

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter



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2024 IMPORTANT DATES:

No. 14 Friday 18th October 2024

Thur	10 Oct	5/6 Swim Survival
Mon	21 Oct 28 Oct 8 Nov 11 Nov 18 Nov 25 Nov 2 Dec 9 Dec	P-4 Swimming Lessons Sessions
Fri	1 Nov	Prep Transition SESSION 1 (9.10am)
Mon	4 Nov	Curriculum Day <i>Students do not attend school</i>
Tue	5 Nov	<i>Melbourne Cup day (Public Holiday)</i>
Fri	8 Nov	Prep Transition SESSION 2 (9.10am)
Mon	11 Nov	Monday Muster
Fri	15 Nov	Prep Transition SESSION 3 (9.10am)
Tue	19 Nov	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wed	27 Nov	Whole School Colour Fun Run
Fri	29 Nov	1/2 BBQ & Sleep over
Fri	6 Dec	Whole School Billycart Race 2.30pm
Tue	10 Dec	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wed	11 Dec	Grade 5/6 Celebration: Funfields
Mon	16 Dec	Whole School reports shared via Compass
Tues	17 Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Fri	20 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2024 Students dismissed at 1.15.

From the Assistant Principal

New Policies Update

Thomastown West Primary School has been working on updating our policies and has been consulting with the School Council members. We are seeking your valuable feedback and encourage our parents and carers to visit our **school website** <https://www.thomwestps.vic.edu.au/page/101> to review these policies. You can share your thoughts and offer feedback via email: thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au If you prefer a printed copy of a particular policy, please contact the office, and we'd be happy to provide one.

Parent feedback request

Parent feedback has begun, with school council and surveys sent out to families. Please complete the survey and join us if you can in person for a session or three.

Cybersafety in your language

The Australian Multicultural Foundation has resources on safety online for parents in many languages. There are videos and apps that we recommend, linked below. Please make sure that any online activity your kids are doing is supervised by you and that you check what they are watching, downloading and typing. Please click the link and watch and choose your language.

<https://amf.net.au/cyberparent/> <https://amf.net.au/entry/cyberparent-web-app/#::~:~:text=CyberParent%20is%20available%20in%20a%20total>

Transition to 2025

Students have started writing their friends for 2025 requests, and in week 6 14th November we begin our whole school transition sessions, children will visit different teachers in different groupings to learn about their 2025 grade level. Over the coming weeks, children will participate in a variety of activities with a variety of teachers and children in their year level, that allow the children to build new friendships, get to know one another and learn to feel more comfortable in new situations. We have had great success with this program over the past 7 years and we are confident this success will continue. PLEASE NOTE: Children will learn which teacher and friends are in their 2025 classroom on Tuesday 10th December. There will be lots of mixing of students before then.

Billy Carts

Our Billy Cart race is fast approaching and our Year 5/6 students have started working in preparation for the big day! Not only is building a Billy Cart extremely fun, our students have been learning about the push and pull forces to learn about the influence of gravity and friction. They have worked in teams to design, build and paint their Billy carts, ready to take to the track on December 9th! These Billy carts will then be available to purchase by parents and all proceeds will be donated to the school. A huge shout out to Miss Halabi for supporting our students to... we are super excited!

Swimming

The grade 5-6 students have had their single swimming lesson in week 1, and P-4s are attending every Monday. Our teachers and the swim teachers at TRAC have been very impressed with our students' listening, effort and behaviour. See some photos below.

Maths Challenge

Show Mr Crotti how many ways can you can make 20.

James Crotti

Assistant Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for an important school review in Term 1 2025 that will inform our school's strategic direction and school improvement for the next four years. **We invite you to take part in our Parent Feedback Forums.** Your insights and perspectives are valued, and this forum is a key opportunity to provide feedback that will shape the future of our school.

Details of the Forums:

Dates	Times	Forum focus
17/10	2:45-3:15pm	Attitudes to School Survey data from students' surveys
22/10	8:50-9:20am	<i>Encore:</i> Attitudes to School Survey data from students' surveys
29/10	2:45-3:15pm	Parent Opinion Survey results data
31/10	2:45-3:15pm	<i>Encore:</i> Parent Opinion Survey results data
20/11	2:45-3:15pm	Parent Google Form Survey results and suggestions
26/11	8:50-9:20am	<i>Encore:</i> Parent Google Form Survey results and suggestions

If you are unavailable to attend the **Parent Feedback Forums** onsite at TWPS, please complete this online **Parent Feedback survey** to support our future school improvement: <https://forms.gle/WWgrJL28CEeMBwrz7>

The **Parent Feedback Forums** and/or **online Parent Feedback survey** are an opportunity for you to:

- Share your experiences with our school.
- Highlight what you believe we are doing well.
- Offer suggestions for areas where we can improve student learning and wellbeing.
- See and reflect on our learning and wellbeing results, as well as data from previous parent and student surveys.

We genuinely value your input and look forward to hearing your thoughts. If you would like to participate, please RSVP via the online survey or email: thomastown.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your continued support of our school community, as together we work on pathways to success.

Warm regards,

The Principal Team

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Parents and Carers

Got a minute or three?

Let us know your thoughts about TWPS



Cyber Safety and Social Media: A Guide for Parents



In today's digital age, understanding cyber safety and social media is essential for keeping our children safe online. Here are some important points to consider:

1. Know What Your Child is Doing Online

- **Open Communication:** Talk to your child about their online activities. Ask them about the websites they visit, the games they play, and the people they interact with.
- **Set Boundaries:** Establish rules about screen time and which platforms are appropriate for their age.

2. Understanding Social Media

- **Age Restrictions:** Most social media platforms have age restrictions. Ensure your child is old enough to use these sites.
- **Privacy Settings:** Help your child adjust their privacy settings to control who can see their information.

3. Teach Safe Practices

- **Personal Information:** Remind your child never to share personal details like their address, phone number, or school online.
- **Stranger Danger:** Explain the risks of interacting with strangers online. Encourage them to report any inappropriate messages.

4. Recognize Cyberbullying

- **Signs of Bullying:** Watch for changes in your child's behaviour, such as becoming withdrawn or anxious. Discuss what cyberbullying is and how to handle it.
- **Encourage Reporting:** Make sure your child knows they can come to you or a trusted adult if they experience or witness cyberbullying.

5. Promote Critical Thinking

- **Evaluate Content:** Teach your child to think critically about the information they encounter online. Discuss how to spot misinformation and recognize safe, credible sources.

6. Lead by Example

- **Model Good Behaviour:** Show your child how to use technology responsibly by practising good online habits yourself.

7. Resources and Support

- **Stay Informed:** Utilise resources such as common sense media, internet safety websites, and local workshops to stay updated on cyber safety.
- **Parental Controls:** Explore parental control options available on devices and apps to help monitor your child's online activities.

By working together, we can create a safer online environment for our children. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

ARABIC- CYBER SAFETY GUIDE FOR PARENTS



السلامة الإلكترونية ووسائل التواصل الاجتماعي: دليل للآباء

في عصرنا الرقمي اليوم، من الضروري فهم السلامة الإلكترونية ووسائل التواصل الاجتماعي لحماية أطفالنا على الإنترنت. إليكم بعض النقاط المهمة التي يجب أخذها في الاعتبار:

1. اعرف ما يفعله طفلك على الإنترنت

- **التواصل المفتوح:** تحدث مع طفلك عن أنشطته عبر الإنترنت. أسأله عن المواقع التي يزورها، والألعاب التي يلعبها، والأشخاص الذين يتفاعل معهم.
- **وضع الحدود:** أقم قواعد حول وقت الشاشة والمواقع المناسبة لعمرهم.

2. فهم وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي

- **قيود العمر:** تحتوي معظم منصات وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي على قيود عمرية. تأكد من أن طفلك في السن المناسب لاستخدام هذه المواقع.
- **إعدادات الخصوصية:** ساعد طفلك في ضبط إعدادات الخصوصية للتحكم في من يمكنه رؤية معلوماته.

3. تعليم ممارسات آمنة

- **المعلومات الشخصية:** ذكر طفلك بعدم مشاركة تفاصيل شخصية مثل عنوانه، ورقم هاتفه، ومدرسته على الإنترنت.
- **خطر الغرباء:** اشرح مخاطر التفاعل مع الغرباء عبر الإنترنت. شجعهم على الإبلاغ عن أي رسائل غير لائقة.

4. التعرف على التتمر الإلكتروني

- **علامات التتمر:** راقب تغيرات في سلوك طفلك، مثل الانسحاب أو القلق. تحدث عن التتمر الإلكتروني وكيفية التعامل معه.
- **تشجيع الإبلاغ:** تأكد من أن طفلك يعرف أنه يمكنه اللجوء إليك أو إلى بالغ موثوق إذا تعرض للتتمر الإلكتروني أو شاهده.

5. تعزيز التفكير النقدي

- **تقييم المحتوى:** علم طفلك التفكير النقدي حول المعلومات التي يواجهها على الإنترنت. ناقش كيفية اكتشاف المعلومات المضللة والتعرف على المصادر الآمنة والموثوقة.

6. كن قدوة

- **نموذج سلوك جيد:** أظهر لطفلك كيفية استخدام التكنولوجيا بشكل مسؤول من خلال ممارسة عادات جيدة على الإنترنت بنفسك.

7. الموارد والدعم

- **ابقَ مطلعًا:** استخدم موارد مثل وسائل الإعلام ذات الحس المشترك، ومواقع سلامة الإنترنت، وورش العمل المحلية للبقاء على اطلاع بشأن السلامة الإلكترونية.
- **ضوابط الوالدين:** استكشف خيارات التحكم الأبوية المتاحة على الأجهزة والتطبيقات لمساعدتك في مراقبة أنشطة طفلك عبر الإنترنت.

إمن خلال العمل معًا، يمكننا إنشاء بيئة أكثر أمانًا عبر الإنترنت لأطفالنا. لا تتردد في التواصل إذا كان لديك أي أسئلة أو مخاوف.



An toàn mạng và Mạng xã hội: Hướng dẫn cho phụ huynh

Trong thời đại số ngày nay, việc hiểu biết về an toàn mạng và mạng xã hội là rất quan trọng để bảo vệ trẻ em của chúng ta trên Internet. Dưới đây là một số điểm quan trọng mà bạn nên cân nhắc:

1. Biết con bạn đang làm gì trên mạng

- **Giao tiếp cởi mở:** Hãy trò chuyện với con bạn về các hoạt động trực tuyến của chúng. Hỏi chúng về các trang web mà chúng truy cập, các trò chơi mà chúng chơi và những người mà chúng tương tác.
- **Đặt ra ranh giới:** Thiết lập các quy tắc về thời gian sử dụng màn hình và các nền tảng phù hợp với độ tuổi của chúng.

2. Hiểu về mạng xã hội

- **Hạn chế độ tuổi:** Hầu hết các nền tảng mạng xã hội có hạn chế độ tuổi. Đảm bảo rằng con bạn đủ tuổi để sử dụng những trang này.
- **Cài đặt quyền riêng tư:** Giúp con bạn điều chỉnh các cài đặt quyền riêng tư để kiểm soát ai có thể xem thông tin của chúng.

3. Dạy các thực hành an toàn

- **Thông tin cá nhân:** Nhắc nhở con bạn không bao giờ chia sẻ thông tin cá nhân như địa chỉ, số điện thoại hay trường học của chúng trên mạng.
- **Nguy cơ từ người lạ:** Giải thích các rủi ro khi tương tác với người lạ trực tuyến. Khuyến khích chúng báo cáo bất kỳ tin nhắn không phù hợp nào.

4. Nhận diện bắt nạt qua mạng

- **Dấu hiệu của sự bắt nạt:** Quan sát các thay đổi trong hành vi của con bạn, chẳng hạn như trở nên thu mình hoặc lo âu. Thảo luận về bắt nạt qua mạng và cách xử lý tình huống này.
- **Khuyến khích báo cáo:** Đảm bảo con bạn biết rằng chúng có thể đến gặp bạn hoặc một người lớn đáng tin cậy nếu chúng gặp phải hoặc chứng kiến việc bắt nạt qua mạng.

5. Khuyến khích tư duy phản biện

- **Đánh giá nội dung:** Dạy con bạn cách suy nghĩ phản biện về thông tin mà chúng gặp trên mạng. Thảo luận cách nhận diện thông tin sai lệch và biết cách tìm kiếm các nguồn đáng tin cậy.

6. Làm gương

- **Mô hình hành vi tốt:** Cho con bạn thấy cách sử dụng công nghệ một cách có trách nhiệm bằng cách thực hành những thói quen trực tuyến tốt.

7. Tài nguyên và hỗ trợ

- **Cập nhật thông tin:** Sử dụng các tài nguyên như truyền thông có ý thức, các trang web về an toàn mạng và các hội thảo địa phương để giữ bản thân cập nhật về an toàn mạng.
- **Kiểm soát của phụ huynh:** Khám phá các tùy chọn kiểm soát của phụ huynh có sẵn trên các thiết bị và ứng dụng để giúp theo dõi các hoạt động trực tuyến của con bạn.

Bằng cách làm việc cùng nhau, chúng ta có thể tạo ra một môi trường trực tuyến an toàn hơn cho trẻ em. Xin đừng ngần ngại liên hệ nếu bạn có bất kỳ câu hỏi hay lo ngại nào!

PUNJABI- CYBER SAFETY GUIDE FOR PARENTS

سائبر حفاظت اور سوشل میڈیا: والدین کے لیے ایک رہنما ###

آج کے ڈیجیٹل دور میں، سائبر حفاظت اور سوشل میڈیا کی سمجھ بوجھ ہمارے بچوں کو آن لائن محفوظ رکھنے کے لیے ضروری ہے۔ یہاں کچھ اہم نکات ہیں جن پر غور کرنا چاہیے:

- **جائیں آپ کا بچہ آن لائن کیا کر رہا ہے****
 - کھلی بات چیت: اپنے بچے سے ان کی آن لائن سرگرمیوں کے بارے میں بات کریں۔ ان سے پوچھیں کہ وہ کون سی ویب سائٹس وزٹ کرتے ہیں، کون سے گیمز کھیلتے ہیں، اور کس کے ساتھ بات چیت کرتے ہیں۔
 - حدیں مقرر کریں: اسکرین کے وقت اور کون سے پلیٹ فارم ان کی عمر کے لیے مناسب ہیں، کے بارے میں قواعد۔
 - قائم کریں۔
- **سوشل میڈیا کی سمجھ بوجھ****
 - عمر کی پابندیاں: زیادہ تر سوشل میڈیا پلیٹ فارم پر عمر کی پابندیاں ہوتی ہیں۔ یہ یقینی بنائیں کہ آپ کا بچہ ان سائٹس کو استعمال کرنے کے لیے کافی بڑا ہے۔
 - پرائیویسی سیٹنگز: اپنے بچے کی مدد کریں کہ وہ اپنی پرائیویسی سیٹنگز کو ایڈجسٹ کریں تاکہ یہ کنٹرول ہو سکے۔
 - کہ کون ان کی معلومات دیکھ سکتا ہے۔
- **محفوظ طریقے سکھائیں****
 - ذاتی معلومات: اپنے بچے کو یاد دلانیں کہ وہ کبھی بھی آن لائن اپنا پتہ، فون نمبر، یا اسکول کی معلومات نہ شیئر کریں۔
 - غیر معروف افراد سے احتیاط: آن لائن غیر معروف افراد سے بات چیت کے خطرات کی وضاحت کریں۔ انہیں **
 - حوصلہ افزائی کریں کہ وہ کسی بھی نامناسب پیغامات کی رپورٹ کریں۔
- **سائبر بلنگ کی پہچان کریں****
 - بلنگ کے اشارے: اپنے بچے کے رویے میں تبدیلیوں پر نظر رکھیں، جیسے کہ وہ خود کو الگ تھلگ محسوس کرنا یا پریشان ہونا۔ سائبر بلنگ کیا ہے اور اسے کیسے سنبھالنا ہے، اس پر بات چیت کریں۔
 - رپورٹ کرنے کی حوصلہ افزائی کریں: یقینی بنائیں کہ آپ کا بچہ جانتا ہے کہ وہ آپ یا کسی قابل اعتماد بالغ سے **
 - مدد مانگ سکتا ہے اگر وہ سائبر بلنگ کا سامنا کرے یا اسے دیکھے۔
- **تنقیدی سوچ کی ترویج کریں****
 - مواد کا اندازہ لگائیں: اپنے بچے کو سکھائیں کہ وہ آن لائن ملنے والی معلومات کے بارے میں تنقیدی سوچ رکھے۔
 - یہ بات چیت کریں کہ غلط معلومات کو کیسے پہچانا جائے اور محفوظ قابل اعتبار ذرائع کو کیسے شناخت کیا جائے۔
- **مثال کے ذریعے رہنمائی کریں****
 - اچھے رویے کی نمائش کریں: اپنے بچے کو یہ دکھائیں کہ ٹیکنالوجی کو ذمہ داری سے کیسے استعمال کیا جائے، **
 - خود اچھے آن لائن عادات اپناتے کے ذریعے۔
- **وسائل اور مدد****
 - باخبر رہیں: عام سٹنس میڈیا، انٹرنیٹ کی حفاظت کی ویب سائٹس، اور مقامی ورکشاپس جیسے وسائل کا استعمال۔
 - کریں تاکہ سائبر حفاظت کے بارے میں تازہ ترین معلومات حاصل ہو سکیں۔
 - والدین کے کنٹرول: ایسے آلات اور ایپس پر والدین کے کنٹرول کے اختیارات کا جائزہ لیں تاکہ آپ اپنے بچے کی **
 - آن لائن سرگرمیوں کی نگرانی کر سکیں۔

Helping your family stay safe online

Children can learn, explore, play and make friends online. But there can be risks.

Your child might accidentally see upsetting content, be contacted by strangers or experience bullying. They might also miss out on important things like spending time outside.

Here are some easy things you can do to help keep children safe online.

Talk about online safety as a family

Let your child know they can always come to you if something happens online that makes them feel scared or upset.

You can ask your child to show you the games and apps they use. Use eSafety's [conversation starters](#) to help you get started.

Set up family rules together

As a family, you can choose some easy rules to help keep everyone safe online. You can include things like where devices can be used, what games and apps your children can use, and how much time can be spent online. Most devices and apps have features to set limits on how they are used. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about parental controls and settings.

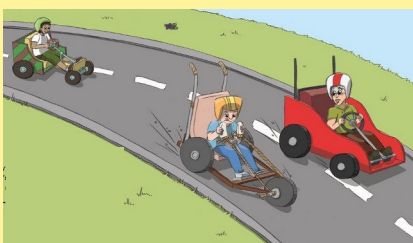
Know where to get help

If you need help with an online issue and you are not sure what to do, talk about it with someone you trust, like a friend or a teacher at your child's school. You can also speak to someone at [Parentline](#) for help with parenting challenges. The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) helps to keep all Australian families safe online. The [eSafety website](#) has more information about [reporting online abuse](#) and staying safe online.



For more information about how to keep your family safe online, search for [eSafety Parents](#) on our website.

Billy Cart Incursion





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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 4 - Week 1

Matauia	2	For her very neat descriptive writing about the butterfly.
Reza	3	For always having a positive attitude towards his work.
Wafa	5	For striving to be his best when sounding out new words when reading aloud to the teacher. You have improved so much!
Elina	6	Welcome to TWPS and Room 6
Abdul	9	For striving to be his best, demonstrating a growth mindset during maths sessions and sharing his strategies and explaining his thinking.
Issam	10	For demonstrating the class goal and being a thoughtful friend.
Amaziah	11	For his ability to work cooperatively and respectfully within the classroom.
Cyrus	12	For demonstrating responsibility and a positive attitude and growth
Andy	15	For communal responsibility and striving to be his best in all areas of the Curriculum.
Jenna	16	For striving to be her best and working independently during maths tasks this week.
Ariana	17	For a wonderful effort with her reading. Well done.
Aisla Rm 5		Music: For being enthusiastic, focussed and attentive during discussion and games in Music. You are a super student Aisla!
Ali-Reza		PE: For being a great teammate and showing leadership skills during our bat tennis lesson. Well done!
D'Lae		ART: For being a focused, enthusiastic art student, completing tasks on time and assisting others when needed. A super effort D'Lae!

Stars of the Week

Term 4 - Week 1



Term 4 - Week 2





Stars of the Week



Term 4 - Week 2

Kenan	2	For working very hard on his letter sounds and achieving his reading goals.
Georgiana	3	For partitioning numbers and showing the value of digits using materials.
Turkan	5	For striving to be her best when creating a character using both physical descriptions and personality traits to describe them. Well done!
Giselle	6	For focusing on given tasks when working independently. Keep up the great work Giselle!
Denison	9	For his positive attitude and commitment in all areas of his learning.
Hussain	10	For striving to be his best to write a descriptive paragraph and taking on feedback to further improve his writing.
Fatima	11	By making a great start to the term and her responsible attitude and commitment to learning.
Charlotte	12	Welcome to TWPS and Room 12!
Yousef	15	For showing good problem solving skills in working our fractions.
Halani	16	For displaying responsibility during reading this week and completing all set tasks.
Ali-Reza	17	For always displaying initiative with his work and going that extra mile. Well done.
Ahmad Rm 9		MUSIC: For always trying his best in Music and being polite and courteous to everyone. You are a fabulous class member Ahmad!
Taliyah		ART: For always demonstrating all the School Values when participating in art activities. You are a joy to teach Taliyah!
Shakira		PE: For being a great teammate and showing leadership skills during our bat tennis lesson. Well done!

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 4 Week 2 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	83%	90%	Room 9	86%	84%
Room 3	88%	87%	Room 10	83%	91%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	82%	88%
Room 5	85%	88%	Room 12	91%	86%
Room 6	84%	89%	Year 3/4	Last Week	This Week
			Room 15	80%	81%
			Room 16	89%	84%
			Room 17	90%	 95%

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

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 4 Week 2 is Room 17

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	Term 4 Wk 1						
Room 3	Term 2 Wk 9								
Room 5	Term 2 Wk 6	Term 3 Wk 7	Term 3 Wk 8	Term 3 Wk 9					
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	Term 3 Wk 10			
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	Term 4 Wk 2				

Top Dojo Earners



Congratulations to Room 9 with 1432 Dojo Points

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



	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Prep/1	Aliyah 13 Dojo Points	Ripeta & Ozgun 8 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Khadija 9 Dojo Points	Isabel 14 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Shakira 12 Dojo Points	Imran & Molly 45 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	An 10 Dojo Points	Marcus & Aala 81 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Aliyah 10 Dojo Points	Marcus & Aala 81 Points
The classroom with the most Dojo points	Room 2 177 Dojo Points	Room 9 1432 Dojo Points

Assemblies

TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court
Term 4 Week 1 Friday 11th October 2:30pm ✓	Term 4 Week 2 Friday 18th October 2:30pm ✓
Term 4 Week 3 Friday 25th October 2:30pm	Term 4 Week 4 Friday 1st November 2:30pm
Term 4 Week 5 Friday 8th November 2:30pm	Term 4 Week 6 Friday 15th November 2:30pm
Term 4 Week 7 Friday 22nd November 2:30pm	Term 4 Week 8 Friday 29th November 2.30pm
Term 4 Week 9 Friday 6th December 2:30pm	Term 4 Week 10 Friday 13th December 2:30pm
Term 4 Week 11 Friday 20th December 12.00pm	

THOMASTOWN WEST SPRING CARNIVAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

23rd September – 4th October 2024

Excursions

Pass the Popcorn!

We travelled to Airport West Village Cinema's to watch 'The Wild Robot'. The children really enjoyed the movie and their popcorn! After we arrived back at the service the children created some beautiful Paper Straw Tulips.

Archery Attack

We ventured out to Reservoir's Archery Attack Arena to learn how to use a bow and arrow. The children all participated and had a blast versing each other in a game of Archery Attack!

Luna Park

After the long awaited excitement for the Super excursion to Luna Park the day finally arrived. The children were super thrilled to go on as many rides as possible. There were smiles and laughs all day round!



In-House Fun

Bee's Knees:

On this day the children celebrated the beginning of spring and switched their creativity brains on! We had yummy 'Bee my Honey' fruit cups and created paper bee crafts.

Sideshow showdown:

This day was full of carnival themed fun. The children created wonderful crafts such as DIY Circus Tents, a Bullseye Bean Bag Toss and a DIY Ring Toss.

Weird science:

We stepped into some wacky activities for our weird science day! We made spring caterpillars and raced them on a DIY race track. We also attempted the walking on water experiment.

Spring Fiesta:

On our last day of Holiday Program we created some Brazilian Carnivale masks and played a game of race to the finish line. We enjoyed the sunshine and had some festive fun!



Special Activities

AFL Team Slime:

The children participated in making their very own AFL coloured slime. This activity was super fun and messy and had the children playing with it all day everywhere!

Let's Join the Circus Incursion:

The amazing circus world came to life today when the children attended a circus incursion. They explored the art of juggling and balancing and afterwards they created some dancing pipecleaner people.

THOMASTOWN WEST SPRING CARNIVAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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Photos from our Spring Carnival Holiday Program



Newsletter

15th October 2021

OSHClub

Welcome Preps, Grades 1 and 2!!



We look forward to seeing you back at OSHClub next week after Lockdown and remote learning. We hope you bring your smiley faces and good humour as you meet up with staff and friends after your little while away.

Fun in the sun

Term 1 and Term 4 are Sun Smart terms.

It is important to help children develop good sun protection habits from a very early age, through to school and beyond. The sun's UV radiation is a serious health and safety concern. It is for this very reason we expect all children to wear a well fitted wide brim sunhat, and to apply sunscreen every session. Clearly labelled hats must be kept in children's bags and Osh will provide the sunscreen unless your child requires a specific type, then you must supply your own.



Coming up.....

Mon

Cupcake decorating

Tues

Obstacle course

Wed

Emoji face changer

Thur

3D Butterfly

Fri

Hopscotch





THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE BELEZA TRADING HOURS

Uniform Shop

OPEN!

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	

TERM 4 2024

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 Library's Halloween Spooktacular is on again!

Here's a spine-tingling story about Thomastown's upcoming holiday event...

Once upon a time on Halloween, something spooky stirred at Thomastown Library. As the clock struck 4:00 PM, the doors creaked open, and the **Halloween Spook-Tacular** began. Little witches, ghosts, and creatures of the night gathered, lured by the promise of an eerie evening filled with chills, thrills, and frightful fun.

👻 In the heart of the library, a **face painting station** awaited those brave enough to transform into something even more sinister. Nearby, a table glittered with supplies for **spooky crafts**, where young ghouls could create eerie treasures to take home. But beware—the library's halls held something even more terrifying...

Deep within, a mysterious **Haunted House Box Maze** appeared, filled with twists, turns, and shadowy corners. Those who dared to enter found themselves wandering through a maze of surprises, with strange sounds and creatures lurking behind each bend. Only the bravest could make it to the end without jumping in fright!

👻 But the fun was just beginning. As the sun dipped low in the sky, the call for a **Costume Parade** echoed through the air. Children and adults, dressed in their most haunting, hilarious, or creative costumes, lined up to parade through the library's halls. The best costumes would be remembered for Halloweens to come by all.

🎵 Then, as the final hour approached, the ground began to tremble—not from fear, but from the beats of the ultimate **Halloween Dance Party**. The music sent everyone into a dancing frenzy, with ghoulish grooves, creepy tunes, and the unmistakable sounds of the

The clock soon ticked toward 7:00 PM, and the creatures of the night, their hearts full of Halloween magic, knew it was time to say farewell. But they promised to return next year—because at Thomastown Library's **Halloween Spook-Tacular**, the fun never truly ends.

Event Details: [Halloween Spook-tacular | Yarra Plenty Regional Library \(spydus.com\)](https://www.spydus.com/yarra-plenty-regional-library/halloween-spook-tacular)

📅 Date: Thursday 31st October

🕒 Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

📍 Location: Thomastown Library

And so the legend goes... the most spook-tacular fun awaits at Thomastown Library. Will you be there to join the tale? 🧛



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.