

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

Tue	10 Sept	Athletics District Finals School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wed	11 Sept	WHOLE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY: PLANNING DAY for Term 4. <i>Students do not attend school.</i>
Thur	12 Sept	Room 9 Conferences with Mrs Santiglia Room 9 students attend school.
Mon	16 Sept	Monday Muster– Curiosity Showcase
Wed	18 Sept	Footy Day Parade and Hot Lunch <i>(Out of school uniform)</i>
Thur	19 Sept	PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES <i>*Students only attend school at the time of their conference meeting</i> <i>*Room 9 students do not attend school.</i>
Fri	20 Sept	Last Day Term 3 Students dismissed 1.15pm
Mon	07 Oct	First day of Term 4: Arrive on time, ready to learn at quarter to 9! (8:45am start)
Mon	4 Nov	Curriculum Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Wed	11 Dec	Grade 5/6 Celebration: Funfields
Tues	17 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Fri	20 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2024 Students dismissed at 1.15.

School Saving Bonus continued...

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

✱ **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](https://www.vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol): <https://www.vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol>.

✱ **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- ✓ in October, to verify your email address
- ✓ in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

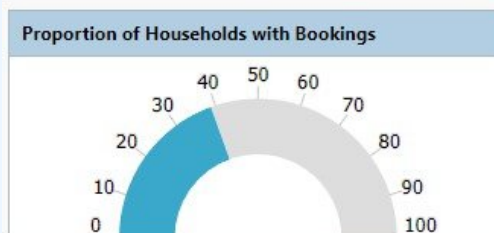
Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the **School Saving Bonus**, please refer to page 2 and 3 of this newsletter or visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

TWPS Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences are important because they give you a chance to talk directly with your child's teacher about their progress and experiences at school. These meetings help you understand what your child is learning, how they're doing, and if there are any areas where they might need extra help. It's also a great opportunity to share any insights about your child's interests and needs. By working together, you and the teacher can create a plan to support your child's growth and success, making sure they have the best possible school experience.

Only 39% of our families have booked their conference meeting with their child's teacher. That is only 94 out of 225 conference meetings organised. **Please call our Office for support on 9465 4317 or access Compass as soon as possible to please make your booking!**



No. 12 Friday 6th September 2024

From the Principal

School Saving Bonus

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

Your opinion matters!

Great news! The Department of Education's Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey **will be open online until Friday 20th September 2024**. Thank you to the 22 families who have completed their survey. **Please support our school by sharing your feedback and opinions by completing the survey before the end of term.**

Hats



Please ensure your children have their hats at school **from next week onwards and during Term 4** as per our school Sun Smart Policy. We ask that students wear their hats in the playground during recess and lunch.

As part of our SunSmart Policy, all students need to wear **legionnaire hats** (not baseball caps) in the yard for all of **Term 1 and Term 4**. We ask that parents support this policy by ensuring your child has the right type of hat (part of the uniform) and please make sure the hats are named and in good condition. **Hats are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop for \$14.**



Mrs Young's Games Corner: CHESS

Learning to play chess can be a delightful and rewarding way to strengthen problem-solving skills, enhance strategic thinking, and enjoy quality family time together. Try downloading an app to your device **or** check out the lessons on chess.com (**some pages on this website have a chat feature**) **or** there are many shops that sell reasonably priced chess sets.

Have fun and don't forget the 3 Golden Rules!

2025 Prep Enrolment NOW OPEN!

We want to ensure that every family has enrolled their children at TWPS for Prep 2025. **Your timely enrolment helps us plan effectively and maintain our commitment to differentiated learning and personalised support.**

If you know of a neighbour or a relative who has a child that turns five before the 30th April 2025, please ask them to come to our Office to complete an enrolment form.

DO NOT MISS OUT! Early enrolment also ensures children are included in our school's Term 4 Kinder - Prep Transition sessions. Our Prep Transition Program will give your child the opportunity to visit and become familiar with the Prep classroom and school. **This is a very important part of starting school and all Preps beginning in 2025 are expected to attend all of the sessions.**

Session 1 Friday 1st November 2024 9-10 am

Session 2 Friday 8th November 2024 9-10 am

Session 3 Friday 15th November 2024 9-10 am

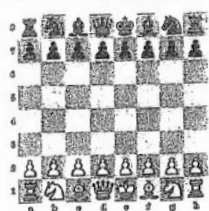
During this time there will be an **information session for parents** and an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting all of our new families enrolling at TWPS and making them a valued member of our diverse and inclusive school community.

Sandi Young
Principal

CHESS

STARTING POSITION



White always moves first and then players take turns making one move at a time. The queens always start on a square of their own color. This helps you remember how to set up the queen and king in the right position.

3 GOLDEN RULES

- These three optional rules help you to win more games:
- 1) control the **centre** (the 4 squares in the middle of the board),
 - 2) **develop** your minor pieces (knights and bishops),
 - 3) keep your **king safe** (castle).

The goal of chess game is to checkmate opponent's king.

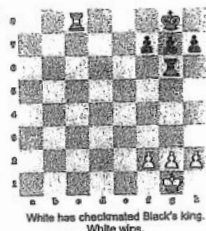
CHECK, CHECKMATE AND STALEMATE

Check - a move that attacks the opponent's king. The side in check must try to get the king out of check. There are 3 ways to **get out of check**:

- 1) move the king away to a safe square,
 - 2) capture the checking piece,
 - 3) block the line of attack between the king and the checking piece.
- If none of these options is available, then it's checkmate and the game is over.

Checkmate is a position in which a player's king is in check and has no way to get out of check. In chess the king is never captured - the game ends when the king is checkmated. The side that checkmated the opponent's king wins.

Stalemate is a position in which one side is on move but has no legal moves and the king is not in check. Stalemate is a draw. There are also other ways how the game can end with draw.



White has checkmated Black's king. White wins.

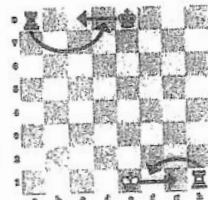
CASTLING (a special move)

Castling is the only move that permits a player to move two pieces at once. To castle, the king moves 2 squares to the left or right from its original square toward one of the rooks. The rook jumps/lands to the other side of the king.

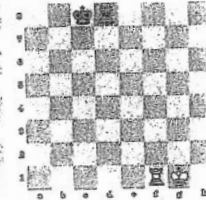
Castling toward the rook closest to is called **castling kingside** or **castling short**. Castling toward the farther-away rook is called **castling queenside** or **castling long**.

Castling is **not allowed**:

- 1) if the king or rook has already moved,
- 2) if the king is in check, or would pass through check, or would be in check at the end of the move,
- 3) if there is a piece in the way (between the king and rook to move).



Position before castling.

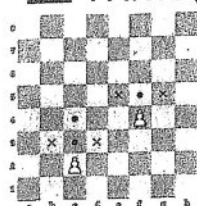


Position after White castled kingside (short) and Black queenside (long).

HOW CHESS PIECES MOVE



PAWN (1 point)

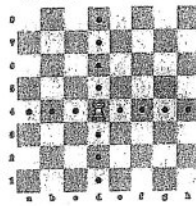


Moves 1 square forward. Can move 2 squares ahead from its starting position. Pawns can never move backwards. Captures diagonally left and right.

Promotion: When a pawn makes the long journey to the opponent's back rank (8 for White and 1 for Black pawns), the pawn is promoted into any other powerful piece, except the king.



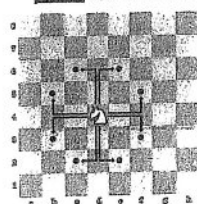
ROOK (5 points)



Moves and captures straight in any direction unlimited number of squares.



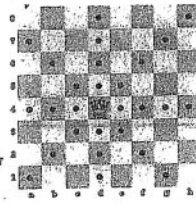
KNIGHT (3 points)



Moves L-shape (two squares in one direction and then one square in the other direction) in any direction. Captures only the piece it lands on at the end of the L-shape. Knights are the only pieces that can jump over other pieces.



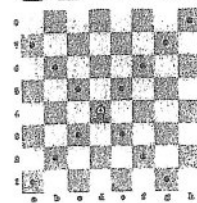
QUEEN (9 points)



Moves and captures straight and diagonally in any direction unlimited number of squares. Queen is the most powerful piece.



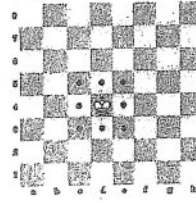
BISHOP (3 points)



Moves and captures diagonally in any direction unlimited number of squares. Each player has a bishop that moves along the black squares and another that moves along the white squares.



KING (whole game)



Moves and captures only 1 square in any direction. King is the most important piece. King cannot move into check (to a square attacked by an opponent's piece). White and Black king can never stand on squares next to each other.

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

will be **ONSITE** at TWPS in Term 3: Thursday 19th September 2024

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

From this Wednesday morning 9:00am you can book your child(ren) conference ONLINE using COMPASS! (We will not activate the button until Wednesday 10:00am. Do not panic if you can't find where to click, as it will not work until 10:00am Wednesday 21st August 2024).

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 3:15pm Wednesday 21st August 2024 onwards**, so that parents and carers can still make bookings online. Each Parent Student Teacher Conference is strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. **However, more time may be allocated to your conference if your child has their Student Support Group (SSG) meeting scheduled.**

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 login 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**.

Students only attend school on Thursday 19/9/24 with their parents or carers at the time of their conference.

It's **EASY** to **BOOK** your 2024 Parent Student Teacher Conference

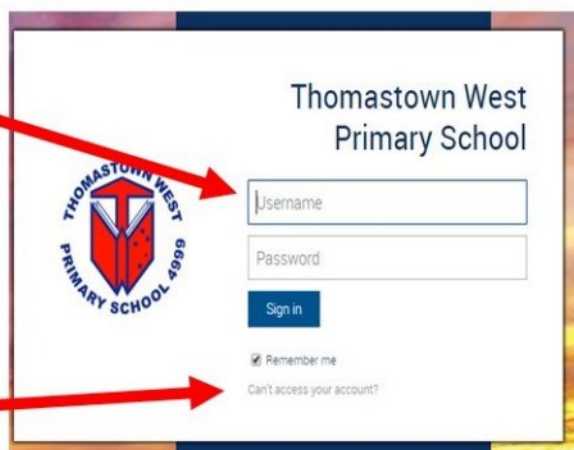
To book a time for your Parent Student Teacher Conference for Thursday 19th September

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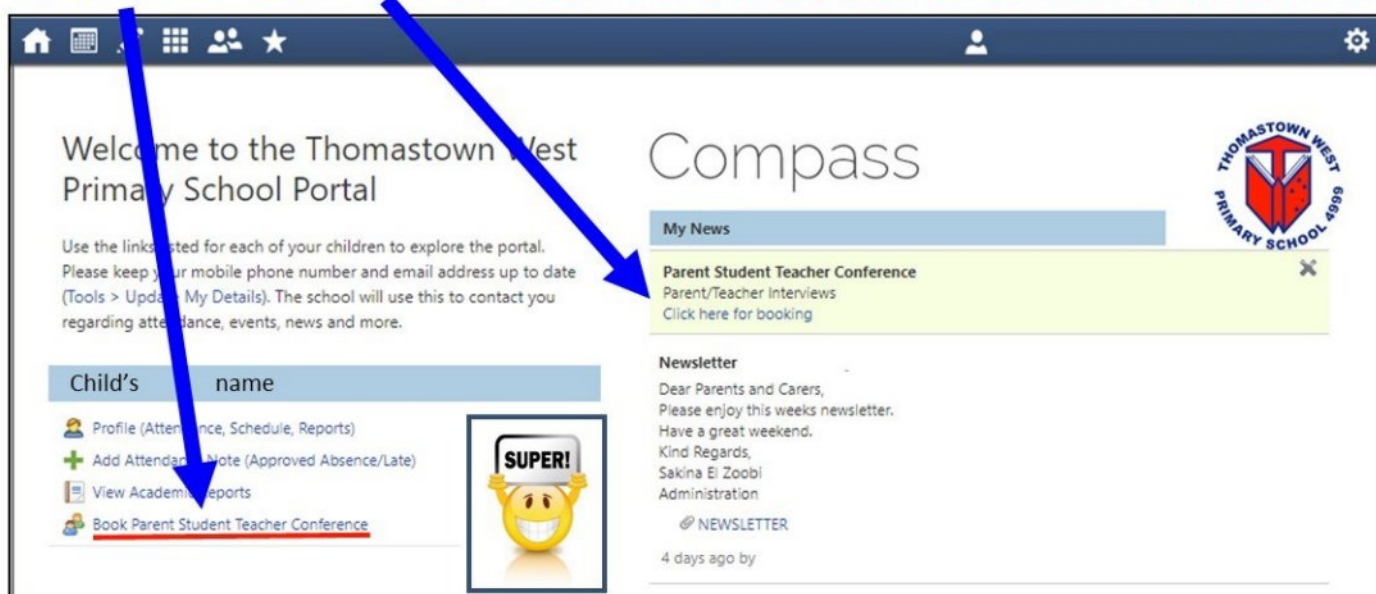
Use your parent login details.

- 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 **here** or **here** to Book Parent Student Teacher Conference



3. Click **My Bookings**

Conferences

Conference Cycles	
Cycle Name	
Term 3 2024 Parent Student Teacher Conferences	
STUDENT NAME	
First Slot: Thursday, 19th September 2024 - 12:00 PM , Last Slot: Thursday, 19th September 2024 - 6:45PM	

My Bookings

4. Click **START BOOKING NOW** *

Term 3 2024 Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Email My Bookings Print Preview Information/Help

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Student Name

Teachers

Selma RAIF PE Interview Welcome

Oscar ROSA Music Interview Welcome

Tiziana (Tiz) ROCCA Generalist 5/6 Interview Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to Term 3, 2024 Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Start Booking Now Show me How to Book

*Click 'Start Booking Now' and continue with the instructions listed 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

Term 3 2024 Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, 19th September 2024

Email My Bookings Print Preview Information/Help

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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

Term 3 2024 Parent Teacher Conferences

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Confirm Booking

Reason: Generalist 5/6
Staff Member: Tiziana (Tiz) ROCCA
Student: Student Name
Time: Thursday 19 September 6:00PM
Interpreter:

Student Name

Teachers

Selma RAIF PE
Interview Welcome

Oscar ROSA Music
Interview Welcome

Tiziana (Tiz) ROCCA Generalist 5/6
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

Thomastown West Primary School 4999

Compass

My News

Parent Student Teacher Conference
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Click here for booking

Attendance: Attendance Note Required

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Thomastown West Primary School uses the **Compass School Manager** to communicate with Parents and Carers.

Please download the **Compass School Manager App**

You need Compass to:

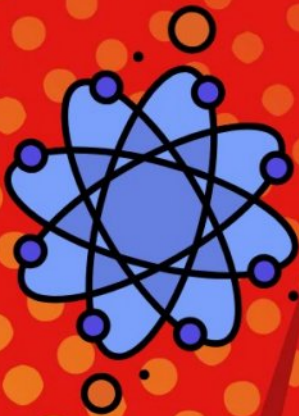
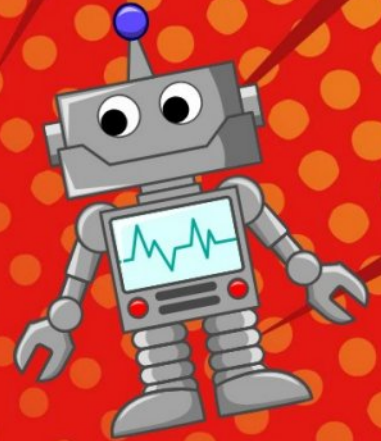
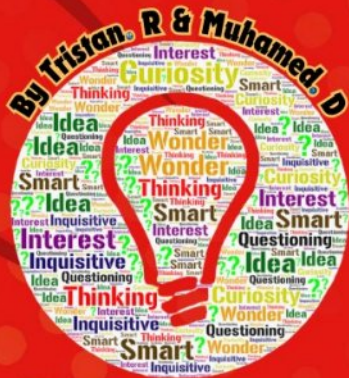
- ✓ Book your Parent/Teacher meeting
- ✓ View or download your child's Semester report
- ✓ Receive notifications and reminders from the school
- ✓ Receive emails and messages from the school if there was an emergency.

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.

CURIOSITY HOUR



Scan this code to know more! ->





Mr Crotti and Mrs Bartholomew had the pleasure of taking 16 grade 5-6 students to Hoop Time basketball on Friday 23rd August. The girls team and boys team both won and lost games against other local schools. We were very proud of everyone's sportsmanship and teamwork, and while we didn't make finals, we had a lot of very close games.



Congratulations to the Girls and Boys Futsal Teams for their impressive performance! The students put in a lot of hard work, lived the school values and played exceptionally well.





SunSmart®

Slap! on
your **hat**
and Slop! on
sunscreen,
when the UV
is 3 or above.



Even
on cool
and cloudy
days.

In Victoria, UV is 3 and above
generally from mid-August
to the end of April.

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Use all five
forms of sun
protection



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL HATS WHEN OUTSIDE.

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

Thomastown West Primary School is pleased to announce that we are now a SunSmart School.

The SunSmart program is dedicated to reducing skin cancer incidence, illness and mortality through a targeted prevention and early detection program.

The objectives of the SunSmart Program is:

1. Improve and monitor skin cancer prevention awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behaviour
2. Support priority populations to detect cancers earlier.
3. Advocate for strategies that aim to reduce the health and economic burdens of skin cancer.

Thomastown West Primary School recommends that from September 1st to end of April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, students come to school wearing sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- **a wide brim hat/ bucket or legionnaire style hat to be worn in September 1st to the end of April.**

For the best protection use all five forms of sun protection-clothing, sunscreen, a broad brim hat, shade and sunglasses-when the UV is 3 and above.

For more information on how to be SunSmart, click on the link below.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/>



Some children look the same. But some of us are a little bit... **Different!**



Some are super energetic
and love moving around.



Some have HUGE imaginations
and daydream a lot.



Some have different interests.



Others get around in all
kinds of different ways.

Being different means you can be your true self.
Friends will like you for who you really are.
You will find your own creative ways of doing things
and can bring new ideas to the world!

If everyone was the same, the world would be really boring!



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From Term 4: Free Breakfast Club at the Hub from 7:45am



What about Before School care?

From Term 4, there will no longer be Before School Care at the Multi-Purpose Room.

Instead, TWPS will offer a FREE Breakfast Club at our Community Hub from 7:45am.

Thomastown West Primary School will return to our traditional TWPS Breakfast Club but with a few necessary changes!

- Breakfast Club will open at 7:45am.
- Breakfast Club is FREE.
- Breakfast Club will operate from our Thomastown West Community Hub.
- **Students will enter Breakfast Club via the single Hub gate on Main Street.**
- From 7:45am - 8:15am parents or carers must drop their child at Breakfast Club and sign them in.
- From 8:15am students may arrive at Breakfast Club in the Hub and sign in without their parents or carers.
- Students are encouraged to bring a small toy or game to play. There are plenty of books to read at the Hub.
- The Breakfast Club will close at 8:30am and the single Hub gate on Main Street will be closed.
- At 8:30am the double gates at the front entrance of our school will be opened for students to enter.

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.



Stars of the Week



Term 3 - Week 7

Satkirat	2	For striving to be his best during Maths and showing great problem solving skills.
Zaineb	3	Using great reading strategies to tackle unfamiliar words.
Lara	5	By striving to be her best when using the laptop to research information about the moon.
Miracle	6	For striving to be her best when working independently.
Joana	9	For striving to be her best and participating in class discussion and sharing her ideas in Maths.
Abbie	10	For striving to be her best when transferring information to graphs showing interesting thought processes to represent the data.
Shenayah	11	For her commitment and efforts in researching for the Curiosity Project. Keep it up!
Eric	12	For striving to be his best and for clearly articulating his thinking during Spotlighting in Maths.
Issa	15	For showing understanding and respect for the feelings of others by being positive and supportive when they are feeling down.
Abla	16	For striving to do her best during Maths by persevering through worded problem tasks.
Ariana	17	By striving to do her best in Maths and giving things a go.
Yousef Rm 10		STEM: For being super kind and helpful during STEM class and even sharing his Minecraft skills with his friends. Way to go, Yousef!
Pip Rm 11		PE: For striving to be his best during our PE session. Great work Pip challenging yourself and trying new things.

Stars of the Week

Term 3 - Week 7



Term 3 - Week 8





Stars of the Week



Term 3 - Week 8

Nevaeh	2	For striving to be her best during reading and showing great growth.
Onkarjit	3	Showing leadership during Maths sessions.
Raika	5	For striving to be her best .
Ibrahim	6	For trying his best and using different strategies to solve open ended Maths problems
Baraa	9	For working hard on all set tasks and demonstrating resilience when challenged.
Abbie	10	For striving to be her best when transferring information to graphs showing interesting thought processes to represent the data.
Harry	11	For consistently showing responsibility in all he does, always striving to be his best, and lending a helping hand to classmates with kindness and support. His commitment to doing the right thing and helping others is truly appreciated.
Olivia	12	For demonstrating resilience and building her confidence to share her thinking during spotlighting in Maths.
Baria	15	For striving to be her best in completing reading tasks.
Zarah	16	For striving to be her best by writing a thorough and detailed report on the Sun.
Elissa	17	By always completing her homework and trying her best.
Victoria Rm 6	STEM: You did an amazing job recalling specific facts from the firefighter visit last week and adding them to your work. Keep up the fantastic work!	
Turkan Rm 5	PE: For her amazing dance performance during our movement session. Well done Turkan you had some great moves.	

It's NOT OK to BE AWAY UNLESS YOU ARE SICK!

Please support our school community by keeping your children at home while they are unwell. The table below indicates the duration of your child's recovery period and the period during which they should refrain from attending school while infectious.

<i>Chicken Pox</i>	Until fully recovered. Please note some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion.
<i>Conjunctivitis</i>	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.
<i>COVID-19</i>	Your child's safety is our priority. Thomastown West PS has a COVID-Safe Plan. Up-to-date Department of Health instructions will be shared by the school, when needed. Please contact the school if your child has Covid.
<i>Head Lice</i>	Until treated with solution as recommended by the City of Whittlesea, Health Office.
<i>Impetigo</i>	Until sores have fully healed. The child may be allowed to return provided that appropriate treatment is being applied and that sores on exposed surfaces such as scalp, face, hands and legs are properly covered with occlusive dressings.
<i>Measles</i>	For at least seven days from the appearance of the rash or until medical certificate of recovery is produced.
<i>Mumps</i>	Until fully recovered
<i>Ringworm</i>	Until appropriate treatment has commenced and is supported by a medical certificate.
<i>Rubella</i>	Until fully recovered and at least 4 days from the onset of the rash.
<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	Until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
<i>Viral Hepatitis</i>	Until a medical certificate of recovery is produced, or on subsidence of symptoms but not before seven days after onset of jaundice.
<i>Whooping Cough</i>	For four weeks or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.

EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 3 Week 8 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 Newsletter	This Weeks newsletter	Year 5/6	Last Newsletter	This Weeks Newsletter
Room 2	81%	89%	Room 9	79%	81%
Room 3	84%	84%	Room 10	80%	83%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	83%	73%
Room 5	87%	 90%	Room 12	87%	89%
Room 6	80%	75%	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
			Room 15	83%	82%
			Room 16	78%	76%
			Room 17	78%	81%

EVERY DAY OF LEARNING REALLY DOES COUNT!

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

Why is regular attendance at school important?

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

✓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.	



Cup of Life

Well done to all the boys and girls who are attending school every day.

Congratulations

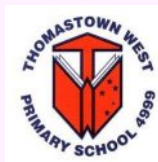
The room that had the BEST ATTENDANCE
For Term 3 Week 8 is Room 5

TWPS CUP OF LIFE UPDATE

Who will win the free bowling excursion at the end of the year??

Room 2	Term 1 Wk 4	Term 1 Wk 5							
Room 3	Term 2 Wk 9								
Room 5	Term 2 Wk 6	Term 3 Wk 7	Term 3 Wk 8						
Room 6									
Room 9	Term 3 Wk 1								
Room 10	Term 2 Wk 8	Term 3 Wk 4							
Room 11	Term 2 Wk 5	Term 3 Wk 2	Term 3 Wk 6						
Room 12	Term 1 Wk 6	Term 1 Wk 7	Term 1 Wk 8	Term 2 Wk 1	Term 2 Wk 2				
Room 15									
Room 16	Term 2 Wk 7	Term 2 Wk 10	Term 2 Wk 11						
Room 17	Term 2 Wk 3	Term 2 Wk 4	Term 3 Wk 3	Term 3 Wk 5					

Top Dojo Earners



Congratulations to Room 15 with 95 Dojo Points

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



	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
Prep/1	Elxyo 10 Dojo Points	Julian 8 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Aysha & Ibrahim 6 Dojo Points	Aysha 4 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Musa 7 Dojo Points	Belal 8 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Abbie 8 Dojo Points	Philo 2 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Elxyo 10 Dojo Points	Julian & Belal 8 Dojo Points
The classroom with the most Dojo points	Room 03 58 Dojo Points	Room 15 95 Dojo Points

ASSEMBLIES

TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court
Term 3 Week 3 Friday 2nd August 2:30pm ✓	Term 3 Week 4 Friday 9th August 2:30pm ✓
Term 3 Week 5 Friday 16th August 2:30pm ✓	Term 3 Week 6 Friday 23rd August 2:30pm ✓
Term 3 Week 7 Friday 30th August 2:30pm ✓	Term 3 Week 8 Friday 6th September 2:30pm ✓
Term 3 Week 9 Friday 13th September 2:30pm	Term 3 Week 10 Friday 20th September Time: to be confirmed
We'll send a Compass/Class Dojo message on Monday	

Fundraising Update

Fathers Day

A huge thank you to our incredible parent helpers for their dedication and hard work in running another successful Father's Day stall! Your efforts truly made a difference, and we're thrilled to share that we raised a total of **\$961.20**. Your support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated and make events like this possible

Footy Finals Parade and Lunch at TWPS

The footy finals are just around the corner, and TWPS is excited to celebrate with a Footy Day Parade on Wednesday, September 18th! The parade will take place in the morning, weather permitting.

To make the day even more special, we're offering a Footy Lunch for the students, featuring:

- Sausage Rolls
- Meat Pies
- Hot Dogs
- Spinach and Ricotta Pasties
- Vegetable Pasties

Order forms were sent out to families last week. Please ensure your child brings their completed form by Monday, September 16th, to guarantee their lunch order.

If you'd like to help out with our fundraising efforts and volunteer on the day, please contact Mrs. El Zoobi in the office.

Goo the Blues!!!



WEEKLY RECAP

Term 3 Week 8



Last week at Thomastown West PS Theircare...

SUPERHERO WEEK 🦸

This week at Thomastown West Theircare our theme was Superhero Week. The children made superhero masks and stuck them on icy pole sticks. They also built their own superhero, cutting and pasting paper to create a person. The children also created superhero slime on Friday which was such a fun way to end the week! We played some soccer outside and used the gym equipment to create an obstacle course!

Looking forward to the week ahead and I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

📷 Photo highlights of the week!!



Next week's theme at Thomastown West TheirCare.... **R U OK? WEEK**

Thomastown West TheirCare open from
3:15pm to 6:15pm.



Please ensure that you are cancelling your booking 24 hours prior to the session to avoid paying. Please ensure to add children in for a session or let us know beforehand to make necessary changes as early as possible. Thank you!

Thomastown West Coordinator

Ebony 😊



THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS



ALL BELEZA RETAIL STORES
Will be closed for first week of School Holidays

- All Retail Stores will close at **2pm on Friday 20th of September**
- Stores will be closed from **Saturday 21st of September to Sunday 29th of September**
- All Stores will resume regular trading days & hours from **Monday 30th of September**

Shop online at beleza.com.au/online-store

TERM 3 2024

JULY	Tues 16th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 30th 1pm - 4pm
AUGUST	Tues 13th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 27th 1pm - 4pm
SEPTEMBER	Tues 10th 1pm - 4pm	

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OCTOBER	Tues 8th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 15th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 22nd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 29th 1pm - 4pm
NOVEMBER	Tues 12th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 19th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 26th 1pm - 4pm	
DECEMBER	Tues 3rd 1pm - 4pm	Tues 10th 10.00am - 4.30pm	Tues 17th 1pm - 4pm	

Thomastown Neighbourhood House

TNH activities continuing during Library Closure

MONDAYS

Community Craft Connections

Craft, coffee & conversation
9am- 12pm

Arabic Playgroup

Presented in partnership with
Jeeran Community Services
10.30am- 12.30pm

Let's Move!

Movement to music for all abilities
1- 2pm @TRAC

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Morning Tea & Guest Speaker

11am- 12pm
Presented in partnership with
Yarra Plenty Regional Library &
City of Whittlesea



Please note:
All our
activities
are
FREE!



TUESDAYS

All Seasons

Nature craft for all abilities
10am- 12pm

English Class

Presented in partnership
with PRACE
10am- 1pm
To book call: 03 9462 6077



FOOD RELIEF WITH PROJECT US

Halal Fresh Food Box

Every second Thursday @ TRAC
10.30am- 11.30am
Registrations essential via QR code



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Mindful Meditation

Gentle guided meditation
10am- 11am

Friendship Cafe

Make new friends over a cuppa
11am- 12pm

THURSDAYS

Promisestown Playgroup

For 0- 5 yr olds
10am- 12pm

Little Diggers

Family Fun Club
3.30pm- 5.00pm



FRIDAYS

Women's Painting Circle

(Children welcome)
11.00am - 12.30pm

Please note: Activities
do not take place during
school holidays

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Thomastown Community Bush Playgroup

@on Edgars Creek, Thomas St
Reserve

Join the FB Group for more details:

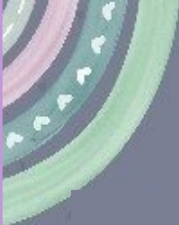


All Thomastown Neighbourhood House activities will continue throughout the Library renovations.

Whilst we cannot enter the library (where the books are located), we do have access to the foyer, our TNH room and the Library Lounge.

If you are attending: Community Craft Connections, All Seasons, English Class, Mindful Meditation or Women's Painting Circle- please come to the front door of the Library and our TNH team will open the doors for you. Please note, these areas are closed to the general public but TNH can provide access to our participants.

If you are attending: Promisestown Playgroup or Little Diggers, please go to TRAC (next door) and these activities will continue to take place in the TRAC creche. BIG thanks to TRAC for providing their beautiful space for our child focused activities.



TWCH 2024



Whittlesea
Community
Connections
Making a positive difference everyday



PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL BE
NO
HUB PROGRAMS
OPERATING THIS
TERM

Children & Young People Public Position Statement

Whittlesea Community Connections prioritises children's safety and wellbeing with zero tolerance for child abuse. Our mandatory child safe training across the organisation ensures everyone is committed to this mission. We actively listen to and empower children and young people's voices, enabling them to thrive.



Training and Education

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS 2024



Developing respectful learning environments in Early Years

Thursday 12 September
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Janefield Drive Community Centre,
2 Manchester Crescent, Bundoora

This workshop brings educators together to deepen their understanding of best practices in respectful relationship education for early years. It's a great opportunity for peer learning, celebrating successes, and collaboratively addressing challenges. Participants will explore the latest developments in respectful relationships and gender equality education.



Early Years cultural responsiveness training

Tuesday 17 September
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Barry Road Community and Activity Centre
36 Barry Road, Lalor

This session emphasizes the importance of building meaningful relationships with children and families to protect and promote their cultural dignity. Explore strategies to strengthen connections with newly arrived families while understanding the barriers they face. Our experienced trainers will guide you through tailored approaches to create inclusive and culturally safe environments.



Scan the QR code for more information or to register for one of these programs
whittlesea.vic.gov.au/familytraining



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Raising children and young people

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS 2024



Supporting Your Child's Development and Referral Pathways

This informal session will explore typical development in children 0-5 years of age. You will have the opportunity to hear about developmental milestones and steps to take if you feel your child is not reaching the milestones.

Thursday 3 September
10am – 11.30am

Jindi Playgroup,
48 Breadalbane Avenue, Mernda



Plenty Valley Parent and Carer Talks

Promoting positive relationships and sexual health: This is an informative session for parents who have questions about how to navigate tricky conversations with their young people about sex, health and relationships.

Thursday 3 September
7pm – 8.30pm

Riverside Community Centre
8 Doreen Rogan Way, South Morang



Bringing Up Kids Expo

The Bringing Up Kids Expo will bring together family support agencies to provide information on services, programs and events offered in the City of Whittlesea for your family. Activities for children will be provided including face painting and more.

Thursday 12 September
10am – 1pm

Thomastown Library
52 Main Street, Thomastown



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