## Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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### No.9 31st March 2023

### **2023 IMPORTANT DATES:**

Mon	3 Apr	National Day of Action Against Bullying SRC Fundraiser: Students bring gold coin donation and dress up as SUPER HERO!
Wed	5 Apr	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences Students only attend school at the time of their conference meeting.
Thur	6 April	Last Day of Term 1 Whole school assembly 12pm (Easter hat parade will be held at the assembly)
Mon	24 Apr	Staff Professional Practice Planning Day Students do not attend school
Tues	25 Apr	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY Students do not attend school
Wed	26 Apr	First Day of Term 2: Arrive on time, ready to learn at quarter to nine!
Thu	4 May	SCHOOL PHOTOS: Order online!
Tue	13 June	Curriculum Day 3 Students do not attend school
Thu	14 Sept	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences Students only attend school at the time of their conference meeting.
Mon	6 Nov	**NEW** In 2023 students attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

### **House Sports**

What a fun afternoon of games we had yesterday! It was excellent to see so many parents, family members and carers cheering on our students. Thank you to the grade 5-6 leaders and the grade 5-6 teachers for organising it. Everyone had a great time and it was lovely to see teamwork, good sportsmanship and our school values on display. More photos on page 6 and 8.

### **School Photos**

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### From Assistant Principal

Adventures of Mr Crotti, final episode. The town of Katherine flooded in 1998. I was lucky that my family's house wasn't flooded, but we had 23 people in our 3 bedroom house for weeks, until the flood receded. I played a lot of sports there, including football, basketball, cricket, soccer, roller hockey, triathlon and rugby league. My first job was working in the kitchen at Red Rooster as a casual when I was 15 years old in Katherine, NT. I also picked mangoes on my friend's farm. I did that until I moved to Adelaide in year 11. There, I worked on a Christmas Tree farm, cutting pine trees into Christmas tree shapes and delivering them to shops to sell. When I finished high school, I went to the University of South Australia to study teaching, and drove forklifts at a fruit wholesaler part-time at night markets, and joined the Army Reserve as a cook in an infantry battalion. I still have the hat. I have attached a photo of my family at my sister's wedding a couple of weeks ago. My son Eddie was the page boy and my daughter Lola was the flower girl. Good times.





#### **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**

Teachers and students are looking forward to sharing their learning and goals with families on Wednesday. Have you booked your Parent Student Teacher Conference yet? We're up to 153 students booked out of 260. There are still a lot of people not booked in. Please book asap if you haven't already. Please log into Compass and book your appointment as soon as possible or visit or call the TWPS Office, if you require assistance.



#### **Brain Breaks**

We encourage students to eat fruit and vegetables in the classrooms for five minutes between lessons. Please send in some brain food for this. If students don't finish eating their fruit and vegetables and the teachers need to move on with the lesson, the students



are encouraged to finish their fruit and vegetables at recess or lunch time. Thank you for your support with this and it is so great to see so many students eating healthy fresh food.

#### **Maths Challenge**

Thank you to the students who submitted answers to the Maths challenge in the newsletter 2 weeks ago. Students received a prize for their efforts. The challenge this week is to play this game in the car on the way to the shops or on a short drive. Keep a score and give Mr Crotti the score card to win a prize. You could choose a certain colour of car to be 2 points, or a purple car is 10 points (I find purple cars are pretty rare):



#### Car parking

Thank you all for your patience out the front of the school at pick up and drop off times. We understand that it is very busy. For the safety of our students and families, we keep students in our care until a responsible adult or family member walks in to collect them. Please make sure that you park safely before students enter or exit your vehicle. The last thing we would ever want is for a student or family member to feel unsafe or uncomfortable entering or leaving the school.

### Class Dojo is always free for parents

Class Dojo is used to communicate with families about what is happening at school, and teachers give Dojo points to students for positive behaviour. If Class Dojo asks you to pay for a premium version, please ignore it or skip the trial. PLEASE do NOT PAY for the Class Dojo App. The school pays a subscription so that parents don't have to pay anything.

### **GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

Our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students attended the GRIP leadership conference on Thursday. The focus for this experience was to provide training, specifically on being a student leader for our school. (TWPS strongly believes in building the capacity of our young leaders and for this reason, pays for each child's entry fee to

attend the conference and half of the bus fare). What a privilege and an honour it is to be able to attend such an event. Our leaders were respectful, engaged and they lived by our school values. We have complete faith in their ability to put skills their new into practice, live our school values lead and by example.



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Mr Crotti Assistant Principal

(...because Multitasking Problem Solving Ninja doesn't sound like a real job)

# Who has joined Class Dojo 2023?



Are you missing out?

Teachers at TWPS use Class Dojo to communicate with you and can share your child's learning and wellbeing successes with you.

Parents can also use Class Dojo to reward their children with Dojo reward points

The great thing about Class Dojo is that it offers a two-way message service.

You can easily send a message or reply back to the teacher with a quick message. (Compass is only one-way communication. That is, from TWPS to the parents and carers).

Room	CONNECTED TO CLASS DOJO	Not Connected yet 🙁	Room	CONNECTED TO CLASS DOJO	Not Connected yet 🙁
Room 2	<b>79%</b>	4 FAMILIES	Room 11	<b>75%</b>	5 FAMILIES
Room 3	95%	1 FAMILY	Room 12	70%	6 FAMILIES
Room 4	91%	2 FAMILIES	Room 15	91%	2 FAMILIES
Room 5	95%	1 FAMILY	Room 16	69%	7 FAMILIES
Room 6	96%	1 FAMILY	Room 17	69%	7 FAMILIES
Room 9	95%	1 FAMILY	Room 18	66%	8 FAMILIES
Room 10	90%	2 FAMILIES			ClassDo/6

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### **FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

# ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL HATS WHEN OUTSIDE UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.

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

We are 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:

- Improve and monitor skin cancer prevention awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour
- 2. Support priority populations to detect cancers earlier.
- 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 sunprotective 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> <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> <li>Navy shorts</li> <li>Navy pants</li> <li>No alternative logos are to be visible</li> </ul>	4	Tights are to only be worn under shorts or dressed, not as pants
Summer	Dresses	<ul> <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> <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	Navy or red material with no decoration or brand name		
All year round. Compuls ory Term 1 and Term 4	Hat	Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name     Navy legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name	3	Hats are available for sale at the TWPS front office
All year round	Headwear	Blue, white, red 'scrunchies' and ribbons are permitted Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour		



















### Sapphire

Sapphire, Sapphire, our team's on fire.

We have a desire and that is to inspire.

Sapphire, Sapphire, we don't expire.

GO... SAPPHIRE!

### Gold

Let's go gold, Let's go gold

We are the best

We never fail the test

We're all bold

That's why we will never grow old.

Let's go gold!

Go GOLD!



1<sup>st</sup> place - Sapphire - 402 points
 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Gold - 303 points
 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Emerald - 201 points
 4th place - Ruby - 104 points

### Ruby

Ruby house are faster stronger,

We can battle all much longer,

If you put us to the test,

We will rise above the rest

R-U-B-Y

GO RUBYIIII

### **Emerald**

1,2,3 Go emerald, go green!

We are here to win

we will succeed

Let's go emerald Let's go!! Let's go emerald Let's go!!









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### 2:30pm Fridays

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BASKET BALL COURT	TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building
Friday 17th February ☑	Friday 10th February ☑
Friday 3rd March ☑	Friday 24th February ☑
Friday 17th March *SRC and Student Voice Badges presented*	Friday 10th March ☑
Friday 31st March ☑	Friday 24th March ☑
Thursday 6th April at 12pm	

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* S.R.C News

On Monday 3rd April we will be having a fundraiser for the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. On this day, all students are asked to dress up as your favourite superhero and take a stand against bullying. Thomastown West Primary school will give the to BZ's bullying prevention programs. This will support students in different schools across Victoria to feel safe and comfortable, and ready to learn!

A dollar on this day, will keep the bullies away.

**▶ Date:** Monday 3rd April

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**Cost:** A gold coin donation please

> Mission: Dress up as your favourite superhero and

take a stand

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against bullying.





### Term 1- Week 8

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Ayushmann	2	For striving to be the best in the classroom by showing a love of learning and asking great questions.
Mieke	3	Great decoding during reading groups.
Jasmina	4	For being an independent worker during writing sessions. Keep up the great work!
Dixin	5	For showing empathy towards others and making them feel included.
Aryan	6	For always Striving to do his very best even when there are challenges.
Elena	9	Having such a great attitude towards school and learning and always giving 100% in all that she does.
Blake	10	For always striving to be your best and consistently living the school values.
Steven	11	For his attention to detail in his writing. He uses his knowledge of the writer's tools to write some wonderfully descriptive sentences.
Anthony	12	. For being such a willing helper and friend to the new students in our class.
Sahar	15	For working really hard in Maths using different strategies to work out the perimeter of a shape!
Perla	16	For striving to be her best and displaying a positive attitude towards all subjects this week.
Alex	17	By displaying a great effort with completing his weekly homework task.
Simmu	18	For demonstrating responsibility and being an excellent role model for all students of TWPS.
Dion C		<b>PE:</b> For striving to be their best during our handball sessions demonstrating great leadership and teamwork skills.



Term 1 - Week 8









### Term 1- Week 9

Mariam	2	For striving to be the best in the classroom by showing a love of learning and asking great questions.
Amaira	3	Great decoding during reading groups.
Jasmina	4	For being an independent worker during writing sessions. Keep up the great work!
Dixin	5	For showing empathy towards others and making them feel included.
Ella	6	For always listening to instructions and following the school Values.
Mireille	9	For always trying her best and showing that she is always ready to learn!
Albraa	10	For your positive attitude to learning. You're always ready to have a go. You're always striving to be your best.
Ariana	11	Having a great attitude to writing, constructing detailed and descriptive sentences, painting a picture in the reader's mind.
Yosra	12	For taking responsibility and striving to be her best at all classroom tasks.
Dion	15	For striving to be his best in reading and using the clues to find the main idea in the text!
Japjyot	16	For demonstrating responsibility and being a great leader by taking initiative as a class captain.
Lydia	17	By always displaying respect towards her teachers and peers.
Yousef	18	For demonstrating respect and being a helpful and kind class member.
Denison		<b>PE:</b> For striving to be their best during our handball sessions demonstrating great leadership and teamwork skills.



Term 1 - Week 9





### 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	83%	76%	Room 9	87%	<b>2</b> 93%
Room 3	84%	78%	Room 10	89%	87%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	82%	79%
Room 4	70%	79%	Room 12	88%	79%
Room 5	74%	79%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	77%	77%	Room 15	95%	91%
			Room 16	80%	78%
			Room 17	90%	89%
			Room 18	74%	83%

### **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	
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### Science Week Celebrations @ Thomastown Secondary College

This morning the 5/6's students went to Thomastown Secondary College as part of their Science Week celebrations. Our students were able to participate in some exciting Steam activities. There was a CSI (crime scene investigation) were students had the opportunity to be forensic investigators and solve the crime of the kidnapping of a pet. The second rotation had students involved in constructing a marble run with the objective being to have the slowest time. Students loved participating in the hands on activities















### **TOP DOJO EARNERS**

Term 1 Week 9

Congratulations to Room 18 with 118 Dojo Points

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



Dron	Sanah	
Prep	2 Dojo Points	
Grade 1/2	Jenna & Maggie	
Grade 1/2	9 Dojo Points	
Grade 3/4	Mae	
Grade 5/4	8 Dojo Points	
Crada F/C	Yousef A	
Grade 5/6	18 Dojo Points	
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Most Dojo points Prep - 6	18 Dojo Points	

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ THE HUB



### THOMASTOWN WEST COMMUNITY HUB

April 2023

Sports Day: Soccer Thursday 13 April 10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)

PLAY SOCCER WITH A FOOTBALL VICTORIA COACH

PREP-GRADE 4

Art Studio: Day 1 Monday 17 April 10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)

MAGICAL ART AND CRAFT FUN

Art Studio: Day 2 Tuesday 18 April 10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)

**MAGICAL ART AND CRAFT FUN** 

Slime Making Day Thursday 20 April

10 AM - 1 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)

JOIN US TO MAKE SLIME

These events are FREE. Please return the consent forms sent home to register.



For more information contact Ruvee: twch@whittleseacc.org.au | (03) 9401 6666



### TWPS Fundraising

Orders will be ready to collect from TWPS on Tuesday 4th April 2023.





### Thomastown West Primary Easter Raffle

To assist our school with the 2023 Easter Raffle...

We ask parents and carers to bring an Easter egg or chocolate by 3 April. Prize hampers will be made from the donations for each grade.

Parents and carers are asked to purchase a Raffle ticket.

Hampers will be made for each classroom

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th April









### THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

### **BELEZA TRADING HOURS**



### OPEN!

### 2023

		TERM 1		
JANUARY	Tues 24th	Wed 25th	Fri 27th	Mon 30th
JANUARI	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm
FERRUARY	Tues 7th	Tues 14th	Tues 21st	Tues 28th
FEBRUARY	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm
MARCH	Tues 7th	Tues 14th	Tues 21st	Tues 28th
MARCH	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm	1pm - 4pm
ADDYL	Tues 4th			
APRIL	1pm - 4pm			

		TERM 2	
MAY	Tues 2nd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 30th 1pm - 4pm
JUNE	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm	EI .	





### See the full program schedule & learn more on our website: kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

Program	Session Times	Session Fees	After Max CCS
School Holiday Care	7:00am - 6:00pm	Base fee per child \$87.50  Experience fee per child \$30	Pay as little as \$13.13
Late Collection Fees May A			

All of our programs are eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

### **Enrol now!**

Visit kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown

Need a hand? Email OSHC@kidsco.net.au or Call 1300 976 304



# KidsCo.

### **BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am**



















April School Holiday

Bookings are now OPEN

From only \$13.13 a day after maximum childcare subsidy!



See the full schedule: www.kidsco.net.au/oshc-thomastown



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
ARE FAMILY DAYS!



#### FASTER

Get EGG-cited everyonel Today will be a basket of fun as we hop around on an EGG-stra special egg hunt, play some EGG-cellent games, make eggs fly and create our own Easter bunny pet! It's gonna be a hoppin' good time!

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee



#### SOVEREIGN HILL

Ve're taking a trip back in time wher GOLD was discovered Learn more about what life was like back in the days with no internet, pan for gold and if you're lucky. You can take your winnings home!

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 base fee + \$30 experience fee



### THE SUPER MARIO

We'll grab the popcorn and you grat a seat! We're watching Mario on the big screen as he travels through an underground labyrinth with his brother, Luigi, trying to save a captured princess.

AFTER MAX CCS \$17.63

\$87.50 base fee + \$30 experience fee



### THE FAST &

Make sure your fuel tanks full (of energy) - we need your master minds to design the car of the future! We'll 'Pit Stop' for lunch to refuel before experimenting with different ways to power your car before they wave the

AFTER MAX CCS \$13.13

\$87.50 base fee

After Max CCS

Program

### **Session Times**

7:30am - 6:00pm

### Session Fees

Base fee per child

\$87.50

Experience fee per child \$30

Pay as little as

\$13.13

Late Collection Fees May Appy

School Holiday Care

\$1 per minute

### Call 1300 976 304 now!

### How to Enrol

Simply visit our website to enrol your child and activate your Xplor account!

A member of our team will call you once your enrolment is active and we will help you make bookings and answer any questions you may have!

Already enrolled? Book now on the Xplor Home app!

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### Parent Code of Conduct at Thomastown West PS

A code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors, ensures that communications with our staff or anyone who visits our school site (including an online environment, such as Zoom, Class Dojo, our School Facebook page and emails) is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner. This ensures that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to inappropriate, aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

### At Thomastown West Primary School we believe the following:

- ✓ We all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible.
- ✓ We all have the right to feel comfortable and safe.



### We have 5 key school VALUES which we encourage everyone to live by our school values:

Respect Responsibility Resilience Empathy and Strive to be our best

#### We teach the children that:

- √ Values guide the way we think, speak and behave.
- ✓ Values help us to decide what is right and what is wrong.

### At Thomastown West Primary School, Parents and visitors are expected to:

- ✓ Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- ✓ Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- ✓ Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- ✓ Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- ✓ Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures.
- ✓ Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any
  restrictions that may be imposed.

Under no circumstance are parents to approach another student or parent regarding any incidents or issues.

### Your co-operation is sought in maintaining a safe and happy school.







# Whittlesea Emergency Relief Network POP-UP FOOD RELIEF MARKETS

**Hosted by Thomastown Neighbourhood House @ TRAC** 

Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre - Outdoor Area 52-54 Main St, Thomastown

5th April 2023 11am - 2pm



Providing free fresh, healthy and culturally appropriate food to community in need (plus toiletries)

**ALSO INCLUDES:** 

VOLUNTEERING AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SUPPORT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION, ADVICE AND REFERRAL FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FOOD LITERACY STALL ON COMPOSTING, GROW YOUR OWN PRODUCE, WHICKERING, WORM FARMS AND REDUCING FOOD WASTE

To register for the market please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/STDR5ZX and fill in the survey





















