

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2022 IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon	4 Apr	Hot Cross Bun Orders Due
Tue	5 Apr	Lalor District Athletics Carnival
Wed	06 Apr	Parent Teacher ZOOM Conferences (Students do not attend school. Students join their ZOOM conference with their Parent or Carer).
Fri	08 Apr	Last Day Term 1 (Students dismissed at 1.15pm)
Tue	26 Apr	Term 2 Begins
Tue	17 May	Curriculum Day (Students do not attend School)
Wed	04 May	Lalor District Cross Country
Thurs	05 May	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

No.9 1st April 2022

From the Principal

I cannot believe there is ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT of TERM 1!

The highlight of my week was hearing about the honest and robust discussion that was held during the Student Voice Leadership Team meeting on Wednesday. I cannot wait to see their innovative ideas transition into action! I am sure they will provide us with an update early next term.

Daylight Savings



Usually daylight savings ends while we are on holidays, however this year, it ends this weekend. Remember to put your clocks back an hour Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour sleep in!

Last Day of Term

It has been wonderful having our students back onsite this term. Term One has been a slightly longer term than previous years and we break for the term vacation on Friday 8th April at 1.15pm. Please ensure you have this date and time on your calendar or in your mobile device so that your child is collected on time. Please note, there will be no assembly that day. Students will exit from their classrooms and gates as they normally would. Gates will be locked by 1.40pm.

Road Safety Reminder

Just a timely reminder to reinforce the importance of road safety and following the rules with your child. Always use a crossing when crossing roads and if there isn't a crossing, always look right, left then right again. Ensure your child/ren wear helmets when riding bikes and scooters.

Working with Children Check

All parent helpers at Thomastown West Primary must have a valid working with children check. It is free for a volunteer check, please apply online at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1> If you have a valid working with check and have yet to provide it to the school, please email a copy or come into the office and we will take a copy.

Vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers performing work

Only volunteers and visitors working on school sites who have provided information that they have had their third dose or are an excepted persons are allowed to work onsite from 25 February 2022. For visitors and volunteers working on school sites that became fully vaccinated after 25 October 2021, the deadline was 15 March 2022.

In Victorian government schools, parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings must be able to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception.

The following limited exceptions also apply:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project, collecting a packet of rapid antigen test or similar.

Proof of vaccination can be checked by a COVID-19 digital certificate (Service Victoria app or smartphone wallet) or printed copy of a digital certificate or immunisation history statement.

COVID-SAFE REMINDERS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If your child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.
- Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.
- Students should continue with twice-a-week rapid antigen testing on school days.
- Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended.

For information on symptoms visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks>.

For more information on how to get tested visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19>.

If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19.

- ✓ You must quarantine your child for seven days
- ✓ You must advise the school about the positive result
- ✓ Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well
- ✓ Everyone in your household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days.

Reporting your child's positive test

If your child was at school when they were infectious you need to report the positive case through the Student COVID-19 Test Portal:

https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/?utm_source=email+marketing+Mailigen&utm_campaign=EmergencySchools24Jan2022&utm_medium=email or you can notify the school in writing or by phone.

The school requires the following information:

- ✓ Test date
- ✓ Test type: RAT or PCR
- ✓ What symptoms your child has
- ✓ When the symptoms started

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the call centre on **1800 675 398** or the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form:

<https://dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/>

Further information for languages other than English

- For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**.
- Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.
- For translated written information about COVID-19, please visit: Translated information about COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria:
<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19>
- For health advice in languages other than English, visit:
www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19

Financial support available to people affected by COVID-19:

For more information, visit:

- Financial and other support for COVID-19:
<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/financial-and-other-support-coronavirus-covid-19>

- If you need a payment during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Getting help during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Services Australia:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/if-you-need-payment-during-coronavirus-covid-19?context=60352>

General COVID-19 advice and support

For general advice and support please call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663**.

You can also contact the school:

Phone: 9465 4317

Email: thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Advice and further resources about what to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a contact, are at: Your COVID Checklist:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist> ,

or call the 24/7 Coronavirus hotline on: 1800 675 398

⊗ Sorry no...



At TWPS we LOVE celebrating your child's birthday and making special memories. **However, due to COVID-SAFE protocols, we are unable to accept and distribute any cake, lolly bags, birthday treats and present bags.**

We feel dreadful when parents or carers bring in their child's birthday supplies and we have to say 'Sorry, no'. As unfortunate as this is, **we must prioritise the health and safety of all of our students and teachers.** We thank you for your understanding.

Class Dojo

If you have NOT done so already, please DOWNLOAD the FREE Class Dojo App and CONNECT to your child's class ASAP!

class ASAP!		Room 9	91% connected
Room 2	74% connected	Room 10	73% connected
Room 3	73% connected	Room 11	92% connected
Room 5	95% connected	Room 12	96% connected
Room 6	73% connected	Room 15	66% connected
Room 19	100% connected	Room 17	70% connected
Room 20	78% connected	Room 18	67% connected

TWPS uses COMPASS to send you whole school messages but **Class Dojo** allows TWPS to easily contact individual Parents and Carers. **With Class Dojo, Parents and Carers can reply.** *Please remember, teachers are teaching during the day.* If it is urgent or important please email or phone the school: 9465 4317.

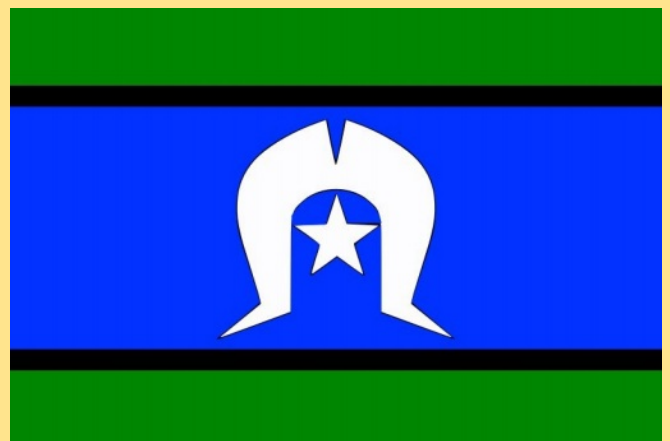
"Communication works for those who work at it."

John Powell

Sandi Young
Principal

Koorie Kids Club

at the Thomastown West Community Hub



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

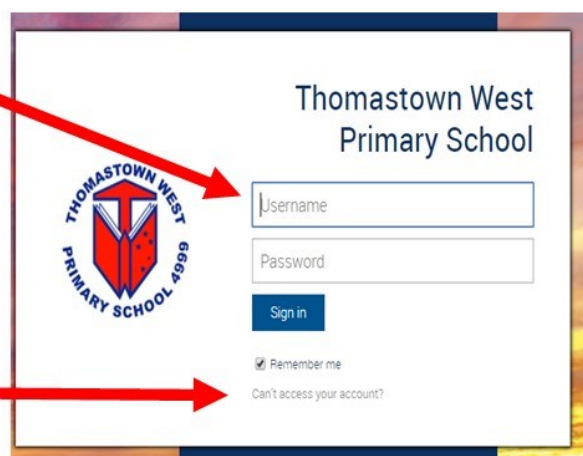
To book a time for your Parent Student Teacher meeting for Wednesday 6th April:

1. Login to Compass:

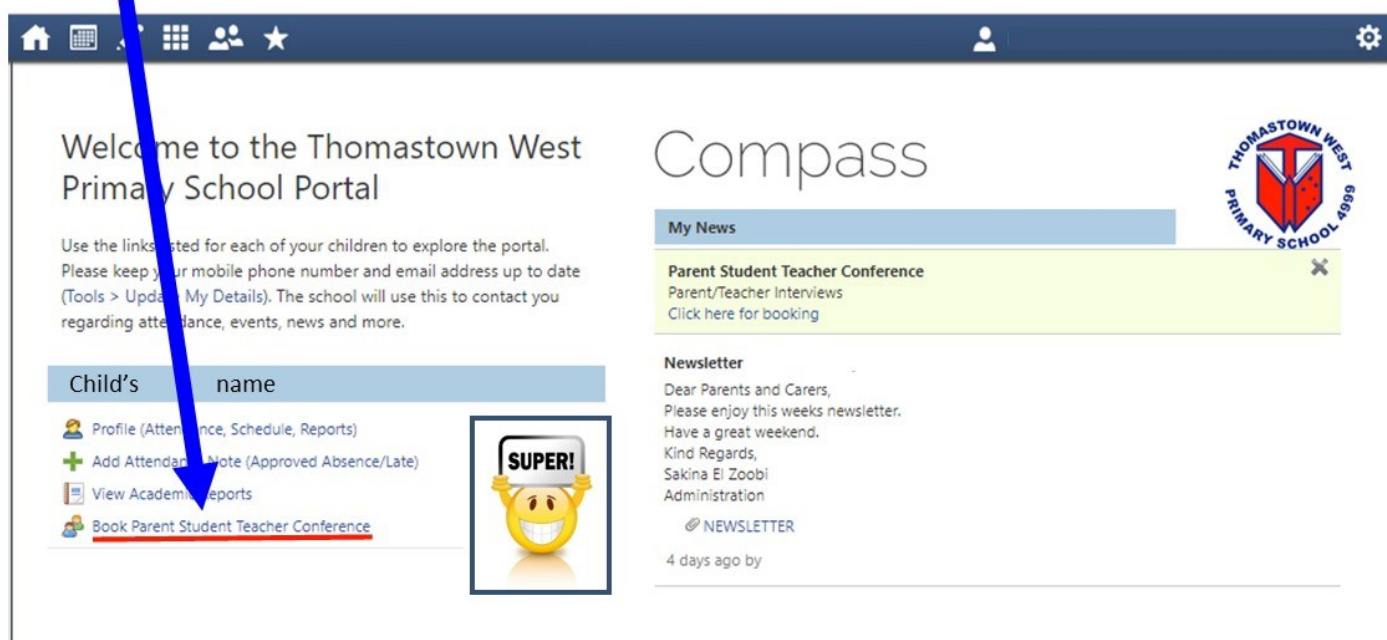
Use your parent login details.

- 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	
	My Bookings

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

Term 1, 2022 Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, April 6

12:00 PM	12:15 PM	12:30 PM	12:45 PM	01:00 PM	01:15 PM
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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

Selma RAIF PE
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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04:30 PM	04:45 PM	05:00 PM	05:15 PM	05:30 PM	05:45 PM
06:00 PM	06:15 PM	06:30 PM	06:45 PM	06:00 PM	06:15 PM

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)
OK Cancel

Student Name

Teachers

- Selma RAIFF 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.



Stars of the Week



Term 1 - Week 10

Ibrahim	2	For working hard towards his reading goals.
Liah	3	For great work sounding out words during our reading session.
Jenna	5	For being a respectful and kind member of Room 5. She always makes sure others have someone to play with during recess and lunch.
Isaac	6	For doing great reading with Mrs Skender. You are a super Star Isaac
Ali-Reza	19	For excellent reading and locating directly stated information in a text.
Dion	20	For working really hard to write an interesting persuasive text.
Cruz Isaac Yosra	9	For demonstrating resilience and striving to do his best with his persuasive writing. For striving to be his best and coming up with great ideas for his persuasive writing. For 'Striving to do her best' and producing some fantastic work during writing.
Chloe	10	For striving to be her best in all learning areas. You are also an excellent role model in the grade.
Cassandra	11	For using vocabulary and persuasive language in her persuasive writing.
Jaiden	12	For always showing respect toward his teachers and fellow classmates.
Lydia	15	For continuously striving to be her best and being an active participant in classroom discussions.
Mary	17	For demonstrating excellent independent work habits and striving to be her best in all areas of the curriculum.
Hassan	18	For resilience and respect when working on his persuasive piece of writing
Lara Rm 3		Principals Award: For consistently demonstrating resilience. Keep smiling Lara :)
Elshalom		Art: For demonstrating great care and enthusiasm during his Art class. A sensational effort at paper weaving
Harraz Rm 12		STEM: For Sharing his knowledge of 'density' during science classes.

Stars of the Week

Term 1 - Week 10



EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 1 Week 10 Student Attendance Report

As part of the Department of Education *Every Day Counts* initiative, schools report attendance in percentages. **The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a school student.**

The percentages in the table below indicates the average attendance for each class for this week.

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	84%	78%	Room 9	80%	86%
Room 3	62%	82%	Room 10	90%	85%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	76%	75%
Room 5	80%	79%	Room 12	79%	74%
Room 6	85%	83%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 19	82%	80%	Room 15	80%	93%
Room 20	85%	88%	Room 17	79%	89%
			Room 18	82%	84%

EVERY DAY OF LEARNING REALLY DOES COUNT!

At TWPS we want every child to achieve their full potential and we know that parents share this goal. There is a clear link between good attendance and educational achievement. If your child is not in school, on time, as often as possible they will be missing out on many important parts of their education.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

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

✓they learn better ✓they make friends ✓they are happier ✓they have a brighter future

If your child is sick, of course it is appropriate to keep your child at home but

other 'days off' school add up to lost learning. See below:

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action!	



Congratulations to Room 17 with 312 Dojo points

You are the class with the
highest number of dojos
this week!

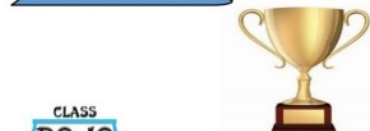
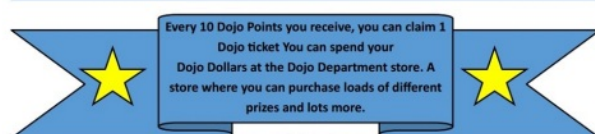
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At this school we all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible.

At this school we all have the right to feel comfortable and safe.

We have 5 key school VALUES which we promote and base our expected behaviours on. As a community of learners we are:

Respectful Responsible Resilient Empathetic and we Strive to be our best.



The class with the most amount of Dojos each week will win the Dojo Cup at our weekly assemblies. The class with the most amount of victories in a term will win a special prize to celebrate the classes success!



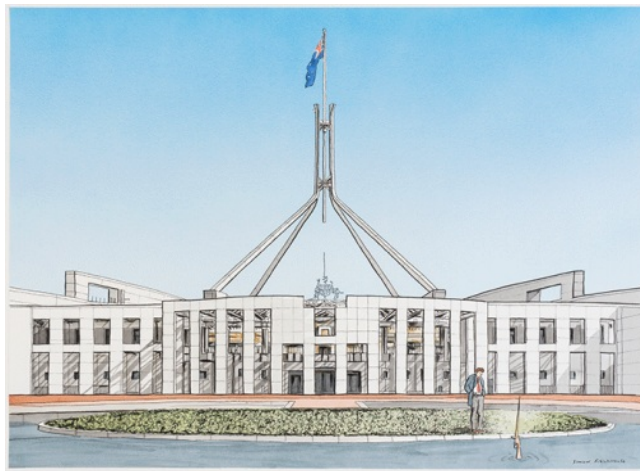
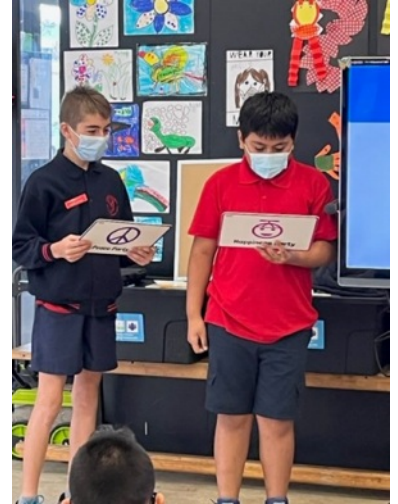
Top Dojo Earners of Term 1 Week 10

Prep	Steven L 6 Dojos
Grade 1/2	Otto 10 Dojos
Grade 3/4	Lucas L 42 Dojos
Grade 5/6	Arrina & Dylan 18 Dojos
Top earner across the school!	Lucas L 42 Dojos

ALL KIDS
deserve to feel
SAFE, HEALTHY
AND WELCOME
in schools.

5/6 Parliament Incursion

On Monday the 28th of March, the 5/6s were fortunate enough to attend the Parliament Incursion held in the Multi-purpose Room. We learnt about what happens in Parliament and the voting process. We got to do roles plays where we were voting for people to represent us at Parliament. We experienced how a bill gets passed through the House of Representatives and the Senate. It was a great learning experience for us all.



5/6 STEAM at Thomastown Secondary College

On Thursday the 31st of March, the grade 5/6s were given the chance to go the Thomastown Secondary College to do Science and STEAM. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. In science we had clues to crack the code to open up a treasure chest. We had fun working out the codes using scientific clues. Once we cracked the codes, we opened the treasure chest and found red poppits. Our second session was learning how aeroplanes fly. We got to make paper aeroplanes and test how far and how long they could fly. My partner Mary and I won the competition. A big thank you to Mara, the STEAM teacher at THS

A huge thank you to Leonie White for the opportunity.



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



City of
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THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

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**Walk up for your
COVID-19 vaccine**

coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
1800 675 398 - 7 days 8am - 8pm



Department
of Health

**Thomastown West Community Hub are hosting another
COVID-19 vaccination Pop-Up Clinic on Wednesday 18th May 2022.**

*Simply walk in between 2:30 – 5pm for your first, second or third dose of
the COVID-19 vaccine.*

*Updates about the vaccination pop-up site will be available next week at the
City of Whittlesea website and Facebook page.*

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TWPS Fundraising

Our annual Easter fundraiser has kicked off!

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order,

Bakers Delight Rivergum will give **\$2** to our school.

The more buns you purchase the more profit TWPS makes.

Bakers Delight
We're for real.

**Please fill out your order form and bring it
back to the office by Monday 4th April.**

Orders will be ready to collect from TWPS on
Thursday 7th April 2022.



Thomastown West Primary Easter Raffle

This year Thomastown West PS will provide the Easter eggs and chocolate. (In 2022 families will not be required to donate eggs)

To assist our school with the 2022 Easter Raffle...
We ask parents and carers to purchase a Raffle ticket
(Raffle tickets will be sent out next week to families)

Hampers will be made for each classroom

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th April
End of Term 1. Students must be in attendance to collect prize.



Little Diggers Outdoor After School Club for Primary Schoolers

Craft + Physical Activities

Join our fun and fantastic 'Little Diggers' outdoor after- school club!

Where: Thomastown Library- Courtyard

When: Thursdays 3.30pm- 5pm

Activities: Craft and Physical Activities (Games like 'hide and seek' and 'duck duck goose')

Cost: Free *Please note, children must be accompanied by an adult.*



THOMASTOWN
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
the heart of our community

LITTLE DIGGERS

OUTDOOR AFTER- SCHOOL
CLUB

CRAFT + PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

THURSDAYS 3.30- 5PM

THOMASTOWN LIBRARY
COURTYARD

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

Information Evening

Wednesday 6th April

6 – 7pm (6pm Principal's Presentation)

60 Merrilands, Road Reservoir

Find out about:

Transition Process & Schools Tours

WRSC Structure, Vision & Values

Student perspectives

Curriculum

Co-Curricular Activities

Supports available

For more information please contact the College:

t. 03 9462 2177

e. william.ruthven.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

WILLIAM RUTHVEN SECONDARY COLLEGE

Our vision is to ensure we are a 21st Century learning community where staff, students and families work collaboratively, are highly motivated to learn, achieve high levels of personal growth and leverage technology to maximise every opportunity.



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 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/>



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.

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- ✓ 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.

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
<u>TANDOORI CHICKEN WRAP: (H)</u> Tender chicken meat marinated in tandoori spices with baby spinach, tomato and cucumber yoghurt sauce.	\$5.50	➢ WITH SOUR CREAM/SWEET CHILLI	\$4.00
<u>CHICKEN SNITZEL WRAP: (H)</u> Homemade crumb chicken breast grilled with lettuce, tomato, cheese and our sweet chilli mayonnaise.	\$5.50	TOMATO SAUCE EXTRA	\$0.25
<u>MILD SALAMI PANINI:</u> A crusty roll with mayonnaise, baby spinach, tomato, mild salami and cheese.	\$5.50	HOT MEALS:	
<u>HAM PANINI:</u> 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	<u>LEMON THYME CHICKEN SALAD:</u> Marinated chicken tenderloin grilled on a bed of mesclun lettuce, tomato, cucumber, couscous, with a citrus dressing. (H)	\$5.50
VEGEMITE	\$2.70	<u>TRADITIONAL GREEK STYLE SALAD:</u> 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	<u>ROASTED GRILLED VEGETABLE SALAD:</u> 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

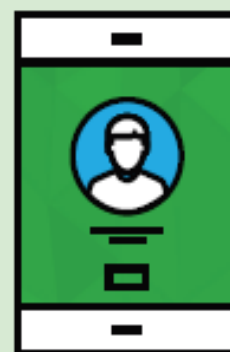


1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

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)

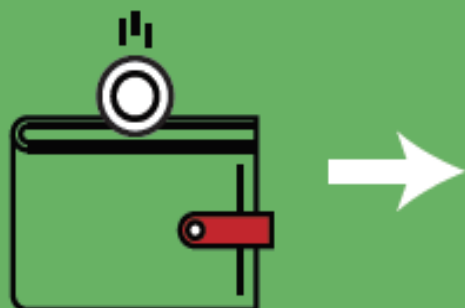


4. ORDER

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!



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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE BELEZA TRADING HOURS

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2022

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



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


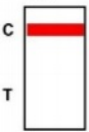

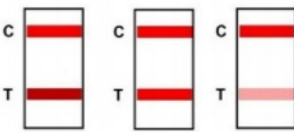

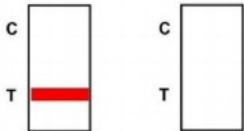
Rapid antigen tests are available from some supermarkets, pharmacies, select testing sites (you can find the nearest testing site to you at: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19>) or online.

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

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

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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.



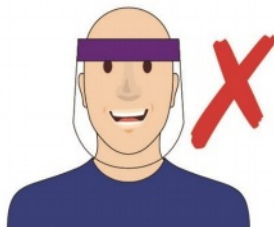
A fitted snood or gaiter can be worn covering both your nose and mouth.

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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Coming up....

EGGSTRAVAGANZA, FINAL WEEK OF TERM 1

4TH APRIL	Crazy Easter Egg Charade
5TH APRIL	Easter Egg Hunt Challenge
** There is No School /OSHClub on Wednesday 6 th April **	
7TH APRIL	Easter egg biscuit decorating
8 TH APRIL	LAST DAY OF TERM, EASTER PARTY!!

Look what we've got!

Holiday Programs at OSHClub.

Northcote P.S. OSHClub 7:30am - 6:00pm
northcote@oshclub.com.au
0437 692 819

Coburg P.S. OSHClub 7:00am - 6:30pm
coburg@oshclub.com.au
0428 693 476

St Monicas P.S OSHClub 7:30am - 6:15pm
stmonicas@oshclub.com.au
0412 616 491

What's been happening...

The children actively participated in various activities for the past two weeks. We celebrated Harmony Day by handprint decorating and made wreath-coloured hands to show respect and inclusiveness.

They were also very engaged in making paper houses. This was tricky as little fingers got sticky when pasting the house template together, but the result looked fabulous!

The younger children were very interested in the colour by numbers activity and the finished pictures were truly beautiful.

They painted murals together and learnt to wait for their turn as they worked together in finishing their masterpiece,

Thomastown West OSHClub

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PHOTO GALLERY



Colour by numbers



Magnificent Murals



Paper Houses



HARMONY DAY

Program hours: Monday-Friday, 3:15-6:15pm
Program phone: 0407 372 056
Program email: thomastownwest@oshclub.com.au

oshclub.com.au
1300 395 735

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



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Anytime Any Reason

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