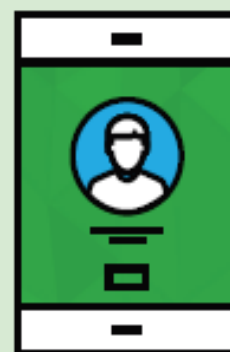


### 1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

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)

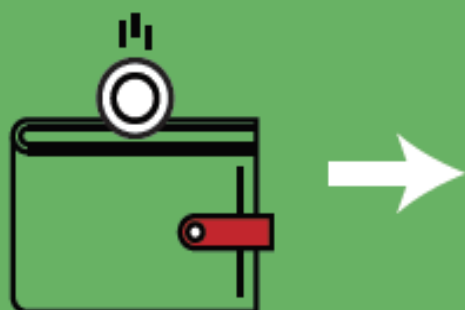


## 4. ORDER

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



# OUR UNIFORM SHOP

## THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE BELEZA TRADING HOURS

# OPEN!

2022

TERM 1				
<b>JANUARY</b>	Thurs 27th 10am - 3pm	Fri 28th 10am - 3pm	Mon 31st 10am - 3pm	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Tues 1st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 8th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 15th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 22nd 1pm - 4pm
<b>MARCH</b>	Tues 1st 1pm - 4pm	Tues 8th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 15th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 22nd 1pm - 4pm
<b>MARCH</b>	Tues 29th 1pm - 4pm			
<b>APRIL</b>	Tues 5th 1pm - 4pm			
TERM 2				
<b>APRIL</b>	Tues 26th 1pm - 4pm			
<b>MAY</b>	Tues 10th 1pm - 4pm	Tues -24th 1pm - 4pm		
<b>JUNE</b>	Tues 7th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 21st 1pm - 4pm		

# Newsletter

11 March 2022

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## Coming Up..

14<sup>th</sup> &  
15<sup>th</sup>  
March

Monday- Public Holiday  
Tuesday- Curriculum Day  
(Children do not attend school)

16<sup>th</sup>  
March

Art Master Class  
Origami creations



17<sup>th</sup>  
March

Sporting Superstars  
Parkour Pros



## Parent reminders...

### Phone numbers:

It is of utmost importance that phone numbers of both parents and emergency pickups are up to date. This ensures your child's pick-up goes smoothly and without issue.

### Cancellations:

To avoid any out-of-pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Cancellations made within this period will incur the full fee, less any applicable CCS.

## PHOTO FUN AT OSHCLUB THIS WEEK.







# Rapid antigen self-tests

## A quick guide

### More information

Coronavirus Hotline - 1800 675 398  
or  
[www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/  
getting-tested](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/getting-tested)

## What is a rapid antigen test?

Rapid antigen tests can be used at home to check if you may have COVID-19. Most rapid antigen tests will provide you with a result in 15 to 30 minutes. Do not eat or drink 30 minutes before doing a saliva rapid antigen test.

**Always follow the instructions and watch the linked videos within your rapid antigen test kit carefully on how to do your test.**

These tests are faster but less accurate than a standard (PCR) test that you can get at a COVID-19 testing site.

There are currently two types of rapid antigen tests available:

- Saliva - this test involves spitting into a tube or sucking on a swab
- Nasal swab - this test involves swabbing each nostril.

## When to use a rapid antigen test

Rapid antigen tests can be used:

- if you have symptoms
- are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID (household, education, workplace or social)
- if you want to quickly check if you may have COVID-19
- as part of a surveillance program such as one organised by your school or employer
- when recommended by the Victorian Department of Health

## When to get a standard (PCR) test

You should take a standard (PCR) test at a testing site if you:

- have symptoms or are a contact of someone who is a COVID case and cannot access a rapid antigen test
- if you do not have symptoms and are not a contact of a COVID case, but you have tested positive on a rapid antigen test
- when otherwise recommended by the Department of Health

## Where to get a rapid antigen test




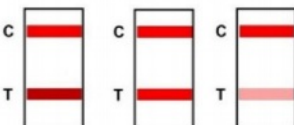

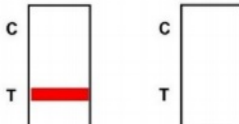
Rapid antigen tests are available from some supermarkets, pharmacies, select testing sites (you can find the nearest testing site to you at: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19>) or online.

More info at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts>

## How to store your rapid antigen test

- Store the test kit in a cool, dry place under 30 °C
- Do not freeze the kit or its components
- Do not store the test kit in direct sunlight

## What does your rapid antigen result mean?

Result	What it means	What to do next
 <b>Negative</b> 	It is unlikely you have COVID-19, especially if you have no symptoms.	Monitor for symptoms
 <b>POSITIVE</b> 	You likely have COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report your test on the Service Victoria app or by going to <a href="http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report">www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report</a></li> <li>• Isolate for seven days and tell your contacts.</li> </ul>
 <b>INVALID</b> 	<p>The test has not worked.</p> <p>You need to repeat the test.</p>	<p><b>You will need to repeat the test</b></p> <p>Invalid again?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get a standard COVID (PCR test).</li> </ul> <p>Positive?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per the positive result instructions.</li> </ul> <p>Negative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per the negative result instructions.</li> </ul>

## Recording results

If you test positive on a rapid antigen test, you are a case. You must report your positive rapid antigen test result as soon as you can. To report your result, call the Coronavirus Hotline at 1800 675 398, or fill in this online form: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report)

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# LALOR HUB OPEN DAY



**Saturday 26th  
March**



**11am – 2pm**



**70 Kingsway Dr  
Lalor**



Come join us for a great day  
of food and entertainment  
at the Lalor Hub.

Attractions include:

- Live Music
- Food Stalls
- Petting Zoo
- Face Painting
- Other kids activities



**CityLife Church**



**City of  
Whittlesea**

This project is financially assisted by the City of Whittlesea's Community Grants Program.



Thomastown Neighbourhood House presents



**Free  
Community  
Fun Day!**

**Saturday 19 March  
12pm- 4pm**

**Kids  
Activities  
and  
Craft**

**TRAC Thomastown - Outdoor Area**

**52- 54 Main St, Thomastown (next to Library)**

**Bring a picnic blanket & snacks**

***Proudly produced with the Lalor Thomastown  
Multicultural Arts Festival***

**Multicultural  
Music and  
Dance**

***Supported by the City of Whittlesea's  
Community Event Funding Program***

**Markets and  
Circus  
Show**

***Vaccination certificate or proof of exemption (18+) required on entry  
Further information please visit: [www.tnh.org.au](http://www.tnh.org.au)***







# Face masks

## What you can and cannot wear in public



A fitted mask needs to be worn covering both your nose and mouth.



You can wear a face shield only if it is worn with a fitted face mask.



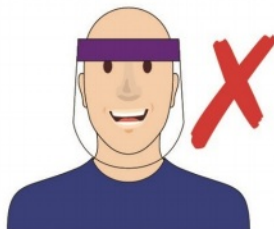
A fitted snood or gaiter can be worn covering both your nose and mouth.

There are two types of face masks you can wear: cloth masks and surgical masks with no one-way valves.

- Cloth masks are made of washable fabric and can be washed and re-used.
- Surgical masks are single-use masks and **cannot** be washed or re-used.



You cannot wear a bandana.



You cannot wear a face shield on its own.



You cannot wear a loose snood or gaiter.

### How to put your mask on



**Step 1:** Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser before putting on the mask.



**Step 2:** Make sure the mask is not damaged or dirty before putting it on.

Secure the ties at the back of the head and neck or place the ear loops over the ears.

Make sure the mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.



**Step 3:** Do not touch the front of the mask while wearing it. If you do touch the mask, clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Do not wear the mask under your nose, around your neck or anywhere else other than over your nose and mouth.

### How to take your mask off



**Step 1:** Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser before removing the mask

**Step 2:** Carefully remove your mask by grasping the ear loops or untying the ties. For masks with a pair of ties, unfasten the bottom one first, then the top one.

**Step 3:** If your mask has filters, remove them and throw them in a rubbish bin. If your mask is a single-use surgical mask, throw it in a rubbish bin – it should not be reused.



**Step 4:** If the mask is a reusable cloth mask, put it directly into the laundry or into a washable bag for laundering in hot soapy water.

**Step 5:** Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser after removing the mask.

**Note:** this information is not for use in health care and support worker settings.

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Health  
and Human  
Services

# Parentline

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



## What does Parentline do:

Qualified counsellors are available to:

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

## Your call

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

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

## Some reasons to ring Parentline

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

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



kids**helpline**  
Anytime Any Reason

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